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Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for Temple
Topics is the second
Sunday of each month!

Sympathy

We send condolences to...

Rabbi Weiner, on the loss of his friend, Rabbi Allan Smith
Erik Wolf, on the loss of his grandmother, Rose Friedman
Steve Rockoff, on the loss of his father, Jerome Rockoff
Dr. Marcia Nackenson, on the loss of her father, Jerome Nackenson
Robin Friedman, on the loss of her father, Alvin Bieber
Kehillah School, on the loss of their teacher, Lauren Jordano
Richard Grayson, on the loss of his mother, Betty Grayson
Orietta Schneider, on the loss of her cousin, John Brako
Elliot Kassoff, on the loss of his father, Edward Kassoff

"May their souls be bound up in the eternal bond"

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to...

- **The Herschenfeld Family**, on the marriage of Adam & Molly
- **Orietta Schneider**, on the engagement of her daughter, Kimberly to Alex Harriethal
- **Jason & Sondra Falberg**, and big sisters **Nora and Sadie**, on the birth of their daughter, and sister, Ada Callie Falberg, who was born on November 4th
- **Adam Sobel & Susan Siegel**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Edie Gefen Silverstein Sobel, born to parents, Naomi Sobel & Rabbi Becky Silverstein

Send your good news and achievements to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

Snowbirds

Are you leaving for the Winter? Give us a call to let us know you're leaving so "Temple Topics" can find you! We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings!

Comedy Night!

Are you funny? Do you like to be on stage?
Here's your big break - Comedy Night!
If interested call Jackie Saril now at (914) 393-7043.
Comedy Night is on Saturday, March 21, 2020!

From the President



Dear fellow congregants,

As always, there's so much taking place at Temple Israel. The rest of this issue details the programming and events taking place over the coming month. Please pay particular attention to what will be a regular submission from Ilissa Warhit and Todd Brecher, our Rabbinic search committee chairs, regarding progress with our clergy search, and requests for your involvement.

I'll use this space to update you regarding progress with initiatives the Board of Trustees is taking to ensure our firm financial footing moving forward. With our expansive building and 15 acre campus come both challenges and opportunities. The challenge is supporting a facility originally envisioned for over 1,500 families. The opportunity lies in creatively making use of our excess capacity to supplement our revenues with programs and opportunities consistent with our mission.

Sunrise Assisted Living Facility:

In March of 2017 our congregation voted approval to enter into agreement with Sunrise Development, an owner and operator of Senior Assisted Living Facilities. The proposal was to grant Sunrise a 99-year ground lease of 4 acres at the northerly most portion of our property for purposes of developing a facility capable of housing approximately 90 units.

The Board was recently presented the final lease agreement which contained significant differences from the project initially presented to the congregation. As such, approval of the project was reconsidered by the Board of Trustees at its November 20th meeting. The Board heard from approximately 25 congregants who came to share their opinions regarding the project. After hearing from all parties present **the Board voted not to proceed with the project.**

Classroom Rentals:

For the past 7 years we rented out the downstairs classroom space in our religious school to the Westchester Torah Academy (WTA). Their tenancy ended in June. We have retained a commercial real estate broker, RM Friedland, LLC, to help us make best use of that space in WTA's absence. Our listing may be found here: https://rmfriedland.com/rmf_listing/1000-pinebrook-blvd/. You are one of our best resources. Should you be aware of an organization that might benefit from use of our space please don't hesitate to speak with me, any member of the Board of Trustees, or our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff.

After School Program:

A committee, chaired by Board member Jamie Deutsch, is exploring the possibility of launching and operating an after school program at Temple Israel. Many of our Kehillah families have expressed disappointment that their children don't

have a way to continue their relationship with Temple Israel after aging out of Kehillah. At the same time many working families struggle with the logistics of the hours after school lets out. The committee is exploring the feasibility of offering an enriching program that makes use of our existing facilities and expertise in this area.

Camp Pinebrook:

Following the significant growth from our first to second summer, and in response to a perceived need in the community, we are exploring the possibility of extending our Camp Pinebrook calendar by offering a 2-week extension program at the end of our current 8-week program. We'll look forward to providing further details as the feasibility of this project becomes more apparent.

These initiatives are designed to further enrich all we do on our campus while helping to provide a firm financial footing for years forward. All these initiatives would further benefit from your participation. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these projects, or have other ideas of your own, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our Board members or our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff. Together we'll thrive.

Rich Alter
Temple President



Temple Israel is Grateful

TEMPLE FUND

Anonymous

John Reiches & June Streisand, to repair the Sukkah

Brian & Heaps, for the Tallit rack and related expenses

William & Roberta Bruenn, in memory of Bill Handelman

Marion and Ilissa Herskowitz, in memory of their beloved husband and father, Allen Herskowitz

Sidney M. Kirschner & Lynn Masterson, in honor of Matt Egelberg on his Bar Mitzvah

The Family of Rose Friedman, in memory of Erik Wolf's grandmother, Rose Friedman

Erik & Marcy Wolf, in memory of his grandmother, Rose Friedman

Adam & Mia Egelberg, in honor of our amazing clergy, Rabbi Weiner, Rabbi Nichols, and Cantor Schloss

Don & Judy Pinals, in honor of Josh Warhit & Reut Peleg's engagement, Paul & Ilissa Warhit's son & fiancée

Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Jack & Ellen Egan's new grandson, Peter J. Marlier

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RABBI NICHOLS' DISCRETIONARY FUND
Don & Judy Pinals, in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols for their honor on Yom Kippur
Steve & Jana Rockoff, in memory of Jerome (Jerry) Rockoff and in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols for her support and leading minyan during shivah

CANTOR SCHLOSS' DISCRETIONARY FUND
Don & Judy Pinals, in appreciation of their honor on Yom Kippur
Adam & Mia Egelberg, in honor of Cantor Schloss for training & preparing Matt for his Bar Mitzvah

Richard Grayson, in appreciation of Cantor Schloss for officiating at the funeral of Betty Grayson

Steve & Jana Rockoff, in memory of Jerome (Jerry) Rockoff and in appreciation of Cantor Schloss for his support and leading minyan during shivah

BROTHERHOOD FUND
Paul & Ilissa Warhit, in honor of the arrival of Adam Sobel & Susan Siegel's new granddaughter, Edie Gefen Silverstein Sobel

Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of the birth of Adam Sobel & Susan Siegel's new granddaughter, Edie Gefen Silverstein Sobel

ENDOWMENT FUND
Herbert Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Richard Grayson's mother, Betty

HOSPITALITY FUND
The Schwartz Family, in honor of Dylan's Bat Mitzvah

KEHILLAH SCHOOL PROGRAM FUND
Howard & Beverly Hoffmann, in memory of Morah Lauren Jordano

MUSIC FUND
Sharon L. Weisberg, in honor of Thelma Fixler's 100th Birthday

Paul & Barbara Greene, in memory of David Reps
Don & Judy Pinals, in memory of Emanuela Pinals, wife of Robert Pinals, and Don & Judy's sister-in-law

TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES
Paul & Ilissa Warhit, in memory of Rose Friedman, Erik Wolf's grandmother
Alan & Toni Hoffman, in memory of Richard Grayson's mother, Betty; in memory of Marcia Nackenson's father, Jerome

Richard Grayson, in memory of his mother, Betty

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FUND

Karen, Richard, Sarah & Hannah Balik, in honor of Josh Warhit & Reut Peleg's engagement, Paul & Ilissa Warhit's son & fiancée

Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Kim Schneider & Alex Haristhal's engagement, Orietta Schneider's daughter & fiancée; in honor of Josh Warhit & Reut Peleg's engagement, Paul & Ilissa Warhit's son & fiancée

HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL
Derek & Jamie Deutsch
Jason & Marilyn Morris
Jonathan & Karin Sadow
Ed & Barbara Silverman
Michael & Sandy Tannenbaum

Temple Israel of New Rochelle 2019-2020 Support
Now is the time to join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2019-2020 year.

Visit www.tinr.org to see the options to help guide you in your pledge as you reflect upon what Temple Israel means to you, and to our wider community.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

The Tamid Society



LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE TEMPLE

Please consider joining

with those who have pledged a legacy to the Temple by joining the Tamid Society. There is no minimum gift required. You will simply gain the satisfaction of providing the Temple with a gift to help ensure all the benefits you have enjoyed will be passed on to future generations. All it takes is a provision in your will to remember the Temple.

The following Temple members have made such a pledge; new members will be listed in future issues of Temple Topics:

Janice & Warren Agatston

Barbara & Frank Axel

Bernice Braun (estate)

Leroy Fadem

Evelyn Jacobs (estate)

Lilly Kaplan (estate)

Carol & Arthur Ostrove

Carole & Mitchell Ostrove

Lloyd Robinson

Amy Sincoff (estate)

Mady & Jeffrey Stier

Ilissa & Paul Warhit

For more information, please

contact Anita Aronoff at the

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235-1800 or email Anita.Aronoff@tinr.org

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Temple Israel of New Rochelle also gratefully accepts donations of real property. Please contact Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, to discuss in confidence and advise her of your donation at (914) 235-1800.

Board of Trustees Minutes

Cantor Schloss offered a Word of Torah to open the Board Meeting: *"Lasot v'divrei Torah."* In the words of the Talmud, *one who is occupied with the needs of the community is occupied with matters of Torah. Matters of the community are not separate from prayer, but rather are akin to studying Torah.*

Rabbi Nichols shared that the Temple Chanukah celebration will be held on Thursday evening December 19. Congregants are welcome to bring their own dinner or plan to order pizza with TIFTY in advance. Communications will be sent out in December. Brotherhood will continue its tradition and serve latkes.

Last month, Kehillah suffered the loss of one of its teachers, Lauren Jordano. Rabbi Nichols shared that Kehillah parents and staff came together during this difficult time. Kehillah closed the morning of the funeral to permit staff to attend. Rabbi Nichols led the services here at Temple Israel. Kehillah truly is a "Kehillah," a strong community.

Chavaya has an exciting new addition to the lifecycle curriculum for *Ahleem*, the fifth and sixth graders. On November 19, they traveled to Temple Israel Center of White Plains to observe and learn about a *mikveh*, the ritual bath. On Sunday, November 24, Chavaya is hosting a breakfast with Naomi Schaefer Riley, author of **Be the Parent, Please. Stop Banning Seesaws and Start Banning Snapchat: Strategies for Solving the Real Parenting Problems.**

Mark your calendars for the annual congregational mitzvah day, scheduled for Sunday, December 8, in place of regular Chavaya programming. The community is invited to participate.

Adam Egelberg, Treasurer, provided the financial report. High holiday appeals came in lower than last fiscal year. This was because pledge cards were not sent out this year in recognition of the difficult news congregants were just presented regarding our clergy team. We are behind budget in revenues. We currently have 482 member families (inclusive of 22 Kehillah families). Kehillah families are encouraged to consider all that Temple Israel has to offer. Please talk to Laurie Thomas or Anita Aronoff about payment options for membership.

Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, reported that pledge commitments were lower than they were last year. Cash collections year to date have significantly caught up from last year. If you have not sent your pledge commitment, we encourage you to do so before the end of the calendar year.

Rich Alter reported that an individual was spotted trespassing on our property on the night of 11/19. The New Rochelle and Westchester County police were notified and encouraged us to be vigilant in our reporting of anything suspicious. Rich Alter led a discussion about the Sunrise proposal before the Board vote. Congregants expressed varied opinions about proceeding with the project. In addition to our active board and 16 Honorary Board members, more than 20 congregants attended the Board meeting. After a spirited conversation and opportunity for "Q and A", the board voted not to enter in to a final agreement with Sunrise Senior Living,

providing Sunrise with a 99-year ground lease for a portion of our property.

Rich Alter reported that a cell phone service provider approached the Temple about placing a cell tower on the edge of our property near the Hutchinson River Parkway under a monthly lease agreement. We are considering a consultant to discuss best practices and assist in negotiations. Any such project would require congregational approval.

Jesse Gallop raised two new possibilities relating to Camp Pinebrook. Camp Pinebrook would like to offer a two-week additional program between the end of summer and the start of the school year. There is great demand for parents to find coverage during this period. Additionally, the Camp would like the board to consider funding adventure elements, which were included in the original budget for camp. Adventure elements (rope course and zip lines) for the older age group served by camp would keep us competitive and be used as a recruiting tool.

Finally, Ilissa Warhit and Todd Brecher, chairs of the rabbi search committee, explained that the committee is comprised of members representing a cross-section of the entire TINR community. Discussion ensued about the merits of hiring an interim rabbi for a year who is trained to support the community during a period of healing and reflection. This issue will be discussed more at the committee's next meeting on November 24th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be open to all congregants. Todd and Ilissa will work to ensure there is as much publicity as possible about the meeting.



Rabbi Search

Dear Fellow Congregants,

We are pleased to introduce ourselves as chairs of the Rabbinic Search Committee. We have assembled a search committee (listed below) that represents a cross section of our community and its interests including Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Chavaya, and Kehillah. Additionally the committee includes older congregants, empty nesters, interfaith family members, teen representative, as well as clergy and staff. Our hope is that this diverse representation will provide for fair, well balanced, and unbiased considerations.

It is critical that the congregation is involved in this process. To that end, **on December 4th we invite you to attend our next meeting.** There we will discuss the choice between an interim vs. a permanent rabbi. Please come lend your voice. **Refreshments will begin at 7:30 pm. The discussion will begin at 8:00 pm.**

We look forward to working with our current clergy team, staff, and congregation to ensure a smooth transition and to make this a positive experience for all.

Thank you,
Ilissa Warhit, Todd Brecher

Search Committee Members
Warren Agatston, Anita Aronoff
Brian Heaps, Jennifer Herbst
Dalia Levine, Rebecca Lippel
Marilyn Morris, Carly Rieger
Cantor Schloss, Laurie Thomas
Dan Weiser

Rabbi's Note

Dear *chevrei* (friends),

Generally speaking, gambling has been an untoward activity within Jewish tradition. In most cases, gambling has been forbidden by Jewish law – but not always and not under all circumstances. The clearest indication that, at the very least, gamblers – more than the act of gambling itself – should be viewed with skepticism comes in the *Mishnah*, which bans gamblers from serving as witnesses in court. The assumption is that gamblers are unreliable. Of course, the Talmud and many sources since then have disputed the reasons for this and whether or not there should be a hard and fast prohibition against all gambling. Like any other topic in Jewish tradition – opinions vary. In the end, some Jewish legal authorities allow most forms of gambling while others forbid nearly all of them and then there is every opinion in between those two extremes. The one nearly universal prohibition is that no one should be a professional gambler as they contribute little to nothing to society and, at least for most of history, they existed in the darker corners of society.

Regardless of the varied opinions, there is one special carve-out in the law – that on certain special occasions, one may do a little “light” gambling – a game of chance or cards among friends and family. One set of circumstances when this is allowed is when Jews need to pass through an unpleasant time, such as minor fasts (not Yom Kippur!) when you are just looking for a way to pass the time without thinking about food. Another unpleasant time when gambling was allowed, historically, was Christmas Eve, when it was dangerous for Jews to be out and about, so they could stay locked up indoors and entertain themselves with a little gambling.

The other time when gambling was allowed was on minor festivals like Purim and Chanukah. In fact, on Chanukah, it is one of the activities specifically listed as approved to do by the light of the Chanukah menorah! Hence, the game of dreidl. Sure, we see it as a kids’ game, played for candy, but once upon a time, it was a rare chance for adults to gamble too! There could even be a high stakes game of dreidl. This was one of the practices which made Chanukah a different kind of holiday – one that is meant to be joyous and celebratory in a unique way. We are commanded to enjoy the light of the menorah and that was one way to do it.

While not a big gambler myself, I can spin a pretty good dreidl! Clearly, that is only one way to bring joy into the eight nights of Chanukah. Each family has its traditions for the holiday, too. Fried foods, presents, parties all add to the joy of the festival. As a community, we have a lot of ways to celebrate too, as we do each year. This year, however, most of our communal celebrating will take place a little bit in advance of the holiday, as Chanukah takes place completely during Winter Break. So, we’re going to party early this year! That doesn’t mean we are skipping any of our usual revelry: Brotherhood’s Latkes & Vodkas, the annual Chanukah party, lots of singing for Chavaya and Kehillah, fun and games, the nightly lighting of the giant chanukiah in the lobby and more. Please look at the next page to see the details about all of the festivities and when you can join us for them.

If you are travelling, I hope that you will do a little Chanukah reveling wherever you are. If not, come by and celebrate with us!

Happy Chanukah!
Rabbi Scott Weiner



TIFTY

Come make sandwiches for the HOPE Soup Kitchen at our **Monthly Sandwich Brigade on Tuesday, December 3, 8-9 pm**. This month our Sandwich Brigade follows a speaker focused on helping those experiencing hunger and homelessness (see page 13). Get inspired by the speaker and then get right to work by making sandwiches. This month, adults and teens are all invited to participate. *Please contact Social Action VP Hayden Roberge for more information. Please bring loaves of bread, jelly or non-peanut butters (allergy friendly).*

Our **TIFTY Monthly Meeting** will take place on **December 4 at 6 pm**. It is open to all teens and is a great way to get involved. We will catch up with one another, eat dinner and plan for the fall. *Because dinner is included, please RSVP ahead of time so that we can make sure to have enough food. Contact Maya Schloss with questions or RSVPs.*

Support TIFTY by purchasing pizza at the **Temple Israel Chanukah Party, Thursday, December 19**. Visit www.tinr.org/events to reserve your pie or slices in advance!

Tikkun Teens

Tikkun Olam is our Jewish obligation to “repair the world.” Tikkun Teens is Temple Israel’s new community service club, empowering teens to make a difference in our community, while maintaining a connection to Judaism and the Jewish community. Tikkun Teens holds monthly events assisting different non-profits around Westchester. During the fall, we partnered with The Sharing Shelf, The Jewish Board’s Mann Center (a residential treatment facility for adolescents, see below) and Repair the World. On December 8th, we will join our whole community at Mitzvah Day.

Tikkun Teens is open to all 8th-12th graders. Enrollment in other teen programs at Temple Israel is not a requirement. Teens can participate every month, or sign up for individual months. *For more information, please contact Rabbi Nichols.*



Temple Israel teens giving back at the Sally & Anthony Mann Center of The Jewish Board. Thank you to The Beauty Room of Larchmont and their donations of beauty supplies.

Chanukah

Day by Day

Sunday, December 22

1st Candle
Chanukah Begins
at Sundown

Monday, December 23

2nd Candle

Tuesday, December 24

3rd Candle

Wednesday, December 25

4th Candle

Thursday, December 26

5th Candle

Friday, December 27

6th Candle

Saturday, December 28

7th Candle

Sunday, December 29

8th Candle
Last Night of Chanukah

Monday, December 30

Last Day of Chanukah

Party

Community Chanukah Party

Thursday, December 19, 6 pm

Crafts & activities for all ages! Latkes & donuts!

Bring your own dinner or order a pizza to support

TIFTY! Visit www.tinr.org/events

(There will be no menorah lighting this evening.)

Give

**Giving Tree
Social Action
Committee
Gifts due Sunday,
December 8**

Get leaves from the
Temple lobby for
requested gifts for
children who need a
special holiday!



Cook

Latkes & Vodka

Brotherhood Sponsored

TWO NIGHTS, 6 pm

Sunday, December 15

Tuesday, December 17

Make latkes, drink vodka!

All Welcome, Adults 21+

Preparing latkes for the
Chanukah Party

Contact Mitchell Tarnopal at
mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com or
Todd Pekats at toddPekats@live.com
to participate for both or either evening!



Sing

Chanukah Song Fest
(All Invited)

Thursday, December 19, 5:30 pm

Start the evening in song!

Join the Kehillah classes as they
lead us in song.

Celebrate

Shabbat Before Chanukah
Friday, December 20, 6 pm

Join us for a special
pre Chanukah Service
featuring the music of Chanukah

Light

Menorah Lightings
will be on:

Monday, December 23rd

Thursday, December 26th

Friday, December 27th

Join us at 5:40 pm, to light
the Menorah in the lobby...

take time to reflect and be
joyous about the Festival of Lights!





Mitzvah Day

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:15 - 9:30 am Cocoa, Coffee & Donuts
 9:35 - 9:45 am Kick-Off Blessing
 9:45 am Projects Begin

Registration deadline to participate:
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019

**“If I am not for me, who is for me; and if I am (only) for myself, what am I.
 And if not now, when?” – Hillel, Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14**

Dear Friends,

Sunday, December 8, is Temple Israel’s 5th Congregational Mitzvah Day! The next two pages contain our **“Mitzvah Menu” of projects** listing project descriptions, times, age requirements, and space limitations. Projects are geared towards all ages, 0-100!

All projects require registration. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Many projects will fill up quickly, so please register early! Winter Decorating welcomes drop-ins but we still ask you to register so that we can prepare supplies accordingly.

This year we are asking participants to pre-order a pizza for lunch when you register online or by completing the paper registration form. (Gluten-free, dairy-free and nut-free options are available). The Social Action Committee will provide salad and beverages.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Register online at bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019 via Sign-Up Genius where you will be able to choose projects, link to our Target Wishlist, and pay for a pizza lunch.
2. Complete the paper registration form on the back of the Mitzvah Menu. Mail or drop off the form at Temple Israel of New Rochelle. Please write on the envelope “Attn: Mitzvah Day”.

Both online and paper registration close on December 4.

We look forward to making a difference with you on December 8. Please feel free to reach out to either of us with questions.

Warmly,

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 Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs 2019

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Reminder!
 Giving Tree gifts/leaves
 due back to the tree by
Sunday, December 8, 2019

*You can fulfill items on the Mitzvah Day Target Wishlist by **visiting tgt.gifts/TINRMitzvahDay2019** You can also bring in items listed on the Mitzvah Menu and leave them in the Giving Corner (next to the coatroom) by Wednesday, December 4. Thank you for all donations.*

Mitzvah Day • Registration Form

Sign up at: bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019 or complete the form below and return:

Temple Israel of New Rochelle, 1000 Pinebrook Boulevard, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Attn: Mitzvah Day. (914) 235-1800

Projects are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. Spaces are limited, so register early. We expect projects to fill up quickly. Please make sure to register ALL family and friends who will be taking part in **Mitzvah Day**.

Name: _____ Age (if under 18): _____

Please list the 3 project choices: (P#) _____

Telephone (am or pm): _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Pizza RSVP:

of PIES _____ x \$15 = _____

Total Cost

Additional Participants:

Please indicate NUT, DAIRY or GLUTEN FREE _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Project Choices: _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Project Choices: _____

WAIVER: All participants regardless of age, must sign a waiver. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign.

I understand that I am spending the day as a volunteer on projects organized by Temple Israel with nonprofit groups in New York. I understand that I am responsible for my behavior and will perform only volunteer work that I am comfortable doing. I agree to release Temple Israel of New Rochelle, officers, trustees, employees and volunteers from any and all claims that arise as a result of any expenses, personal injury, loss or damages incurred by me during my participation on December 8, 2019

Participant _____

Participant _____

Participant _____

Participant _____

Parent/Guardian (if above individual is under 18 years old)

**Return this completed form
to the Temple by
Wednesday, December 4th!**

5th Annual Congregational Mitzvah

On - Site Projects

P1. Cook up a Storm for Community Service Associates Soup Kitchen (CSA):

Prepare a delicious and nutritious meal for the 70+ clients at CSA in Mt. Vernon. Children 4 and up; *Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 20 people.*

ACTIVITY: 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Forbes Kitchen

**** Meal to be served Tuesday, 12/10, at 5:00 pm. Contact Mia Egelberg at miaegelberg@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019 to register to serve the meal.**

P2. Jewelry Making for My Sister's Place:

Create bracelets for the clients at MSP. A representative from MSP will join to share more about the work they do. *Ages 10 and up welcome.*

Space is limited to 15 people per session. ACTIVITY: Session I 10:00-11:00 am Session II 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cultural Center

P3. Hot Cocoa Cups & Superhero Bars:

Create yummy treat packages in appreciation of our neighborhood police officers. The NRPD will join us to share about their work and bring vehicles. K-9 visit possible. *All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 50 people.*

ACTIVITY: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

LOCATION: Forbes

P4. Winter Decorating: Create festive decorations for HOPE Community Services and the Bronx JCC to brighten their dining room for the holidays. We will make beaded snowflakes, paper flowers and other festive holiday crafts. *Open to all ages. Drop-ins welcome.*

ACTIVITY: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Lobby

P10. Inspire a Teen: Create a decoupage project with inspirational messages to encourage the teens and decorate The Jewish Board's Mann Center. *Ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. ACTIVITY: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. LOCATION: Brotherhood Lounge*

P5. Brown Bag Lunch Making: For Trinity St. Paul Church in New Rochelle. Help make 90 brown bag lunches to be distributed in downtown New Rochelle. *Ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 20 people.*

ACTIVITY: 11:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Forbes

P6. Holiday Meals-in-a-Bag: Sort holiday foods into reusable tote bags to be distributed at Community Service Associates in Mt. Vernon. *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 10 people.*

ACTIVITY: 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Forbes

P7. Toiletries "To Go" bags for The Jewish Board (TJB): Pack toiletries for the teens residing at the Sally and Anthony Mann Center in Hawthorne, NY. *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 20 people.*

ACTIVITY: 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Lapidus

P8. Humane Society: Make pet toys for the local Humane Society's furry residents. A Humane Society volunteer will join us to share about their work. *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 30 people.*

ACTIVITY: 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

LOCATION: Brotherhood Lounge

P9. Snooza Palooza: Create bedtime care packages for children at a local Head Start, WIC (Women, Infants and Children's Program) & My Sisters' Place. *Ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 25 people.*

ACTIVITY: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Library

Collections

Thanks to all who have pledged donations to the Social Action Committee. Donations are welcome all year round and enable the Social Action Committee to host Mitzvah Day and other programming throughout the year.

The following is needed to help make Mitzvah Day a success:

***REUSABLE Grocery Bags (Clean, new and gently used please)**

Holiday Meals-in-a-Bag

- Stuffing
- Pasta
- Rice
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Jell-O
- Gravy (boxed)
- Canned Cranberries/Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes (boxed)

Toiletries "To Go"

- New/Unopened Toiletries (travel or regular size)
- Toiletry bags in excellent condition
Male and female items needed

Snooza Palooza

- New or gently used board or picture books
- New or VERY gently used baby and toddler pajamas (sizes 0-5)

The Sharing Shelf

- New/Gently used fall or winter kids' clothing
- NEW Hats, gloves & scarves
- NEW Socks, bras & underwear

The Humane Society

- Old long tube socks
- Old t-shirts
- Tennis balls
- Cat nip

Mitzvah Day • Sunday, December 8th!

Off - Site Projects

P11. Afya: Join fellow community members as we sort critically needed surplus medical supplies, hospital equipment and humanitarian provisions for health crises worldwide. The Afya Foundation of America is a medical supply recovery organization. **Age 13 and older.**
ACTIVITY: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 140 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 920-5081

P12. The Sharing Shelf: Tour the warehouse and help sort, package and organize winter items for children living in low-income situations. Ages 10 and up; Ages 10-16 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 25 people. **ACTIVITY:** 9:45 a.m. - 11:30 am
MEET AT LOCATION:
47 Purdy Avenue
Port Chester, NY 105783
(914)305-5950

Visit bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019 to register OR complete form on p. 18 of this Temple Topics, and return to the temple by Wednesday, December 4.

Target Wishlist!

Help support Mitzvah Day by sponsoring items needed for activities. Visit the **Target Registry** at: www.tgt.gifts/TINRMitzvahDay2019

LUNCH



Pizza available to pre-order
(\$15.00/pie)
Salad and drinks will be provided

5th Annual Congregational Mitzvah Day

Items Needed
by Wednesday, December 4

Visit our Target Registry at
www.tgt.gifts/TINRMitzvahDay2019

Holiday Meals-in-a-Bag

*Reusable Shopping Bags
(Clean & Gently Used/New)

Non-Perishable Holiday Foods

Stuffing
Pasta
Rice
Canned Soup
Jell-O
Boxed Gravy
Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberries/Sauce
Boxed Mashed Potatoes



Toiletries "To Go"

New/Unopened toiletries (travel or regular)
New/Used toiletry bags in excellent condition
Male and female items needed

The Sharing Shelf

New/Gently Used Fall & Winter Kids' Clothing
NEW Hats, Gloves & Scarves
NEW Socks
NEW Bras & NEW Underwear



Snooza Palooza

New/Gently Used Children's Pajamas Sizes 0-5
New/Gently Used Board & Picture Books
New Children's Toothpaste



The Humane Society

Old long tube socks
Old t-shirts
Tennis Balls
Cat Nip



Register for Mitzvah Day at www.bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019



Temple Israel of New Rochelle

December Calendar

Sun	12/1	No Chavaya	
Mon	12/2	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	
Tue	12/3	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School 7:00 PM Social Action/Sisterhood Event (Author, Despina Kartson) <i>See p. 13 for details.</i> 8:00 PM Congregation Wide Sandwich Brigade led by TIFTY 8:00 PM Kol Sasson Choir Rehearsal. <i>See p. 18 for details.</i>	Tue 12/17 3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:00 PM Latkes & Vodka (Brotherhood sponsored) Part 2. <i>See p. 7 for details.</i> 6:30 PM Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions 8:00 PM Chavaya Shinshinim Program 7:00 PM Kol Sasson Choir Rehearsal. <i>See p. 18 for details.</i>
Wed	12/4	6:00 PM TIFTY Board Meeting 6:45 PM Music Committee Meeting. <i>See p. 15 for details on next music concert!</i> 7:30 PM Rabbinic Search Committee Congregational Meeting. <i>See p. 5 for details.</i>	Wed 12/18 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (meet & greet 7 pm)
Thu	12/5	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya	Thu 12/19 4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya 5:30 PM Kehillah/Chavaya Chanukah Celebration 5:45 PM Kehillah School Closes Early 6:00 PM Community Chanukah Party. <i>See p. 7 for details.</i>
Fri	12/6	No Talmud Class 6:00 PM Kol Shabbat Evening Service followed by dinner. <i>See p. 13 for details.</i>	Fri 12/20 9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Shabbat Pre Chanukah Service
Sat	12/7	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study	Sat 12/21 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	12/8	<i>Giving Tree LAST DAY to BRING IN YOUR LEAF/GIFT! January/February Temple Topics Deadline</i> 8:30 AM Blood Drive at Beth El. <i>See p. 14 for details.</i> 9:15 AM 5th Annual Congregational Mitzvah Day (onsite, offsite activities until 4 pm). <i>See p. 8-11 for details.</i> 9:30 AM Chavaya 12:00 PM Kol Simcha	Sun 12/22 Chanukah: Candle 1 Chanukah Begins at Sundown No Chavaya
Mon	12/9	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	Mon 12/23 Chanukah: Candle 2 10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement) 5:40 PM Menorah Lighting (Kehillah, all)
Tue	12/10	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School 6:30 PM 11th/12th Grade Dinner Out With the Clergy 7:00 PM 10th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Israel Action Committee Event: A Third Way A Documentary Film. <i>See p. 14 for details.</i>	Tue 12/24 Chanukah: Candle 3 Kehillah School & Chavaya Closed
Wed	12/11	11:30 AM Food for Thought. <i>See p. 14 for details.</i> 7:45 PM Teen Engagement Committee	Wed 12/25 Chanukah: Candle 4 Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed
Thu	12/12	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya	Thu 12/26 Chanukah: Candle 5 <i>No Chavaya</i> 5:40 PM Menorah Lighting (Kehillah, all)
Fri	12/13	7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service	Fri 12/27 Chanukah: Candle 6 9:00 AM Talmud Class 5:40 PM Menorah Lighting (Kehillah, all) 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	12/14	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study	Sat 12/28 Chanukah: Candle 7 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	12/15	9:30 AM Chavaya 12:00 PM Kol Simcha 12:00 PM Wacky Game Event for Club 23 2:00 PM Camp Pinebrook Chanukah Party Open House 5:00 PM Latkes & Vodka (Brotherhood sponsored) Part 1. <i>See p. 7 for details.</i>	Sun 12/29 Chanukah: Candle 8 Last Night of Chanukah No Chavaya
Mon	12/16	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	Mon 12/30 Chanukah: 8th Day Last Day of Chanukah 10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
			Tue 12/31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>No Chavaya</i> 3:00 PM Temple Office & Kehillah School Close Early
			Wed 1/1 Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (<i>New Year's Day</i>)

SAVE THE DATE!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dinner/Service

Friday, January 17, 2020 • 6:00 pm Dinner, service to follow.
Event at Temple Israel. *More details to follow.*

**Every
Monday**

STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)

10:30 a.m. - Noon
NEW Beginning TIME!
FREE, at Temple Israel

Exercise, No Sign Up!
Alternating Weeks
ZUMBA GOLD
CHAIR YOGA

*Visit www.tinr.org, and click on the calendar
to see the exercise of the week!*

**Dec
3**

Author Visit **Social Action & Sisterhood**

"Last Night's Soup Run"

Despina Kartson, an author, will be speaking about her personal experiences working with Midnight Run, an outreach program that feeds the hungry on the streets of New York City. The group has served more than 10,000 meals to their guests on 33rd Street.

This event begins at **7 pm**, and is **FREE**. Despina's book is available for sale at \$12, with \$10 being donated to Community Service Associates (CSA)

RSVP to www.tinr.org/events. We ask that you also bring a box of pasta, loaf of bread or jelly with you!



**Dec
6**

Kol Shabbat

The Voice of Shabbat

A relaxing and meditative Shabbat evening Service featuring reflective music and a thought-provoking sermon, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner.

6:00 pm Service (open to all) followed by dinner
(visit www.tinr.org/events to RSVP for dinner)

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult. Pay early, the cost will increase to \$30 on Wednesday, December 4.

Upcoming 2020 Dates: March 20 is the National Refugee Shabbat Dinner, April 3, May 8

**Dec
8**

Mitzvah Day

On Site • Off Site **Congregational and Community** **Involvement**

9:15 - 9:30 am	Cocoa, Coffee & Donuts
9:35 - 9:45 am	Kick-Off Blessing
9:45 am	Projects Begin

Register by Wednesday, December 4, 2019 on
bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019

Details on p. 8-11

Dec
8

Blood Drive

**Temple Israel & Beth El
in cooperation
8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Please join us in support of our community blood supply at Beth El while you're volunteering at Mitzvah Day at Temple Israel! You can make time to do both!

*Sign up at www.bethelnr.org/blooddrive
Walk-ins Welcome!*

for New York Blood Center

Dec
10

Israel Action Committee

**A Third Way: A Documentary Film
About Peaceful Relations
Between Israeli Settlers and
Their Palestinian Neighbors**

Presented by Harvey Stein, a documentary film producer living in Jerusalem, and a native of New Rochelle, who became Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. The film features Rabbi Menachem Froman, known as the "Settler for Peace" and the friendships he has established with his Palestinian neighbors.

Event begins at 7:00 pm, and is FREE.
Film is 75 minutes long. Q&A session will follow.

*RSVP to Mitchell Benson at mitchellhbenson@gmail.com
to accommodate for food and seating, but walk-ins are also welcome.*

Dec
11

Food for Thought

Meet all these fascinating individuals ready to share their experience and knowledge!



**From Strategy Consulting to
Women's Fiction: A Second
"Career" in Writing**
with Rachel Cullen, writer and Temple Member, who has written three books: **The Way I've Heard It Should Be**, **Second Chances**, and **Only Summer**, has also worked in brand strategy consulting and marketing for over ten years.

11:30 am
\$15 per person
covers lecture, discussion and lunch.
Visit www.tinr.org/events to register.

Upcoming 2020 Dates: Wednesday(s), January 8, February 12

Jan
22

Prime Time 4 Adults

in cooperation with
Temple Israel's Advocacy Committee*
MOVIE NIGHT • CARE

CARE illuminates the complex relationships and deep attachments that can be formed between seniors and care workers while exposing the cracks in a system that is not serving either group the way they need. A coalition of Jewish groups has formed the NY Caring Majority which advocates to improve the conditions of both the recipients and paid providers of this care. Zahara Zahav and a colleague from the NY Caring Majority will discuss the film and their work. Please join us for this interesting and important topic.

7:00 pm, and is FREE.
Open to members & non-members over 21.

*RSVP to Debby Rubin-Marx at debrubin56@aol.com,
or call the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.*

** Find out about the Advocacy Committee on p. 19*

Jan
24

Community Shabbat

Pray • Eat
Enjoy • Together

Service at 6:00 pm with dinner following.
Cost is \$25 * per adult, \$8 per child (K-6), Tots FREE
Chavaya Participants FREE in K-6.

*All welcome to the service. RSVP for dinner at
www.tinr.org/events. The price will increase to \$30 on
the Wednesday prior to the dinner. If paying by credit
card, there will be an administrative cost added.*

**Note! The December 20th dinner is cancelled, but
the Shabbat Chanukah Service will begin at 6:00
pm.**

Upcoming 2020 Dates: January 24, February 28

Jan
26

Brotherhood Breakfast & Discussion

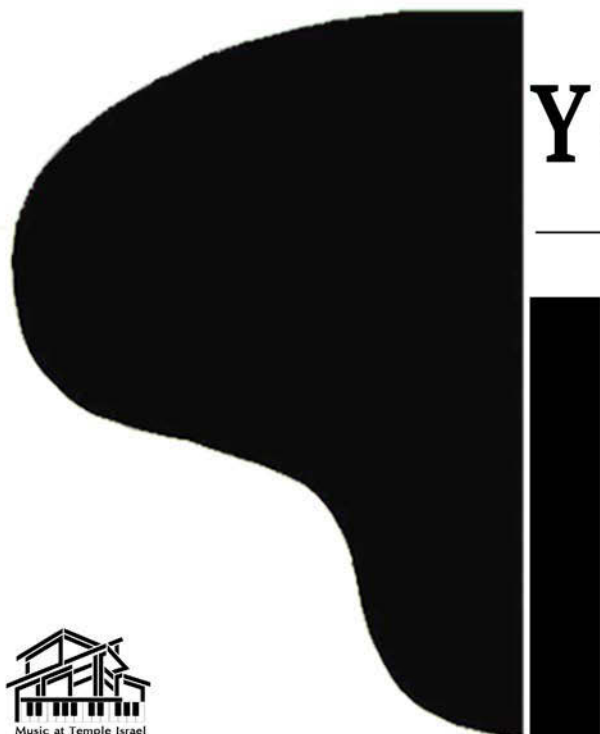
Jason Morris, Author Visit
Thicker Than Mud

Come and meet Jason Morris, Ph.D.
a professor in the Natural Sciences Department
at Fordham University. His research interests
include the genetic regulation of development
and bioethics. Jewish learning is one of his
lifelong passions. He will be discussing his
latest religious fictional book **Thicker Than
Mud** which finds Adam Drascher, a Jewish
archaeology professor, unearthing family secrets.

Breakfast and conversation are FREE. The
breakfast begins at 9:30 am. All are Welcome!

RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal at mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com
to accommodate for food and seating, but walk-ins are also
welcome.

Save the Date • Sat, Feb 8, 2020 • 7:30 pm
3rd Annual Benefit for Music at Temple Israel



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HAPPY CHANUKAH! The Temple Chanukah Party is on Thursday, December 19th and once again Brotherhood will be supplying its world famous Latkes.

Come join us in preparing the Latkes, while indulging in a little Vodka and a lot of fun. Knowing how to cook is not required.

Latkes & Vodkas will take place on **TWO** nights, **Sunday, December 15th, 5:00 pm** and **Tuesday, December 17th, 6:00pm** (please enter the Temple through the Kitchen, which is in the back of the Temple). Spirits and food will be supplied by Brotherhood. A good time will be had by all. *If you have any questions please call Mitchell or Todd.*

In January we will have a **Brotherhood Breakfast on Sunday, January 26th, 9:30 am** featuring Temple member, Jason Morris who will be speaking on a novel he just finished **Thicker Than Mud**. *The discussion and*

breakfast is FREE, but please RSVP to Mitchell to accommodate for food and seating. However, walk-ins are also welcome!

In January we will reschedule **Bourbon & Bible**, and schedule a date for **Cigar Night**. Two popular events!

There will be no **Schmooze & Booze** in December, but save the date for **Wednesday, January 29th**.

Remember, Brotherhood can only succeed and do all it does with your participation and support. If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet, please do so and/or consider making a contribution to help us run activities like Brotherhood Breakfasts, movies, lectures, Bourbon & Bible, and of course our support of youth activities and the Temple.

Todd & Mitchell, Co-Presidents

Todah Rabah (thank you) to all the Sukkah volunteers that made our Sukkah beautiful!

You can find all their names on p. 18!

Sisterhood



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Sisterhood Co-President

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over and we will be heading into Chanukah! We want to bring you up to date on a bunch of great events that Sisterhood has planned for the New Year.

On **Sunday, February 9th**, we will be welcoming **guest speaker Claire Stevens**. Claire spent many years working as the sole female member of the infamous Z100 Morning Zoo. She interviewed many classic rock and R & B artists and has many fun stories to share. Claire's book about her experiences titled "Tales from Behind the Mic" will be available to be purchased and autographed at her appearance. Don't miss what is sure to be a great event!

We are also excited about **Comedy Night on Saturday, March 21st**. There are several very popular all-stars returning this year. If you would like to be a comedian or have a Temple member to suggest, please let us know.

Sisterhood and the Edith Handelman Library is happy to present our third annual **Temple**

Wide-Read on Sunday, April 19th. The book selection is "The Third Daughter" by Talia Carner. We are excited to have Talia Carner at the event to sign books and lead our discussion. The novel is about a young woman who escapes from Russia in the late 19th century only to be a victim of sex traffickers in Buenos Aires. Copies of the book will be available at the library.

As always, if you have ideas about programming, please contact Janet Dubiel-Frey at janetdubiefrey@gmail.com or Jennifer Herbst at jsherbst@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to seeing you in 2020!
Janet and Jennifer, Co-Presidents

Comedy Night!

Are you funny? Do you like to be on stage?

Here's your big break - Comedy Night!
If interested call Jackie Saril now at (914) 393-7043.
Comedy Night is on Saturday, March 21, 2020!



Temple Israel's Oral History Project - Tell Your Story!

One of the oldest human (and Jewish) traditions is story-telling. Now at Temple Israel, we are starting a project to collect our stories. Temple Israel is a congregation of hundreds of families, each with its own stories. Some of those stories took place in our building, or in the Webster building, or perhaps in one of the even earlier buildings

downtown. We are looking for people who want to share their stories of Temple Israel, and for volunteers to help us collect them. We will be recording interviews with willing subjects at the Temple or another convenient location. The recordings will be archived at the Temple, where they can be viewed. We plan to develop the means for the interviews to be viewed remotely, so that stories can be shared with people who are not nearby.

If you are interested in interviewing or being interviewed, please refer to the list on the right. You will note that not all interviewees and interviewers have been paired, so we need your help!

Please contact Warren Agatston (lawwsa@aol.com)/(914) 933-0050), Stan Konwiser (stankonwiser@gmail.com)/(201) 703-1122) to volunteer.

A special thank you to Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Todd Pekats, Val Etra, Mitch Benson, and Warren and Janice Agatston for underwriting the cost of the recording equipment for this project!

Interviews are continuing into the Fall! Interviewers and interviewees should plan to meet in advance of the interview and review the suggested questions, agree on a few dates and then contact Mia Egelberg to schedule, so that a tech person will be available to assist. Mia can be reached at miaegelberg@gmail.com or (914) 629-2794.

Interviews Completed!

Interviewee

Warren Agatston
Arthur Barr
Linda Capozzola
Bill Handelman²¹
Damon Maher
Art & Carol Ostrove
Leroy Fadem
Nancy Sandler Gavrin
Phyllis Slotnick
Bernard & Judy Robinson
Thelma Fixler

Interviews Still to be Done!

Interviewee

Alan Ascher
Frank & Barbara Axel
Claire Coleman
Val Etra
Helene Fishman
Alan & Toni Hoffman
Edith Meyers
Bernie & Helen Miller
Marian & Richard Reiner
Nanette Sacks
Michael Shankman
Jeff & Mady Stier
Paul Warhit
Karen White

Interviewer

Arthur Ostrove
Arthur Ostrove
Mara Roberge
Amy Bass
Paul Warhit
Warren Agatston
Toni Hoffman
Art Ostrove
Judy Pinals
Mitch Benson
Val Etra

Interviewer

Anita Aronoff
Stan Konwiser
Rich Alter
Larry Goldman
Paul Warhit
Mady Stier
Warren Agatston
Toni Hoffman
Brian Reiner
Sister/Daughter
Warren Agatston
Janice Agatston
Bob Hirsh
Lauren Axelrod

Need Interviewers!

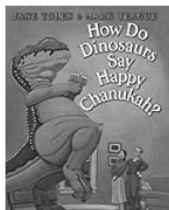
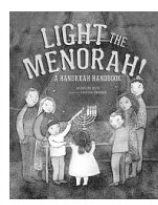
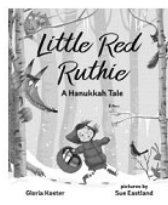
Interviewee

Jack & Judith Adler
Ina Aronow
The Balik Family
David & Lisa Eichler and Jocelyn Kenner
David & Miriam Fridovich
Joan Goldsmith
Russell Handelman
Gerry & Sandy Hyman
Diane Senderoff

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Edith H. Handelman Library

Chanukah: Eight Nights of Great Books (to be read by candlelight)



Come explore our amazing collection! The library is always open!

Search our entire collection online by logging into www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibrary/TINR

Love to read? Join the Library Committee. Questions? Contact Stephanie Krasner at stephkras11@gmail.com

KOL SASSON TINR ADULT VOLUNTEER CHOIR

**Like to sing?
Join Kol Sasson,
directed by Cantor Schloss!**

Kol Sasson sings for special services and events including:
Community and Kol Shabbatot,
Temple Israel Chanukah Celebration
Shabbat Shirah/MLK Commemoration Service
Shabbat Hakavod and Interfaith Passover Seder

The upcoming rehearsal dates are:

Tuesday, December 3, 8 - 9:30 pm
Tuesday, December 17, 7 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, January 7, 8 - 9:30 pm
Wednesday, January 15, 7 - 8:30 pm

*For more information contact
Contact Cantor Schloss at cantorschloss@tinr.org
or Beverly To at beverlyto@tinr.org*

Todah Rabah (thank you) to the following volunteers with the building of the Sukkah!

Mitch Abrams
Mike Aisner
Mike Bookchin
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Saul Fleer
Gary Frey
Sharon Gorman
Bob Hirsh
David and Lily Hirschl
Matt Kates
Mike Klein
Craig Langer
Deb Maher
Morris Marcus
George Nguyen
Marjorie Ostrove
Dan Pomerantz
John Reiches
Lloyd Robinson
Jeff Stier
Bruce Turkle
Liz Weingast
Brendan Weinstien



Community Service Associates Monthly Cooking Opportunity to Help!

Are you interested in participating in cooking meals for
Community Services Associates on a monthly basis?
Or, can you cook when it works for you!

Marilyn Morris will be organizing this effort and letting volunteers know on a monthly basis what food menu is being planned.

Contact Marilyn Morris at MarilynMorris123@gmail.com or text to (215) 868-7261 if you're interested in doing this Mitzvah!

Todah Rabah (thank you) to Nanette Sacks for shepherding this project for so long before Marilyn took it over!

Temple Israel Cares

Temple Israel Cares is a group that reaches out to congregants who don't have internet or emails. We share news of deaths, funerals, shivahs, emergency closings or other important information.

Would you like to be included on the list of those we reach out to? *Please contact the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.*



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NEW COMMITTEE! The Advocacy Committee of Temple Israel

The mission of the Advocacy Committee is to lead Temple Israel's involvement in social and political advocacy. The newly formed committee will carry forward work to date on immigrant rights and refugee resettlement, will coordinate and join in the advocacy work of the Religious Action Center (RAC), of the Reform movement (with RAC-NY, in particular), will be active in our local community and is open to all members of the Temple community to help organize and take action on important issues. Another important focus of the AC will be climate change and sustainability at temple and beyond.

The Advocacy Committee's first meeting was held September 26, 2019. Talking points:

- Mission
 - Training with RAC-NY and upcoming lobbying/advocacy.
- Todd Brecher is the committee liaison with RAC-NY

- Meet and greet with one of the two refugee families that the Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester (ICNAW), of which TINR is a member, helped relocate. The Ghafoor family joined with Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Schloss along with temple and ICNAW members for dinner and discussion on October 15 in the sukkah.
- Discussion of movie night regarding elder care. Possibly co-sponsor evening with Prime Time for Adults.
- Climate Change Initiative: Len Stein and David Soberman – short and long-term goals towards making TINR greener from improved recycling practices to building improvements.



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