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THE DEADLINE FOR
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IS THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH!

Sympathy

We send condolences to...

- **Family & Friends**, on the loss of Irene Pastarnack
- **Frank Axel**, on the loss of his uncle, Bert Schwarz
- **Phyllis Slotnick**, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Selma Slotnick Stelzer
- **Leah Levenson**, on the loss of her mother, Judith Menken
- **Richard Relkin**, on the loss of his friend, Eli Kaplan

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

Mazal Tov

We congratulate congregants on their good news...

- **Michael & May Goldberg**, on the birth of their grandson, Ruben Bernard Goldberg
- **Charlie & Barbara Coleman**, on the engagement of their son, Rob Coleman, to Becca Gross
- **Carly and Jack Rieger**, for being a part of a delegation of New Rochelle High School students, who attended the "Change the World Model United Nations (CWMUN)" Conference on March 29-30 at the United Nations. They engaged in debate with fellow high school students from around the globe on major issues.
- **Sisterhood**, for being honored by United Hebrew of New Rochelle with a Community Service Award. Their 10th annual awards ceremony will be held at United Hebrew on Tuesday, May 7th, at 2:30.
- **The Social Action Committee**, for being honored by Hawthorne Campus for making a difference in the lives of young New Yorkers on April 11, 2019.
- **Jack & Judith Adler**, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
- **Bernard & Helene Fishman**, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
- **Frank & Barbara Axel**, on their 45th Wedding Anniversary
- **Sam Rosenberg**, with his friend Evan Phillips, on raising over \$50,000 at their fourth annual "Be a Good Cookie Lacrosse Tournament" which benefits Cookies for Kids' Cancer Center
- **Gabrielle (Ellie) Roberge**, for being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 4
- **Nicole Friedman**, for being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 11

See bios for Ellie and Nicole on p. 9

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

Board of Trustees Minutes

Rabbi Nichols shared a word of Torah. In preparation for Passover, Rabbi Nichols suggested the Board of Trustees (BOT) regard themselves as if they themselves had come from Egypt, being grateful for freedom and making the holiday personally relevant.

Rabbi Nichols shared readings including one from *Integrity First for America*. Rabbi Nichols heard the lawyers from this organization, who are currently representing plaintiffs suing white supremacists in Charlottesville, VA, speak at a recent conference in Cincinnati. Rabbi Nichols also spoke on the rise in anti-semitism and the

appearance of swastikas locally in New Rochelle. New Rochelle Rabbis convened with the acting school superintendent, Magda Parvey to address this. There will be another meeting in April to encourage more education in the schools.

Rabbi Nichols provided the educational report outlining how Kehillah and Chavaya students are preparing for and learning about Passover. She reported that the *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser was the most successful ever. Thank you to all who participated.

Adam Egelberg presented the financials. Chavaya has found new and creative sources of revenue and increased teen recruitment and participation. Camp Pinebrook ran a very successful Presidents' Day week-long camp.

Executive Director Anita Aronoff presented the Membership Report, which the BOT voted unanimously to accept. Anita continues

outreach to families who have yet to make pledge commitments.

The BOT voted unanimously to increase the security fund from \$150 to \$200.

The BOT voted unanimously to increase tuition 3% for Kehillah and Chavaya.

Camp Director, Jesse Gallop updated the BOT on Camp Pinebrook enrollment and outreach efforts. Jesse reiterated the need for volunteer families to house our two Israeli counselors. Teenagers are being sought for counselor positions.

Gala Committee Chair, Berdie Stein, reported that with still a month to go, the Gala attendance list is already at 100 guests. Ilissa Warhit is running the silent auction this year and continues to seek items to include such as a vacation home/getaway, jewelry, golf or theater tickets, music concerts.

The Oral History Project is actively training over 50 volunteers who are interviewing Temple Israel members. Stories are being shared within the community. Most recently, some of our long-time congregants met with 1st and 2nd graders to share stories.

Brotherhood's Purim Carnival was a huge success. Thank you to Dave Karlin for his generosity in time and effort.

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Cynthia Mintzer, in memory of my dear friend Joan "Sis" Goldstein

Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of the birth of Joshua & Melissa Goldberg's son, and in honor of Michael & May Goldberg's grandson, Ruben Bernard Goldberg

Arthur & Carol Ostrove, in appreciation for the Clergy & wonderful Temple Staff

Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of the birth of Michael & May Goldberg's grandson, Ruben Bernard Goldberg; in memory of Frank Axel's uncle, Bert Schwarz

Peter Jones & Harriet Diamond, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner and in honor of the Aufruf and Wedding of Michaela & Ryan

Bill Weil & Elaine Weiss, in memory of Rabbi Amiel Wohl

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Max & Arielle Spiegel, in gratitude to Rabbi Weiner, we are so grateful for your blessings and support

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Lenore Sempert, in memory of the yahrzeit of Howard Podell

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The Specter Family, in memory of Marvin Specter and in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols

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Josh & Megan Ostrow, in memory of James Pappas

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Neil & Marilyn Altabet, in appreciation for the beautiful music at the wedding blessing for Jon & Lori

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The Mah Jongg Girls, in memory of Joyce Titell Reiser

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Val Etra, in memory of Norman & Judith Menken

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
Howard & Sylvia Egelberg, in honor of Mia Egelberg

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Howard & Fern Bindelglass, in memory of Marvin Specter
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Richard & Deborah Rubin-Marx, in memory of Ellen Egan's father, Daniel Hodas, in memory of Rabbi Amiel Wohl

Alan & Toni Hoffman, in memory of Frank Axel's cousin, Bert Schwarz; in memory of Judith Menken
Kirk & Sari Bedevian, in memory of teacher & friend Joyce Titell Reiser
Val Etra, in memory of Irene Pastarnack

Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Marvin Specter; in memory of Irene Pastarnack; in memory of Selma Slotnick Stelzer
Edith Danzig, in memory of Marvin Specter
The Herschenfeld/Reiser Family, in memory of Joyce Titell Reiser; in appreciation to Hank & Joan Goldsmith

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Bernard & Helene Fishman,

Community Shabbat (Bar), in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Frank & Barbara Axel, Community Shabbat (Bar), in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary



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.

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Tuesday, May 14, 8 - 9 pm
and Tuesday, May 28, 7 - 8 pm

Contact Cantor Schloss at cantorschloss@tinr.org
or Beverly To at beverlyto@tinr.org
to join or to find out more information.

Rabbi's Note

Dear *chevrei* (friends),

Having just returned with our congregational group from Poland and Hungary, I'd like to share a few thoughts on the experience. Before we left, people were asking me and the members of our group, "Are you excited for the trip?" I am not sure that excited really was the right word. None of us was truly eager to walk in the footsteps of the horrific events of the Holocaust. We felt compelled, a responsibility to go there. On the other hand, from the time that we first thought of this trip, it was meant to be far more than just a Holocaust trip - to make it that would have been a disservice to the 2,000 year history of Jewish life that preceded the Holocaust.

With that in mind, I think that the trip was a resounding success. We learned about

and visited the places which made Jewish life so robust for centuries. We sat in synagogues and walked streets that once teemed with profound rabbis and sages as well as everyday Jews for centuries. We tried to imagine their lives and communities. For so long, they were vibrant and strong. And then, destruction.

Those days when we explored the Holocaust sites and tread that ground, it was honestly challenging, but no less worthwhile. Even someone such as me, who is well versed in the Holocaust - as a rabbi and one who has studied this history thoroughly - even I needed to see it all with my own eyes to grasp the scope of what was destroyed.

And then, there were times for us to meet with and hear about, as well as participate in, Jewish life as it stands now in each of the three communities we visited: in Warsaw with a local rabbi and community member; in Krakow at the vibrant JCC; and in Budapest at the JCC which is the centerpoint of an urban Jewish community much like many you'd find around the world.

At the seder, just a few days

ago, the hagadah quotes the Mishnah when it instructs us: "In every generation, one must see oneself as if s/he left Egypt." Each of us can try to imagine, based on books, movies, family stories and more what life was like in Europe and what it might be like today. That being said, there is no substitute for being there. Stories cry out from the soil, the buildings, the sidewalks in ways that are completely unlike any other.

The trip, as I said above, was not exciting, but it was moving, memorable, inexplicable, heart wrenching and, more than anything else, so necessary. Each of us, for different reasons, needed to be there and it was made more special by being there together. I hope you will think about doing the same one day.

Senior Rabbi Scott Weiner



Rabbi Weiner will be sharing his experiences about Poland and Hungary at the next **Food for Thought on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 11:30 am.** Visit www.tinr.org/events to RSVP.

Project Zug (www.projectzug.org) seeks to connect Jews across the world with each other - and with Jewish tradition - through weekly small group (*chevruta*) learning.

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- Each group will choose one 10-unit course; each course includes a study sheet with questions, designed to be learned/discussed in 30-45 minutes, and 4 short videos of the instructor offering background and framing for learning.
- Suggested fee: \$36-72, you decide what to pay within that range
- The content is designed to build relationships, not simply a broadcast of information
- There will be a project kickoff at Temple Israel with a Project Zug instructor to help us understand how to engage in this style of learning.

For information on course options, visit www.tinr.org/events.

Contact Todd Brecher if interested: toddsb@gmail.com, 914-803-2785

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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

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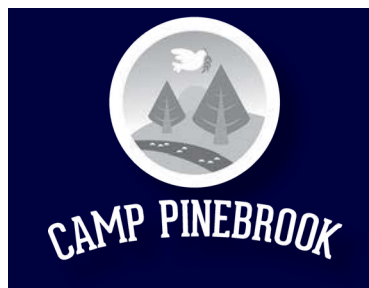
May Calendar



Wed	5/1	Social Action Committee May 1-8 Drive: Prom Dresses for the Jewish Board. <i>See p. 15 for details.</i> 5:30 PM Kehillah Art Show Opening (until Friday night) 6:00 PM TIFTY Monthly Meeting. <i>See p. 8 for details.</i>
Thu	5/2	Yom Hashoah 3:45 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya
Fri	5/3	9:00 AM Talmud Class 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	5/4	Shabbat Achrei Mot 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Gabrielle (Ellie) Roberge
Sun	5/5	9:30 AM Chavaya 9:30 AM Temple Israel Sisterhood and Library Common Read Event. <i>See p. 16 for details.</i> 11:30 AM Kehillah Consignment Fair. <i>See p. 9 for details.</i> 3:00 PM TIFTY Study Break. <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> 4:00 PM Interreligious Council's 36th Annual Awards Luncheon (<i>more information to be announced</i>)
Mon	5/6	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	5/7	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School
Wed	5/8	Yom Hazikaron 11:30 AM Food for Thought. <i>See p. 16 for details.</i> 7:30 PM Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze
Thu	5/9	Yom Haatzmaut 3:45 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya
Fri	5/10	9:00 AM Talmud Class 5/10 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service/HS Graduation
Sat	5/11	Shabbat K'doshim 9:00 AM Torah Study 9:00 AM Tot Shabbat/Birthday Blessing 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Nicole Friedman 6:00 PM NFTY-NAR Gala, New York City <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> 6:30 PM Temple Israel Gala 2019
Sun	5/12	June Temple Topics Deadline Mother's Day 9:30 AM Chavaya
Mon	5/13	Attn Committee Members: Annual Report Submissions Due 10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	5/14	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Last Tuesday of Chavaya 6:30 PM Last Tuesday of Chavaya High School Moving Traditions (12th grade only) 8:00 PM Kol Sasson Adult Choir
Wed	5/15	7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Thu	5/16	3:45 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Last Thursday of Chavaya 5:45 PM Kehillah School Closes Early
Fri	5/17	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Service followed by dinner. <i>See p. 16 for details.</i>
Sat	5/18	Shabbat Emor 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	5/19	8:30 AM TINR Blood Drive. <i>See p. 17 for details.</i> 9:00 AM TIFTY Car Wash. <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> 9:30 AM Last Sunday of Chavaya 9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting
Mon	5/20	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Wed	5/22	6:00 PM TIFTY Elections. <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> 7:00 PM Prime Time 4 Adults. <i>See p. 17 for details.</i>
Thu	5/23	Lag BaOmer 3:30 PM Torah Corps (<i>Note Time</i>) 6:00 PM Kehillah Lag BaOmer Picnic
Fri	5/24	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	5/25	Shabbat B'har 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Mon	5/27	Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (Memorial Day) No STARS
Tue	5/28	7:00 PM Kol Sasson Adult Choir
Fri	5/31	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Kol Shabbat/Brotherhood & Sisterhood Led Evening Service followed by dinner. <i>See p. 12 for details.</i>
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June		
Sat	6/1	Shabbat Bechukotai 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 7:00 PM Bar Mitzvah Ben Patlis TIFTY Prom
Sun	6/2	Yom Yerushalayim Celebrate Israel Parade Youth Group Trip to Amusement Park (time, location tbd)
Mon	6/3	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Thu	6/6	3:30 PM Torah Corps (<i>Note Time</i>)
Fri	6/7	6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Service Birthday Party for the Torah/Camp Blessing followed by dinner
Sat	6/8	Erev Shavuot Shabbat Bamidbar 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
Sun	6/9	Shavuot July/August Temple Topics Deadline 10:00 AM Shavuot Morning Service Yizkor and Confirmation followed by the Celebratory Congregational Lunch

More details on Shavuot in the June Temple Topics!



Camp Pinebrook is gearing up for our second amazing summer and we can't wait for things to get going. We're working hard to have the best summer possible for every single one of our campers and can't believe how fast summer 2019 is approaching!

To have the best summer possible we need to hire an amazing staff - and we're still hiring! Working at camp can be an absolutely life changing experience as it gives you the opportunity to work closely and impact the lives of children. If you know any high school students, graduating seniors, college students, or adults that are looking for a summer job and love kids they can apply at www.CampPinebrook.com under the "staff" tab.

We're also so excited to announce that we'll be having two Israeli staff members this summer! For them to be able to join us however we're looking for members of the Temple to host them for 3 weeks at a time over the summer. They are male staff in their mid-20's who have finished their army service. Transportation to and from for them is provided by camp. If you're interested please reach out to Jesse@CampPinebrook.com.

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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) or 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!

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
Gerry & Sandy Hyman
Helene Fishman
Bernie & Helen Miller
Ina Aronow
Joan Goldsmith
Michael Shankman
Karen White
Leroy Fadem
Nanette Sacks
Nancy Sandler Gavrinn
Paul Warhit
Phyllis Slotnick
Robinson Family
Russell Handelman
Marian & Richard Reiner
Jeff & Mady Steir
Thelma Fixler
Alan & Toni Hoffman
Jack & Judith Adler

Interviewer

Anita Aronoff
Art Ostrove
Warren Agatston
Need interviewer
Linda Capozzola
Amy Bass
Rich Alter
Need interviewer
Paul Warhit
Need interviewer

Warren Agatston
Stan Konwiser
Need interviewer
Need interviewer
Paul Warhit
Toni Hoffman
Need interviewer
Need interviewer
Warren Agatston
Lauren Axelrod
Lenore Levine
Sister/Daughter
Art Ostrove
Bob Hirsh
Judy Pinals
Need interviewer
Need interviewer
Brian Reiner
Need interviewer
Val Etra
Need interviewer
Need interviewer

In addition, the following have agreed to be interviewers. Would you consider telling your story to them? Mara Roberge, Marjorie Ostrove, Dave Karlin, Judy Siegel, Lloyd Robinson, Marilyn Altabet, Elliot Senderoff and Lauren Hurwitz



This year all of our Chavaya participants have fulfilled the words of *Pirkei Avot* 1:6: to “find yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend, and give everyone the benefit of the doubt.” They have learned so much from our wonderful educators – everything from Jewish values and holidays to Hebrew and prayer – and from one another as well! Our teen *Manheegeem* (facilitators) and *Madrichim* (assistants) have brought their energy and skills to our groups, not only assisting our teachers and students, but presenting our students with role models for continued Jewish engagement post-b’nei mitzvah!

Our Chavaya committee has done wonderful work over the past year. Additionally, the committee restructured itself this year to form two groups, with each group focusing on specific ages of our youth. Our Kindergarten-7th grade group is co-chaired by Jen Goldman and Julie Rosenbluth. The Teen Engagement committee (8th-12th grade) is co-chaired by Diana Nero and Mara Roberge. If you are a parent with children in these age cohorts, and you are not currently volunteering your time with one of these committees, please reach out to me as we are always looking to include more voices and ideas.

On Friday, May 10 please join the clergy and me in recognizing our 12 seniors who are graduating from Chavaya, and will lead us in a Shabbat service at 7:30 pm. Mazel Tov to the following seniors and their families: Curtis Alter, Andrew Feldman, Maddie Galbraith, Sophie Goldman, Rachel Gorman-Cooper, Matthew Klein, Jenna Landy, Nikki Rosenthal, Edye Rosing, Carter Topol, Adam Weingast, and Chloe Werner.

Our 10th grade Confirmation class will lead the congregation in our Shavuot service on **Sunday, June 10 at 10:00 am**. Shavuot commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Mazel Tov to the following Confirmands and their families: Caleb Alter, Cary Brecher, Noa Deutsch, Zoe Gottesman, Adam Kliegerman, Danny Long, Sonia Morris, Mia Redlener, Carly and Brooke Rieger, Simone Rivel, Hayden Roberge, Sam Rosenberg, and Dani Saril.

Finally, please note the following dates for 2019-2020:

- Families will receive the online registration form at the beginning of May.

- First Day, Tuesday, September 10: *Nitzaneem* (3rd and 4th grade) and *Ahleem* (5th and 6th grade). *Aytzeem* (7th grade) and 8th-12th grade. New Rochelle Families: please communicate this date on your transportation form if your child will be bused from school to Temple Israel.
- First Day, Thursday, September 12: *Ahleem*
- First Day, Sunday, September 15: *Zera’eem* (K), *Shorasheem* (1st and 2nd grade), and *Nitzaneem*.

Bivracha (in blessings),

Rebecca

Todah Rabah to all of our Chavaya educators, *Manheegeem* (teen facilitators), and *Madrichim* (teen assistants)

Zera’eem
(Kindergarten)
Becca Karlin
Carly Rieger
Nicole Davis
Julia Ecker
Milo Freedenberg

Shorasheem
(1st and 2nd grade)
Beth Karlin
Rhonda Broden
Jonny Ecker
Harry Pekats
Maya Schloss
Jessica Shapiro
Kyle Stein
Mikaela Strauss
Jessica Weiss

Nitzaneem
(3rd and 4th grade)*
Nellie Harris
Kai Segall
Helene Schonbrun
Josh Berenbaum
Jake Egelberg
Rebecca Brooks
Anna Kessler
Sam Rosenberg
Sonya Schloss

Ahleem
(5th and 6th grade)*
Juliet Barr
Elissa Weindling
Rachel Zager
Janet Zohar
*Adi Nulman
(our *Shinshint* from Israel)

Aytzeem (7th grade)
and 8th-12th grade
Juliet Barr
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Rabbi Jesse Gallop
Rabbi Beth Nichols
Cantor Randall Schloss
Debbie Veetal
Rabbi Scott Weiner



The TIFTY Executive Board welcomes all TIFTY members to the **TIFTY Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m.** This is your chance to have a voice in shaping Temple Israel’s senior youth group. Dinner is served, so please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food. Contact Sophie Goldman with questions or RSVPs.

TIFTY Study Break, Sunday, May 5, 3-5 p.m. Are you studying for APs? Regents? Finals? Come by Temple Israel and get support from friends. Need a break? We will have snacks and a place to relax. Need help? We will have space for people studying the same subjects to study together. Lower the stress level with a little help from TIFTY. No RSVP needed. Friends welcome.

NFTY-NAR Gala, Saturday, May 11, 6 p.m. New York City Celebrate the end of the year with friends with food, music and fun. Read up on all the details and register at newyork.nfty.org.

TIFTY Carwash: Sunday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come and volunteer. Have a blast while raising money for TIFTY. This is TIFTY’s biggest fundraiser of the year and helps support dinners and programs throughout the year. Contact Sophie Goldman if you are able to help out.

TIFTY Board Elections: Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m. Help shape the future of teen programming at Temple Israel. All teens who have attended a TIFTY event this year are eligible to vote. Election packets for those interested in running for a position are available from Rabbi Nichols and are due by May 14.

TIFTY Prom, Saturday, June 1, 7-10 p.m. Save the date! TIFTY and friends will be dancing the night away. End the year with friends, music and food.

Bat Mitzvah



My name is **Ellie Roberge** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, May 4, 2019.**

I will be chanting from *Acharei Mot* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, David & Mara Roberge and my sister, Hayden. I am in the 7th Grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy playing softball and hanging out with my friends. During the summer,

I love to go to Camp Green Lane with my camp friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I am raising funds and cardiac health awareness through a project called Hearts4NewRo. Through this project I will educate the community about cardiac health and purchase an AED for the New Rochelle High School athletic field. This project is important to me because it will potentially save lives of my fellow New Rochelle athletes in the event of a cardiac incident and it will teach everyone about the importance of cardiac health. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Nicole Friedman** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, May 11,**

2019. I will be chanting from *K'doshim* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Ari & Robin Friedman and my sister, Lilly. I am in the 7th Grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I love to dance. For my Mitzvah Project, I worked with my dance team to go to hospitals and dance

with the children. This project is important to me because I love sharing my passion of dance with others. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



KEHILLAH CONSIGNMENT FAIR

Sunday, May 5th 11:30-3:30, TINR - Rosen Hall

Hello!

I am a parent in Kehillah and work closely with Laurie Thomas, the Kehillah Director, in support of our school. You may have heard about the consignment fair that we are hosting coming up in May. This will be a fundraiser for Kehillah.

Basically we have a two part ask - we are asking people for their donations of clothing, books, toys and gear for ages birth through age 8. Secondly, we are looking for volunteers the day before the event on Saturday, May 4th and volunteers on Sunday, May 5th to help as people shop.

Details on what to donate, when to donate, when you can shop and how to volunteer can be found on www.tinr.org/events

Please contact me, or Alisa Cohen-Barney, my co-organizer, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance ... and see you at the Consignment Fair in Kehillah!

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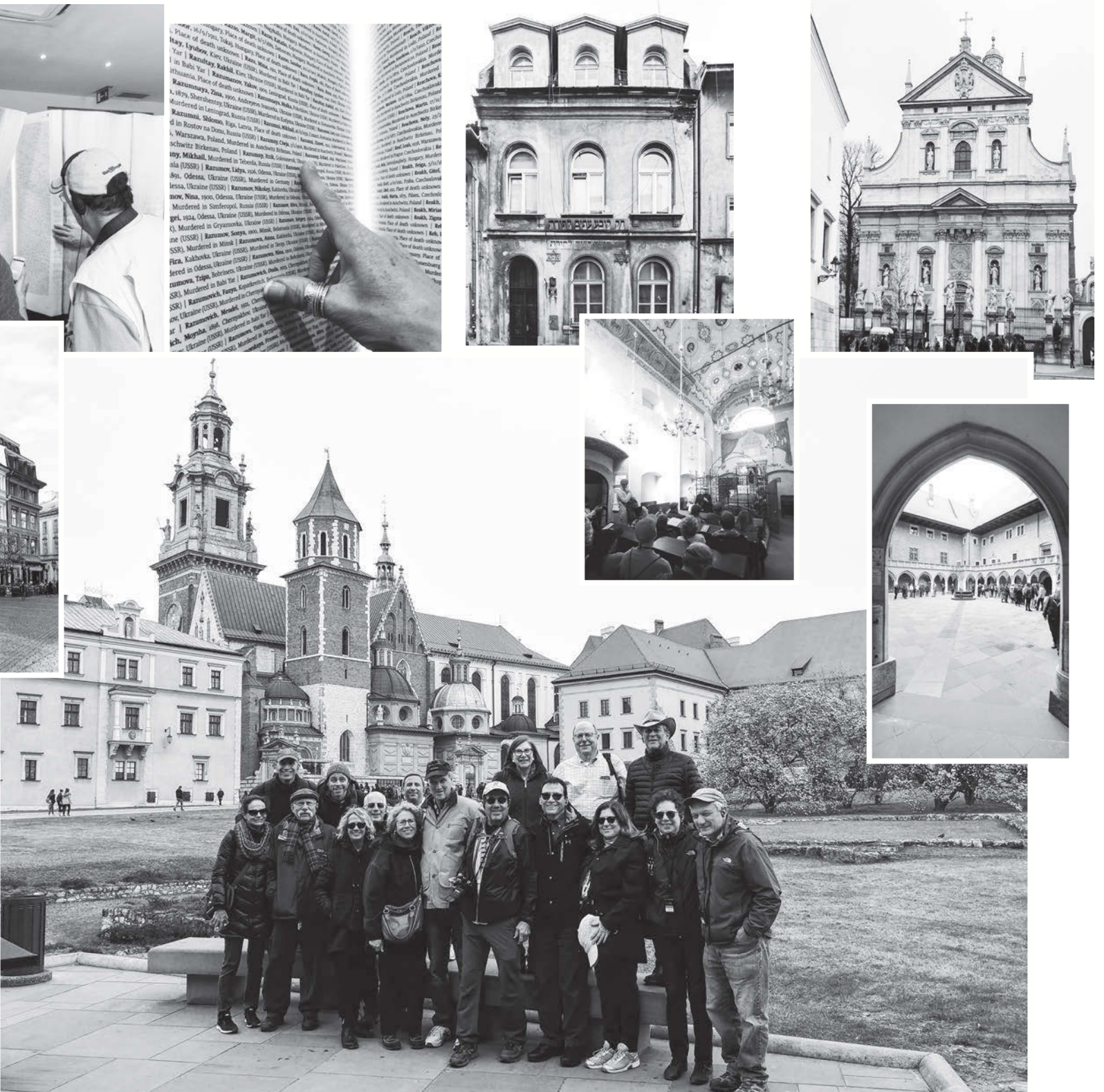
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Join the Temple Israel Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelNR/ and read day by day posts!

Brotherhood

We were thrilled to once again to sponsor the Purim Carnival which was a huge success bringing big smiles from all the children who attended. The Purim Carnival cannot happen without volunteers. We would like to especially thank the number one volunteer, Dave Karlin, who chaired and oversaw all aspects of the carnival.

We would also like to thank all the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Members, who volunteered setting up, cooking or working the carnival to ensure a good time was had by all. We would especially like to thank the students who volunteered:

Student Volunteers

Robbie Alter

Curtis Alter

Caleb Alter

Zachary Berenbaum

Rebecca Brooks

Jaden Cohen

Lucas Cohen

Marjorie Dingee

Sophie Dingee

Gabrielle Fishbein

Milo Freedenberg

Danica Frey

Caleb Frey

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Sisterhood, Brotherhood

Upcoming events:

- **Brotherhood Booze and Schmooze:** Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 pm
- **Cigars and Cognac,** date tbd
- **Brotherhood Golf Outing,** date tbd

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.

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Kol Shabbat

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Led

A relaxing and meditative Shabbat evening service led by Brotherhood and Sisterhood, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner.

Friday, May 31, 2019

6:00 pm Service

followed by dinner

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult and **FREE for Brotherhood and Sisterhood members!**

Visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner. We need RSVPs for seating and food purposes. For those paying, the cost will increase to \$30 per adult on Wednesday, May 29th.

All welcome to services.

Please visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner.

Upcoming date: June 21 (last dinner before the summer)



Sisterhood

Sisterhood is excited for three upcoming events:

Temple Wide Common Read - Sunday, May 5th, 9:30 am.
Join us for a discussion about the book, **Button Man**, a thriller set in the 1930's involving Jewish organized crime and the garment industry. The author, Andrew Gross, will be joining us and facilitating the book discussion. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Temple Israel Edith H. Handelman Library. Coffee and pastries will be served. Free. Open to all.

On Tuesday, May 7th, 2:30 pm, Sisterhood will be honored by **United Hebrew ✳ Willow Towers Assisted Living**. The Sisterhood Board will receive the 10th Annual Community Service Award. This award is given to an organization that makes positive contributions to the New Rochelle community through programming and service. We are thrilled to be recognized!

Finally, the **Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Dinner** is scheduled for Friday, May 31st. The 6:00 pm service will be led by Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. See details on the left. Please reach out to us if you would like to participate. Dinner follows at 7:00 pm - FREE for paid up Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. More information to follow.

Join us!
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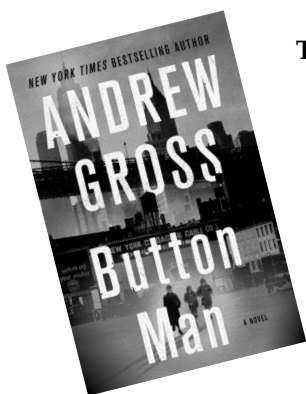


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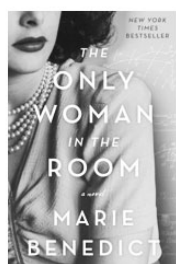
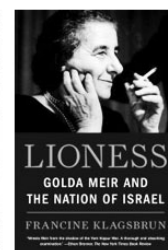
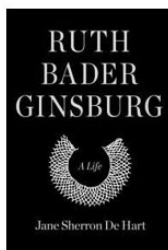
On Mothers' Day –
A Salute to Jewish Mothers, who have Strength, Wisdom and Compassion!

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 9:30 am
The Temple Israel Sisterhood and Library Common Read Event.

Author of **Button Man**, Andrew Gross will join us on May 5th to discuss his newest historical thriller, **Button Man**. Treat your mom to a special morning and bring her along! Visit www.tinr.org/events to let us know you are joining us so we can plan for breakfast and seating. This event is FREE.



Please log on to the library website to reserve these and many more at www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR. The library is always open at Temple Israel. *Stephanie Krasner, the Temple Librarian, is available on Fridays from 10:00 am or email to stephkras11@gmail.com*



And on a lighter note:



Social Action

What's happening at Temple Israel?

The Social Action Committee strives to keep you posted on what is happening via Temple Topics, weekly e-blasts, email and Facebook. *Please check for updates, upcoming projects and meetings to learn what the Social Action Committee is up to each month.*

This month we have an update from the Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester (ICNAW) of which Temple Israel is a member along with several other faith-based organizations. Read below about how the ICNAW has successfully supported the Ghafoor family, upcoming needs and the goal to sponsor another family. *To learn more contact Howard Horowitz at howard@horowitzresearch.com or socialactiontinr@gmail.com*

The Religious Action Center (RAC) – NY has also launched a new initiative regarding social justice issues. See below. *Contact Todd Brecher at toddsb@gmail.com to learn more.*

May's Collection is a "Formalwear" drive benefitting teens at The Jewish Board. See p. 15 for details. ONE WEEK ONLY – 5/1-5/8/2019.

Next Social Action meeting is on Sunday, April 28, at 9:45 am for a short while. We encourage you to then attend the Brotherhood Breakfast & Discussion. Coffee and donuts served. Join us to learn about all that is happening and bring your ideas!

Last month's Feminine Hygiene Drive brought in so many products that will benefit many local women and teen girls. A big thank you Jill, Marni and Eva Winston. A huge shout out to the Nero Family and the successful Sports Equipment Drive in February. Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Any questions?
Contact: Deb Blatt,
Amy Ecker or Mia Egelberg at
SocialActionTINR@gmail.com*

Temple Israel Members Join NYRAC in Albany to Lobby Statehouse on Greenlight Initiative

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. RAC-NY decided to prioritize this immigrant friendly issue after careful deliberation. This legislation would authorize the issuing of drivers' licenses, regardless of a person's immigration or document status. Representing Temple Israel's Social Action Committee were Todd Brecher and Howard Horowitz, who traveled to Albany with RAC-NY. Todd and Howard were joined by over 90 participants from over 30 Reform congregations around NY State.

The delegation met with Senator Shelly Mayer and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, co-sponsors of the bill. Currently the many thousands of immigrants who live and work in NY are unable to obtain a driver's license. Given the need to drive to work, take their children to school, activities and doctor's appointments the result is that they drive without a license or insurance.

When deliberating which issue to pursue, RAC considers the religious and social values of the Reform Movement. In addition

to protecting the "stranger," the bill has significant public safety benefits for all. The bill would allow undocumented individuals to be properly licensed and insured road safety for all. This bill would also insure that police can properly handle the policing of these drivers as they do with all other NY drivers (the police chiefs of both Ossining and Port Chester have endorsed the bill). In addition, the bill is estimated to add upward of \$50,000,000 in annual revenue for New York State from the fees it would collect.



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In the meetings, the delegation expressed strong support for the legislators. The delegation explained how support for the bill is a reflection of the core values of reform Judaism and that, we, too, were immigrants, refugees and undocumented leaving Egypt right down to coming to these shores. Shelly Meyers and Amy Paulin responded that RAC-NY coming forward, a non-immigrant group in support of this legislation, is crucial to its future. The legislators asked the delegation to find more non-immigrant groups to join in the coalition to move the bill out of committee and onto the floor for passage.

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 get involved and raise our voices in support of our values.

Contact Todd Brecher at toddsb@gmail.com to learn more.

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 Ghafoor Family

The Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester (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 Fardin, his wife Mahnaz and their three children from Afghanistan, who are all doing very well in their home in White Plains.

We are on the HIAS list for a second family this year and we need, as before, to be prepared to take this family in and give them the same support, love and attention as we did (and continue to do) with Fardin's family. *(-As of press time, we will welcome a new family on May 14th. More details to follow-)* 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. Visit www.tinyurl.com/TheGhafoorFamily to see how the Ghafoor Family is acclimating.

Thus, 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 such strong support from our respective congregations and we hope you will be able to contribute once again.

Please make all checks out to Beth EL Synagogue Center. Write "ICNAW" in the memo section. Mail to: Beth El Synagogue Center 1324 North Ave, New Rochelle 10804 OR visit www.tinyurl.com/SupportLocalRefugees to donate online

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Slacks

Ties

Dress Shoes

Dress Socks



Interested in baking dessert or buying decorations for the Roaring 20's themed prom?
Contact Amy Ecker, amybrose@gmail.com or 917-348-2301 or Marilyn Morris for baking at marilynmorris123@gmail.com

The Mann Center is a residential treatment facility for girls and guys ages 12-21 challenged by a range of trauma-related and psychological issues. This program is run by The Jewish Board.



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Mazal Tov Social Action Committee!



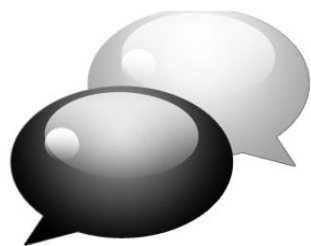
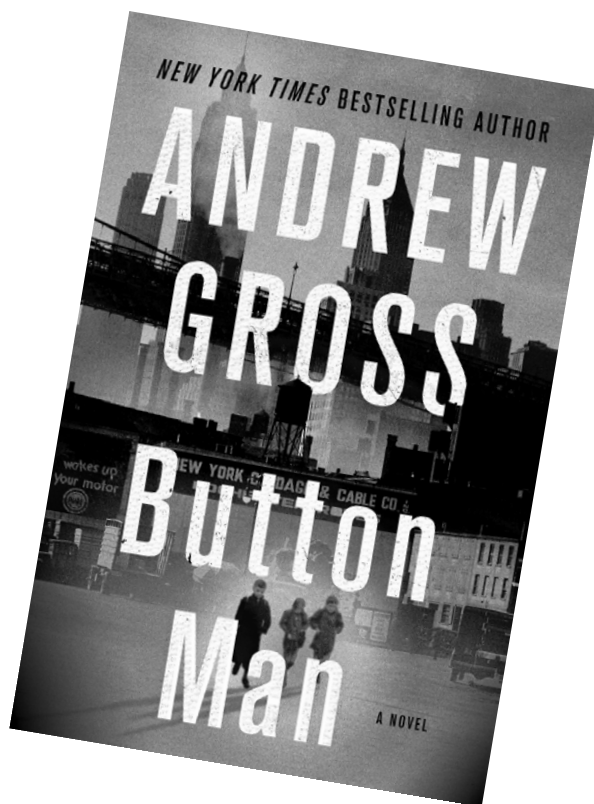
You can celebrate the Social Action committee at Gala 2019.
Visit www.tinr.org/Gala2019 to RSVP until Friday, May 3rd.

The Temple Israel Sisterhood and Library Common Read Event

**Sisterhood & the
Edith H. Handelman Library
are collaborating once again!**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 9:30 am

Button Man by Andrew Gross, is about the history of the Jewish Mob in NYC in the 1930's. The author will be on hand to lead the discussion and sign copies of his book. Copies of **Button Man** are available for sale in the library at a discounted price of \$18.



Food for Thought

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

11:30 am

Journey to the Past and Future

– a recap of Temple Israel's recent trip to Poland and Hungary with Rabbi Weiner

\$15 per person covers lecture, discussion and lunch. To register, visit www.tinr.org/events or call the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.

Look at a snapshot of the trip on pgs 10 and 11 in this issue of Temple Topics

Community Shabbat Service/Dinner

Friday, May 17, 2019

6:00 pm Service • 7:00 pm Dinner

All Invited! RSVP for Dinner!

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult, \$8 per child (6-12),
Tots and Chavaya participants in K-6 are FREE.

Visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner.

The cost will increase to \$30 per adult on
Wednesday, May 15th.

Upcoming dates: June 7 (last dinner before the summer)

2019 Spring Blood Drive

Temple Israel of New Rochelle

with Beth El Synagogue

Sunday, May 19, 2019 *

8:30 am - 1 pm

Temple Israel of New Rochelle

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* please bring government issued photo ID (required)
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4th Annual Pot Luck Dinner

4 PRIME TIME ADULTS

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:00 pm

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

RAIN or SHINE!

Weather permitting let's enjoy
the courtyard

Bring a salad and/or a main dish.
We will supply dessert and beverages,
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RSVP or questions?

Contact Debby Rubin-Marx at
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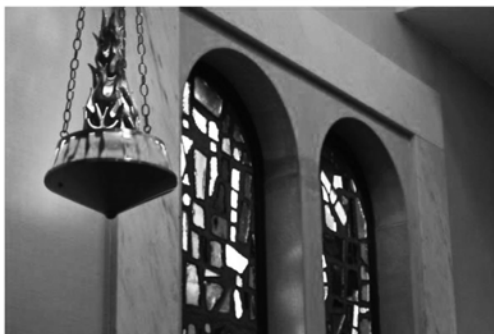
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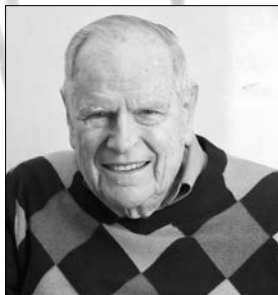
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