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THE DEADLINE FOR  
TEMPLE TOPICS  
IS THE SECOND  
SUNDAY OF EACH  
MONTH!

# Sympathy

## We send condolences to...

- **Lauren Ferrucci, on the loss of her father**, Mark Bass
- **Michael Bookchin**, on the loss of his mother, Mollie Bookchin
- **Kali Weinstein**, on the loss of her grandfather, Delos H. Mallette
- **Ellen Zomback**, on the loss of her father, Michael Serber
- **Stephen Gutmann and Liz Weingast**, on the loss of their sister and aunt, Judith Strohl
- **Jim Weingast**, on the loss of his mother, Fran Weingast
- **Rebecca Seid**, on the loss of her father, Louis Birenbaum

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

# Mazal Tov

## We congratulate congregants on their good news...

- **Ira Lippel**, on his 65th Birthday
- **Adam Sobel**, on his 65th Birthday
- **Adam Weingast**, for being honored with the 2019 Youth Recognition award by the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle given to someone who "exemplifies in their lives the ideals of the Council: a faith in God, an ecumenical religious spirit, loving concern for others and active volunteer service in both their own religious community and the community at large"
- **Jill Ostrager Cohen, MD**, for being honored with the 6th Annual Healthcare Heroes Award by Westchester Magazine on Thursday, May 16
- **Harvey & Annie Brandwein**, on the birth of their grandson, Jett Reed Brandwein
- **Frank & Barbara Axel**, on their 45th Wedding Anniversary
- **Bob & June Hirsch**, on the birth of their 4th grandchild, Hannah Aviva Levin
- **Zachary Stone**, on being honored with being the 2019 New Rochelle High School Salutatorian
- **Phyllis Slotnick** on the birth of her great-grandchild, Jack Miles Anderson, on Sunday, May 19th
- **Curtis Alter, Andrew Feldman, Maddy Galbraith, Sophie Goldman, Rachel Gorman-Cooper, Matt Klein, Jenna Landy, Nikki Rosenthal, Edye Rosing, Carter Topol, Adam Weingast, Chloe Werner** - *The Chavaya High School Graduates 2019. See their group photo on p. 9*
- All the Kehillah graduates who are having their Seeyoom
- **Caleb Alter, Cary Brecher, Noa Deutsch, Zoe Gottesman, Adam Kliegerman, Daniel Long, Sonia Morris, Mia Redlener, Brooke Rieger, Carly Rieger, Simone Rivel, Hayden Roberge, Sam Rosenberg, Dani Saril** - *The Confirmation Class 2019/5779*
- **Ben Patlis**, for being called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, June 1
- **Emily Cullen**, for being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 8

*See bios for Ben and Emily on p. 9*

*Send your good news and achievements to [OriettaSchneider@tinr.org](mailto:OriettaSchneider@tinr.org).*

# From the President



*We are a community that adds meaning and purpose to modern lives through an inclusive approach to Judaism. We live our Jewish values in our worship, celebration, lifelong learning and Tikkun Olam—the repair of the world. The level of commitment by individuals, workgroups, committees, chairpeople, staff and trustees has been heartwarming to me, and makes me proud to be part of such an engaged congregation.*

Dear Friends,

We're all eagerly awaiting the transition to summer. For us at Temple Israel that means Camp Pinebrook's second summer kicks off! At Kehillah the kids are treated to varied activities as a change of pace for the season. The summer is never dull in the office, as fall planning for worship and education starts as soon as the Chavaya school year ends. Both Rabbis will spend time working at URJ summer camps where they contribute their expertise around

programming and education as mentors and clergy.

Board leadership will transition this summer, as I complete my third year as congregational president. As the congregation welcomes Rich Alter to the position of president, I'm happy to tell you all that he's eager and excited to be in this leadership position. I'm grateful that he has taken the time to shadow me and take on several projects in order to

be prepared for the role. I'm certain that Rich will find the same support that I have in my years as president.

The past three years I've been blessed with working closely with so many of you. The work that happens among the volunteers and the staff to make our congregational community thrive is an enormous task. The challenge is met with a warmth and enthusiasm in support of our mission:

I'm looking forward to my transition, to becoming an honorary trustee, and continuing on my journey as an involved and present member of Temple Israel of New Rochelle.

Shalom,  
Liz Weingast  
Temple President

## Board of Trustees Minutes

**Board of Trustees Minutes  
May 15, 2019**

Rabbi Weiner noted that we are currently in the period known as the Omer, which is the 7 weeks between Passover and Shavuot. During this period, we are commanded to bring a sacrifice every day for 49 days. The sacrifice we bring is commanded to be "the best" that there is to offer. This notion is particularly relevant today.

Rabbi Nichols reported as the Director of Congregational learning. She noted that United Hebrew honored Sisterhood co-presidents Jackie Saril and Lauren Pekats for all their advocacy and commitment to developing services and programs that enrich the lives of seniors

on United Hebrew's campus and others in the Westchester Community.

Rabbi Nichols noted that this year, the Temple had 30 teachers working in Chavaya and Kehillah and 40 teen volunteers. Several teacher appreciation events are being planned for the end of the year.

A new Hebrew curriculum was piloted this year in Chavaya by Rebecca Elkus-Ferst. The pilot was a tremendous success and the new curriculum really excited the students.

The Kehillah art show was a huge success and a fantastic example of the work and creativity of the teachers and the strides that have been made in allowing the kids to explore and discover their own creativity.

The Teen Engagement Committee is hoping to introduce a social action element to the program to increase teen engagement and provide a second path to Confirmation.

The Executive Committee planned a number of small parlor meetings. Almost every active Trustee has attended a parlor meeting and Rich Alter now plans to hold additional meetings with Honorary Trustees.

David Itzkowitz presented the HVAC engineering study. The HVAC system is old and is going to need to be replaced soon. A motion was approved to develop a plan for the replacement and/or repair of the heating and cooling systems in the building. The plan will include an assessment of current systems, energy costs & usage, recommendations for replacements and repairs using best practices for energy conservation, development of a capital budget, and investigation of available economic incentives.

Mitchell Tarnapol talked to CSS, a program that trains volunteers to serve as security guards. 7 of the 20 temples in Westchester have used them. Mitchell Tarnapol is recommending that we solicit volunteers to take part in the

first level training.

The nominating committee is nominating Derek Davis for the Board of Trustees for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2019. His family have been members since 2006.

Adam Egelberg presented an introduction to and review of the 2020 budget.

Rich Alter presented a By-Law Modification. The Board is going to be presented with some minor modifications. Motion to amend by-laws to reflect the stated purpose was made and unanimously approved.

Anita Aronoff and David Itzkowitz presented on essential roof repairs. The portion of the roof over Kehillah needs to be replaced.

Jessie Gallop reported that there are approximately 90 campers registered for Camp Pinebrook. He is currently recruiting staff.

# Temple Israel is Grateful

## TEMPLE FUND

**Linda Capozzola**, in honor of Barbara & Charlie Coleman's son Rob's engagement to Bessa Gross; in honor of May & Michael Goldberg's new grandson, Ruben Bernard  
**Frank & Barbara Axel**, in memory of Barbara's mother, Muriel Zeltmacher  
**Leroy Fadem**, in memory of Jim Weingast's mother, Fran  
**Leon Segan**, in memory of Rabbi Wohl, a good, old friend

**Warren & Janice Agatston**, in honor of Ken Stier for a speedy recovery  
**Lloyd Robinson**, in appreciation for the clergy  
**Ruth Laudor & Family**, in memory of Irene Pastarnack  
**Diane Hallenbeck**, in memory of Rae Kalman  
**Martha Barton**, in memory of David Barton

**Arthur & Carol Ostrove**, in honor of Frank & Barbara Axel's 45th Wedding Anniversary; in honor of Barbara's "Big Birthday"  
**Val Etra**, in memory of Jim Weingast's mother Fran and Liz Weingast's aunt Judith

**RABBI WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**  
**Annie & Harvey Brandwein**, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Jett Reed Brandwein  
**Larry & Susan Cohen**, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner for the trip to Poland & Hungary  
**Ira & Andrea Lippel**, in honor of Rabbi Weiner's passion and commitment towards a powerful Jewish journey to Eastern Europe  
**Florence Martin**, in appreciation  
**Matthew and Jennifer Kates**, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner for leading an amazing trip to Poland and Hungary

**Neil & Marilyn Altabet**, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner for officiating Lori & Jon's wedding ceremony  
**Marion and Ilissa Herskowitz**, in memory of Irving Fisher & Jennifer Loren Herskowitz  
**Arthur Librett**, in memory of Clara Librett's yahrzeit

**RABBI NICHOLS' DISCRETIONARY FUND**  
**Juliet Barr**, in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols  
**Josh & Tracy Freedenberg**, in honor of the Hebrew Naming of Emelia and Lula

**CULTURAL CENTER FUND**  
**Richard & Marianne Goldstein**, in memory of Gladys Goldstein  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in memory of Irene Pastarnack

**HOSPITALITY & PULPIT FUND**  
**The Cullen Family**, in honor of Emily's bat mitzvah  
**The Friedman Family**, in honor of Nicole's bat mitzvah  
**The Patlis Family**, in honor of Ben's bar mitzvah  
**David & Mara Roberge**, in honor of Ellie's bat mitzvah

**KEHILLAH SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**Daniel Lippel & Family**, in honor of Benjamin Lippel

**MUSIC FUND**  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in memory of Jim Weingast's mother, Fran  
**Evan Klupt & Amy Bass**, in memory of Jim Weingast's mother, Fran

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND**  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in honor of Michael & May Goldberg's new grandson, Ruben Bernard

**TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES**  
**Alan & Toni Hoffman**, in memory of Liz Weingast's aunt Judith; in memory of Jim Weingast's mother, Fran; in honor of the Axel's 45th Wedding Anniversary; in honor of Barbara's special birthday; in memory of Steve Gutmann's sister, Judith Strohl

## SPONSORSHIPS

**Ira & Andrea Lippel**, Community Shabbat (Dessert) in honor of Ira's "Papa's" 65th Birthday  
**Frank & Barbara Axel**, Community Shabbat (Bar) in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary  
**Jack & Judith Adler**, Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner (Dessert) in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary  
**Adam Sobel & Susan Siegel**, Community Shabbat (Bar) in honor of Adam's 65th Birthday

# New Members

Please welcome the following new members to Temple Israel when you see them!

**Jesse Sirotkin & Danielle Crane**  
**Joel & Michelle Halperin**

## Dear Generous Supporters,

Due to a banking change, from now on all checks need to be made out to **Temple Israel of New Rochelle**. This includes: Brotherhood, Sisterhood, TIFTY and the Clergy Discretionary Funds.

Please put those, or any fund name, in the memo line.

Thank you.



# Cantor's Note

## Kavod HaTorah

Shavuot is coming. Have you been counting the *Omer*? We will celebrate Shavuot, commemorating the giving of Torah at Sinai, with a birthday party for the Torah, Confirmation Service of Blessing, *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* (an evening of study), and a Shavuot festival morning service which includes our 107th Annual Confirmation and a *Yizkor* memorial service. That's a lot of *kavod haTorah*!

What exactly is *kavod haTorah*? Literally it means *Honor of the Torah*. We show honor for the Torah, our most sacred possession, in many ways. Whenever the Ark is open, we rise to show *kavod haTorah*. Before reading Torah, we often parade the Torah scroll through the congregation. We dress our Torah scrolls in a protective and beautiful mantle (covering) and additional ornaments: a breast plate, a *keter* (crown) or *rimonim* (finials). As further protection, the Torah scrolls rest in the *Aron HaKodesh* (Holy Ark) behind one or two curtains or doors. And usually, the Ark itself is highly ornamented, signifying the value and importance of what lies inside. Those who wish to show additional *Kavod* might kiss the Torah through the *tzitzit* on a tallit, or a prayer book. Before reading, we say a blessing, heightening our awareness of the reading of Torah. And whenever the Torah scroll is uncovered, we are careful not to touch the letters with our fingers. Finally, when we have finished reading, we lift the

scroll high for all to see and we rise, exclaiming, "*V'zot HaTorah asher sam Moshe lifnei v'nei Yisrael, al pi Adonai b'yad Moshe.*" "This is the Torah which Moses put before the people of Israel, dictated by God and transcribed by Moses." That also, is a lot of *kavod haTorah*!

But there is another kind of *kavod HaTorah*. The Torah is known as *Eitz Chayim*, a Tree of Life: "It's ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace. Long life is in its right hand, and in its left are riches and honor—*kavod.*" The Talmud tells a story of one who came to Rabbi Hillel, asking to teach him the entire Torah while standing on one foot. Undaunted, Hillel obliged, saying, "Whatever is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the entire Torah; the rest is commentary. Go and study." While it seems a little bold of Hillel to summarize the entire Torah in one sentence, he simply highlights the most essential element found within the myriad lessons and commandments of Torah. He states this version of the Golden Rule in the negative, but still teaches the primary lesson of Torah: to treat others well. All of the Torah's instructions for living rely on the ability to see another created in God's image just as you know that to be true of yourself. So, if we are to show honor (*kavod*) to the Torah, the best way is to fulfill the Torah's primary instruction: we must honor others.

This Spring, we as a community have been full of *Kavod*. Our members have been honored, and we have also honored many. In the past several weeks, we honored and celebrated our new high school graduates. Bill Handelman and Ruth & Sid Lapidus were honored by the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation and AJC Westchester/Fairfield, respectively. At our own

Temple Israel Gala we also honored Bill Handelman in addition to Liz & Jim Weingast and Deb Blatt, Amy Ecker, and Mia Egelberg. While these galas are important events and fundraisers, it's important that we look past the pomp and passed hors d'oeuvres and truly give honor to the honorees. By honoring others, taking pride in their achievements and thanking them for their good works, we truly honor Torah. On Shavuot, when we celebrate Torah, we will also honor our confirmands' and their families' commitments to this community and to Torah. We bless them with *kavod haTorah*, and insure that they will continue in its ways of pleasantness and paths of peace.

*Bich'vod* (with honor),  
Cantor Randall Schloss



# 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 any questions or more information, please contact Anita Aronoff at the Temple office by calling (914) 235-1800 or email [AnitaAronoff@tinr.org](mailto:AnitaAronoff@tinr.org)

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# Happy Shavuot



## 2019

### Friday, June 7

**5:30 pm • Young Children's Birthday Party for the Torah**  
Families and kids are invited for songs and snacks.

**6:00 pm • Community Shabbat Services/Birthday Party for the Torah/Camp Blessing, followed by dinner**  
Share in a lively and engaging Shabbat worship followed by delicious Community dinner. After dinner kids of all ages are invited to celebrate the Torah with games and crafts. Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult, \$8 per child (6-12), Tots and Chavaya participants in K-6 are free. Pay early, the cost will increase to \$30 on Wednesday, June 5th.

### Erev Shavuot • Saturday, June 8

**6:00 pm • Confirmation Service of Blessing**  
All are invited to join our Confirmation families for this special service.

**8:00 - 10:30 pm • Tikkun Leil Shavuot at Westchester Reform Temple** 255 Mamaroneck Rd, Scarsdale, NY 10583  
Come together for an evening of study with clergy, lay teachers and community. This evening is in keeping with the Jewish tradition of studying Torah late into the night on Shavuot. We are so happy to be a part of a community-wide study this year.

- 8:30 - 10pm Multiple options for study with local and Temple Israel clergy
- 10:00 - 10:30 pm: Erev Shavuot blessings and reading of the 10 Commandments

### Shavuot • Sunday, June 9

**10 am • Shavuot Morning Service/Yizkor and Confirmation, followed by a Celebratory Congregational Lunch.**  
Call the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800 to let us know that you will be attending the lunch.

#### *Confirmation Class of 2019/5779*

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Cary Brecher  
Noa Deutsch  
Zoe Gottesman  
Adam Kliegerman

Daniel Long  
Sonia Morris  
Mia Redlener  
Brooke Rieger  
Carly Rieger

Simone Rivel  
Hayden Roberge  
Sam Rosenberg  
Dani Saril



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## FIRST DAY OF CAMP! THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019!

### JOIN US!

Camp Pinebrook's first day of camp is almost here ... and it's not too late to sign up for summer. We are waiting for you!

Taking vacation? Your children can still enjoy Camp Pinebrook this summer. **You can sign up for 2 or 3 weeks at any point.** Flexibility and Fun!

Camp Pinebrook also offers a **half-day program for 3 and 4 year olds from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** All campers must be potty-trained. Camper's day includes all-camp Boker Tov (good morning), swim lessons, sports, arts, and other activities.

**Need extended care?** It's available from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm for an additional \$40 per day or \$175 per week. Families can drop-off campers at their convenience within these hours.

Learn more at [CampPinebrook.com](http://CampPinebrook.com)...

Questions and to sign up with Rabbi Jesse Gallop at [Jesse@CampPinebrook.com](mailto:Jesse@CampPinebrook.com)



**CAMP BLESSING**  
**Camp Blessing Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m.** Are you going to overnight camp this summer? Join us at Community Shabbat Services to receive a special blessing and gift. If you can't join us, make sure to send us your address at camp so we can send you a postcard. ([rabbnichols@tinr.org](mailto:rabbnichols@tinr.org))

**TIFTY**  
**TIFTY Prom, Saturday, June 1, 7-10 p.m.** Join us for Prom with a youth group twist! Pajama Party theme, NFTY-NAR Friends invited, open to 8th-12th Graders. \$25. *RSVP to [TIFTY@tinr.org](mailto:TIFTY@tinr.org).*

**TIFTY Old Board-New Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m.** Our current and incoming TIFTY leaders will meet to reflect on the year and plan for next year.

**TIFTY Tie-Dye and Goodbye, Wednesday, June 12, 4-6 p.m.** All 8th-12th graders are invited for a final youth group event of the year. Come spend a casual afternoon with friends before the summer begins. *Bring a white t-shirt to dye, eat snacks and hangout. RSVP to [rabbnichols@tinr.org](mailto:rabbnichols@tinr.org).*

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9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative	Serena Richmond
	Ryan Topol

# Kehillah

School for Early Learning

A world of color and imagination was revealed at the Kehillah Art Show. The teachers worked hard to plan for the art show and to guide the children as they created original works of art. Their individual pieces were made solely by each artist, encouraging them to be proud of their own artistic talent. Included in the art show were the seven days of creation. Each class collaborated to recreate one of the seven days. This artwork was displayed Forbes. Families and friends of the children were amazed by the children's artistic abilities as well as all the different techniques that were used. The work was beautifully displayed, showing off each

piece of art. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dairy dinner following the art show.

Yom Ha'atzmaut was celebrated throughout the school. Flags, hats and necklaces were waived and worn by the children as they marched and danced around the Temple, eventually stopping in the Temple lobby to sing songs with Cantor Schloss, Rabbi Nichols and Rabbi Weiner. The Kehillah students were so excited to sing "Happy Birthday to Israel."

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated with a breakfast catered by the Kehillah parents. The teachers enjoyed eating bagels, muffins and fruit that were displayed on a table decorated with flowers and balloons. Thank you to the parents for your kindness and generosity. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Laurie  
Kehillah School Director



## Young Children's Birthday Party for the Torah

Friday, June 7, 2019  
5:30 pm



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## Eighth Annual Seeyoom

# סיום

*A Celebration of Our Children's Accomplishments*

**Friday, June 14, 2019 ~ 5:00 pm**  
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle



Please attend the Seeyoom at 5:00 pm, and then join us for the Seeyoom Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm.  
Visit [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) to let us know you're coming to the dinner by Friday, June 7th. Questions? Call (914) 637-3808.

# B'nei Mitzvah



My name is **Benjamin Patlis** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 1,

2019. I will be chanting from *B'chukotai* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Jason & Debbie Patlis. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I play tennis and chess. For my Mitzvah Project, I played chess with senior citizens alongside other kids. This project is important to me because it is necessary for people to respect the elderly, as they need to have support. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Emily Cullen** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8,

2019. I will be chanting from *Bamidbar* in the book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Doug & Rachel Cullen, and my siblings, Samantha and Lexi. I am in the 7th grade at Pelham Middle School. Outside of school, I love to read, do theatre, sing, dance, and act. For my Mitzvah Project, I worked with Project Linus, and made blankets for children in hospitals. This project is important to me because I really think that those in hospitals deserve a warm, handmade blanket. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.

# Graduation 2019



Top Row, from left to right: Rabbi Weiner, Carter Topol, Edye Rosing, Chloe Werner, Sophie Goldman, Andrew Feldman, Cantor Schloss  
Bottom Row, from left to right: Rabbi Nichols, Matt Klein, Jenna Landy, Nikki Rosenthal, Maddy Galbraith, Rachel Gorman-Cooper, Adam Weingast  
Missing: Curtis Alter



## Chavaya Meeting times 2019-2020

Group	Meeting Time(s)	Opening Sessions 2019 - 2020
Zera'eem (K) and Shorasheem (1st and 2nd grade)	Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Sunday, September 15
Nitzaneem (3rd and 4th grade)	Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesdays 4 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday, September 10 Sunday, September 15
Ahleem (5th and 6th grade)	Tuesdays 4 - 6 p.m. and Thursdays 4 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday, September 10 Thursday, September 12
Aytzeem (7th grade)	**Tuesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m. ***Thursday Torah Corps 3:45 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday, September 10 Thursday, September 12

\* Time includes class and dinner

\*\*7th Grade Thursday schedule depends on Bar/Bat Mitzvah date

# June Calendar



Sat	6/1	<b>Shabbat B'chukotai</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Ben Patlis 7:00 PM TIFTY Prom
Sun	6/2	<b>Yom Y'rushalayim</b> Celebrate Israel Parade. <i>See information below.</i>
Mon	6/3	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	6/4	6:00 PM TIFTY Old/New Board Meeting
Thu	6/6	3:30 PM Torah Corps (Note Time)
Fri	6/7	9:00 AM Talmud Class 5:30 PM Young Children's Birthday Party for the Torah 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Service/ Birthday Party for the Torah/Camp Blessing followed by dinner. <i>See p. 6 for details.</i>
Sat	6/8	<b>Parashat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat morning Service Bat Mitzvah Emily Cullen 6:00 PM Shavuot Confirmation Service of Blessing 8:00 PM Tikkun Leil Shavuot <i>at Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Rd, Scarsdale, NY See p. 6 for details.</i>
Sun	6/9	<b>Shavuot</b> <b>July/August Temple Topics Deadline</b> 10:00 AM Shavuot Morning Service Yizkor and Confirmation followed by the Celebratory Congregational Lunch
Mon	6/10	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	6/11	5:00 PM TIFTY Tie-Dye and Goodbye
Wed	6/12	11:30 AM Food for Thought. <i>See p. 11 for details.</i> 7:45 PM 111th Annual Congregational Meeting
Thu	6/13	3:30 PM Torah Corps
Fri	6/14	<b>Flag Day</b> 9:00 AM Talmud Class 5:00 PM Kehillah School Seeyoom Ceremony followed by dinner. <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	6/15	<b>Shabbat Naso</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	6/16	Father's Day
Mon	6/17	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)

Wed	6/19	7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (last meeting before summer)
Thu	6/20	3:30 PM Torah Corps 5:45 PM Kehillah School Closes Early
Fri	6/21	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Kol Shabbat Evening Service, followed by dinner. <i>See next page for details.</i>
Sat	6/22	<b>Shabbat Beha'alot'cha</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	6/23	7:00 PM Brotherhood Italian Dinner <i>at Frankie &amp; Augie's, 3673 Hill Boulevard, Jefferson Valley, NY</i>
Mon	6/24	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Thu	6/27	<b>First Day of Camp Pinebrook for the Summer</b> 3:45 PM Torah Corps
Fri	6/28	9:00 AM Talmud Class 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	6/29	<b>Shabbat Sh'lach</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study

## 111th Annual Congregational Meeting

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019 • 7:45 pm**

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(917) 769-7049.

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# Food for Thought

**Food Insecurity in Israel - How Does a Post-Holocaust Generation Rationalize People Going Hungry in the Jewish Homeland?**



Talk given by: CEO of American Friends of Leket Israel, and Temple Member, Paul Warhit, 11:30 am

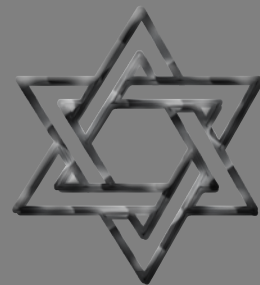
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# Kol Shabbat

**Let's hear your voices ... it's Kol Shabbat, the Voice of Shabbat!**



Service at 6:00 pm with dinner following.

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*All Welcome to the Service. RSVP for dinner at [www.tinr.org/events](http://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.*



## 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](mailto:lawwsa@aol.com))/(914) 933-0050) or Stan Konwiser ([stankonwiser@gmail.com](mailto: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!*

## Interviewee

Alan Ascher  
Arthur Barr  
Art & Carol Ostrove  
The Balik Family  
Barbara Kantor  
Bill Handelman  
Claire Coleman  
Diane Senderoff  
Damon Maher  
David & Lisa Eichler  
and Jocelyn Kenner  
Edith Meyers  
Frank & Barbara Axel  
David & Miriam Fridovich  
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Helene Fishman  
Bernie & Helen Miller  
Ina Aronow  
Joan Goldsmith  
Michael Shankman  
Karen White  
Leroy Fadern  
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Robinson Family  
Russell Handelman  
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## Interviewer

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Warren Agatston  
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Linda Capozzola  
Amy Bass  
Rich Alter  
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Brotherhood activities don't end just because summer is here! Expect to see more activities even when the weather is hot!

**Sunday, June 23rd at 7 pm** is a "**Brotherhood Italian Dinner**" extravaganza at **Frankie & Augie's Ristorante - Open to All** (3673 Hill Boulevard Jefferson Valley, NY). A full course meal with beer and wine for \$45 can't be beat. So get to [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) and sign up!

We never disappoint with the annual **Golf Outing on Tuesday, August 6th**, which is the biggest fundraiser for Brotherhood! **Open to All**. Come and spend the day on the links at Hampshire Country Club (1025 Cove Road, Mamaroneck, NY). You'll first enjoy a BBQ from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm followed by the 1 pm Shotgun tee off. Dinner follows at the Temple at 7 pm. It's only \$236 for golf and dinner

and \$50 for just dinner. The dinner is catered with an open bar. **EVERYONE** is invited to both golf and dinner! *RSVP at [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events)*

There will be more during the summer like the on-going favorite "Cigars & Cognac" so come back for the July/August Temple Topics and look for more Brotherhood events in the Shabbat leaflet and the eblast.

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 supporting youth activities and the Temple.

Todd & Mitchell  
 Co-Presidents

## SAVE THESE DATES!

June  
**23**

## Italian Dinner

August  
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## Golf Outing



# Sisterhood

Wow. Three years went by in the blink of an eye and this is the last Temple Topics column we will be writing.

It has been an honor to serve as Co-Presidents for the past three years and we are so proud of the team effort to bring you events such as Comedy Night, 80's Night, Bowling Night, Temple-wide Common Read with the Library Committee, Yoga Classes with Debbie Zimmerman, Barre to Bar, the screening of Prosecuting Evil (before it played at Jewish Film Festivals across the country) and Politic & Pastries with Mimi Rocah.

Incoming Sisterhood Co-Presidents Janet Frey and Jennifer Herbst will no doubt be spending their summer coming up with compelling and fun programming for the 2019-2020 year. We will be staying on the Sisterhood Board to support their efforts, along with Greta Berenbaum, Robin Werner, Liz Hartzman and Berdie Stein.

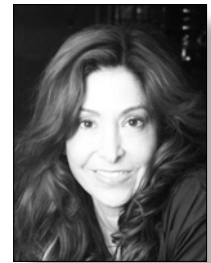
Please reach out if you have any ideas or suggestions -- we love hearing from you!

Have a great summer.

Jackie Saril & Lauren Pekats  
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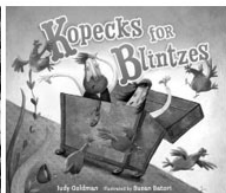
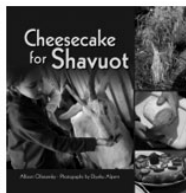
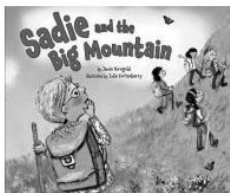
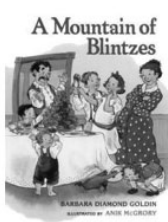
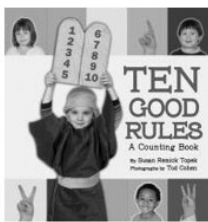
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## Edith H. Handelman Library



It's time to commemorate the giving of the Torah and the harvest festival!



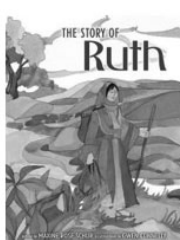
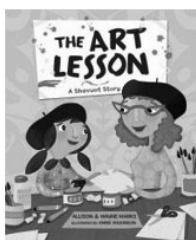
As the school year comes to a close please visit the library to see our wonderful selection of summer reading suggestions for kids AND adults. The school year may be ending but the library will be open all summer.

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# Social Action

## From the Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester (ICNAW)

Dear Fellow Congregants and Supporters,

In 1939 Senator Robert Wagner (D-NY) and Congresswoman Edith Rogers (R-Mass.) sponsored a bill that would have allowed 20,000 refugee children (14 and under) to immigrate to the U.S. from Europe (10,000 in 1939 and 10,000 in 1940). It was a reaction to Kristallnacht (Nov. 9-10, 1938) in Germany. It had wide support among religious groups and labor leaders. It was opposed by nationalist groups and it never came to vote as Senator Robert Rice Reynolds (D-NC) blocked it from coming to the Senate floor. Rice was a venomous anti-Semite and Anglophobe who because of his seniority wielded considerable power in the Senate.

History repeats, and the venom today has been directed at immigrants from the Middle East, Africa and Central America.

The Interfaith Council for New Americans (ICNAW) and its 150 volunteers, from six Westchester County congregations, continue to work towards a higher goal of attempting to save lives rather than destroy lives. We are very fortunate to be working with HIAS, NY and with their guidance have helped to resettle The Ghafoor Family. Fardin, and his wife Mahnaz and their three children from Afghanistan are all doing

very well in their home in White Plains. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/TheGhafoorFamily](http://www.tinyurl.com/TheGhafoorFamily) to see how the Ghafoor Family is acclimating.



*The Ghafoor Family*

We are also expanding our outreach in 2019 to working with Catholic Charities and Hearts and Homes for Refugees to assist in refugee resettlement in Westchester County.

We are again asking you to consider making a contribution to the ICNAW. 100% of all funds received go to our refugee/SIV families. We know you get requests for donations from many organizations, but the funds you donate to the ICNAW have an immediate positive impact in the form of rent, food, medical care and education. In addition to your humanitarian action there is also a positive economic benefit as family members quickly enter employment and begin to pay taxes on income, and pay into Medicare and Social Security. Long term the benefits are even greater as the funds contribute to the growth and well being of the country.

We cannot change the world, but we can change our small corner of it, and that is significant.

We are very fortunate to have

## A New Family Has Arrived!

A new family arrived from Afghanistan on May 14. You can give them your support as you've done with the Ghafoor Family!

Please make all checks out to Beth EL Synagogue Center. Write "ICNAW" in the memo section.

Mail to: Beth El Synagogue Center  
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such strong support from our respective congregations and we hope you will be able to contribute once again.

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### Thank you to:

Marilyn Morris and Nancy Chez for coordinating the baking and decorations for the Spring Formal at the Sally & Anthony Mann Center of the Jewish Board.

Thank you to all who contributed by donating money, dresses, suits and baked goods. The kids all had outfits and couldn't wait for their formal.

**RAC-NY is a new initiative of the Reform Action Center of the Reform Movement (RAC) to lobby for legislation in line with our values as Reform Jews.**

The Social Action Committee of TINR is excited to be a part of RAC-NY and of this social justice initiative. Keep looking for updates in Temple Topics, TINR's weekly e-blasts and on social media. We will keep the congregation informed of how we are all able to get involved and raise our voices in support of our values.

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