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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

Last week, when we gathered for Simchat Torah, even in the obvious sadness and anger of this gruesome yartzheit for Hamas's savage attack of October 7, somehow the day felt oddly optimistic. Then again, why wouldn't it? Because Simchat Torah is all about conclude one cycle and begin the next. We aspire to a year of new and rewarding understandings, which is a message of extraordinary power. If only more people would take the opportunity to seek new understandings of our ancient text by really reading it rather than forcing our own reading onto it. Alas, that takes work, and courage, two things I fear are in short supply today.

We've all seen it. Some attention seeker – a politician, an actor, an athlete, etc., – claiming to stand for biblical family values. Obvious examples of sickening hypocrisy aside, whenever I hear this claim, I find myself asking, “what in the world are they talking about?”

So far as I can tell, anyone who advocates living by biblical family values either has questionable morals – at best – or has never actually read the Torah. While I agree we ought to let the Torah inform how we should live, but we most certainly should not be living as our biblical heroes lived. For all the virtue they embody, for all the faith they inspire, for all the inspiration they shed, taken in their totality, the parents in Torah are hardly examples upon which we ought to model our child-rearing. Nor, I hope, do Cain and Abel, or Jacob and Esau, or Joseph and his brothers, provide the model after which children aspire.

When it comes to harmonious family life, Torah is hardly replete with healthy role models. So, to those who attempt to co-opt the Bible in support of their “family values” crusades, I say, “How ironic! How ironic it is that while claiming positions of moral purity, it is exactly when you behave immorally – as too many of you do in so many ways – that you best model

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Calendar of Events

Friday, November 1

7:00pm: Shabbat Evening Service

Sunday, November 3

9:30am: Hebrew School

(Apple gleaning cancelled)

Monday, November 4

7:00pm: Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, November 9

10:30am: Torah Study on Zoom

Saturday, November 16

9:30am: Shabbat Morning Service

(note earlier time)

Sunday, November 17

9:30am: Hebrew School

(note schedule change)

Sunday, November 24

9:30am: Hebrew School & Dor L'Dor

10:15am: Seeing eye dog presentation

1:00pm: Giants watch party

Monday, December 2

7:00pm: Board of Trustees Meeting

SPECIAL NOTE: The remaining oneg schedule and procedures for hosting an oneg can be found on Pages 9-12 of this month's newsletter.

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the worst qualities in our ancestors.

Our Biblical ancestors possessed a remarkable capacity for selfishness, pettiness, and self-absorption, just like any number of public figures today.

From the Garden of Eden itself, we have always had good reason to tread cautiously when trying to emulate our heroes. Cain resolves his differences with Abel, his own brother, by striking him dead. Is that really the kind of conflict resolution we're prepared to support?

When it comes to the beginning of our own National story, one of the first accounts we read is of Abraham's cowardly act of self-preservation, when he tells the king Sarah is his sister, not his wife.

Sarah compels Abraham to banish Ishmael, his first-born.

Abraham is willing to kill Isaac, his second-born.

Isaac, like his father, deceives the king into believing his wife Rebekka is actually his sister.

Isaac loves his older son over the younger.

Rebekka loves her younger son over the older.

Jacob swindles the birthright from his brother, Esau.

Jacob lies to his father, Isaac, in order to steal his brother's blessing. Why? Because his mother, Rebekka, Isaac's wife, pushes him to it.

Joseph is a bratty kid who tattles on his brothers. His father, Jacob, encourages him, because he, like his parents, loves one child over the others.

Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery, and allow their father to grieve unnecessarily over Joseph's "death."

Are these biblical patriarchs and matriarchs really individuals we should emulate? Hardly!

All the same, even as the heroes of Torah often are the exact opposite of what we should want for our children, yet, at the same time . . . they are our heroes! Moreover, so far as I am concerned, that's how it ought to be.

The Bible, our foundational sacred text, is unapologetically human. Our heroes are human. They have the same foibles as everyone else. The Bible speaks to us because it is human.

If even our heroes can't be perfect, how can we? Perfection, the Bible seems to be telling us, is not all it's hyped up to be. When we demand perfection – either from others or ourselves – the only possible outcome is failure, because perfection isn't possible.

Dysfunctional families are neither rare, nor new. From our founding generations, siblings have been fighting. That's the way it has been, and that's the way it likely will always be. So when we see our biblical heroes fighting, we see ourselves. Torah matters because it's a mirror to reality, both the good and the ugly. There is, however, something remarkable about our

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heroes: even the most dysfunctional brothers – even Isaac and Ishmael, even Jacob and Essau, even Joseph and his brothers – maintain the capacity to reconcile. How do we know? Because they do reconcile! To me, above all else, this is what makes them heroes. For each family, when their father dies, the children come together to pay respects. Isaac and Ishmael bury Abraham. Jacob and Esau bury Isaac. The 12 brothers see to it that Jacob's bones are carried all the way to the Promised land for burial.

Putting aside their difference and coming together for the sake of *Kavod haMet*, of honoring their dead parents, couldn't have been easy, but they do it anyway. Every one of them finds it within themselves to reconcile. If they can do it, if these flawed characters can do the right thing when necessary, so can we . . .

Now, I wish it were that easy. I wish it were that way all the time. But those of us who live in the real world know that such fairytales don't always materialize. Sometimes, no matter how much we try, some relationships can't be repaired. No matter how much we wish it were different, pain can run so deep that reconciliation is no longer realistic – or even healthy for the victim.

Biblical families are human families. They share all the same challenges modern families confront on a regular basis. So if there is dysfunction in yours, don't waste time thinking you are unique in your sorrow. Lots of families experience the same. We have ever since Adam and Eve. Know you are not alone.

Still, even when families have gone through the worst imaginable challenges, there is always hope. Reconciliation is never beyond the realms of hope.

For me, knowing this, knowing that even my biblical heroes fall short at times, is a comfort greater than I can explain, because if they fall short sometimes, why should I expect anything different of myself? Why should anyone expect anything different of themselves?

I am not perfect. My family is not perfect. You are not perfect. Your family is not perfect. No one is perfect. No family is perfect. But all of us can strive to be better, to be more at peace with each other. If this were the only lesson we take from our Biblical heroes foibles, *Dayeinu!* That would be plenty!

So, no, I am not prepared to advocate we live by biblical family values, because God knows our biblical families make choices that even the most dysfunctional of us today would shudder to contemplate. The biblical values of aspiration towards reconciliation, and the pursuit of satisfaction with something less than perfectionism, on the other hand, those are values I can get behind. Something tells me, though, that when hypocrites call for a return for biblical values, these are probably not the ones they mean. So I guess it's up to us to stay focused on the real messages of our sacred scripture.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Dubin

President's Message

As promised on Yom Kippur, I'd like to share the *State of the Temple* update here.

I'll start by saying Happy New Year to each of you and also asking for patience, understanding and maybe even forgiveness as I sometimes ease and other times, steam roll into this position. The intention is always for the betterment of the overall Congregation – the children's learning experience in our Hebrew School, the adults to study Torah, Hebrew and attend Services and all members of our Chaverim to share communal learning, food, social and civic experiences.

This was my first year attending EVERY High Holy Day service start to finish. I cannot thank Iris and Howie Hirsch enough for all the planning and coordination that goes into each and every High Holy Day service we share together and separately. Kudos to both of them for their efforts and dedication to OUR CONGREGATION.

Of course, recognition to Rabbi Dubin for leading us in prayer and guiding our meditations as we navigate very difficult times throughout the world and for us as Jews.

The musical accompaniments by Andrew Ostefeld, Adam Tucker, Beth Lappin, Debbie Kahan, Faye Fletcher and Rayn Dubin all added and elevated our overall spiritual experience and were simply wonderful!! And who could forget Howie Hirsch and Marsha Gross's exceptional Shofar blowing!

Finally, a big thank you to Rene Marinich for coordinating and being our lead usher along with Alison and Andy Shelofsky, Gerri Klein, Bob Margolis and Tracey Bauer for the annual High Holy days.

General updates include:

We have a great Board of talented and giving people. I thank the Board members who have remained and the new ones who have decided to devote time and talent to our overall mission: **REMAINING THE ONLY ACTIVE & THRIVING JEWISH SYNAGOGUE FOR ALL OF WARREN COUNTY!**

Jeff Berkowitz, chair of the House – has the building in good operating order. Gas conversion complete, new gas furnace installed – we are no longer oil dependent!! Woot. Woot. Jeff also had the water heater upgraded to on-demand, and a new thermostat installed in the library lounge.

Iris Hirsch, Beth Lappin and Marcia Guberman have been cleaning, purging and organizing the kitchen. Robin Hall, Stephanie Fletcher and I have been cleaning, purging and organizing the library lounge. Cleaning, purging, organizing will continue throughout the temple throughout the year. The biggest thing we've noticed is people bring things to temple – maybe as donations, with all the best of intentions and then leave items in our building. Please, Please, Please ... if you have donations of non-Jewish books and housewares bring them to Habitat for Humanity Restore in Washington Township or clothing, bedding etc. to the Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden in Washington Borough – these are 2 of my favorite charities that I routinely donate to.

If you have Jewish donations, please reserve them for the annual Judaica / Chaverim swap and Havdalah celebration – usually in April, TBD in 2025.

Robin Hall, chair of education – worked with Rabbi Dubin and Deb Apsel to develop a Saturday and Sunday Hebrew School schedule and content that meets the needs of each student where they are. It's challenging to only have a few students, and even more so that they are different ages and academic levels. Jeannie Berkowitz is rounding

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out the team to augment the curriculum with holiday-related craft projects throughout the school year. Sharon Herson will provide in-house tutoring as needed.

Beth Lappin and Gerri Klein are heading up Membership and have developed an outreach letter and impressive welcome packet. They are actively courting potential new members, but we need your help... if you know anyone, please invite them to a Shabbat service and/or refer them Beth directly.

Beth and I are also heading up Chaverim – with social and civic activities to involve and engage with members of the Congregation in alternate ways – to date we went to dinner & a movie – Harold's / Between the Temples, hosted an Open House for the Washington Township Police Department ... you may have noticed they were in the building for every High Holy days service, and patrolled outside perimeter prior to start, and at end of each service. We also hosted the annual 'hike' at Merrill Creek Reservoir this past weekend. Our next pop-up event will be the NY Giants Potluck & Watch Party – vs the Bucs on Sunday Nov. 24th at 1pm. We are always looking for new ideas to add to our events so please speak up!

Remember everyone at the temple is a volunteer with a dynamic life outside of our Congregation – if we are asking for help, it's because we need help. If we are asking for RSVPs, RSVP early: it's so we can plan accordingly without having to cancel last minute. If there is something that needs to get done, speak to a Board member about volunteering to do it. We want to get to know our friends better, in multiple facets in a welcoming environment!

Howie Hirsch remains connected as our Treasurer with Roy Loomis' help as Bookkeeper. Please discuss financial matters privately and directly with them!

Gerri Klein, Adam Tucker and Roy Loomis make up our Communication team – and have developed a **Community Engagement Survey** asking about your interests and your input on content and activities at the JCNWJ. If you haven't completed, please do so ASAP and if you have completed – thank you. There is a basket at the temple outside the sanctuary to drop off completed surveys. Please call Gerri at (908) 455-1285 with any questions. Results will be shared by end of 2024.

We continue to look for the right candidate to help us revamp our JCNWJ.org website and augment our social media presence – preferably a student who can earn self-study credits and garner a glowing recommendation from us.

Looking forward in 2025, we will celebrate Rabbi's Dubin's tenth year with us and in 2026 our 80th anniversary as the "**Only Jewish Synagogue in Warren County, NJ**"

In closing I ask for your input, your participation and your engagement as we hold on to our community, changing and growing in challenging times – all while trying to meet everyone's overall needs.

**Wishing peace, love and kindness to you and around the world!
May we all have a Better Year Ahead - Shana Tova Yoteir!!**

Respectfully,
Suzi Marr

Chaverim

Chaverim is open to all adult members of the congregation. Please reach out to Ruth Schutzbank if you have not already joined and would like to.

On November 24, we will have a presentation about seeing eye dogs starting at 10:15am. That same afternoon at 1:00pm, we will have a football watch party for the Giants game. Please RSVP to Suzi if you are attending.

JOIN us on FB at “**JCNWJ members only**” page for updates and/or add “**WhatsApp**” to your smartphone to get current updates. We look forward to seeing you all at these events! Questions, please call Beth 908.303.3868 OR Suzi 908.343.1135

Schedule of Events

DAY / DATE '24 - '25	TIME	Charverim Schedule to date:
Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024	9:30 AM	Hebrew School – l'Dor v'Dor / Chaverim - Seeing Eye Club
Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024	1:00 PM	Food & Football Watch Party – Bucs v. Giants in the Simcha Room – RSVP to Suzi please
Friday, Dec. 27, 2024	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Hanukah Service & Chaverim PARTY
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025	9:30 AM	Hebrew School – l'Dor v'Dor / Chaverim
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025	TBD	Chaverim Ritual Cooking
Saturday, Mar. 15, 2025	5:30 PM	Purim Dinner, Service, Spiel / Chaverim Mishloach Manot Basket Bingo
Sunday, Apr. 13, 2025	6:00 PM	Second Night Seder - In person & Zoom / l'Dor v'Dor / Chaverim
Saturday TBD	7:00 PM	Annual Judaica Swap & Havdalah Service - TBD
Sunday, May 18, 2025	1:00 PM	MOTHERS' DAY TEA PARTY / Mothers of Chaverim

Updates & Events

TORAH STUDY

The Torah study group is an informal discussion group, led by Rabbi Dubin and participants. We take turns reading and discuss the paragraphs/chapters as we go. We often touch on/get really into contemporary events, even though we are reading an ancient text.

The next meeting is November 9 at 10:30am. We are continuing our reading of 1 Samuel, which tells the intriguing stories of King Saul and King David.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89728604184?pwd=L0tBSmhoSDZ3Vk5sdlRRc1Y4QmY4UT09>

DONATIONS

In honor of Bea Kaplan, Arlene Gordon, and Nora Lessne

- Sharon Herson, Daniel Fleckles, and Edythe Herson

In memory of Henritte Goldstein

- Howie and Iris Hirsch

In memory of Jacob & Muriel Rosenfeld

- Sam Rosenfeld

In memory of Max Weil

- Ruth Schutzbank

BUILDING UPDATE

If you notice that something is running low and needs to be replaced (either in the bathrooms or kitchen), please let me know.

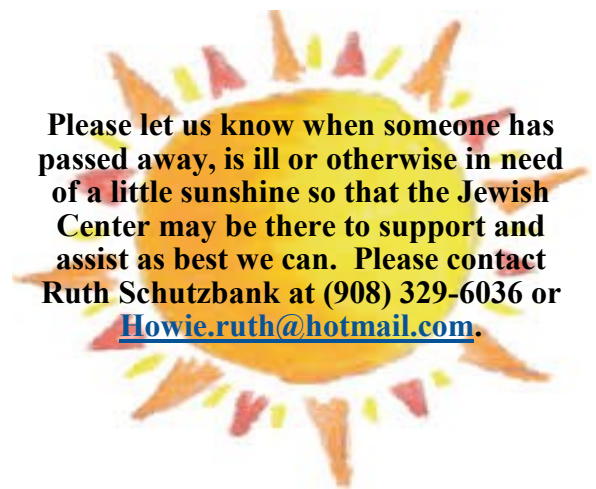
You can either call or email me at irishirsch@comcast.net or 908-239-4585.

Thank you.

Iris

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.



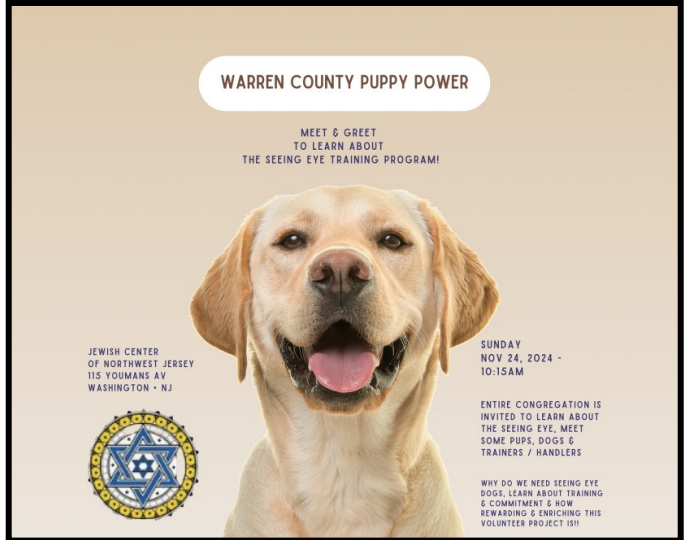
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FOOD DRIVE

JCNWJ continues to collect nonperishable items for donation to local food pantries.

We are also collecting used coats at this time to donate to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support!
-Iris



WARREN COUNTY PUPPY POWER

MEET & GREET
TO LEARN ABOUT
THE SEEING EYE TRAINING PROGRAM!

JEWISH CENTER
OF NORTHWEST JERSEY
115 YOUMANS AV
WASHINGTON - NJ

SUNDAY
NOV 24, 2024 -
10:15AM


ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS
INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT
THE SEEING EYE, MEET
SOME PUPS, DOGS &
TRAINERS / HANDLERS

WHY DO WE NEED SEEING EYE
DOGS, LEARN ABOUT TRAINING
& COMMITMENT & HOW
REWARDING & ENJOYING THIS
VOLUNTEER PROJECT IS!!

Yahrzeits

Henrietta Goldstein	Mother of Iris Hirsch
Michael Levin	Cousin of Rabbi Ellen Jay Lewis
Bea Kaplan	Cousin of Sharon Herson
Stanley Shelofsky	Father of Andy Shelofsky
Jack Herman Torine	Father of Marsha Torine
William Robins	Father-in-law of Nancy Robins

Note: If any Yahrzeit information is missing or incorrect, please notify the Temple.



TAMPA BAY BUCANEERS
AT NEW YORK GIANTS

FOOTBALL
WATCH PARTY

JCNWJ

WATCH THE GAME WITH FRIENDS.
BYO FOOD & DRINKS TO SHARE.
DAIRY / PAREVE / KOSHER STYLE

SIMCHA ROOM AT JCNWJ
SUNDAY 11/24 - 1PM



Onegs

Schedule

Shabbat Services '24 - '25:	START TIME:	Shabbat Service Onegs (2 families per service):
Friday, November 1, 2024	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Kristallnacht / Jordan & Stanton
Saturday, November 16, 2024	9:30 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Marinich & Shelofsky
Saturday, December 7, 2024	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Schutzbank & Loomis
Friday, December 27, 2024	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Chanukah Service & PARTY / Mattson & McGraw
Friday, January 3, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Hall & Hall
Saturday, January 18, 2025	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / MLK / Hirsch & Thurber
Sunday, January 19, 2025	11:00 AM	MLK at AME Mt Pisgah / AME
Friday, February 7, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Tu B'Shvat / Margolin & Torine
Saturday, February 15, 2025	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Marr & Apsel
Friday, March 7, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Zisook & NEED A 2ND FAMILY
Saturday, March 15, 2025	5:30 PM	Purim Dinner, Service, Spiel / Chaverim Mishloach Manot Tricky Tray / OPEN
Friday, April 4, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Pre-Passover / Fletcher family
Saturday, April 5, 2025	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, April 26, 2025	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Yom HaShoah / Herson & Smith
Saturday, May 10, 2025	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Yom HaZikaron & Yom Ha'Atzma'ut / Gross & Marr
Friday, May 16, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service LAG Ba'OMER / Guberman & Weinstein
Friday, June 6, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / Bark Mitzvah / Fenton & Bauer
Saturday, June 21, 2025	10:45 AM	SHABBAT Morning Service / Kalischer & Sylvester
Friday, July 11, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / OPEN
Friday, August 15, 2025	7:00 PM	SHABBAT Evening Service / OPEN

For your reference, the next three pages include the directions/ procedures for hosting an oneg. If you have any questions, please contact Iris at irishirsch@comcast.net or call 908-239-4585.

JEWISH CENTER OF NORTHWEST JERSEY
CHECKLIST FOR
ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

Each Shabbat the **HOST COORDINATOR** makes the assignments for the purchase of food (THE COST SHOULD BE EQUAL TO EACH FAMILY) and for the setting up of the sanctuary and simcha room prior to services. In addition, the host families will open and close the building and take care of the alarm.

All **hosts** should arrive between **6:15** and **6:30** so that everything is set up and in order by **7:00 p.m.** when services begin. The host families lead the candle blessing at the beginning of the service. The host families will be present throughout the Oneg and remain for the cleanup.

ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED

ALL FOOD BROUGHT INTO JCNWJ MUST BE KOSHER (i.e. made without animal fat).

Your choice of cakes, cookies, brownies, bars, etc.

1 unsliced challah (there is a frozen challah in the freezer to use as the 2nd challah).

Half gallons of sugar free juice, iced tea or lemonade (**CHECK WITH IRIS BEFORE PURCHASING AS THERE IS USUALLY EXTRAS IN THE KITCHEN**).

1 pint of ½ & ½

1 bottle of kosher wine (**AS ABOVE, CHECK WITH IRIS BEFORE PURCHASING**).

1 bottle of grape juice (**SEE ABOVE**)

1 can of decaf coffee (**SEE ABOVE**)

Fresh fruit is always welcomed, and your choice of additional treats is at your discretion.

SETTING UP THE SANCTUARY

Turn on all the lights for the sanctuary and the stained-glass windows (the switches are on the wall to the left of the sanctuary doors; window lights switches are behind the small metal door to the left of the wall switches and are labeled).

Illuminate the **yahrzeit** plaques on the **yahrzeit** boards. Rabbi Dubin should have the list of names.

Fill the glass water container with water (*these containers with a glass are located in the corner cabinet to the right of the kitchen sink*). Place water behind the podium on the left.

SETTING UP THE SIMCHA ROOM

DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING ON STOVE TOP

All paper and plastic goods are located in corner cabinet to the right of the stove. Serving utensils are in labeled drawers.

At your discretion, put tablecloths on tables. Tablecloths are located in the 2 large bottom cabinets to the left of the sink. ***To be eco minded, we would request that you not use plastic tablecloths.***

Fill mini cups (found in large corner cabinet) with wine and juice. Arrange the cups, separately, on trays (found over oven), use plaque to indicate which is wine or juice and put on small table next to the doors to enter the simcha room.

The challah tray is located over the oven and the challah cover is in one of the drawers with the tablecloths. Please place the challah board and challahs between the cups of wine and juice. Also, place 2 small baskets on this table for the challah pieces.

On the large serving table, add your plates, napkins, serving pieces and utensils (forks, knives and spoons are in drawer to the left of the refrigerator). You will find serving trays, baskets, etc. in appropriately marked cabinets and under island.

Next to the beverage bar, on the cart, place juices, water, etc. along with cups. Add coffee cups to the other cart. Set up the Keurig (make sure that there are pods in the tray under the Keurig) or the Mr. Coffee machine (decaf coffee is in the large corner cabinet). Set up hot water kettle for tea. Put out sugar, tea bags and stirrers (all of this is located in the 2nd & 3rd drawers to the right of the dishwasher with the exception of the stirrers which are in the corner cabinet to the right of the dishwasher).

CLEANING UP

Remove tablecloths (if they didn't get dirty, you can put them back in the drawer; if they did get dirty, please take them home and return them for the next Oneg).

Put all recyclable items in appropriate containers. Wash, dry and put away (in appropriate places) all items used. Drying cloths are in bottom drawer to the right of the dishwasher.

Sweep the kitchen and simcha room. (We have had some ant issues, which have been addressed but do not want to invite anymore!)

Remove all garbage and recycling and take home with you. At the present time, we do not have someone to bring the garbage cans or the recycling bin to the curb.

MAKE SURE THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS ARE CLOSED!

CHECK THE BATHROOMS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TOILETS ARE NOT RUNNING!

MAKE SURE BACK DOORS ARE LOCKED

Please take home any leftover food and milk. Please leave wine and juices.

OPENING AND LOCKING UP THE SYNAGOGUE

Each Temple member has their own individual code for the keypad

TO OPEN THE BUILDING

Punch in your code, hit the **STAR (*)** button. You will hear a faint click and then you can open the door. **IMMEDIATELY TURN OFF THE ALARM IN THE ENTRYWAY!!**, **call Iris if you need the alarm code.**

Turn on the lights and the hallway and stairway.

Place cones and handicap parking sign outside.

TO LOCK THE BUILDING

Bring in cones and handicap sign

Turn off **ALL** lights, downstairs, yahrzeit lights, sanctuary, stairwells, classrooms and halls.

All contact point doors must be closed before the alarm can be set (sanctuary door, furnace room door, ground floor back door, simcha room doors and front door)

RE-SET THE ALARM BEFORE LEAVING; USE THE SAME CODE THAT YOU USED TO TURN OFF THE ALARM.

DON'T FORGET: AFTER YOU TURN ON THE ALARM AND LEAVE, YOU MUST CLOSE THE FRON DOOR.

MAKE SURE THAT THE FRONT DOOR IS AUTOMATICALLY LOCKED!!

Thank you very much for your cooperation! It takes all of us to have enjoyable services and warm and welcoming Onegs. Please, if you have any questions at all, reach out to me at irishirsch@comcast.net or 908 239 4585.

If anything is wrong, e.g. with the lights, yahrzeit board, elevator or anything else, please contact Jeff Berkowitz (house committee chair) at 610 217 1662 or Howie Hirsch (co house committee chair) 908 295 0073.

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MEMBERSHIP~

Family, married and/or with children \$1400.00
 Single, individual \$ 700.00

BABY NAMING~

Member at scheduled service Donation
 Member at other-than scheduled service \$ 180.00
 Non-member at scheduled service \$ 360.00

B'NAI MITZVAH~

Bar or Bat Mitzvah \$ 360.00
 Bar or Bat Mitzvah when CIF is not PIF \$1476.00
 Additional \$1000 may be applied to CIF

MARRIAGE~

Wedding.....\$ 360.00

DEATH/BURIAL PLOT~

Funeral..... \$ 180.00
 Funeral, non-member..... \$ 612.00
 Located in Easton, PA Market Price
 All other charges payable to Easton Cemetary

Honors!

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MEMORIAL & SIMCHA

Memorial plaque, member \$ 324.00
 Memorial plaque, non-member \$ 540.00
 Simcha tree leaf \$ 180.00
 Pew plaque \$ 252.00
 Prayer book \$ 36.00
 Donation card \$ 5.00 & up
 Library \$ 10.00 & up

EVENTS

Kitchen/Simcha room.....\$ 252.00
 +\$252.00 refundable deposit



JCNWJ Services

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to give time, ideas & talents for:

- activities committee
- fundraising committee
- promotional committee

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



WE NEED YOU!!

contact Suzi at 908.343.1135 or by email at suzology.sm@gmail.com

Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey

IN LOVING MEMORY YIZKOR & YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL CANDLES AVAILABLE



JEWISH CENTER OF NW JERSEY
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$18 SUGGESTED.
CONTACT SUZI MARR FOR DETAILS AT 908.343.1135

Partners

Be a Hero... Volunteer!

Tax time is here!

The Norwescap *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)* program needs your help in *Sussex & Warren counties!* Receive training to assist seniors & those facing challenges in your community.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Tax Appointment Scheduler
- Intake Specialist
- Tax Preparer
- VITA Site Coordinator

Scan here to contact:

Rochelle Ostenfeld
973-784-4900 ext. 2909
ostenfeldr@norwescap.org
norwescap.org



DASACC
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Sussex County

Handbag Drive!


DONATE A NEW OR GENTLY USED HANDBAG AND HELP SUPPORT DASACC! YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SURVIVORS IN NEED, OFFERING THEM A PRACTICAL ITEM AND A SENSE OF CARE AS THEY REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

New or gently used handbags are welcome!

Drop off location
Washington Shoe and Leather
34 Broad Street, Washington, NJ

Location Hours
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri - 7am-6pm
Sat - 7am-2pm

Please reach out to Dean Hickey with any questions!
(908) 952-0187 | dhickey@dasacc.org



Partners

Domestic Abuse
& Sexual Assault
Crisis Center
of Warren County

Dear Members of the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey,

"Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings."

– Elie Weisel

At the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center – DASACC, we believe that these challenging times have given us an opportunity for self-reflection, learning, and growth. The mission of the DASACC is to help, serve, and advocate for those impacted by interpersonal violence, to be proactive regarding its prevention, and to create positive change.

We offer a wide range of services tailored to meet the diverse needs of those affected by interpersonal violence:

24/7 Crisis Intervention

- ❖ Emergency Shelter *individual bedrooms & pet-friendly*
- ❖ 24/7 Hotline/Helpline
908-453-4181
- ❖ 24/7 Web Chat
www.DASACC.org/web-chat
- ❖ Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Response Team

Additional Services

- ❖ Legal Advocacy
- ❖ Individual and Group Counseling
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Community Outreach & Prevention
- ❖ Volunteer Program
- ❖ Casa Hispana
- ❖ Wardrobe of Hope

As members of the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey, we invite you to join us in supporting the important work of DASACC. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of survivors and create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered.

For more information about DASACC and how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.DASACC.org.

Thank you for your support and compassion.

Sincerely,

The DASACC Team

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908-453-4181



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