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

# Sympathy

## We send condolences to...

**Kehillah**, on the loss of their teacher, Lauren Jordano  
**Orietta Schneider**, on the loss of her cousin, John Brako  
**Richard Grayson**, on the loss of his mother, Betty Grayson  
**Elliot Kassoff**, on the loss of his father, Edward Kassoff  
**Jamie Levine**, on the loss of his father, Howard Levine  
**Jacqueline Brecher**, on the loss of her grandmother, Betty Filene  
**Ronald Latz**, on the loss of his mother, Marjorie Latz  
**Alan Ascher**, on the loss of his sister, Shirley Hollis

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

# Mazal Tov

## Congratulations to...

- **Marjorie Bliss, Claire Coleman, and Robin Kempf** celebrating "milestone birthdays"
- **Michael & Sandra Tannenbaum**, in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- **Robert & Debra Herschenfeld**, on the marriage of their son, Adam to Molly Kalisch on Sunday, November 10th
- **Paul & Ilissa Warhit**, on the engagement of their son, Josh to Reut Peleg, who lives in Tel Aviv with her parents, Israel & Anat Peleg
- **Matt Egelberg**, for being called to the Torah on Saturday, November 2nd. *Matt's bio is on p. 10.*
- **Dylan Schwartz**, for being called to the Torah on Saturday, November 23rd.

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

# New Members...

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

- Brandon & Alana Davis

# From the President

Fellow Congregants,

This past month has been difficult for the congregation, clergy, staff, and for me personally. It's been very painful to see the congregation torn asunder and to find myself at odds with our clergy. As such I was heartened when Rabbi Weiner shared with me an advance draft of the letter he shared with the congregation on October 30th.

In that letter Rabbi Weiner shared his decision to no longer seek a contract renewal. He then immediately shifted his focus to our community: how he could help us to heal and to move forward. The following day I had an opportunity to meet

with the clergy and our staff. In that meeting Rabbi Weiner was consistent in his message, assuring the staff that he wanted nothing more from his next eight months with us than to help all of them work together to find the best path forward for Temple Israel. Rabbi Nichols, Cantor Schloss, and the rest of our staff are equally resolute.

At the same time I've heard from so many of you. The outpouring of love and support for Temple Israel, combined with the offers of your time and resources, have renewed my faith in our community and my resolve to join with our clergy and staff in ensuring that our best days are ahead of us.

To be sure, there is a lot of work to be done. That work has already begun. I'm very pleased to announce that long time Temple Israel members Ilissa Warhit and Todd Brecher have agreed to chair our rabbinic search committee. Over the coming weeks and months Ilissa and

Todd will work to ensure our entire community plays a role in charting our path forward.

The first step of that path will be to decide whether Temple Israel transitions directly to a new Senior Rabbi, or chooses to move forward with an interim Rabbi. Interim Rabbis are senior Rabbis who have been trained to assist congregations like ours with difficult transitions as we look for a permanent Rabbi. This approach would afford our community time to come together and collectively decide what our clergy team should look like in the future. Of course, this would also mean more change over the coming two years. The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and our own clergy favor this approach.

An alternative approach would be to move directly to a search for a new Senior Rabbi. This approach would be a quicker path to installing a new senior rabbi and require less change over the coming years. However, the timing

means we'd have fewer candidates to choose from. Additionally, some Rabbis will not consider a position with a congregation replacing a long-term Rabbi absent the use of an interim Rabbi prior to the installation of a permanent Rabbi.

Please watch for communications from Ilissa and Todd as this process unfolds. We'll continue to share updates with you in Temple Topics, in postings at the Temple and in our weekly emails. Of course you may always contact our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, our clergy team, or any of the Officers of the Board of Trustees if you have additional questions. Our contact information is included in the Temple Topics masthead. May the coming months be easier than the last for all of us.

Rich Alter  
Temple President

# Rabbi's Note

Dear *chevrei* (friends),

I write this article just as we are finishing the holiday of Sukkot, a holiday where we celebrated the beauty and bounty of the fall harvest. I also write this article in anticipation of November, a month in America where we celebrate Thanksgiving and focus on all that we have in our lives. This juxtaposition is a wonderful example of how our Jewish and American values overlap and weave together; both of our identities

urging us to appreciate the good in our lives and express gratitude.

This Sukkot, however, our beautiful Temple Israel sukkah reminded us of another lesson – the fragility of life. Our sukkah, the grandest sukkah I have ever seen, was knocked over by the winds. While this unfortunate event seems to fit the definition of a sukkah as a temporary shelter, it can also be read as a sobering reminder that not everyone in our community has shelters or food supplies that are stable, reliable or consistent.

TIFTY, our high school youth group, finished the holiday season by delivering the groceries collected during our annual High Holiday food drive. The employees at HOPE Community Services'

Food Pantry were amazed by our parade of cars filled with brown paper bags. We were so proud to represent this community as we saw that our donations overflowed the tables and benches in the pantry. Our excitement was tempered, though, by a reminder of the great need in our community – as we unloaded our cars, just next door to the food pantry, HOPE was in the middle of serving dinner to a dining hall full of people experiencing food insecurity. This was an important reminder that our donations will only fill the shelves of the food pantry for a short time.

On Yom Kippur, Rabbi Weiner challenged each of us to find a way to make a difference in our local community. I hope that our successful food

drive is just the beginning of our efforts. As well, I pray that the feelings of gratitude generated by holidays like Sukkot and Thanksgiving serve as catalysts for action; that gratitude leads to generosity.

*"Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor, v'lo ata vein chorin l'hibatel mimenah. It is not up to you to finish the work, yet you are not free to avoid it."* – Pirke Avot 2:16

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Beth Nichols



# Temple Israel is Grateful

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**Bill Weil & Elaine Weiss**, in memory of Alan Ascher's sister, Shirley Hollis  
**Drs. Jack & Judith Adler**, in memory of Bill Handelman  
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**Don & Janice Arnstein**, in honor of Thelma Fixler's 100th Birthday  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Alan Ascher's sister, Shirley Hollis  
**Hank & Joan Goldsmith**, in appreciation of their bimah honor  
**Linda Capozzola**, in appreciation to the clergy for the beautiful High Holiday services  
**Cynthia Mintzer**, in memory of Isidore Edward Mintzer  
**Don & Bonnie Rosenfeld**, in memory of Alan Ascher's sister, Shirley Hollis; in memory of Bill Handelman  
**Shirley Fox**, in appreciation to Rabbis, Cantor, and staff for the lovely Yom Kippur services  
**Mark & Ella Bailey**, in memory of *Ira bat Isaiah, Boruch ben Meyer, Rachel bat Benjamin*, in appreciation  
**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of David Karlin  
**Matthew & Irina Furman**, in appreciation  
**Paul & Ilissa Warhit**, in honor of Sarah Balik, for informing Temple Israel of the harmful effects of throwing bread for Tashlich

**RABBI WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**  
**Ralen Family**, in memory of Bill Handelman  
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**Thelma Fixler**, in deep appreciation for the meaningful blessing on her birthday  
**Edith Meyers**, in appreciation  
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**Edith Meyers**, in appreciation  
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**CAMP PINEBROOK FUND**  
**Matthew & Irina Furman**, in appreciation

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**Richard & Deborah Rubin-Marx**, in honor of Josh Warhit's engagement; Jack & Ellen Egan's grandchild's birth; marriage of Bruce Turkle & Marcia Nackenson's son Adam; in memory of Bill Handelman, David Reps, and Shirley Hollis

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**Adam & Mia Egelberg**, in honor of Matt's Bar Mitzvah  
**Bruce & Jill Cohen**, in honor of Andrew's Bar Mitzvah  
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**Matthew & Irina Furman**, in appreciation

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**Paul & Karen Isaac**, in memory of Thelma Fixler's 100th Birthday  
**Don & Bonnie Rosenfeld**, in honor of Thelma Fixler's 100th Birthday

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND**  
**Howard & Sylvia Egelberg**, in honor of Mia Egelberg's birthday  
**Dan Kirschner & Sue Kahn**, in honor of Mia Judith Kirchner Egelberg's birthday, and for being an amazing daughter!

**TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES FUND**  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in loving memory of Ruth Marks  
**Alan & Toni Hoffman**, in memory of Ruth Marks; in honor of Thelma Fixler's 100th Birthday; in honor of Joshua Warhit's engagement; in honor of the birth of Lenore Levine's granddaughter, Isabelle Love Tedesco

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**Robert & Debra Herschenfeld**  
Community Shabbat (Bar) in honor of their son Adam Herschenfeld marrying Molly Kalisch on November 10, 2019  
**David & Rachel Hirschl**  
Community Shabbat (Bar) in celebration of their 11th wedding Anniversary that falls on Friday, November 1st  
**Michael & May Goldberg**  
Community Shabbat (Bar) in honor of their milestone birthdays  
**Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina**  
Community Shabbat (Gift of Shabbat Dinner) in appreciation  
**Mark Nowak & Carolyn Dudek**  
Community Shabbat (Bar) in honor of Benjamin's 6th birthday

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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](http://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.*

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## Appeal

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## Guest Tickets

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Michael & Erica Aisner  
Neil & Marilyn Altabet  
David Amstel & Simona Covel  
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Jackie Bitterman  
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Dolores Malaspina  
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Sharon Blinkoff  
Ken & Annette Stier  
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Barbara Balik  
Joel Barad & Anne Epstein  
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Gayle R. Dinerstein  
Daniel & Nancy Rothenberg  
Mark Aaron

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### Thank you to the ushers and doctors on call

Mitch Abrams, Robby Alter,  
Amy Bass, Sari Bedevian,  
Jessica Cohan, Barbara Coleman,  
Jamie Deutsch, Amy Ecker,  
Adam Egelberg, Mia Egelberg,  
Beth Feldman, Eve Fish,  
Hank Goldsmith, Janet Goodman,  
Sharon Gorman, Monica Grey,  
Richard Grey, Brian Heaps,  
Marji Karlin, Matthew Kates,  
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Sylvana Krasner, Robin Maccabee,  
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Marilyn Morris,  
Marcia Nackerson, Andy Rabin,  
Judith Redliner, Charlie Reitman,  
Barb Rosenthal, Judy Seigel,  
Liz Steger-Hartzman, Jill Slansky,  
Jeffrey Stier, Bruce Turkel,  
Liz Weingast, Dan Weiser,  
Louis Weiss, Randy Zerman

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Paula Katz, Hayden Roberge,  
Melina Roth, Dani Saril,  
Leah Schloss, Maya Schloss,  
Jim Weingast

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# Board of Trustees Minutes

Word of Torah was given by Rabbi Weiner regarding the symbolism of Sukkot, lulav and etrog in connection with the recent news impacting our congregation. Sukkot represents the fragility of life. There is fragility in our home and uncertainty. Let's not lose track of the goodness and people who make up this community and values that served us well for over 110 years. The clergy offered the blessings over the lulav and etrog.

Rabbi Weiner reported on the feedback on the high holidays and the extraordinary circumstances the clergy faced on the bimah this year. Excellent feedback from congregants and guests. Timing issues improved over last year's high holidays services. The Sukkot festival was an outstanding success. Kudos to Margie Ostrove and Rebecca Elkus-Ferst for their leadership. There were approximately 140 congregants in the sukkah on Erev Sukkot during T'filah. This festival is for the entire community. All ages are always welcome.

Rabbi Nichols reported that there was a high retention rate of returning 8th graders from last year's 7th grade class. Rabbi Nichols also informed the Board of Chavaya's new immunization policy. Due to the new law in New York State eliminating a religious exemption, measles outbreak in recent months, and to align with New Rochelle Schools, immunization records will now be required.

Jesse Gallop provided an update on Camp Pinebrook. Despite initial projections of a \$38,000 loss for Summer 2019, the camp earned a operating surplus of \$15,000. 95 students were enrolled this summer, more than doubling our numbers from last summer. A new pricing model will be implemented, with a separate charge for bussing. Jesse was recognized for his tremendous dedication.

Our Treasurer, Adam Egelberg, provided the financial report. The endowment stands at \$2 million, and is projected to be \$1.7 million following the June withdrawal required to cover our deficit pursuant to the Congregational approval received at the June Congregational Meeting. Adam offered kudos to Rebecca Elkus-Ferst for recruiting 20 new students to Chavaya.

Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, discussed pledge commitments. 73% of members have returned pledge commitments to Temple Israel, down from 81% in the prior year. The goal is to have 90-95% of members to return their pledge commitment in before year end.

Richard Alter offered praise and gratitude to the clergy for their dedication under extraordinary circumstances. He also offered his gratitude to all the High Holiday ushers led by Sally Meisner and Laurie Dubner, the volunteer security force led by Sharon Gorman and Mitchell Tarnopal and our amazing musicians - both volunteer and professional. Though not required by the By-laws ahead of time, in response to a Board member request, Richard Alter provided for a rotating schedule of Executive Committee members to stand in, should incapacity prevent him from performing the duties of President.

The Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Amy Bass. Pursuant to the bylaws, the vacancy may be filled by the Board based upon a recommendation from the Nominating Committee.

Rich Alter explained to the Board that a new vote on renewal of the clergy contracts would be required as our By-laws require the matter to be raised at one meeting and voted on at a subsequent meeting. This was not done. As such the matter was being raised at this meeting for vote at a subsequent meeting. Rich further explained that clergy had been informed and that the vote would not take place until after the Board had had an opportunity to hear from the Congregation at the upcoming Congregational Meeting. Discussions took place regarding the agenda for the October 23 informational congregation meeting.

The Board passed the following motion which had been raised at our previous meeting: Be it hereby resolved that the Executive Committee, for this current fiscal year, in consultation with the clergy and David Itzkowitz may for the current fiscal year enter into a lease(s) with a lessee(s) for use of Temple space. Notice of the intention to enter into any lease will be transmitted to the entire Board at least 1 week prior to signing

The Board discussed new business including a committee to explore an after-school program.

# 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)  
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Carole & Mitchell Ostrove  
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Amy Sincoff (estate)  
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Dear Chavaya Families,

At Chavaya we are always looking to provide resources and opportunities for our children and parents to enhance their relationships and Jewish experiences. Specifically, we have observed and heard many families' challenges in navigating the world of technology, and how to create a balance between children's use and their everyday lives. On Sunday, November 24 we are pleased to bring author, Naomi Schaefer Riley. Naomi will be discussing her book, **Be the Parent Please, Stop Banning Seesaws and Start Banning Snapchat**.

Riley's book will tell the tale of her personal experiences with her own children, while discussing the research on technology's affect into each stage of childhood. She provides suggestions that are realistic and help parents navigate their role in their child's usage of technology.

While I certainly encourage our Chavaya parents to attend, this event is open to anyone in the community so please feel free to invite your friends! Timing and details are included on the right.

L'shalom,

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst,  
Chavaya Director



My name is **Matt Egelberg** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on

November 2, 2019. I will be chanting from *Parashat Lech L'cha* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Adam and Mia, and my brother Jake. I am in the 8th grade at The Harvey School. Outside of school, I play ice hockey and run a pet-sitting business. Also, I work as a *Madrish* for Chavaya and volunteer in the Saturday Night Social Program at the JCC. For my Mitzvah Project, I delivered meals for the Meals on Wheels organization in New Rochelle. This project is important to me because I learned that the elderly need a lot of support as they get older. There are a lot of seniors that live alone and need someone to check on them or keep them company.

Dear Temple Community,

November is a month to think of the things that we are grateful for, appreciate them, and share our gratitude by thanking God as we celebrate these with an abundance of food on our Thanksgiving tables. In October, Kehillah celebrated Sukkot. Sukkot celebrates the harvest and expresses gratitude for the abundance of food. Throughout their years at Kehillah, the children learn that everyone is not as fortunate as they are. Though they enjoy the holidays, they understand that others are in need. To give expression to their thankfulness, all the classes baked delicious treats to raise money for breast cancer research and to directly help a Kehillah teacher's sister with her medical bills, food, and transportation. They proudly sold their baked goods, acknowledging their work and their mitzvot. Kehillah continues to joyfully perform mitzvot. On Simchat Torah, the congregation watched with delight as the children marched through the Temple halls to the sanctuary, waving Israeli flags they created or wearing crowns that represented the Torah.

Many Kehillah parents enjoyed visiting the classrooms on Curriculum Night to understand what occurs in their children's classrooms. The parents were taken on a tour of all the centers in the classrooms, giving them the opportunity to understand how each child navigates the room, learning social skills, literature, math and science. Simple works

of art were shown through the eyes of their children to understand the processes that were used to enhance their imaginations and skills. Parents were reminded of all wonderful things, and that children learn through play. They were encouraged to visit other classrooms to learn what their children will experience at Kehillah as they grow.

Take some time this month to think of all the things you are thankful for and feel free to share them with friends and family!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Laurie Thomas  
Kehillah School Director

**OPEN TO ALL!**

**Chavaya  
Event  
"Be the Parent  
Please"**

**Sunday,  
November 24,  
10:30 am**

**"Start Banning  
SnapChat"**

**Strategies for Solving  
the REAL Parenting  
Problems**

*See details on p. 15*

# Social Action



## The Giving Tree is Back! And, you can make a difference!

The Giving Tree will be in the Temple Israel lobby beginning on Friday, November 15. Pick a leaf/leaves with a local child's wish and purchase a gift. Return gift to Temple and place in one of the labeled boxes. All gifts due by Sunday, December 8th.

Questions? Contact Amy Ecker at [amybrose@gmail.com](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com), or (917) 348-2301.

### Social Action Committee Updates

- Thank you to Hayden Roberge/TIFTY, Jill, Eva and Marni Winston for overseeing the Feminine Hygiene and Beauty Supply Drive for The Jewish Board and Teen Boutique. Both groups are grateful for the Temple Israel's generosity.
- A huge shout out to The Beauty Room of Larchmont for running a Feminine Hygiene and Beauty Supply Drive in conjunction with Temple Israel. Their drive was enormously successful!
- Children's winter items are being delivered to local refugees throughout November. Thank you for all the children's winter boots, jackets, hats and gloves.
- For years, TINR member Nanette Sacks has organized a fantastic monthly food contribution for Community Services Associates, a free-meal and social services organization in Mount Vernon (<https://csasoupkitchen.org/>). Starting new this year, Marilyn Morris is stepping in to carry on this ongoing cooking project for TINR.

If you are interested in participating Marilyn will email you each month to let you know the menu. You can drop the food at Marilyn's house any time during the month, and I can store it until delivery. You can cook when it works for you, participating some months and skipping others.

Please let Marilyn know by e-mail ([marilynmorris123@gmail.com](mailto:marilynmorris123@gmail.com)) or text (215-868-7261) if you'd like to be included in the monthly e-mail!

- It's Giving Tree time again...please look for the tree on November 15. Temple Israel continues to put smiles on hundreds of children during the holidays. Gifts are due back at temple by Sunday, December 8.
- Mitzvah Day is next month. The next several pages contain important information about projects and registration. The November and December collections are for items in support of helping Mitzvah Day be a success.
- Meetings: Sunday, November 3 – CANCELLED; Sunday, November 24 at 9:45 a.m.



November Tip: Have furniture to donate? Contact the Furniture Sharehouse to learn more about what is accepted, pick-ups and drop-off. (<http://www.furnituresharehouse.org/schedule-furniture-pick-up> or 914-834-1294)

Please reach out with any questions to:

[SocialActionTINR@gmail.com](mailto:SocialActionTINR@gmail.com)

Mia Egelberg [miaegelberg@gmail.com](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com) or 914-629-2794

Amy Ecker at [amybrose@gmail.com](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com)

**New Committee! The Advocacy Committee of Temple Israel. See p. 18 for details.**





## Temple Israel of New Rochelle

**“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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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,

Amy Ecker  
[amybrose@gmail.com](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com)  
917-348-2301

**Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs 2019**

Mia Egelberg  
[miaegelberg@gmail.com](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com)  
914-629-2794

*You can fulfill items on the Mitzvah Day Target Wishlist by **visiting [www.tgt.gifts/TINRMitzvahDay2019](http://www.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.*



# 5th Annual Congreg

## 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](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com) or visit [bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019](http://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



# ational Mitzvah Day

## 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

## Target Wishlist!

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

Visit [bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019](http://bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019) to register OR complete form on p. 19 of this Temple Topics, and return to the temple by Wednesday, December 4.

## 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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019)



Temple Israel of New Rochelle



# November Calendar



Fri	11/1	<b>Social Action Committee Drive: Mitzvah Day Donations.</b> <i>See p. 10-11 for details.</i> 9:00 AM Talmud Class 10:30 AM Kehillah School Shabbat 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Service followed by dinner. <i>See p. 13 for details.</i>
Sat	11/2	<b>Shabbat Noach</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study 4:30 PM Havdalah in Pajamas. <i>See p. 13 for details.</i> 5:00 PM Shabbat Afternoon Service/ Bar Mitzvah Matthew Egelberg
Sun	11/3	9:30 AM Chavaya 9:30 AM Safe Driver's Class. <i>See p. 14 for details.</i> 10:30 AM Nitzaneem Boker B'yachad 12:00 PM Kol Simcha
Mon	11/4	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement). <i>Check the calendar on <a href="http://www.tinr.org">www.tinr.org</a> to determine activity for session.</i>
Tue	11/5	<b>Election Day</b> <b>No Chavaya</b> <b>Election Day outing for Club 23, Club 45 and TIFTY</b> 5:30 PM Nitzaneem/Ahleem Parent Meetings
Wed	11/6	5:30 PM Kehillah School Curriculum Night 6:00 PM TIFTY Board Meeting
Thu	11/7	4:00 PM Chavaya 4:00 PM Torah Corps 7:00 PM Advocacy Committee (offsite). <i>See details on p. 18.</i>
Fri	11/8	<b>NFTY-NAR Fall Kallah</b> 9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Kol Shabbat Evening Dinner/Veterans Day Observance and Remembrance of Kristallnacht followed by dinner. <i>See p. 13 for details.</i>
Sat	11/9	<b>Shabbat Lech-Lecha</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	11/10	<b>December Temple Topics Deadline</b> <b>No Chavaya</b> 4:00 PM Photography Show Opening. <i>See details on p. 14.</i>
Mon	11/11	<b>Temple Office &amp; Kehillah School Closed</b> <i>(Veteran's Day)</i> <b>Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp.</b> <i>See back cover for details.</i> <b>No STARS</b>
Tue	11/12	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya
Wed	11/13	11:30 AM Food for Thought. <i>See p. 14 for details.</i> 7:00 PM Prime Time 4 Adults "Movie Night" <i>See details on p. 14.</i> 7:30 PM Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze
Thu	11/14	4:00 PM Chavaya 4:00 PM Torah Corps

Fri	11/15	<b>Giving Tree in Lobby.</b> <i>See p. 8 for details.</i> <b>(Friday, November 15 - Sunday, December 8)</b> 9:00 AM Talmud Class 10:30 AM Kehillah School Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	11/16	<b>Shabbat Vayera</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	11/17	9:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast. <i>See p. 15 for details.</i> 9:30 AM Chavaya 10:30 AM Zera'eem Boker B'yachad 12:00 PM Kol Simcha 12:00 PM Wacky Game Event for Club 23
Mon	11/18	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement). <i>Check the calendar on <a href="http://www.tinr.org">www.tinr.org</a> to determine activity for session.</i>
Tue	11/19	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions 8:00 PM Bourbon and Bible. <i>See p. 15 for details.</i> 8:00 PM TIFTY Sandwich Brigade
Wed	11/20	7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (meet & greet 7 pm)
Thu	11/21	4:00 PM Chavaya 4:00 PM Torah Corps
Fri	11/22	<b>No Talmud Class</b> 10:30 AM Kehillah School Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	11/23	<b>Shabbat Chayei Sarah</b> 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service/ Bat Mitzvah Dylan Schwartz 7:00 PM WJC Night of Jewish Learning and Celebration. <i>Visit <a href="http://www.wjccouncil.org">www.wjccouncil.org</a> for details.</i>
Sun	11/24	9:30 AM Chavaya 9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Chavaya Event with Author, Naomi Schafer Riley. Open to All! <i>See p. 15 for details.</i> 12:00 PM Kol Simcha
Mon	11/25	10:45 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement). <i>Check the calendar on <a href="http://www.tinr.org">www.tinr.org</a> to determine activity for session.</i>
Tue	11/26	12:00 PM Kehillah Thanksgiving Feast 3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School
Thu	11/28	<b>Temple Office, Chavaya &amp; Kehillah School Closed</b> <i>(Thanksgiving Day)</i> 4:00 PM Torah Corps
Fri	11/29	<b>Temple Office, Chavaya &amp; Kehillah School Closed</b> 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	11/30	<b>Shabbat Toldot</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study

## December

Sun 12/1 No Chavaya

## SAVE THE DATE! Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 8:30 am - 1 pm  
at Beth El, 1324 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10804

**Every  
Monday**

# **STARS**

(Seniors Together at Retirement)

**10:45 a.m. - Noon**  
**FREE, at Temple Israel**

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

*Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org), and click on the calendar  
to see the exercise of the week!*

**Nov  
1**

# **Community Shabbat**

**Pray • Eat  
Enjoy • Together**

Service at 6:00 pm with dinner following.  
Cost is \$25 \* per adult, \$8 per child (6-12), Tots FREE  
Chavaya Participants FREE

*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.*

**Note!** December 20, 2019 is the Chanukah Service  
followed by the Chanukah Party! **Upcoming 2020**  
**Dates:** January 24, February 28

**Nov  
2**

# **Tots Havdalah in Pajamas!**

**Songs, Blessings,  
Crafts, Schmooze ...  
and Nosh in Pajamas!**

4:30 pm      Craft/Schmooze Time  
5 pm          Havdalah & Songs  
5:30 pm      Light Nosh

Upcoming 2020 Dates: February 22, May 16

**Nov  
3**

# **Safe Driver's Course**

**Breakfast and New Registrations begin at  
9 am on day of class**  
9:30 am - 3 pm is class time  
\$60 per person

*Save up to 15% on your auto insurance and  
up to 4 points deducted from your driving record  
(restrictions apply)!*

*Visit [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) to reserve your space on-line!  
Questions? Contact Mark Shainker at  
[mark@shainkerandshainker.com](mailto:mark@shainkerandshainker.com)*

**Deadline:      Wednesday, October 30, 2019  
to sign up!**

Nov  
8

# Kol Shabbat

## The Voice of Shabbat Veterans Day Observance and Remembrance of Kristallnacht

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](http://www.tinr.org) to RSVP for dinner)

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult. Pay early, the cost will increase to \$30 on Wednesday, October 23.

**Upcoming Dates:** 2019: December 6  
2020: March 20, April 3, May 8

Nov  
10

# Photography Show

## "Remnants of a Lost Civilization"

A photo essay exploring the remains, and the impact felt, of Jewish life and culture in Warsaw, Krakow, and Budapest found over 10 days in April 2019 (during Temple Israel's congregational trip) with photographer, and Temple Member, Lisa Klein.

3:30 pm  
4 - 5 pm

Opening  
Sharing the Photo Essay

A full book of photographs and the large format photos will be available in the cultural center through *Yom HaShoah* in the spring.  
Please come and visit beyond this initial event.

Questions? Contact Lisa Klein at  
[LisaPearlKlein@gmail.com](mailto:LisaPearlKlein@gmail.com)



Nov  
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# Food for Thought

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



## Bioethics in a New York Children's Hospital: Cases and Controversies

with Marilyn Morris, MD MPH, and Temple Member, who is a physician and bioethicist in the division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Columbia University. Marilyn will speak of communication strategies with families of critically ill children and on the involvement of critically ill children in medical research

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

Upcoming 2019 Date: Wednesday, December 11

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# Prime Time 4 Adults

## MOVIE NIGHT "Keeping the Faith"

... a light comedy starring Ben Stiller and Ed Norton as a Rabbi and Priest.

Friends who reunite with their best friend from childhood, played by Jenna Elfman.  
More details on [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events)

7:00 pm  
FREE, open to members & non-members over 21.

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





**Nov  
17**

## **Brotherhood Breakfast & Discussion**

### **The Vision and Goals for the New Rochelle School District**

**Come and meet Dr. Laura Feijóo,** appointed New Rochelle Board of Education Superintendent, which will be effective Friday, November 1st.

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

*RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal at [mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com](mailto:mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com) to accommodate for food and seating, but walk-ins are also welcome.*



**Nov  
19**

## **Bourbon & Bible**

### **Bible the "Brotherhood Way" with Bourbon and Dinner!**

**FREE • ALL INVITED, men and women.**  
This event begins at 8 pm.

**Top shelf wine and liquor, great food and friendship with a special bible discussion with Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Schloss.**

*Visit [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) to join us.*

**Nov  
24**

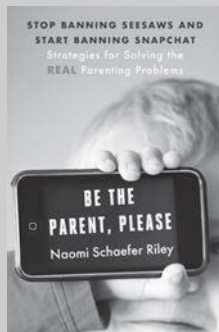
## **Chavaya Event "Be the Parent Please"**

### **Start Banning SnapChat Strategies for Solving the REAL Parenting Problems**

**Naomi Schaefer Riley, author,** former New York Post and Wall Street Journal writer, draws from her experience as a mother of three and delves into the latest research on the harmful effects that excessive technology usage has on a child's intellectual, social, and moral formation.

This event begins at 10:30 am - 12 pm and includes breakfast. FREE.

*RSVP to [Chavaya@tinr.org](mailto:Chavaya@tinr.org) to accommodate for food and seating, but walk-ins are also welcome.*



**Dec  
3**

## **Author Visit Social Action & Sisterhood**

### **"Last Night's Soup Run"**

Despina Kartson, 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](http://www.tinr.org/events). We ask that you also bring a box of pasta, loaf of bread or jelly with you!*



# Brotherhood



Join us for one of these many events during the chilly Fall weather!

## Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 am-3:00 pm

- Safe Driving Course: This is a no brainer - Get points taken off your license and lower your insurance rates. Breakfast and lunch are included. You need to register to take this course.

Visit [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) to register. Contact Mark Shinker at [cmefortax@verizon.net](mailto:cmefortax@verizon.net) with any questions.

## Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm -

Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze: Come join us for a drink, some food, and good conversation after a hard day at the office.

## Sunday, November 17 at 9:30 am -

Brotherhood Breakfast will feature Dr. Laura Feijoo, Superintendent of New Rochelle School District, who will share her vision

for the District. Breakfast is FREE. All are welcome.

**Tuesday, November 19 at 8:00 pm - Bourbon & Bible.** The Clergy will share great insight from the Bible, and Brotherhood will supply an assortment of fantastic bourbons. Dinner will be served. This event is FREE and open to all. It was greatly enjoyed by all last year. Reservations are appreciated. *You can let us know you are coming by either emailing Mitchell Tarnopal at [mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com](mailto:mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com) or texting at (914) 552-1566.*

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



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# Sisterhood



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Sisterhood and the Social Action Committee are proud to present Despina Kartson on **Tuesday, December 3 from 7-8 pm.** Despina 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. Despina is the author of **Last Night's Soup Run: Feeding the Hungry and the Homeless**, a memoir about the overlooked homeless population. The book will be available for purchase at the event. Proceeds of book sales will be donated to Community Services Associates to help feed the hungry and homeless. The evening will end with a congregation-wide Sandwich Brigade led by TIFTY from 8-9 pm to benefit HOPE Community Services.

We are looking for comedians to perform in **Sisterhood's Annual Comedy Night**. Please let us know if you have any interest, or a Temple member to suggest. Comedy Night is tentatively scheduled for March 21.

Also, we are finalizing some other events for 2020 which we will list in the next Temple Topics.

*As always, if you have ideas about programming, please contact Janet Dubiel-Frey at [janetdubiefrey@gmail.com](mailto:janetdubiefrey@gmail.com) or Jennifer Herbst at [jsherbst@yahoo.com](mailto:jsherbst@yahoo.com)*

Jennifer and Janet, Co-Presidents



## 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), 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!

*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](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com) or (914) 629-2794.*

## Interviews Completed!

### Interviewee

Warren Agatston  
Arthur Barr  
Linda Capozzola  
Bill Handelman<sup>21</sup>  
Damon Maher  
Art & Carol Ostrove  
Leroy Fadem  
Nancy Sandler Gavrin  
Phyllis Slotnick  
The Robinsons  
Thelma Fixler

### Interviewer

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

## 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

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

## The Newest Titles You May Have Missed

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#### Fiction

**The World That We Knew** – Alice Hoffman. Longlist recipient for the 2020 Andrew Carnegie Medal, takes place in 1941, during humanity's darkest hour, and follows three unforgettable young women who must act with courage and love to survive.

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**The Fifth Column** – Andrew Gross. A tense, stirring thriller of a family torn apart set against the backdrop of a nation plunged into war.

**Fleishman is in Trouble** – Taffy Brodesser-Akner. "Blisteringly funny, feverishly smart, heartbreaking, and true,

Fleishman is an essential read for anyone who's wondered how to navigate loving (and hating) the people we choose".

**\*The Third Daughter** – Talia Carner. Carner ably illuminates a little-known piece of history: the sex trafficking of young women from Russia to South America in the late 19th century. (This book has been chosen for the "Common Read" event to be held on April 16, 2020)

#### Non-Fiction

**Have I Got a Cartoon for You: The Moment Magazine Book of Jewish Cartoons** – Robert Mankoff, Roz Chast

**Field Guide to the Jewish People: Who Are They, Where They Came From, What to Feed Them, and Much, Much, More. Maybe Too Much More** – Dave Barry, Adam Mansbach, Alan Zweibel

**The New Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between** – Stephanie Butnick, Liel Leibovitz, and Mark Oppenheimer

**How to Fight Anti-Semitism** – Bari Weiss. The prescient New York Times writer delivers an urgent wake-up call to all Americans exposing the alarming rise of anti-Semitism in this country—and explains what we can do to defeat it.

**The Jewish Cookbook** – Leah Koenig. A rich trove of contemporary global Jewish cuisine, featuring hundreds of stories and recipes for home cooks everywhere.

**\*Say Yes: Flying Solo After 60 Years** – Pamela Hull. What happens when, long-partnered and no longer youthful, we are suddenly left alone and uncoupled? (Pamela will appear as our guest for the April 1st Food for Thought event)



## Todah Rabah!

### HHD Torah Readers

Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher  
Samantha Brooks, Larry Cohen,  
Grace Davis, Milo Freedenberg  
Dalia Levine, Sonia Morris  
Hayden Roberge,  
Barbara Rosenthal,  
Dani Saril, Maya Schloss,  
Sonya Schloss, Jessica Shapiro  
Natalie Warhit,  
Micaela Waterston

and the **Kol Simcha Choir!**

### Shofar Blowers

Mitchell Ostrove,  
Carolyn Dudek, Joshua Feldman,  
Mark Kleinman, David Cannon

**Todah Rabah** also to  
everyone who donated  
grocery bags filled with non-  
perishable food for the **High  
Holiday Food Drive!**

**Let's continue this food  
mitzvah by participating  
below!**

### 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 to Nanette Sacks for sheparding this project for so  
long before Marilyn took it over!**



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**First Rehearsal and Information Session on:  
Wednesday, November 6, 7 pm**

**The rehearsal dates for 2020 are:**

Tuesday, January 7, 8 - 9:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15, 7 - 8:30 pm

All rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm

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

## 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.*

### NEW COMMITTEE! The Advocacy Committee of Temple Israel NEXT Meeting, Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm \*

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.

*Meeting at Todd Brecher's house. More details to follow. Please  
contact Todd Brecher at toddsb@gmail.com or Howard Horowitz  
at howardh@horowitzresearch.com if you are interested in learning  
more.*

# Mitzvah Day • Registration Form

Sign up at: [bit.ly/TINRMitzvahDay2019](http://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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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this completed form  
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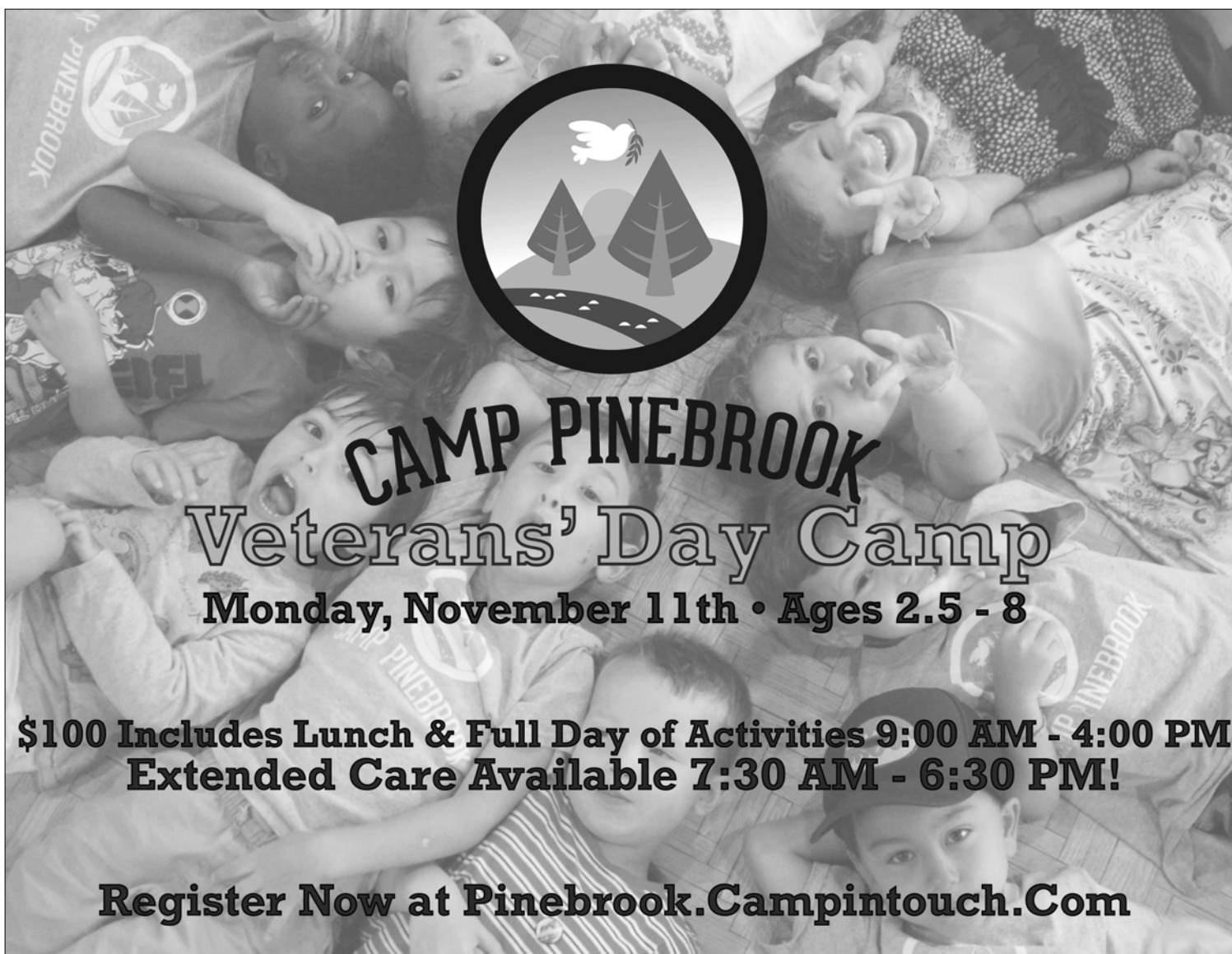
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