

Who's Who and Who's New (cont'd)
Jodie Lochak

After singing the praises of our community in a past issue of *HaMagid*, you must indulge and allow me to compliment the town of Elizabeth once more. In an effort to encourage the people of our neighborhood to socialize and become more familiar with one another, Shul members were invited to host families they had never had in their homes for a *Shabbos* meal. What a terrific idea! I personally feel that it was a tremendous success, as I have spoken to a number of families (some who hosted and others who were guests) -- all agreed that it was a wonderful opportunity to "get to know your neighbors." My family personally connected with two truly fabulous and hospitable members of our community. Let's hope this event inspires us to continue welcoming others to our *Shabbos* tables.

It gives me great pleasure to mention several families who may not be the newest in town, but certainly merit a warm welcome for having chosen Elizabeth as their home.

Joshua and Goldie Kornecki come to us from Brooklyn with their two adorable children. **Yehuda** is nearly four and a nursery student at the JEC, while **Racheli** is their precious one-year-old. When they aren't busy parenting, Joshua is an attorney and Goldie is a pharmacist. Their lovely home is on Springfield Road.

Hadas Shavrnick and her two sons, **Yitzchak** and **Yair**, enjoy living on Westfield Avenue (although she can't wait for her daughter, **Esther**, to return from Seminary Tomer Devorah in Israel). Yitzchak is ten and a fourth grader at JEC and seven-year old Yair is in the second grade at JEC. Many know Hadas for her remarkable job keeping the RTMA office organized and running smoothly -- in her short time with us, she has made herself invaluable! The Shavricks join us from Monsey, and we're so happy to have them here.

Aaron and Miryam Heller chose to settle in Elizabeth, where their sweet two-year-old, **Mordechai Yitzchak**, was born. Aaron works in the field of computers and Miryam holds a degree in accounting. Miryam is awfully busy being a fabulous wife and mother, as well as an active member of Elizabeth's hospitality committee, and Aaron recently joined the Shul Board.

Well, folks...I hope you get to know these terrific families, and that our community continues to pick up speed in the area of growth. Have a happy, healthy and wonderful Shavuot!

Until our next issue, stay well and stay welcome!

Perek on the Lawn: A Great Way to Spend Shabbos Afternoon

One of the beautiful aspects of spring and summer *Shabbos*s is the extra daylight hours we have (after *menucha* time, of course!) to enjoy amidst family and friends.

With that concept in mind, Rabbi Herman has agreed for the second consecutive year to offer *shiurim* on *Pirkei Avos* for both men and women. In addition to his sharing inspiring thoughts and insightful perspectives, the Rabbi offers participants a wonderful opportunity to join in ongoing discussion and question/answer dialogue throughout the 45-minute *shiur*.

If that weren't enough of a reason to attend, imagine having this wonderful *shiur* on a sunny day while relaxing on the lawn of a community member. To top it off, after the *shiur* the hosting family traditionally offers refreshments, giving participants a chance to mingle and socialize.

On behalf of the community, we would like to extend a *Yasher Koach* to the Buchsbaum, Cheslow, Elyaszadeh, Rosensweig, and Tropp families for hosting "Perek on the Lawn" (and to the Goldman and Mandel [Monmouth Road] families, who have offered their lawns for upcoming *shiurim*). "It was really a beautiful experience to have such a large showing of people attend the *shiur* at our home," said Homera Elyaszadeh. "We had almost 50 people -- a full house -- and a gorgeous, sunny day, too!"

Those who are interested in offering their lawns and/or homes (in case of inclement weather) for upcoming *Pirkei Avos shiurim* should contact Rabbi Herman at 908-355-4850 x104 or through e-mail at aherman9@juno.com.

Circle The Date

May 20th

Open Community Sunday, followed by a
Family Picnic in Echo Lake Park

Youth Talk

Thanks to our very charismatic and energetic Youth Director, Elie Bodner, and his dynamic wife, the Youth division has been extremely active with programming to meet the needs of children of varying ages.

Younger children enjoy participating in weekly *Shabbos* groups, which have been exceptionally successful this year, undoubtedly due to a creative blend of serious *davening* and quality play.

Older youth had a great time over Pesach at their annual excursion to Great Adventure and their well-attended ice-skating trip. High school boys also spent two *motzoei Shabbosos*, April 14th and April 21st, engaged in a basketball tournament - congratulations to the winning team! More recently, Junior High School boys and girls recreated their version of an Israeli-style bonfire (where else but in the JEC parking lot!) at their first ever *Lag Ba'Omer* program. Amidst a roaring fire, the kids enjoyed a yummy BBQ as well as the talents of professional magician Ben Cohen. [Many thanks to Nechama Averick and Shira Tova Nashofer for some pictures, listed opposite this article.]

On the *Shabbos* of May 11-12, our Youth Department will host a Yachad Shabbaton. Yachad, a national organization for the developmentally disabled, will bring children and adults with special needs to Elizabeth to enjoy *Shabbos* with us. The Shul anticipates not only our own youth in attendance but also an influx of high-school teens from other neighborhoods who want to participate in this very unique and memorable program.

A special "circle the date" for our youth and their families: the upcoming community BBQ (following the "Open House") on Sunday, May 20th, from 12:30PM to 3PM at Echo Lake Park. Highlights of the afternoon will *i'y'H* include inflatable rides, pony rides, baseball, races, music and lots of food!

Shavuos plans are already in place for our children with a special Scholar-in-Residence program featuring our own very popular JEC *rebbe*, Rabbi Ari Pollack. Rabbi Pollack will speak to all age groups throughout the *Yom Tov*. *Shiurim* are planned for Youth as well for the entire Shavuos night; a get-together in the "new [Fernwood Terrace] playground" on the first day of the *Chag* is also planned.

The Youth Department has made great strides in creating exciting programs that captivate our children's attention and interest. We look forward to continued positive feedback!

WEBSITE TIPS and TRICKS

Michael Poppers

Q: What's the significance of all those underlined words in Shul e-mail messages and on our Website's pages (not to mention on the pages of most other Websites)?

A: That is the usual way in which your browser (or e-mail client) tells you that some other Web resource can be accessed when you click on any underlined section. In Web parlance, this phenomenon is known as a "hyperlink," and it is central to the power of the World Wide Web (WWW). I'll provide a brief explanation in this column, and if you have any additional questions (on this or on any other aspect of our Website), I'll be happy to explain further in a future column.

Let's say I have some information that is bound to change over time (such as the JEC Weekly Schedule) or which I simply want to keep in one nook of the WWW while referring to it numerous times in other nooks (e.g. a flyer for an event or a map of a particular area of the community). Instead of listing that information in a static manner or repeatedly listing it each time I want to refer to it, I link the reference to where the information is stored. When I create such a link, the browser or e-mail client usually (although not always) adds underlining and modifies the color of the reference's word or words. In all cases, you the reader can see what the link points to by hovering your mouse over the reference -- the target of the reference will be displayed in the browser's or e-mail client's status bar (note: you may have to 'turn on' your status bar via the View menu or a similarly-named menu -- usually, the status bar is a separate entry on that menu and is checked if the status bar is "turned on"). If you think the target may be useful, go ahead and click on the link, and voilà! your e-mail client or browser will attempt to bring you to that target's information; if it opened up a new window for you, you can close it at any time, and if it utilized the same [browser] window, you can simply use the Back key to return to where you were when you clicked on the link.

Examples of hyperlinking abound. Most of the phrases on the main Shul Webpage, <http://elmora.thejec.org/>, are hyperlinked, and I liberally use hyperlinking on other Webpages and in Shul e-mail. Within those Webpages and e-mail messages, you may click away at the hyperlinks in confidence -- go ahead and try them out, and enjoy the results!

Gabbai's Corner
Ephraim Bassan, Main Shul Gabbai

Recently there was a *bar mitzvah* at our Sephardic *minyán*. To better celebrate this *simcha*, the Sephardic *minyán* traded places with the regular main *minyán*. Some of our Shul members who attended the *bar mitzvah* had never previously experienced *tefila* which followed the *nusach* and *minhagim* of *Eidot Hamizrach*. A number of them told me it was delightful & fascinating and helped to further increase the *achdut* of our community.

In the past few months I have managed to recruit a couple new people to *daven* for the *amud* who had not done so before in Elizabeth. I continue to look for more people willing to step up to the plate. If you have any interest, please speak to me. Some people have told me that they might consider it but feel nervous or intimidated. Please don't let that interfere -- I don't bite, and neither does the *tzibur*.

Like nearly every *gabbai* in the world, I know that not everyone is always happy with how our *davening* is run. On a single day I got complaints that *musaf* was too slow and that it was too fast! Still, I am always interested in knowing what the membership thinks -- both positive and negative thoughts -- as well as any suggestions you may have to potentially improve our *davening*. I just ask that you please wait until *davening* is over to discuss it with me. [Editor's note: contact information for all our *gabboim* is available online at <http://elmora.thejec.org/avodah/davening.htm>; Ephraim can be contacted via telephone at 908-354-3129 or via e-mail at JECGabbai@aol.com.]

Video Nights at the JEC!

Thanks to the Adult Education Division chaired by Howard Goldsmith, the Elmora Shul is now part of a new initiative that allows us to "hook up" to live broadcast *shiurim* given by two of the greatest speakers of our time.

On Thursday nights in the JEC Teacher's Conference room, Rabbi Yissachar Frand's *shiur* is broadcast from Baltimore at 9PM. On *Motzoei Shabbos* sometime around the 10PM hour (time varies based on *havdalah* time), participants can enjoy Rabbi Yisroel Reisman's *shiur* broadcast from Brooklyn, where over one thousand people congregate weekly to hear his insightful and wise words.

Please note that Rabbi Reisman's *shiur* is slated to continue until *Chag HaShavuot* and Rabbi Frand's *shiur* through July. Both *shiurim* resume again in the Fall.

If you haven't yet taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity, don't wait! You're sure to enjoy and want more of the same!

MAZEL TOV, MAZEL TOV!!

Esther & Ken Blashka on the birth of a granddaughter
Rivky & Rabbi Mitch Bomrind on the birth of a grandson
Lenny Brandwein on the birth of twin grandsons
Barbara & Eugene Brotsky on their grandson's bar mitzva
Steven Buch on receiving his licensure as a Real Estate Instructor
Faige & Rabbi Yitzchok Burnstein on the birth of a grandson
Barbara & Rabbi Yakov Dombroff on Eliyahu's engagement to Rochie Schwimmer
Shulie & Joel Glazer on their grandson's bar mitzva
Hadassah & Zev Goldfischer on the birth of a great-grandson and on their granddaughter's engagement
Chava & Rabbi Yitzchok Goldstone on their grandson's bar mitzva
Bracha Kenigsberg and her parents, Rochel & Rabbi Yossi Kenigsberg, on her graduation from NYU Medical School and on her marriage to Andrew Goldsweig
Annette & Leonard Lauer on their granddaughter's engagement
Hadassah & Eyal Lulush on the birth of a son; and to the grandparents, Rose & Moshe Perez
Jackie & Herbie Maltz on their grandson's bar mitzva
RoAnna Pascher on being an Alumni Honoree at the Sy Syms School of Business Dinner
Rose & Moshe Perez on Benayahu's marriage to Vanessa Attar
Cynthia & Betzalel Rothstein on the birth of a daughter; and to the grandparents, Victoria & Dr. Salamon Galimidi; and to the great-grandmother, Miriam Kirschenzweig
Molly & Joe Rothstein on the birth of a granddaughter
Bev & Larry Schechter on their 50th wedding anniversary and on their grandson's bar mitzva
Havvah & Avraham Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter
Abby Seidman & her parents, Rebecca & Larry Seidman, on her bas mitzva
Vivi & Dr. Steven Singfer on the birth of a grandson; and to the great-grandparents, Ruth & Rabbi Meyer Auerbach
Elisheva & Rav Elazar Teitz on their grandson's bar mitzva

WELCOME!

Becky & Ari Romanoff

CONDOLENCES

Marina Engel on the passing of her mother
Henry Krauss on the passing of his father
Dvorah Preil on the passing of her mother
David Romanoff & Rabbi Nathan Zemel on the passing of their mother/sister
Mavis Rosenstein on the loss of her mother
Charla Schnipper on the passing of her grandmother
Miriam Spindel on the loss of her brother
Larry Wolgin on the loss of his mother

JEC Elmora Ave Shul Shavuos Night Learning Schedule

Time	Women & H.S. Girls	Boys 6th - 8th Grades	H.S. Boys	Adults
12:00 - 1:00 AM	Rabbi Oratz ¹ RTMA B.M.	Rabbi Pollack 3rd - 8th grades Room 132	Father & Son / Chavrusah learning Lunchroom	Rabbi Yoni Korbman: Ruth's place among our righteous women Board room Rabbi E.M. Teitz Daf Yomi Reibel B.M.
1:10 - 2:00 AM	Rachel Bodner RTMA B.M.	Elie Bodner Room 132	Rabbi Oratz ² Room 130	Rabbi Kivelevitz: The Game of Jewish Business: Monopoly or Risk? Board room
2:10 - 3:00 AM	Yael Hall: Shavuos: Hide & Seek RTMA B.M.	Rabbi Pollack Room 132	Rabbi Herman Shiur: Kidney donation: A Limb for A Life, Is It My Obligation? Reibel B.M.	
3:10 - 4:15 AM	Rabbi Hagler: Matan Torah relive the experience RTMA B.M.	Barbecue & Shiur Rabbi Herman: Bar Mitzvah session Room 132	Barbecue & Shiur Rabbi Pollack: Shiur Room 130	Rabbi Oratz Shiur ³ Reibel B.M.
4:30 - 4:50 AM		Rabbi Herman: End of the night shmooz Reibel B.M.		
4:55 AM	SHACHARIS, MAIN SHUL Sunrise 5:33 AM			
Minyan S'faradim: Tikun Leil Shavuot , 12:00AM - Shacharis, in Lunch Room				
Rabbi Oratz Shiurim Women ¹ : A Steady Diet of Torah: The Halacha and Hashkafa of Food Fads and Other Such Things. H.S. Boys ² : DUI: Driving (through life) Under The Influence: What The Torah Has To Say About Drugs & Alcohol. Men ³ : The V'nishmartem Imperative: The Torah Attitude Toward Being of Sound, Mind, & Body.				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Open Community Sunday		Erev Shavuos 7:55p Candle lighting BM class (3/3) 7:15PM, JEC Teachers Lounge	Shavuos I 9:04p Candle lighting	Shavuos II 9:05p Havdalah (30 min)	7:57p Candle lighting	Parashas Naso 9:07p Havdalah (30 min)
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					8:00p Candle lighting	Parashas Beha'alot'cha 9:12p Havdalah (30 min)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					8:00p Candle lighting	Parashas Shlach 9:17p Havdalah (30 min)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Elmora Shul Board meeting 8PM, JEC Board Room			8:11p Candle lighting	Parashas Korach Roch Chodesh Tamuz 9:20p Havdalah (30 min)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Roch Chodesh Tamuz					8:13p Candle lighting	Parashas Cinzas 9:22p Havdalah (30 min)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					8:13p Candle lighting	Parashas Balak 9:22p Havdalah (30 min)

"IT'S A BIG DAY IN ELIZABETH!"

David Cheslow, Chairman of the Elmore Shul Board

Every corporation in America is busy trying to raise its market share. I propose that here in Elizabeth we strive to increase our "minyan share." What do I mean by minyan share? If you ask the *Gabbaim*, you'll find that on a typical day the attendance at daily *minyanim* is about 25-35% of the *Shabbat* participation.

Recently we read *Parashat Metzora*, describing the types of skin afflictions and their remedies. The only way to determine that a particular infection was, in fact, *tzora'at* was an examination by a *Cohen*. It also was the *Cohen* who would declare the sufferer to be healed. Rabbi Avigdor Miller, Z"L, used to say that the contact with the *Cohen* was necessary because *Cohanim* were the teachers, and, perhaps, the individual with *tzora'at* was in need of spiritual instruction. By getting closer to the *Cohen*, this instruction would be available.

I have always felt that mourners are required to say *Kaddish* every day because they need to be in shul three times every day. We are scrupulous in our observance of this requirement. If *davening* with a *minyan* is essential, why wait for a parent, G-d forbid, to pass away?

If you are fortunate enough to still have your parents, or if you have lost a parent, why not start your day with a *minyan*? You will be amazed how terrific you will feel and how much you improve your productivity at work. Together, we can grow our "minyan share."

Thanks for reading, and be well,

Dave

Want to quickly find the times for *minyanim*
(or *shiurim*, or upcoming events, or...)?

No problem!

Go to <http://schedule.thejec.org>
and click on the "View Announcement[s]" button!

The JEC Youth Department
invites everyone to a
Family Picnic
May 20th
Echo Lake Park
Directions and park map
can be found on the JEC website
12:30pm-3:00pm
Baseball games, Pony rides, Races,
Inflatable Rides, Music, Food & More!!!
Members- \$10 per person, \$40 family cap
Non-Members- \$12 per person, \$50 family cap
Admission includes BB-Q and all attractions
A bus will be leaving JEC at 12:00 and returning from the park
at 3:00 for those who are interested.
RSVP is required by May 18th
Call Elie Bodner © 917-583-5963