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RABBI'S DESK – Ira Grussgott

Regarding the lighting of the Hanukah menorah,

the argument is well known. The School of Hillel held that one flame should be lit on the first night with one *additional* light to be added on every subsequent night. The School of Shammai maintained that eight candles should be kindled on the first night and thereafter, have that number decrease by one for each night to follow. The tradition of adding lights each night won out on the grounds that holiness and sanctity should always increase.

Yet, interestingly, we are told in the future world we will follow the tradition of Beit Shammai, that of *decreasing* lights each night. Why? Why will the tradition change from adding lights to decreasing lights? Maybe it's because we can better understand the condition of humankind in this world as opposed to the next. In this world we are surrounded by that which is material, physical and tangible. It is difficult for us to grasp the intangible...the very concept of *Kedusha* (holiness). We follow the tradition of Hillel and increase the number of each night's light to express in a tangible way the spiritual content of Hanukah.

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NEW WEBSITE Our website has been updated. MUST SEE www.freeholdjc.org

It looks great. Congratulations to the Development Team. EXCELLENT!!!

SERVICES Mark your calendar for Friday, December 16 at 6:00PM Pre-Chanukah service followed by dinner at 6:30 PM ... Replaces 7:15 Service

RABBI'S DESK, continued

In a world pervaded by materialism, in a world where physical science dominates our lives, we tend to rely more on the tangible expression of spiritual ideas and concepts . But in the world to come, when

Humankind will be on a higher spiritual plane, and the presence of the Almighty will be more pronounced, the tradition of Shammai will be more appropriate. The decreasing pattern of the lights will signify that we will have become imbued with spirituality and can express the miracle by relying *less* on tangible expressions of G-d's presence in the universe.

But until that time – indeed, in order to hasten that time – we must encourage tangible expressions of our Judaism through increased support for Israel, commitment to congregation, and concern of our community. Just as the Hanukah lights increase our appreciation of the holiday spirit, so too does the express commitment connect the individual to the deeper meaning significance and, yes, modern-day miracle which is Israel and the Jewish people.

May this holiday season usher in a whole host of increased blessings, both spiritual and material for you and all your loved ones...Amen!

Rabbi Ira Samuel Grussgott

All Tuesdays at 8:00 A.M.

"Tuesdays with 'Mori' " ('my teacher')

Join the Rabbi with fellow congregants as they go through the Jewish Calendar with all its customs, ceremonies, rules & regulations - not to mention fun-facts & sweet celebrations - every Tuesday following Morning Services. (Coffee & cake to keep you awake.....)

COME JOIN US!!

CANTOR'S CORNER – Aron Heller

הכרת תודה



The Shabbat before the Jewish new month is known as Shabbat M'varchim. The Shabbat when we pray that the coming month should be for a blessing. As custom has it, we call the month after the High Holidays Mar Cheshvan. "Mar" meaning bitter and "Cheshvan" the name of the upcoming month. Of course, it is somewhat strange that we should refer to the new month with the word bitter. How can you pray for a month of blessing that is labeled bitter? The reason behind this is that the month of Tishrei, is the month when we celebrate all the Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, a month so filled with joy and happiness, and therefore looking into the next month, that has no Jewish festivals, is something of a letdown. (Thanksgiving is not listed on the Jewish calendar as a festival). Let me suggest that in light of this we are being asked to divert our focus to seek out joy, to seek out what is good in life and count our blessings.

On a personal level, the month for me and my family brought with it another grandson-Nehorai Yehuda, and the joy of celebrating the Bris with family in Israel. For so many of you who have been blessed with children and grandchildren what more can we ask of Hashem. Just continue to bless us and our loved ones each and every day.

A question has often been posed to me as to why I became a Cantor. Truthfully, I have to answer that I really don't know. All I do know is that as a kid I sang in the Shul choir. Being an Orthodox Shul, the men sat downstairs and the women on an upstairs balcony. The choir sang out of this tiny loft room on this upper level above the Ark. Having been given my first solo at the age of 10, I guess that was enough to inspire me to continue my interest and training in Jewish music, and the rest of course is history.

That brings me to the next point. Our liturgy is the same week in and week out. This of course is the nature of our tradition, the same words that our Sages and Rabbis formulated for hundreds of years. So as we all know, the same stuff over and over can bring an element of boredom. I often ponder before services what melodies to sing and what musical nuances to incorporate. For the most part, I like to use a rotational system where there is an element of familiarity and something different, something fresh. There are of course many melodies to choose from.

The late Shlomo Carlebach revolutionized synagogue music enabling and encouraging congregational participation with flair of modernity. I am encouraged in the knowledge that we do have a "singing congregation," who have been very responsive to all the melodies. It reinforces the belief that it is music that warms the heart and opens the gates of Prayer. It is my fervent hope that being a participant in our melodies facilitates your experience that opens the gateway to spiritual fulfillment.

The Freehold Jewish Center Adult Education Committee
presents



our
Winter Series
of Events

Jan 22, 2017



Set in Poland in 1962, it is about a young woman on the verge of taking vows as a Catholic nun. Orphaned as an infant during the German occupation of World War II, she must now meet her aunt. The former Communist state prosecutor and only surviving relative tells her that her parents were Jewish. The two women embark on a road trip into the Polish countryside to learn the fate of their family.

Each Event

\$5.00 Donation for Coffee, Bagels and Shmeears.

Please contact the Synagogue at 732-462-0254 or at

office@freeholdjc.org, so we know how many people to expect.

Freehold Jewish Center, 59 Broad Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

All Programs start at 10:30 AM

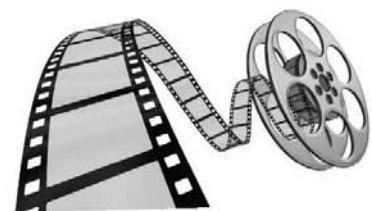
February 26, 2017

***Please Cry for Me,
Argentina***

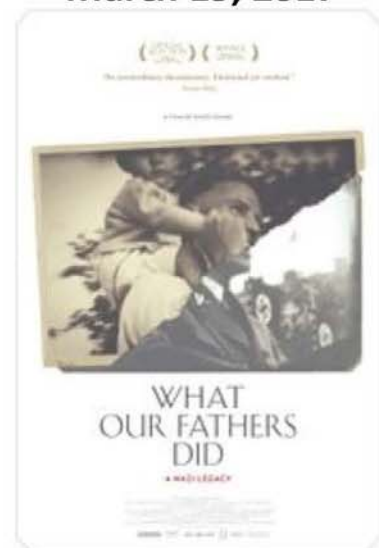


Suri Grussgott

Suri Grussgott, Associate Director of North America's World Jewish Congress will deliver an eyewitness report of her recent trip to Buenos Aires. She will share the Congress' meetings with the Government and her review of the ongoing investigation into the bombing of the Israeli Embassy and its repercussions affecting the Jewish people in the country .



March 19, 2017



What Our Fathers Did: A Nazi Legacy presents an interesting perspective on the father-son relationship. When human rights lawyer Philippe Sands sets out to investigate the lives of two men, both sons of prominent Nazi officials, he discovers an elaborate account of the past the even encompasses the story of his own grandfather.

PRESIDENT'S MEMO – Jesse Glick

Gratitude

As the election is over, there is so much negativity still going on, when will the country be just grateful that we have a free election, the right to vote and the ability to choose?

We need to just support the victor and move forward as a nation. So many people in the world do not have this privilege and I say we all just say thank G-D we are Americans.

As Thanksgiving is here, I know I am so lucky and grateful that I have an amazing family, incredible friends, and can feel openly proud to be both Jewish and an American.

Last months challenge continues : TO COME TO MORNING MINYAN/FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBOT SERVICE AND SATURDAY MORNING SHABBOS SERVICES. With Gratitude to those taking on the challenge, I want to issue another challenge to our synagogue; Lets put all our differences aside and stand together as one, a congregation that offers a place for us to pray and congregate socially--To have a rabbi and Cantor who lead us spiritually and religiously all week, all year--To have the friends that Freehold Jewish Center has given us the opportunity to make.

We are grateful for the increase in attendance at Friday night and Saturday morning services with our new dynamic and inspiring Rabbi, Rabbi Grussgott, and the continued spiritual and beautiful voice of Cantor Heller. Come and join them, as the year ahead has many exciting events coming along with the many holidays that we can share as one.

Chanukah is almost here and when we light the candles, lets all allow the light into our hearts and commit to being the best Jews, the best Americans, the best people we can all be and just be grateful to be alive and well this festive time of year.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season

With warm regards,
Jesse Glick, President

Come and meet Rabbi Grussgott during his office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 11:30am - 3:00pm

Friday - 9:00am - 11:00am

Also available by scheduled appointment.

As always come to services where the Rabbi, Cantor and board members are delighted to speak with you. Looking forward to seeing you on any Friday night, Saturday morning as well at Sunday through Friday morning minyans. We all welcome engaging with you.

If there is anyone that you would like to speak with call the office and leave a message and that person will promptly get back to you.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE – Marvin Krakower

Chanukah is a time when I think of the special people in my life, of my family, friends, co-workers and members of our congregation with whom I share our Jewish Family.

To you, our members, I want to say thank you for your loving and dedicated support to our Shul. Without this, our Freehold Jewish Center would not be the special place it is. We experience many joys in our lives, but we also know sorrow and frustration as we become involved in the lives of our families. This happens because we care. We share their joys and excitements, but we also experience the uncertainty, the confusion and the hurts that are so often a part of their lives.

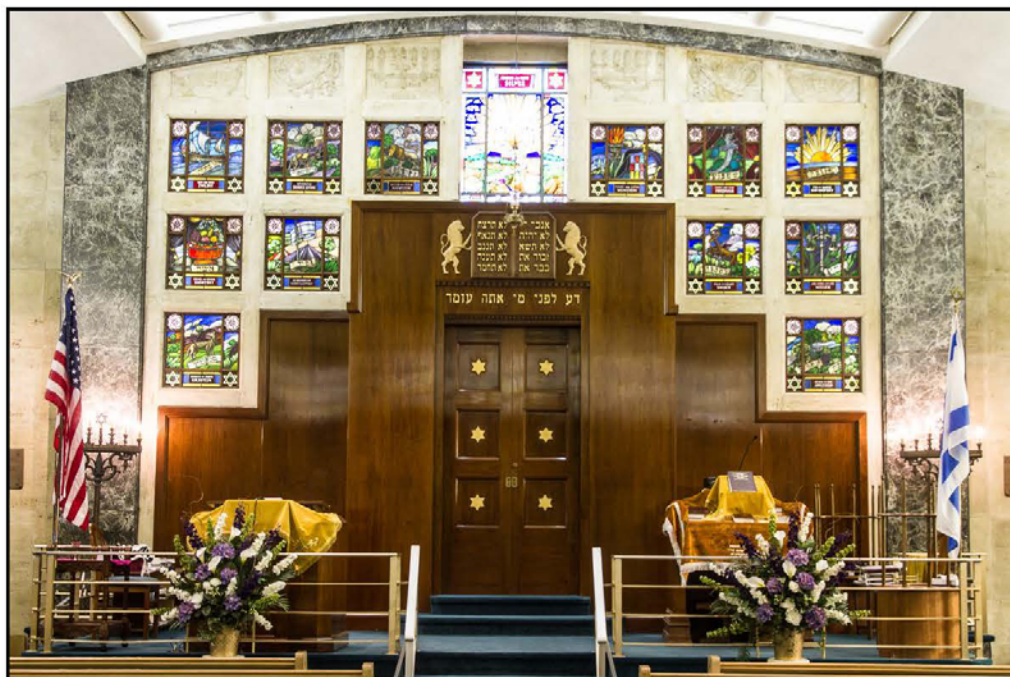
Chanukah again confronts us with the reality that democracy was part of our history. The holiday reminds us of the faith we have in G-d with the oil lasting 8 days. Please remember that G-d is always at our side with love and forgiveness.

May these holidays also be a time of recreation and relation with the family and friends, so important, as we prepare to face the challenges and opportunities that come again for the rest of the year.

I wish everybody happy Chanukah.

Marvin Krakower, Executive Director





*Please Join Us for the Installation
of
Rabbi Ira Samuel Grussgott*

*Sunday,
Dec. 11, 2016
11 Kislev 5777
11:00 AM*



*Brunch to
follow ceremony
Suggested couvert
\$18 per person*

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Please rsvp to the Synagogue office by Dec. 8th.

DECEMBER 2016, Kislev/Tevet 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
				1 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Hebrew Reading Class 7:30PM to 9:00PM	2 2 Kislev Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	3 3 Kislev  Toldot Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
4 4 Kislev Sisterhood paid up Luncheon 11:30AM	5 5 Kislev Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00PM. All congregants are welcomed to attend.	6 6 Kislev 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	7 7 Kislev	8 8 Kislev Hebrew Reading Class 7:30PM to 9:00PM	9 9 Kislev Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	10 10 Kislev  Vayeitzei Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
11 11 Kislev Rabbi Installation Brunch 11:00 AM	12 12 Kislev	13 13 Kislev 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	14 14 Kislev	15 15 Kislev	16 16 Kislev 6:00PM Pre-Chanukah service followed by dinner at 6:30PM ... replaces the 7:15PM service	17 17 Kislev  Vayishlach Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
18 18 Kislev	19 19 Kislev	20 20 Kislev 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	21 21 Kislev	22 22 Kislev	23 23 Kislev Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	24 24 Kislev  Vayeishev Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
25 25 Kislev Chanukah	26 26 Kislev Chanukah	27 27 Kislev Chanukah 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	28 28 Kislev Chanukah	29 29 Kislev Chanukah	30 1 Tevet Rosh Chodesh Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM Chanukah	31 2 Tevet  Mikeitz Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM Chanukah

JANUARY 2017, Tevet/Shevat 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
1 3 Tevet Chanukah	2 4 Tevet	3 5 Tevet 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	4 6 Tevet	5 7 Tevet	6 8 Tevet Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	7 9 Tevet  Vayigash Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
8 10 Tevet Sisterhood Tehillim <u>11AM</u> Fast of Tevet 10 for the siege of Jerusalem	9 11 Tevet Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00PM. All congregants are welcomed to attend.	10 12 Tevet 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	11 13 Tevet	12 14 Tevet	13 15 Tevet Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	14 16 Tevet  Vayechi Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
15 17 Tevet	16 18 Tevet	17 19 Tevet 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	18 20 Tevet	19 21 Tevet	20 22 Tevet Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	21 23 Tevet  Shemot Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
22 24 Tevet Adult Education Movie IDA 10:30 AM	23 25 Tevet	24 26 Tevet 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation	25 27 Tevet	26 28 Tevet	27 29 Tevet Welcoming Shabbat Service 7:15PM	28 1 Shevat  Va'eira Rosh Chodesh Services 9AM Torah 10:15AM
29 2 Shevat	30 3 Shevat	31 4 Shevat 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays with 'Mori' Rabbi Study and Conversation				

REGULAR SERVICES

Daily	Monday and Thursday at 7:15AM, Torah Service Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:25AM Sunday at 8:00AM
Friday Evening	7:15PM, note for 12/16/16 starts at 6:00PM for Pre-Chanukah service
Shabbat Morning	9:00AM, Torah Service around 10:15AM

See weekly emails for any changes.

UPCOMING TEMPLE EVENTS – Mark Your Calendar

2016

Thursday, December 1	7:30PM to 9:00PM. Hebrew Reading Class with Miriam Kapelushnik.
Sunday, December 4	11:30 AM Sisterhood Tehillim Group Members Luncheon. Call the office for more information.
Thursday, December 8	7:30PM to 9:00PM. Hebrew Reading Class with Miriam Kapelushnik.
Friday, December 16	6:00PM Pre-Chanukah service followed by dinner at 6:30 PM

2017

Sunday, January 8	11:00AM Sisterhood Tehillim
Sunday, January 22,	10:30AM Adult Education - Winter series - movie "IDA"
Sunday, February 5	WORLD WIDE WRAP - Details to follow
Friday, February 17	Tu B'Shevat Sedar - Details to Follow
Sunday, February 26	10:30AM Adult Education - Winter Series - Please Cry for Me, Argentina discussion with Suri Grussgott
Sunday, March 19	10:30AM Adult Education - Winter Series - movie "What our Fathers Did"
Tuesday, April 11	Passover Community Sedar - Details to Follow

Also see Page 12 for the special events from the Social Action Committee.

Also see Page 22 for December / January Hebrew School Calendar.



Welcome to Freehold Jewish Center
Congregation Agudath Achim
 59 Broad Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Our Ballroom
An elegant location for your affair



featuring:

Impressive Entryway

Striking Reception Room

Kosher Kitchen

Full-Size Stage

350-Person Entertainment Space

Traditional High-Capacity Sanctuary

The words Tradition and Caring perfectly describe the Freehold Jewish Center and its members, and this hidden gem of a synagogue proudly offers its location to you for your simchas, meetings, special events, or any type of affair. Committed to traditional Jewish observance, the Freehold Jewish Center Ballroom and Kosher Facility is the perfect choice to impress your guests while allowing you the freedom to create an event customized to your needs.

The high-capacity space was designed with impeccable attention to architectural details. High ceilings, a full-size stage, and use of the equally stunning sanctuary and sanctuary extension wrapped in stained glass windows come together to serve as an impressive backdrop to your event.



Entryway

The entrance to the synagogue is a perfect greeting for your guests. This recently renovated space features walls of stained glass design, marble floors, and architectural details, including a profound ceiling design.



Reception/Extension

The perfect location for smaller affairs or an impressive cocktail room, this bright and spacious extension for the sanctuary could also serve as the welcome meeting place for your post-simcha greetings before the big party.



The Ballroom

High ceilings, a full-size dance floor and a professional stage are among the many features of this high-capacity ballroom. The architectural details and stunning lighting are just enough to wow your guests without taking away from the details of your event that you've carefully planned.



Kosher Kitchens

Separate meat and dairy kitchen facilities make the Freehold Jewish Center Ballroom are the perfect location for your Kosher affair.



Traditional Jewish Sanctuary

We are delighted to make Congregation Agudath Achim's religious sanctuary available for your simcha. Please note that the sanctuary cannot be used by nonmembers during weekly service times or holidays.



Contact

FJC is the place for your next simcha. Please call us to learn more about the Freehold Jewish Center Ballroom. 59 Broad Street, Freehold, NJ, 07728 732-462-0254

Contact Us
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 Email: office@freeholdjc.org

Address
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www.freeholdjc.org/our-ballroom-catering



Harrison Stern
December 3rd
Saturday



Isabella Kramsky
January 7th
Saturday

FJC Social Action Committee Calendar

is pleased to announce some of the upcoming events scheduled for our shul family as well as the community at large and we hope that you will mark your calendars and plan on joining us. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

2016

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| Sunday, December 11 | Installation Brunch for Rabbi Ira Grussgott at 11:00 AM |
| Friday, December 16 | Pre-Chanukah Party join us for Havdallah, Kosher Chinese and movies for the children as well as adults at 6:00PM |

2017

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| Friday, February 10 | Tu B'Shevat Seder following Shabbat services |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Community Seder with your FJC Family-details to be announced |
| Sunday, Spring 2017 | FJC Flea Market. Date to be announced |
| Saturday, April 22 | Come win some wonderful prizes @ Casino Night |

This is merely a taste of some of the many events (movies, Shabbat Dinners, Challah Baking classes, speakers and more) the Committees at Freehold Jewish Center are planning for everyone in the coming year. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us as we continue to celebrate our wonderful shul.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee is excited to provide many programs and events. We along with the Board and Staff that make the synagogue operate look forward to your attendance. Success of these programs and events is enhanced with your participation; bring the family and bring some friends. Come along and have fun with us, sharing in these programs and events.

Freehold Jewish Center to Install Its New Rabbi

December 11th.- Sunday at 11:00 AM

Rabbi Ira Grussgott will be installed as our Rabbi of Congregation Agudath Achim Freehold Jewish Center. Rabbi Grussgott, born and educated in Brooklyn, is married to Miriam, who has a Master's Degree in early childhood education. She has taught for many years in the Solomon Schechter day schools in New Jersey, Chicago, Pennsylvania and Canada. The couple have four children. Moshe is Rabbi of Orthodox Congregation Ramath Orah in Manhattan. Suri is Associate Director of The World Jewish Congress in NYC. Leba works for The Joint Distribution Committee, and Josh is employed by The Jerusalem Post in Israel.

The installation will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 11 am, and will be followed by a catered Kiddush. It is requested that prospective attendees place reservations with the synagogue's office 732-462-0254 or by email: office@freeholdjc.org. Members and non-synagogue persons are invited. Suggested couvert is \$18/person. Be sure to come out and participate in this historic and joyous occasion.

Join in in welcoming Chanukah in a Night Festival of Latkes

December 16th.- Friday at 6:00 PM

A Friday night pre Chanukah program is set for services to begin at 6 pm and followed with a dinner at 6:30 pm. The dinner will include chicken, vegetables, apple sauce, latkes, sufganiyot, donuts, etc., coffee and tea. The theme of the evening is the Festival of Chanukah and the Maccabees. Cost is \$15/person. \$10 for children under 13 years. Both members and non-members of the synagogue are invited. Kindly book reservations with the office: 732-462-0254 or by e-mail: office@freeholdjc.org.

Tu B'Shevat

February 10th Friday evening Tu B'Shevat Seder following Shabbat Services. Details will follow.

Passover Seder

April 11th. Passover Community Seder with your FJC Family. Details will follow.

FJC to stage a Gala Casino Night

April 22nd Saturday evening Casino Night promises to be an outstanding event. Anyone who attended the last shul casino night will attest to how great an evening everyone enjoyed. Advise your friends and look forward to future flyers and other details about this event.

Spring Sunday Sales Event

On a Spring Sunday morning, to be selected, there will be a sales event in the shul's parking lot. No, it will not be a flea market. What it will be is a Junk Sale...your junk! Tables will be provided. Bring your junk to shul and pocket the cash or donate some or all of the proceeds to FJC. Watch for event flyers and forthcoming details.

Social Action Committee Members: Jeffrey Wolf, Marcy Cortez and Leonard Brownstein

BINGO COMMITTEE

BINGO ~~Wants~~ Needs YOU

Why is BINGO important to you our Congregation:

- 1) Bingo produces significant revenue for the shul. Everything needs money to function, including the shul.
- 2) Bingo keeps down the cost of our membership dues. At a meeting with the board it was stated that by having Bingo twice a week we are saving an increase in dues per family of about \$600 a year.

The good news is that there is no out-of-pocket expense. As the famous Uncle Sam poster reads, "I Want You!" There are a few congregants that weekly dedicate themselves in running Bingo, but they can't do it alone.

If a member helps out at Bingo four times a year, we can have enough coverage without burdening only a few people. What we need is a commitment of four hours, four times a year. This is not too much to ask in order to help the shul function and to keep the dues down.

The four hours can be broken into two-hour shifts. On a night when Bingo is played, we need help from about 6 p.m. until about 10 p.m.

If you cannot make it early because of other obligations, you can come at 8 p.m. and stay until the end (10 p.m.). This way, someone who comes at 6 p.m. can go home early to help with homework, dinner, or to just cuddle with their loved one.

Call the office for Volunteer Information. What is needed?

Kitchen staff - Starts at 6 p.m.; one to two people are needed to set up concessions and to prepare and serve hot dogs and knishes. At 9 p.m., put away concession items and leave. Kitchen staff can be a teenager looking for extra credit with after-school activities or community involvement to place on college application.

Selling help - Starts 6:45 p.m. Sell Bingo admissions and 50-50 game sheets. Six people are needed to do this every Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Floor help - Selling help stays to check winning numbers when Bingo is called. Pay winners. Assist Bingo players as needed.

Bingo calling - Starts at 7:40 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Bingo callers call the numbers and verify the winning numbers. This task takes a little extra effort and a bit of training. We are short on Bingo callers and people are needed for this job.

Additional Bingo managers are needed. Training involves setting up sheets/games to be sold and setting up the night's payouts. Hours from 6-10 p.m. The manager is in charge of Bingo and makes the final determination for any disputes that may arise.

If every family donates 16 hours to Bingo during the year, we can be adequately covered and share the responsibility of this important fundraising event fairly.

Bingo Committee Members: Mark Beckenstein, Sonya Bell, Michael S. Goldberg, Miriam Kapelushnik



Freehold Jewish Center
Shabbat Project

Participate in this new initiative to build a
vibrant and interactive Congregation

Join us for Shabbat

- Being together
- Praying together
- Forming meaningful relationships
- Building community together

**All it takes is one service a month on a Friday evening or Saturday morning.
Come be a part of something special and celebrate the peace and joy of Shabbat.**



RITUAL COMMITTEE

We hope you enjoyed the High Holidays and having Rabbi Grussgott and Cantor Heller lead our congregation in the services. Looking forward, please join them in weekly Shabbat services, continuing in the spiritual events the synagogue offers. Attending services when you can, should give you time to reflect and relax without the pressure of worldly events. We look forward to you attending when you can and suggestions you have to encourage participation at both Friday and Saturday services.

The Ritual Committee met to review the High Holidays services and welcomes input from the congregation to help make them more meaningful to you, our congregants. We look forward to receiving comments and considerations. The Ritual Committee notes the following brought to our attention regarding the High Holidays and is looking for more input:

- 1) move Tashlikh to a new location and have it sometime between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, during the week so we can increase participation.
- 2) have a congregational breaking of the Yom Kippur fast with more than just orange juice and cake.
- 3) more participation in constructing, decorating, maintaining and dismantling the sukkah.
- 4) Simchas Torah was not well attended and we need ideas to make it more appealing. We combined Hafakot to spare the arms and backs of those carrying Torahs. We encourage women and children to participate as well, and are looking into songs familiar to congregants. Any songs you may know let us know.
- 5) There are opportunities to donate replacements for at least two worn out Torah covers and for white Shulchan Covers for chapel.

To increase participation in services and Aliyah's we are looking to create workshops in Tefillin, Hagbah and Gelilah, Shofar Blowing and Duchening. If any of these interest you please let us know by contacting the office and we will create a workshop for you.

Mi Sheberach, (**מִי שְׁבֵרַח**), the prayer for those that are ill or in recovery and in need of a special prayer are recognized during the Torah reading after the third Aliyah. In consideration of those needing a special prayer, the Mi Sheberach list has been recently updated. Please contact us for any names you want to add or other changes that you want made.

When needed and at least once a year inspect our Torahs. Sometimes we need a Sofer (Torah expert) to perform the inspection and when needed make repairs. We are still waiting for second opinion and bid on Torah inspection and repairs as two are posul so this is highest priority.

We will continue to look for ways to make services more meaningful to you and are working on upcoming calendar events. Contact the office and let them know your comment is for the Ritual Committee.

Joel Storm,
Ritual Chairperson

SISTERHOOD COMMITTEE

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Much has occurred since our last newsletter. We have moved the clocks back one hour, the sky has gotten darker earlier, the leaves have changed color, and it has even snowed. Wow! One thing always remains the same; The friendship of the ladies in the Sisterhood!

Some of our sisterhood members and their families participated in the Chabad Mega Challah bake on November 10th. Four hundred and thirty two women were in attendance. It was truly a spiritual event. Besides going home with a bowl, apron, towel, and two challahs we were entertained by songs from Fiddler on the Roof, heard powerful stories and felt the power of the mitzvah of baking challah in a large group.

On November 20th the spirituality and mitzvahs continued when 8 ladies from sisterhood met to read Tehillim and say blessings over food as we prayed for our loved ones. Besides being social, sisterhood offers the chance for us to share personal stories with each other. Our next Tehillim meeting will be on Sunday January 8th at 11:00 AM.

Membership time is here again. Dues are \$18.00 for the year and help support our shul. December 4th, Sunday, we will have our paid up sisterhood luncheon at 11:30 AM. Membership for this event is required and lunch will be \$14.00 for a Chinese buffet. Please join us. If you can't make the lunch, sisterhood dues are still greatly appreciated and we thank you for your support.

We wish everyone a Happy Chanukah.

Linda Perchuk, Sandy Altman and Sue Rosin, Co-Chairpersons
Sisterhood Committee

TIDBITS

Every month we bring you "TIDBITS" of information. They may be items related to Judaica interest, general interest, a news story we've read, a person in history, a recipe we enjoy etc. This is also open to congregants that want to submit an article for possible inclusion in the Tidbits section of the Newsletter.

This Newsletter is for you, our Freehold Jewish Center Congregation, and we are pleased to open the forum to you and give you an opportunity for expression and reaching other congregants. **If you have a business call the office to advertise. Call us and share your Simcha's.**

If you want to submit something send it to office@freeholdjc.org and include "TIDBITS" as the first word in the subject line.



Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

**Sunday, December 4, 2016
11:15 AM**



Kosher Chinese



**\$14 per person
with Sisterhood Membership**

**New members are welcome to join
for \$18 plus the cost of the luncheon
(payable at the door)**

**Please RSVP by Nov. 28th to
sisterhoodfjc@gmail.com
or 732-462-0254**

**Come see old friends and
make some new ones!**

**Sisterhood is also collecting canned or boxed
goods for the food bank. All items must be kosher
and sealed.**

This month's TIDBITS is from our recent Bar Mitzvah, Joey Lescht, who is sharing his Bar Mitzvah speech. The Minyanaires were honored on Thanksgiving Thursday morning, November 24, 2016 to hear Joey read from the Torah and led the service. Join us in celebrating our newest Minyanaire, Joey Lecht and enjoy his speech.



YASHER KOACH JOEY



Hello everyone. I am Joey Lescht. The Aliyah I just read is about Abraham buying land to inter his wife Sarah. He has a deadline to meet, and needs to get the plot quickly. When he goes out to buy the land, he encounters Ephron, who is the person selling it to him. The two converse about the plot, and about Abraham's situation. After he has made his decision, he quickly buys the land and leaves. That is the end of the story in terms of my Aliyah.

I personally find it interesting how Abraham settles for the high price of the land. He doesn't bargain with Ephron because he knows how important this is. His main priority is to bury his wife, so he doesn't argue about the price of the land. He does this because he cares about and loves his wife greatly, and wants the best for her. He doesn't take the easy way out. Instead, he does the harder thing, and spends more money. This really shows that sometimes it's better to put more effort into something, then to just take the easy way out.

That was my Aliyah, but I would also like to thank some people. Thank you to the Cantor for always including me in the services, and for being so kind. Thank you to the Rabbi who adjusted to a new state as well as a new temple so quickly, and for helping me with my Bar Mitzvah. Thank you to Jessie for helping with the Shabbat Barbeques and the Hebrew school. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Ross who taught me so much in Hebrew school. Thank you to Marvin for being the glue that holds this place together, and for letting us all be Jews here. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents. They always support me, teach me new things, raise me so well, and overall are the best parents that one could ever have. Thank you everyone, and have a nice Thanksgiving.

Baruch Teheyeh
Joey Lescht



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On Superbowl Sunday

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 AT 9:00AM

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Telephone 732 462 0254 Email office@freeholdjc.org

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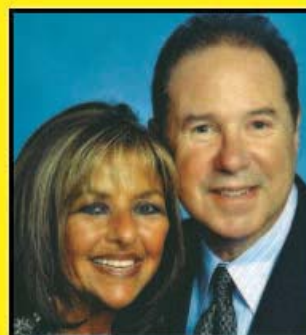
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However, if there is no school on a Monday, then Thursday becomes the regular day of Hebrew School. We also invite all Hebrew School children and their families to join us for services Friday nights at 7:15 PM and Saturday Mornings at 9:00 AM.

December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Enrichment	2	3
4	5 Hebrew School	6	7	8 Enrichment	9	10
11	12 Hebrew School	13	14	15 Enrichment	16 Chanukah Lots of Latkas Dinner 6:00 PM	17
18	19 Hebrew School	20	21	22 Enrichment	23	24
25	26 Winter Recess No Hebrew School	27	28	29 Winter Recess No Enrichment	30	31

January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 New Year's Day celebrated No Hebrew School	3	4	5 Hebrew School	6	7
8	9 Hebrew School	10	11	12 Enrichment	13	14
15	16 M.L.King Day No Hebrew School	17	18	19 Hebrew School	20	21
22 29	23 Hebrew School 30 Hebrew School	24 31	25	26 Enrichment	27	28

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December 16, 2016

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6:30 PM Dinner

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\$10 Children 12 and under



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