



"To be an inclusive and thriving center of Jewish spiritual, cultural and social life for the Lawrence area."

Message from Treasurer

A word or two for those of you who blinked and might have missed recent changes. After Terri's September letter to the congregation, I volunteered to review LJCC procedures to see if we could figure out why we weren't achieving our goals. In that capacity, I was at the Board meeting where David Ross said he was too overcommitted to continue as Treasurer. I'd like to say the rest is history, but then we learned Bonnie was leaving. This is why I've been answering the LJCC phone lately. I have been spending so much time in the office trying to figure out the financial system and working with the Search Committee to replace Bonnie that I've also turned into receptionist and taker-out of garbage. Thanks to Bonnie and David and many others for lending multiple hands to help get me off the ground.

Here is the current news:

1. We have several well-qualified applicants for the Office Manager position, and I'm confident we will have someone in place by the end of the month and possibly earlier.
2. I do not have a firm budget status and projection report yet, but we have had two very good months following Terri's appeal. We are in the black for now. However, don't relax! If giving was merely accelerated but not increased, the deficit will be back to bite us later.
3. I have identified a number of "disconnects" in how the LJCC goes about its internal business and will discuss these issues with the Board.

And about the future: Make sure your seat belt is fastened. Changes are coming with a new Office Manager, an action-oriented President and Board, and a focus on improving our internal functioning. Some changes will be essential; others optional (at least in terms of their form and implementation). We welcome feedback (preferably constructive), and we will do our best to consult with and advise the community about developments. As I make further discoveries, I'm planning to have a series of info bites (The Treasurer's Trove?) in the weekly announcements.

Bob Buddemeier

LJCC Wish List

The Center is getting older and ragged around the edges. Maintenance issues need to be addressed. So in each month's newsletter a wish list for things that need attention will be published. Won't you take a look at the list and see if there is some way you could help by spending a little time, a little cash, or donating an item? Perhaps you could organize or participate in a project? Let the Board know if you have additional suggestions.

December Wish List

Repair/replace wooden railing by west main door. It's rickety and unsafe!

Paint north and east doors (outside), kitchen, foyer, upstairs and downstairs hallways, and the office.

Replace step-stool in the kitchen.

Plant or donate bulbs for fall landscape planting; need planter-boxes and potting soil for spring planting.

{For Chanukah, Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg has sent us this poem.}

Light

for Stan

Every act an exchange of light with light,
Stan says as we sit on lawn chairs in the sun.
Gravity catches everything: the falling down,
the fear of harm, the harm anyway along lines
thought tapless, nonexistent, all made from
flecks of light, even our comfortable bones
magnet to magnet to the sun, the moon,
whatever catches the light.

Everything we see travels this way –
the shimmering starling landing on the roof
across the alley, the first pin oak leaf detaching,
the pebbles under our feet, the squirrel
gathering its winter all fall.
Light makes one live moment out of a dead one
as we sit under the sun, miniaturized from
the eight minutes it takes to land here.

When I fall asleep, when I fall in love,
when I trip in the hall and catch myself
it's all gravity, which loves us all so much
it can't help but to pull us close, show us
the floor, and then how to draw on the light
to push ourselves back up.

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www.CarynMirriamGoldberg.wordpress.com

*Caryn is the Poet Laureate of the State of Kansas,
a member of our community, and a member of
Shiray Shabbat.*

Contributions

General Fund

Hilda Enoch

In honor of the new parents, Daniel & Andrea Rosen, & the new Grandparents, Dennis & Terri Rosen & the newest members of the Rosen Family, Moshe Chaim at his Naming Ceremony

Gail Kernes

Linda & Victor Frost

Cathy Lyman & Michael Fox

In honor of the Mitzvah Committee—Loraine Lindenbaum, Shirley Garfield & Judy Green for all they do to help the LJCC community in their time of need.

In celebration of the naming of Nicholas M. Rosen.

In honor of the LJCC President Terri Rosen's great idea for a fundraising campaign.

Best Wishes to Dinah & Fred Lovitch.

In honor of Shirley Garfield's birthday.

In memory of Harry Shaffer remembering his story of how he met Betty.

In memory of Charles Benjamin & his work to improve the environment.

In honor of the LJCW board & their wonderful programs—Carla DeHetre, Bonnie Liscek, Martha Taylor, Polli Kenn, Arlene Slocum, Eve Levin, Loraine Lindenbaum & Hagith Sivan.

In honor of Theodore H. Fox's 2nd birthday.

In honor of Lyman Fox earning a Master's degree in Public Health.

In honor of all those who helped make High Holiday services special.

Wishing the best for Audrey Leban in her move to the Seattle area.

Thanking Hilda Enoch for advocating for the homeless, for her work in social justice and for her work or universal health care.

Lynne & Bob Holt

Sally Lieberman

Cheryl Lester & Philip Bernard for the Yahrzeit of Siegfried Ruschin and in honor of Jack Winerock and Susan Elkins for High Holiday services.

Dinah & Fred Lovitch

Roberta Schiff

Lois & Jim Schneider in honor of Bonnie Liscek

Table Tennis Club, via Jonathan Paretsky

Gregory, Anke & Jakob Rudnick

The World Company

Donations to Local Charities

Leni & Neil Salkind (LINK)

Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego in honor of Amy Gottschamer's service to LJCC Board and LJCC Preschool Play Group.

Yahrzeit

Samuel Hurwitz	December 3, 1966
Murray Joel Pollack	December 5, 2008
Charles Benjamin	December 13, 2010
Max Levine	December 16, 1991
Hilary M. Lewis	December 18, 2009
Fred Litwin	December 21, 1984
Sylvia P. Hurwitz	December 22, 1965
Joe Paretsky	December 23, 1974
Louis Shawl	December 23, 1998
June Fautin	December 23, 1980
Thelma Frost	December 23, 2004
Adam Lombardo	December 24, 1980
Dale Kline	December 29, 2008

December Birthdays

4 Nancy Hiebert
4 Caryn Goldberg
8 Jim Mielke
11 John Hoopes
11 Jacob Kovel
11 Lily Kenn
18 Shira Flescher
19 Suzanne Sherr
25 Shari Kovel
26 Nathaniel Hoopes
27 Anne Schulman

President's Message: Blintz Brunch— Thank You! And Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to us, the LJCC community! Another successful Blintz Brunch! For the 47th year, we were host to the greater Lawrence community. I could tell how much it was appreciated as I helped serve oranges and blintzes at the kitchen window. Comments from our guests included, "I wouldn't miss it," "Thank you for doing this for Lawrence," and "I've been coming for 50 years!" (Okay, she was off by a few years.) Not only does the Blintz Brunch bring the greater Lawrence community together, it brings us together, a very good reason to continue the Blintz Brunch tradition. Another, of course, is that it is our significant fundraiser of the year, and preliminary results indicate that we did well.

So, here's a big "thank you!" to all who made it a success. You tended to the many details--from how much strawberry jam to purchase to moving the ark. There were the wonderful hard-working set up and clean-up crews. Let's not forget those involved with: ticket sales, Bake Sale (which sold out 99.9% as it always does), the outstanding Silent Auction, and the fabulous Gift Shop. Waiters did a great job hustling to serve guests as did the well-honed kitchen crew serving the blintzes. Last but not least, hats off to the organizers and planners. I haven't listed names of participants because there are so many, and I don't want to leave anyone out.

So again, congratulations! Let's start thinking about how to make next year's Blintz Brunch even better. Let me you know your thoughts at tjean@sunflower.com. Thank you. Shalom, Terri



Silent Auction Update

There are unsold items from the Silent Auction with market value. These include art works, collectibles, and designer goods. Does anyone in the community have experience with selling merchandise on EBAY or similar venues? Are you interested in helping the LJCC find buyers for these items?

If you are willing (or can suggest someone) to assist us to increase revenues through online sales, please contact Liz Kundin at 331-8859 or lkundin365@aol.com. And many thanks to individuals and businesses who made or solicited donations or who set up or took down the Silent Auction room.

Liz Kundin

LJCC Office Operations

Volunteers and Board members have been doing their best to answer phone/email queries, send out weekly emails and newsletters, handle finances, and other tasks previously done by our office manager.

We appreciate your patience and apologize in advance for inadvertent faux pas and omissions. *Your LJCC volunteers*

Search Committee for Office Manager

The LJCC Office Manager position has been advertised, and committee members Shelley Skie, Artie Shaw, Bob Budde-meier, and Terri Rosen, have been conducting interviews. A hiring announcement will be forthcoming.



Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who baked, cooked, and worked at the Bake Sale. Half-price savory and potato blintzes for sale at the LJCC.

Neil Salkind and Loraine Lindenbaum

LJCC Book Club

The LJCC Book Group will meet in January (time and date TBA) to discuss National Book Award Finalist *Great House* by Nicole Krauss, author of *The History of Love*. *Great House* weaves together several stories connected by a huge desk with many drawers that exerts a power over those who possess it or have given it away. As the narrators of *Great House* make their confessions, the desk takes on more and more meaning. It comes finally to stand for all that has been taken from them and all that binds them to what has disappeared. This novel about memory struggling to create a meaningful permanence in the face of inevitable loss raises the questions: What do we pass on to our children and how do they absorb our dreams and losses? How do we respond to disappearance, destruction, and change?

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Contributions

Make a contribution to one of our funds, or send a donation in honor of someone special this month! Donations can be sent to the LJCC at 917 Highland Dr., Lawrence, KS 66044 or paid on-line at lawrencejcc.org.

Celebrate the joyous events of life with the addition of a leaf on our beautiful Tree of Life created by Herb Friedson. Suggested donation for each leaf is \$130.

Preserve the memory of your loved ones with a bronze plaque in their name for our Memorial Board. Each plaque is \$175.

Lawrence GiveBack Card

The LJCC is now participating with the Lawrence GiveBack program. A percentage of your purchases with participating merchants will be donated to the LJCC, and you accrue loyalty points. After 200 points, you receive a \$10 credit that you can use with any of the restaurants and retailers in the program. All you need to do is pick-up a free card from the LJCC or a participating local merchant, activate your card on-line, and show the card whenever you go to any of those merchants.



Join the Chai Squared Campaign!

\$18 x \$18 = \$324

L'dor V'dor Society

Robert Einstein (deceased)
Susan Elkins & Jack Winerock
Anita Herzfeld
Frances & Floyd Horowitz
Liz Kundin & Neil Shanberg
Dinah Lovitch
Judith Roitman
Beverly & Howard Rosenfeld
Leni & Neil Salkind
Artie Shaw

The L'Dor V'dor Society is a group of individuals who have left property or funds to the LJCC in their estate plans. This Society is open to everyone, and the only requirement is to let the Treasurer know that you have mentioned the LJCC in your estate plan. Exact details of what is allocated are not required, but the estate plan must be properly executed.

Mitzvah Committee

The Mitzvah Committee is here to help with food preparation, transportation, home and hospital visits or anything else during your time of need. Please contact Loraine Lindenbaum at 843-4308, Shirley Garfield at 842-3946, or Judy Green at 842-8473.

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Our dues are based on a suggested percentage of gross income. The percentage is **1.5%**. Single-parent families and new members for the first year are **1%**. Associate Membership for those who live outside of Lawrence or pay dues to another congregation is **\$216** per year. For special circumstances, contact the Treasurer, Bob Buddemeier.

To become a member, please print the following information and send with your check to: LJCC, 917 Highland Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

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