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OUR HISTORY • OUR COMMUNITY • OUR FUTURE

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Jewish Lawrence Chabad invite you to*

TRENTON JEWISH *Experience*

A BENEFIT REUNION CELEBRATING
55 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN LAWRENCE

HONORING

*Rabbi Yitzchak &
Nachama Dina Goldenberg*

FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO OUR COMMUNITY

AND

Arthur Finkle

COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

GOURMET BUFFET

AT COBBLESTONE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Lawrenceville, New Jersey

SAVE THE DATE - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!



Email your favorite Trenton Jewish memories
and photographs for inclusion in the program to
LSach@msn.com



President's Message

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer.

A hearty Mazeltov to Shoshana Bracha Lichtman and Netanel Crispe on their recent engagement. Much happiness.

Our minyans over the summer have been strong and we should keep up that effort for the upcoming year.

As a small shul our finances very tight. When you get your statement consider paying earlier in the year rather than later, in order to make our planning for the year easier.

With the upcoming holidays all on the weekend this year, we should have a larger crowd.

As a reminder, everyone should save the date of November 1st, for the benefit reunion luncheon from 1 pm-5 pm, celebrating the Rabbi and Nachama Dina at Cobblestone Creek Country Club. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

If anyone has an interesting trip or activity this summer and they would like to share their adventure, please contact Lynda Sacharov about writing an article for the next newsletter.

Wishing everyone a Happy and healthy New Year.



Charles Miller
President

VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

As Rosh Hashana approaches, we naturally think about new beginnings. We look back at the year that has passed and wonder what the year ahead will bring.

There is something remarkable about the way the Torah established Rosh Hashana. It is not celebrated on the first day of Creation, but on the day that human beings were created.

That tells us something profound:
Rosh Hashana is about us.

We are living in a time when it is easy to feel overwhelmed by everything happening around us. There is so much division, uncertainty and negativity in the world. At times, we may wonder what we can possibly do to make a difference. Rosh Hashana reminds us that we can.

Every human being has been given the extraordinary gift of free choice. Every day, through our words, actions and priorities, we have the ability to build or destroy, to bring people together or drive them apart, to give hope or to add to the negativity.

It is easy to think, *"I'm only one person. What difference can I really make?"*

But one person can make an enormous difference. One kind word can change someone's day. One act of generosity can change someone's circumstances. One person reaching out can make someone who feels forgotten feel valued. One family choosing to live with greater kindness can influence an entire community.

Our choices have power.

On Rosh Hashana, we don't only stand before G-d; we also stand before ourselves. We can ask:
What kind of person do I want to be this year? What kind of influence do I want to

have? Will the world around me be a little better because I was here?

We don't have to fix the entire world. We begin with the people closest to us—with our family, our friends, our synagogue and our community. One choice, one mitzvah, one act of kindness at a time.

As we enter the new year, may we recognize the incredible potential G-d has placed within each of us. May we use our freedom to choose wisely, our strength to build, and our lives to bring more goodness, unity and holiness into the world.

May we all be blessed with a **Shanah Tovah U'Metukah**—a good and sweet year, filled with blessing, health, happiness and the knowledge that **each one of us can make a meaningful difference.**



Rabbi Y. Goldenberg

Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

YIOL offers a range of programs and services which enables opportunities for exploring Judaism in a non-judgmental way. Whether it be a prayer service, Torah class, or social gathering that you're seeking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed and celebrated, So come for a visit...and stay a while.

Adult Education Program

Please join us for our classes. All classes are conducted in English and are held at the Synagogue.

- **Tuesday evening class** -- Rabbi Goldenberg will be announcing a new series for his Tuesday night class.
- **Women's class** — Rebbetzin Goldenberg teaches a women's class every Wednesday at 7 pm.

There is no charge for participation. For further information, call the synagogue at (609) 883-8833 any day from Saturday at nightfall through Friday early afternoon. If there is no reply, leave a message on the answering machine



Tzedakah Fund

Our Shul has a Tzedakah fund to help those in special need of assistance. The fund is derived primarily from contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

Kiddushim

Our thanks to those who have sponsored kiddushim. For a full list of recent kiddush sponsors, please refer to Donations and Good Tidings. To celebrate your special occasion with a kiddush, please e-mail Dina Goldenberg:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

When paying your dues, please send your Kiddush assessment (\$100) in a separate check, payable to the Sisterhood.

The Memorial Board

The Memorial Board in the Synagogue is a special way to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. Plaques are \$250 each and may be ordered by contacting the Rabbi. **Pricing on the new Board is \$360 per plaque.**

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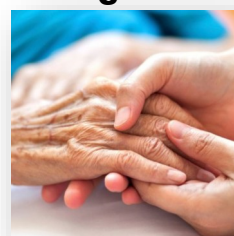
Sample of a
Memorial Plaque



Yahrzeit Advisory

It is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe a Yahrzeit anniversary. Whenever you need to observe a Yahrzeit, please contact one of our gabbaim several days in advance so we can ensure a minyan will be available. Please contact Charles Miller (609) 530-1846).

Visiting the Sick



It is a religious duty (a *mitzvah*) to visit someone who is ill. If you become aware of someone who is unwell or infirm, please advise Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller immediately so that the person may be contacted and visited at an appropriate and convenient time

Our New Memorial Board



There are eight available spaces for plaques on the original Memorial Board.
The cost of each plaque is \$250.

Plaques are now available on the new Memorial Board (pictured above).
The cost for plaques on the new Board is \$360.

If interested in ordering a plaque, please provide the Rabbi with **both** the English and Hebrew names of the deceased, and the English and Hebrew dates of passing. We can look it up if you don't know it.

May all of you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for the coming year. May it be sweet, happy and healthy.

Finally I have my life semi together. The last time I was in contact was about 11/2 years ago. I will try to remember all that happened.

Hopefully I will not forget too much.

As far as I know the only birth belonged to Danit and Joel, who had a boy. I believe that at least one Levin grandchild became Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to all. It is wonderful to see your child stand under the chupah. Tori Moore (Lonstein) and one of the Altchek daughters (there are three) got married. Mazel Tov to Lisa, Faye and Arielle and Glen. I really enjoy sharing good news with family and friends.

Our YI/Chabad family has had too many losses in the last 11/2 years; B.B. Brown, Martha Friedman, Ruth Sugarman, Jane Stein, Daniel Zuckerman's Mother and Arielle Altchek's Mother.

Eleanor Heck has been dead over a year. There is an Eleanor Heck kiddush fund to help with non-sponsored kiddushes. Talk to the Rabbi or Nechama Dina for more info.

I want to thank everyone who supported me and my family upon Bill's death. You attended an out of the way funeral, made Shiva calls, made donations, planted trees in Israel (which I do not have to water).

You are still calling and visiting me. I know that if I need something, I have a large Shul family willing to help.

I just received the new YI/Chabad calendar. The Rabbi and Nechama Dina did a great job.

The calendar lists holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, candle lighting times and Yahrzeits.

All Shul activities are also included. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year.

Nechama Dina teaches a woman's zoom class on Wednesday nights from 7:45 to about 8:45. We discuss many topics including trust/faith, palms, ethics of our father's letters from the Rebbe, and holidays. All women are welcome. Give Nechama Dina or me your E-mail and you will get a weekly notice.

If you would like to have something included in future Newsletters, (recipes, reviews, jokes, vacations, etc.) e-mail

Lynda Sacharov at Lsach@msn.com

We always like to know what everyone is up to.

Again, may you be inscribed and sealed for a good, sweet and prosperous New Year.

Carol Aronoff
For the Sisterhood





U.S. Open Chess Tournament By Charles Miller

As most of you may know, I love to play chess. I have played in 17 US Opens all across the country, from Orlando Florida to Rancho Mirage California to Madison Wisconsin, including 3 in New Jersey.

This year's tournament was in Grand Rapids, Michigan and had about 525 players from people playing in their first tournament to grandmaster which is the highest title in chess. In fact in the first round I had the distinction of playing the highest rated player in the tournament. He is also in the top 100 players in the world. Of course, I lost but the experience is worth it. He was one of 8 players to tie for first with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 9. He won the playoff and earned a spot in the next US Championship.

Normally I end up with 4 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, but this year I struggled and only had $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. One comment you hear from all the adults is



that they do not like playing the kids as they all seem to play much better than their rating. This was

certainly true in my case this year. A lot of people are regulars and you see them every year, but a lot of participants are from the state of the tournament and surrounding states. There were not as many Grandmasters this year as the previous few years.

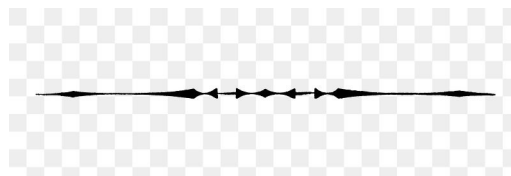
Downtown Grand Rapids is an interesting city. There are almost no stores downtown for shopping. There are a couple of colleges downtown. You do see electric scooters and bicycles all over. Evidently there is some program where if you are registered you can just pick one up and ride it and leave it wherever.

There is a Grand Rapids Museum and the Gerald Ford Museum, where Gerald and Betty Ford are buried. I did go to the Ford Museum one morning and spent over $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours there. His papers are in Ann Arbor Michigan.

I did drive to the tournament this year, but I only had to drive to Cleveland and my "car mate" drove from Cleveland to Grand Rapids. Although the drive to Cleveland is longer, I believe I had the easier drive as there were far fewer roads to navigate.

I did go to the Chabad shul on Shabbos and it was a 4 mile walk, each way, which I knew ahead of time. As Grand Rapids is on the western edge of our time zone, Shabbos did not end till 9:42 the second week in August.

Next year the tournament will be in Dallas and will be back in Grand Rapids in three years.





Kiddush sponsors at Young Israel of Lawrenceville

During the months of June—August 2026



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In honor of Shoshana Bracha Lichtman

The Goldenberg Family

In honor of Yechiel Dov's birthday

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Shabbos Nachamu and
In memory of Grandma Evelyn

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On the occasion of the 42nd yartzheit of
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To sponsor a Kiddush, contact
Nechama Dina Goldenberg
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*“A mitzvah that strengthens our synagogue and
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Shoshana Bracha Lichtman to

Netanel Crispe

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In memory of Gloria Ferstenberg

Lee and Miriam Stockhammer

Donation



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Kiddush Packages* at Young Israel of Lawrenceville
 Every kiddush includes Chollent, L'chaim and papergoods

<u>Basic - \$150</u>	<u>Basic Plus - \$200</u>	<u>Deluxe - Lox \$250 - Deli \$275</u>
Cookies/cake	Cookies/Cake	Cookies/cake
Crackers	Crackers	Crackers
3 dips	3 dips	4 dips
2 salads	3 salads	4 salads
Chips	Whitefish platter	Deli or lox platter
Sweets or nuts	Chips	Kugel
Drinks	Sweets and nuts	Chips
	Drinks	Sweets and nuts
		Drinks

Celebration cake +\$50

* Serves up to 25 people

To reserve a Kiddush, please check availability [HERE](#) and email your date and selection to DinaGoldenberg@aol.com. For larger Kiddushim or special arrangements, please contact Nechama Dina Goldenberg at the same email address.

Payment is required to confirm your reservation via Zelle to Rabbi@JewishLawrence.com or by check.





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YEAH THATS KOSHER

Thank you David Klein for this tip

Download their Kosher Restaurant Directory
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HERE'S A PAINLESS WAY TO DONATE TO YIOL

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A painless way for you to make purchases through

KosherWine.com

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Just by placing your order using the websites below (copy & paste), a 2% commission will be sent to Young These websites are available all year long.

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Bereavement Services

King Solomon said, "There is a time for all under the heavens — a time to love, a time to journey, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn."

In a most loving and caring way and with the greatest sensitivity, Rabbi Goldenberg will make it his business to offer all the comfort, guidance and bereavement support needed. In addition, he will be glad to offer his assistance in preparation, officiating at the funeral, making Shiva services, arranging for the kaddish to be recited, etc.

For assistance, or for more information, please call: (609) 882-4330.



THIS SPACE HAS TRADITIONALLY LAID OUT LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR SHABBOS AND YOM TOV. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE CHABAD OF LAWRENCEVILLE CALENDAR THAT THE RABBI MAILS OUT ANNUALLY AND TO THE RABBI'S WEEKLY E-TORAH E-MAIL, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE

INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTIFY RABBI GOLDENBERG IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CALENDAR OR BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOTIFY ELEANOR, LYNDY, OR THE RABBI IF YOU WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEWSLETTER ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.

