

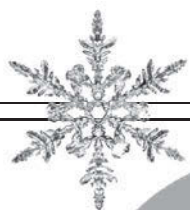
## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner/Service

*I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin,  
but by the content of their character.* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The Coalition for Mutual  
Respect invites you to honor  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Friday, January 17, 2020**  
6 pm Dinner • 7:30 pm Service

*Details on p. 15*



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FOR MUSIC  
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2020  
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## Temple Topics Deadline

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

# Sympathy



## We send condolences to...

- **Michael Manasse and Ellen Manasse**, on the loss of their brother-in-law and son-in-law
- **Neil Altabet**, on the loss of his mother, Shirley Altabet
- **Carol Matcovsky**, on the loss of her brother, Barry Elisofon

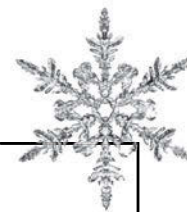
*"May their souls be bound up in the eternal bond"*

# Mazal Tov

## Congratulations to...

- **Lloyd Robinson**, for being part of the Giving Tuesday Special 5th Anniversary Commemorative Edition from Monday, December 2, and supporting the mission of Volunteer New York (the premiere volunteer connector agency serving the lower Hudson Valley)
- **Dan & Anna Weiser**, on their 10th year Wedding Anniversary
- **Allison Kern Adler**, on the engagement of her son, Dylan Jake Adler to Casey Rae Sheldon

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



# Save the Date! Gala 2020

Saturday, May 16, 2020

# From the President

Dear fellow congregants,

Reports of anti-Semitic vandalism or attacks reach us daily. Here in Westchester we've seen incidents in our cemeteries, memorials, our youth sports and even in our schools. Temple Israel will continue to address this rising tide through education, advocacy, and practical measures on our campus. It's the practical measures I'd like to speak to you about.

Increasing security demands have been a reality of Temple life for the last decade.

We've been forced to make painful trade-offs, sacrificing mission dollars and to some extent, culture, for safety.

Ten years ago you could have easily walked into any one of our building's entrances and strolled our halls or sat peacefully in our sanctuary. Our mantra of "audacious hospitality" kept our building open and freely accessible to anyone seeking its comfort, without question.

Today a visitor to our campus will have their arrival, and all subsequent movements, captured and recorded by combinations of our 16 closed circuit cameras. They may well cross paths with the New Rochelle police conducting one of their many daily drive-throughs. That same visitor will find only the main entrance available, though locked, with a security guard on the opposite side. Once inside our guest will interact with clergy and staff who have been trained in our emergency procedures. Left unseen will be the additional security precautions we have taken in reaction to the realities of our environment.

That same guest will be unaware we have staff on premises nearly 24-hours a day.

A few weeks ago we had a nighttime trespasser on our property. No damage was done, but I was comforted by the prompt response of our staff and local authorities. Although past 11 pm, the individual was spotted by staff and captured on multiple cameras. Our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, was immediately apprised as were the New Rochelle police. By first thing in the morning Anita had already spoken with me, a detective from the New Rochelle police department and the Westchester County police. In response to the incident New Rochelle police increased their drive-bys, and at the recommendation of the authorities, we will now keep many of our lights on 24-hours a day.

Although this increased vigilance is not without cost, we can afford no other approach. You play a part as well. Please be patient when entering the Temple. The locked door and visual security check are for all our safety. As clichéd as it sounds, if you see something, say something. Our staff and clergy are always available to hear your concerns. Notice an occupied vehicle sitting in the parking lot? No, you're not being paranoid mentioning it. Something just seems "off" about something. Our staff will treat any of your concerns with confidentiality. Together we can help to keep each other safe while working to keep our building, and community, as warm and welcoming as possible.

*Rich Alter*  
*Temple President*

# Board of Trustees Minutes

In lieu of a word of Torah, Rabbi Weiner offered a prayer for our country given the news of the vote on the President's impeachment.

Rabbi Weiner provided a report on recent events at Temple Israel. Mitzvah Day was an amazing success, which exceeded our high expectations. Kudos to Amy Ecker, Mia Egelberg, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst and all the captains, the staff and volunteers who contributed to the success of the day. This is an amazing annual tradition, which involves Temple members of all ages.

Rabbi Weiner reported on the Union of Reform Judaism's ("URJ") Biennial held in Chicago, December 11-15. Temple Israel sent a delegation of eight including our three clergy members, Laurie Thomas, Director of Kehillah, Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, and layleaders Todd Brecher, Bob Hirsch and Paul Warhit. Laurie Thomas spoke as a panelist about innovative ways to offer early childhood program. Congratulations to Laurie!

The biennial showcases the best of what it means to be a Reform Jew. Highlights included celebrating Shabbat with over 5,000 people, recognition of significant contributions of congregations and individual achievements. The URJ recognized Jodi Kantor, a New York Times Pulitzer Prize winner for her reporting on the #MeToo movement.

Four resolutions were passed during the URJ's plenary

session. They are resolutions on: 1) Anti-Semitism 2) The study and development of reparations for slavery and systemic racism in the U.S. 3) Private Prisons 4) Supporting those affected by the opioid crisis.

The president of the URJ, Rabbi Rick Jacobs spoke of the Reform Movement, the largest movement of Jews in the United States as not just a "big tent" but an ever-expanding tent. Reform Judaism has the opportunity to welcome and include more people into our community. The Reform Movement claims about 1.5 million Jews in the United States. Rabbi Jacobs believes this count is not accurate. He prefers to count the number of Jews by Israel's "right of return" standards, that is, having at least one Jewish grandparent. There is an opportunity for us to engage many unaffiliated Americans.

Adam Egelberg, Treasurer, provided his financial report. Recruitment for camp is off to a slow start.

Anita Aronoff provided an update on pledge commitments. We received 86 percent of pledge commitments, short of our 90 percent goal for December. With targeted communications, we received immediate responses from member families. If you have not already, please contact Anita to work out the details on your pledge commitment.

Rich Alter gave the President's report. He expressed gratitude to the Social Action Committee led by Mia Egelberg and Amy Ecker for Mitzvah Day and their incredible work with the "Giving Tree." Over 300 "wishes" were granted and over 250 volunteers participated in mitzvah day. Rich also expressed gratitude to the Brotherhood for their

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# Temple Israel is Grateful

## TEMPLE FUND

**Judith & Stuart Levy**, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Schwartz

## The Kramer and Lipman

**Families**, in memory of Beth Behr to maintain her garden memorial

**Michael & May Goldberg** in honor of Paul Warhit and Bob Hirsh

## SENIOR RABBI WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Bruce Zakalik**, in memory of Abraham & Evelyn Zakalik  
**The Altabet Family**, in appreciation for the Shiva service and the Rabbi's support  
**Florence Martin**, Happy Chanukah!

## RABBI NICHOLS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Bruce Zakalik**, in memory of Abraham & Evelyn Zakalik and in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols for the unveiling service

**The Altabet Family**, in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols for leading Shirley's funeral service and for all her support

## CANTOR SCHLOSS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Ellen & Jeff Zomback and Adele & Rich Serber**, in memory of Michael Serber and in appreciation of Cantor Schloss for the beautiful unveiling service

**Lee Fadem**, in honor of National Honor Society Scholar, Maya Schloss

## HOSPITALITY & PULPIT FUND

**The Dennin Family**, in honor of Jackson's Bar Mitzvah

## HOUSE & GROUNDS FUND

### The Fadem Family

**Foundation**, in memory of Edna Mae Faden and Roy Raizen toward the sanctuary renovation.

## SISTERHOOD FUND

### Roy Pulvers and Deborah Mandel

, in honor of Claire Coleman's 95th birthday and in recognition of the many contributions she has made to the well-being of Temple Israel and its women over so many years.

## YOUTH INVOLVEMENT/ COLLEGE FUND

**The Tahbaz Family Mark Rosing & Randy Zerman**

## TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES

**The Altabet Family**, in appreciation of TIC's kind expression of sympathy and bag of goodies Temple Topics / Board Meeting December 18, 2019



### Temple Israel of New Rochelle 2019-2020 Support

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

*Visit [www.tinr.org](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.*

Thank you for your consideration and support!

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annual tradition of cooking latkes for the Chanukah party. Finally, Rich thanked the layleaders who attended Biennial at their own expense.

Rich updated the Board on the past month's business. We entered into a year-long contract with the Junior League of Central Westchester to rent out a classroom for their program which supports a diaper bank. The program operates under a grant from the Department of Social Services to procure and redistribute diapers to families in need. The space will be used to store diapers and volunteers will be on site several times a month to repackage diapers for the clients they serve. We also continue to show our property through a commercial agent and have several leads.

Two committees' chairs were named: Jen Goldman will chair the HR committee and Sally Meisner will lead the Nominating Committee, succeeding Michelle Klein.

We have engaged with a consultant regarding a proposal to lease a small portion of our northern most part of our property for a cell tower. A committee was formed to examine the potential health consequences, which includes several physicians from the congregation. The annual rent would be approximately \$84,000/year for a five-year term. The Board raised questions on siting of the

tower, moving to 5G service and insurance issues.

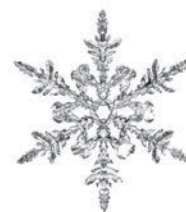
The Board voted in favor of designated income as parsonage for the clergy. This annual ministerial vote involves no cost to the Temple. A designated amount is excluded from the clergy's federal gross income in line with the Internal Revenue Code.

## Committee Reports:

**The interim rabbi search committee** is underway and the position has been posted. In the first quarter of the new year, the committee will hold parlor meetings with the congregation about the permanent rabbi search. Temple Topics will have a regular column devoted to our interim rabbi and permanent rabbi searches.

The Social Action Committee thanked the congregation, Board captains, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst and Sisterhood. The gifts for the Giving Tree went to children in the Bronx. Often times the gifts our congregation provides are the only gifts the kids receive for the holidays. The New Rochelle Police Department was also honored for joining us on Mitzvah Day. The Board thanked the Committee for reaching out to all different age groups and having opportunities that appealed to all.

The annual benefit for our music program will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 and the Temple Israel annual gala will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020.



**DID YOU KNOW?** You can pay Temple dues or make donations to the Temple with appreciated stock?

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

# Cantor's Note

Greetings from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial!

I am writing this article from my hotel room in Chicago. I'm here with our rabbis, executive director, Kehillah director and a handful of our dedicated congregants and lay leaders. And we join another 5000 fellow Reform Jews: clergy, educators, musicians, administrators and caring and active Jewish community members, to pray, learn, inspire and be inspired. We share a common attachment to Judaism and the Jewish people, but we are a diverse group in so many ways.

My week began with a meeting of the Executive Board of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC). Since we were already all in Chicago, we took the opportunity to conduct the business of the ACC in person rather than our monthly video conference. We discussed important issues for the cantorate: mentorship of new cantors, placement of cantors in synagogue pulpits, challenges impacting the cantorate of today and tomorrow, Transcontinental Music (the publishing wing of the ACC). But the meeting concluded with a chance to sit down with Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the President of the URJ. With Rabbi Jacobs, we were able to discuss our role as cantors in the broader tent of Reform Judaism, or really in all of Judaism.

One of the themes of Biennial this year is expanding the Jewish tent: welcoming those who in the past might not

have found a place in Reform Judaism, nor in Judaism at large: Jews of color, interfaith families, Jews of fluid gender or sexuality within the broadest definition of the LGBTQ community. The new generation is the most diverse and complex in our human history. Rabbi Jacobs spoke of the need to embrace our diversity and ensure that we recognize the holiness and value of every person, no matter how different anyone might be from any other individual. This is especially true of people like me, who used to be the face of Judaism in America: a white, hetero-normative, cis-gendered male from Ashkenazi roots. Judaism certainly includes people like me, but we are no longer, nor should we be, the only standard-bearers.

Reform Judaism is often thought of as the liberal branch of Judaism, separating us from Conservative or Orthodox Judaism. But unlike the various branches of Christianity—Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, etc.—Reform Judaism is not a denomination. It does not serve to separate us from other “denominations” of Jews. Rather, Reform is a movement. It is a practice, a community that serves to welcome and unite the Jewish people. To paraphrase Rabbi Jacobs, Reform Jews may not be welcomed and included in the narrowing Jewish definitions of certain Orthodox groups, but that does not mean that all Jews should not fall within our circle of concern. Reform Judaism, by its very definition, is able to adapt to meet the needs of a changing Jewish community. And as the largest stream of American Judaism, we can also stop thinking of ourselves as a particular sub-stream of Judaism. We are mainstream Judaism.

What's in a name? In 2003, The Union of American

Hebrew Congregations changed its name to The Union for Reform Judaism. In many ways, this name change made sense. We don't often refer to ourselves as Hebrews these days. We are Reform Jews—why not put it in the name? However, as our movement seeks to welcome all kinds of Jews and Jewish families, I believe the name is limiting. Both in the past and in our future, we are truly a union: diverse people and organizations coming together as one. But the old name also envisioned what is coming to fruition—we are more than Reform Jews; we are American Jews, welcoming all. In the face of growing anti-semitism and division, even amongst Jews, I am proud to represent our union; I am proud that Temple Israel participates in a true union of American Jewry.

*L'shalom,  
Cantor Randall Schloss*



# Rabbi Search

Dear Fellow Congregants,

We had our second search committee meeting on December 4th. This meeting was open to all congregants and approximately 50 temple members were present. It was gratifying to see so much interest in the search process. After much discussion with our clergy, committee members, congregants, and with the Central Conference of American Rabbis/ Union For Reform Judaism, we have decided to move forward with the search for an interim rabbi. As explained at our meeting, an interim rabbi is a rabbi who is specially trained to assist congregations going through transitions. With the aid of an interim professional, our congregation will have the benefit of time for reflection, repair, and restructuring. An interim hire will also give us an opportunity to hear from more congregants during this entire process. Please know that we are working to make this process a positive and productive venture.

Thank you,  
Ilissa Warhit, Todd Brecher

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Brian Heaps  
Jennifer Herbst  
Dalia Levine  
Rebecca Lippel  
Marilyn Morris  
Carly Rieger  
Cantor Schloss  
Laurie Thomas  
Dan Weiser





## CHANUKAH IN CHAVAYA



Ahleem (5, 6th grades) created a Chanukah program for the G'shareem and Moochaneem classes

### MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah is January 3-5!** End your winter break at this amazing weekend of programs, services and friends. This year's event will be hosted by Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, NY. Enjoy home hospitality and creative teen-led programs. *All high school students are encouraged to sign up as participants at [newyork.nfty.org](http://newyork.nfty.org).*

### BE A LEADER

**TIFTY Monthly Meetings are open to all teens** and are a great way to shape our events. Our next meetings will take place on **January 8 and February 5 at 6 pm**. We will catch up with one another, eat dinner and plan for the spring. Because dinner is included, please RSVP ahead of time so that we can make sure to have enough food. *Contact Maya Schloss with questions or RSVPs.*

### HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Come make sandwiches for the HOPE Soup Kitchen at our **Monthly Sandwich Brigades on Tuesday, January 21 and February 25, 8-9 pm**. We have a great time making sandwiches and catching up with each other. *Please contact Social Action VP Hayden Roberge for more information. Please bring loaves of bread, jelly or non-peanut butters (allergy friendly).*

Honor Martin Luther King Jr. by joining with people of other faiths for a **Day of Building with Fuller Center for Housing on Sunday, January 26**. This annual event, sponsored by the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle and Iona College, sends groups to different sites to work on project that will improve housing and resources for families in Westchester. In the past we have painted, cleaned up a garden and installed drywall after a flood. The event goes all day, but the Temple Israel team usually joins up after Chavaya. This event will also be Tikkun

Teens' January event. *Email Rabbi Nichols to learn about the details as they become available.*

### HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

Join TIFTY for **Shabbat Dinner and a Movie on Friday, January 31 at 6:30 pm**. All Temple Israel teens are invited to bring in Shabbat with friends. We will begin with Shabbat dinner and then get comfy for a movie night with popcorn and dessert. The cost for the evening is \$12. *Register on-line or RSVP to [TIFTY@tinr.org](mailto:TIFTY@tinr.org).* **ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADERS** – You are invited to join us on January 31 for your first TIFTY event!!

Save the date for an amazing **Purim Themed TIFTY Shul-In on Friday, March 6!** Expect costumes, late-night fun and lots of snacks. Stay-tuned for details.

Stand up for issues you care about by attending **NFTY-NAR's Albany Advocacy Day, Sunday-Monday, March 1-2 in Albany**. If you liked the RAC Trip to Washington DC, you will love this! *Registration opens January 6, at [newyork.nfty.org](http://newyork.nfty.org).*



# B'nei Mitzvah



My name is **Sophie Dingée** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on January 25, 2020.

I will be chanting from *Va'era* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Alan & Marjorie. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I like to hang out with my friends and take dance classes. For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at the Kehillah School. I go each Tuesday after school and play with and help out the 3-4 year olds. This project is important to me because I love hanging out with little kids. Back when I went to Kehillah, I was in this same class. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Jackson Dennin** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 1, 2020. I will be chanting

from *B'shalach* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Peter & Katherine, and my siblings, Abby and Alex. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I like to study tae kwon do, help out with the Special Olympics, and hang out with my family and friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at my dojang, Hiawatha's Martial Arts, helping with the 4 and 5 year old classes.

This project is important to me because I enjoy learning tae kwon do and am excited to help new students learn to enjoy it as well. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Ryder Proudian** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 8, 2020. I will

be chanting from *B'shalach* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Tommy & Lara, and my siblings, Hudson and Sage. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I play soccer, baseball, and basketball. I love sports and love spending time with my friends and family. For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at the Kehillah School. This project is important to me because I can help younger kids and can give back to my community. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Baila Kessler**. I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on February 29, 2020. I will be

chanting from *T'rumah* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Kevin & Devon, and my siblings, Ethan and Levi. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy playing soccer, lacrosse and basketball, and spending time with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I'm working in the Kehillah preschool with 2 year old children. This project is important to me because I enjoy working with children and it is fun. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Levi Kessler**. I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 29, 2020. I will be

chanting from *T'rumah* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Kevin & Devon, and my siblings, Ethan and Baila. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy playing lacrosse and basketball, and spending time with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I organized a pet supply drive for a local animal shelter. This project is important to me because I love animals and wanted to do something to help those who do not have a loving home. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Ben Robinson**. I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 29, 2020. I will be

chanting from *Tetzaveh* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Lloyd Robinson and Barbara Ellsworth Robinson, and my siblings, Ari Robinson and Ashley Pratt. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I love to play hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. For my Mitzvah Project, I am helping coach the 4 and 5 year olds in the New Rochelle Lightning Hockey intro to the hockey program. This project is important to me because I really love hockey and I really love that I am teaching kids to love the sport as much as I do. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.

# The Tamid Society



## LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE TEMPLE

Please  
consider  
joining

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

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

Janice & Warren Agatston  
Barbara & Frank Axel  
Bernice Braun (estate)  
Leroy Fadem  
Evelyn Jacobs (estate)  
Lilly Kaplan (estate)  
Carol & Arthur Ostrove  
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove  
Lloyd Robinson  
Amy Sincoff (estate)  
Mady & Jeffrey Stier  
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

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Dear Parents,

The Kehillah School ended 2019 with a heart-warming Chanukah performance by the Kehillah students. We are not sure who was more excited, the parents or the children. The children love Chanukah and had so much fun during the eight days, singing songs, cooking and eating special treats.

The party continues with New Year's celebrations in the classrooms. Each class is celebrating with creative ways to bring in 2020, blowing party horns, dancing, singing and simply making noise.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year. We begin the year with a visit from Dr. Sarah Bren on **January 9th at 5:30 pm.** Dr. Bren is a clinical psychologist. She also happens to be the mom of Oliver and Sadie from the Boneem class and Infant room. Dr. Bren specializes in working with parents to foster healthy and respectful relationships with their children. Dr. Bren also helps parents develop effective parenting skills related to communication, boundaries, discipline, and helping children to manage their big emotions. The parenting workshop will start at 5:30 pm and end at 6:45 pm. There is no cost attached to the workshop. *Please RSVP to Lauretta.Thomas@brighthorizons.com.*

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **January 16th and 23rd.** School will close at 5:30 pm, so that there is plenty of time to talk with you about your children and all their accomplishments.

On **Monday, January 20th**, school will be closed to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prior to this day, every classroom will be discussing Dr. King and his message of inclusiveness and equality for all.

On **Monday, February 17th**, school will be closed for a faculty professional development day.

On **Monday, February 10th** there will be a *Tu B'Shvat* (Celebration of Trees) Tot Seder. *Contact us with any questions.*

We are also very excited for the S.T.E.M. Fair that will be on **Wednesday February 26th at 4:30 pm.** This is a chance for the children to display the science activities they've worked on in their classrooms. Each class will have a table at this event. All children, parents, friends, and relatives can come and participate in this interactive event.

In the upcoming new year, we will have many activities and events that we can all celebrate together and enjoy with the children. The staff and I are looking forward to another year with your families. Thank you for your continued support, making Kehillah a place where learning is celebrated in a loving and trusting environment.

On a side note, I travelled to Chicago for the URJ Biennial from December 11th - 14th. I presented on the changing demographics in Jewish early childhood and family engagement. I was honored to be around such a distinguished group of educators to represent Temple Israel and Kehillah.

Laurie Thomas  
Kehillah School Director

## Israel Action Committee

The World Zionist Congress Elections are coming soon, and our congregation's votes are critical to maintaining a large Reform presence in the Congress! The election is our chance to have the Reform Movement's voice and priorities heard in Israel. It's a powerful way to combat the discrimination the Reform Movement faces from the Israeli government. The Government of Israel allocates nearly 4 billion NIS per year to Orthodox and Haredi institutions with only 10 million NIS to non-Orthodox institutions. The elections enable us to provide support for creating pluralistic and Reform programs with real financial impact.

The World Zionist Congress designates representatives and leadership of the Jewish Agency for Israel, The Jewish National Fund, and other

**The Lived Reality in Israel and the Palestinian Territory: Current Political Developments and the Prospects for a Peaceful Settlement** event was on **Tuesday, November 26.** The Israel Action Committee hosted Israeli and Palestinian civil society representatives who were in New York in November to bring their perspectives to the United Nations. Temple Israel was the delegation's only public engagement. They were brought to us courtesy of USA Friends of Mossawa ("equality") Center of Israel and the United Nations Committee for Palestinian Rights.

Our three panelists represented three of the major political, social and national constituencies the UN is concerned with—Israeli

affiliates, which determine the allocation of hundreds of millions of dollars in funding. These organizations are the largest source of funding to the Reform Movement in Israel. With our success in the last election, we were able to secure 17.5 million NIS in funding for the Reform Movement.

Voting will take place from **January 21 – March 11, 2020**, and we will need to engage every single Reform Jew to vote for the Reform slate! Temple Israel volunteers will be manning tables at various temple events during this period to enable our members to vote in this critical election. Voting is online and takes only about 90 seconds. So look out for us and please vote!

If you would like to volunteer for our congregation's election initiatives, *please contact Todd Brecher at [toddsb@gmail.com](mailto:toddsb@gmail.com) to get involved.*

Only by growing the strength of the Reform Movement's voice in the World Zionist Election can we ultimately make progress on the issues we care about: religious freedom, equality, pluralism and more. By working together, we can achieve amazing things!

Palestinians (Hanan Al Sanah, Director of Education and Community Development at Sidreh Association for Bedouin Women), Palestinians in the West Bank (Rana Abu Farha, Palestinian Journalist with Ma'an News Agency in Ramallah), and Israeli Jews (Laura Wharton, Jerusalem City Council person).

Paul Warhit, Temple Israel member, recently returned from a visit to Palestine. He moderated an informative and, at times, provocative session for the audience gathered in the Temple sanctuary.

The session was a unique opportunity for our audience to cross physical, emotional, and national barriers to engage in the hard work that will bring about a just and peaceful settlement.



# Brotherhood



What a great start to 2020!

Schmooze & Booze was switched to **Wednesday, January 8th** (from January 29th) at 7:30 pm. Join us for end of the day camaraderie with friends and drinking! The next upcoming date is **February 5th**.

Bourbon & Bible is making a comeback with Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Schloss on **Tuesday, January 21st, at 6:30 pm**. Bourbon will be shared with bible, making for a great evening. ALL are welcome to enjoy not only the bourbon, but also other great spirits, wine, and dinner as well. *RSVP to Mitchell to accommodate for food and seating.* Walk-ins are also welcome!

Join the Brotherhood Breakfast on **Sunday, January 26th, 9:30 am** which will feature Temple member Jason Morris, who will be speaking on a novel he just finished, **Thicker**

**Than Mud.** The discussion and breakfast is **FREE**, but *please RSVP to Mitchell to accommodate for food and seating.* Walk-ins are also welcome!

Stay tuned for Cigar Night in February. A date will be published in upcoming marketing.

And, because this is a double issue, make sure you put down the Purim Carnival on your calendar for **Sunday, March 8th**. For all of you who have young children, this is a "must attend" event, especially if you like seeing big smiles on your children's faces. Volunteering will be important to make sure everything runs smoothly. *Email Mitchell if you can help.*

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 and Mitchell, Co-Presidents



**Todd Pekats**

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Brotherhood Co-President



**Mitchell Tarnopal**

*mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com*  
(914) 552-1566  
Brotherhood Co-President

# Sisterhood

Happy 2020 from the Sisterhood Board!

We want to bring you up to date on a bunch of great events that Sisterhood has planned for the New Year.

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

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

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

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

Janet and Jennifer, Co-Presidents



**Janet Frey**

*janetdubiefrey@gmail.com*  
Sisterhood Co-President



**Jennifer Herbst**

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Sisterhood Co-President



## Comedy Night!

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

Here's your big break - Comedy Night!

*If interested call Jackie Saril now at (914) 393-7043.*

Comedy Night is on Saturday, March 21, 2020!

# #TINRTTogether - Mitzvah



## Congregational Mitzvah Day 2019

On December 8, over 250 volunteers came to give back during our Annual Congregational Mitzvah Day!

Your time, effort, donations, and care allowed us to give back to multiple organizations that target hunger, poverty, domestic violence, shelter pets, worldwide medical supply shortages, teen social services and children in need.

We also had the opportunity to thank our local New Rochelle Police Department heroes in person, meet the K9 unit, an adorable German Shepherd puppy named Ace, as well as tour several police vehicles. In addition, some of our congregants traveled to Yonkers to sort unused medical supplies at AFYA. The supplies come from many hospitals around the area and once they are sorted they can

be sent anywhere in the world. Some are shipped to Africa in cargo containers, while others can be sent to disaster areas closer to home.

The giving continued on Tuesday night, December 10th, when we had several families go to Community Service Associates to serve the dinner that was cooked on Sunday. The families were also able to hand out the holiday Meals-in-a-Bag directly to the CSA guests!

### All in all, together as a community, we made...

61 Meals-in-a-Bag for Community Service Associates  
58 bracelets for My Sisters' Place  
100+ Hot Cocoa Snowpeople and Superhero Bars for New Rochelle Police Officers  
184 Winter decorations for Bronx Jewish Community Council and HOPE Community Services  
90 Brown Bag Lunches for Trinity St. Paul Church's Lunch Program  
60 hot meals for the clients at Community Service Associates  
100+ Toiletry To Go Bags for the Jewish Board's Mann Center  
135 pet toys for the Humane Society of Westchester  
100 Bedtime Care Packages for the Tarrytown HeadStart, WIC of New Rochelle and My Sisters' Place  
AND FINALLY, 46 gorgeous Inspirational Decoupage Canvases for the teens at The Jewish Board's Mann Center!

Just think of all of the local people we were able to help feed, clothe, and inspire!  
A successful Mitzvah Day is a community effort of both time and money. It takes a generous congregation like ours to make it happen. THANK YOU!

If you are interested in being a captain or being more involved next year, let us know. We start planning in the early spring.

Also, if you are interested in Cooking Up A Storm for Community Service Associates on a regular basis, *please contact Marilyn Morris at [marilynmorris123@gmail.com](mailto:marilynmorris123@gmail.com)*. You don't have to commit monthly, instead, you can pick the dates that work for you!

All the best in the New Year,  
Amy Ecker and Mia Egelberg  
Social Action Committee Co-Chairs

### "SOCIAL ACTION TIP CORNER:

Traveling This Winter? Don't forget to collect all the unused mini toiletries and bring them back to Temple Israel "Giving Corner!"

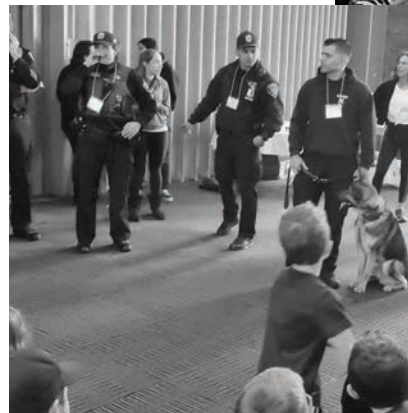


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A collage of 18 black and white photographs capturing various moments from a community event. The photos show people of all ages, including children and adults, engaged in different activities. Some are working at tables with craft supplies like paper, markers, and glue. Others are standing and talking, or a dog is sitting on a carpeted floor. The background of some photos shows bookshelves, suggesting a library or community center setting.



# #TINRTogether - Giving Tree Success!

Temple Israel is incredibly grateful to Amy Ecker, Mia Egelberg, the Social Action Committee and so many generous congregants for coming together to brighten so many lives this season with our "Giving Tree." Through their work, and your generosity, we were able to fill over 300 "wishes" from nine partner organizations:

Children's Center for Learning HeadStart (WESTCOP)  
Community Service Associates (CSA)  
Hearts and Homes for Refugees/HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)  
HOPE Community Services  
P.S. 41  
The Jewish Board's Sally & Anthony Mann Center  
The Sharing Shelf  
The Tarrytown HeadStart (WESTCOP)  
Westchester Cares Action Program (WCAP)

Over the next few weeks our community's generosity will bring smiles to so many local children. Each organization is grateful for Temple Israel of New Rochelle's continued support during the holidays and throughout the year.



## Two Social Action Committee Drives Coming Up:

**January 2020**

Social Action Committee Drive: "2nd Chance Sports"  
(Sports Equipment)

**February 2020**

Social Action Committee Drive: "Pet Drive"

*Look in your homes for sports equipment, gently used, and pet care items. Stay tuned for more details on these Social Action Drives that help our community!*

*Note: Upcoming SAC Committee meetings on Sunday(s): 1/12, 2/2, and 2/9*

# January/ February Calendar



## January

Wed	1/1	Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (New Year's Day) Social Action Committee Drive: "2nd Chance Sports" (Sports Equipment). More details in upcoming marketing.
Thu	1/2	No Chavaya
Fri	1/3	NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah 9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	1/4	NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/5	NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah No Chavaya
Mon	1/6	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	1/7	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School 8:00 PM Kol Sasson Choir Rehearsal. See p. 18 for details.
Wed	1/8	11:30 AM Food for Thought, with guest speaker, Todd Brecher. See p. 15 for details. 6:00 PM TIFTY Board Meeting 7:00 PM Music Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze 7:30 PM Chavaya Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Anti-Semitism: What We Face and How We Fight It, sponsored by UJA/WJC. See p. 18 for details.
Thu	1/9	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya
Fri	1/10	RAC Trip 9:00 AM Talmud Class 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	1/11	RAC Trip 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/12	RAC Trip 9:30 AM Chavaya 9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Kol Simcha
Mon	1/13	RAC Trip 10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	1/14	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School 6:30 PM 10th Grade No Class (Day off for RAC Trip) 6:30 PM 11th/12th Grade Dinner Out With the Clergy
Wed	1/15	7:00 PM Kol Sasson Choir Rehearsal. See p. 18 for details. 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
Thu	1/16	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya 5:30 PM Kehillah School Closes Early (note earlier close time)

Fri	1/17	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner followed by the Commemoration Service at 7:30 PM. See p. 15 for details.
Sat	1/18	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/19	No Chavaya
Mon	1/20	Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) No STARS Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp. See back cover for details.
Tue	1/21	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions 7:30 PM Bourbon & Bible. See p. 15 for details.
Wed	1/22	7:00 PM Prime Time 4 Adults and The Advocacy Committee of Temple Israel Movie Night. See p. 16 for details.
Thu	1/23	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya 5:00 PM Kehillah School Closes Early
Fri	1/24	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:00 PM Community Shabbat Evening Dinner followed by dinner. See p. 16 for details.
Sat	1/25	Youth group event for Club 23 9:00 AM Torah Study 9:00 AM 6th grade B'nei Mitzvah program 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah Sophie Dingee
Sun	1/26	MLK Build (TIFTY) See p. 6 for details. 9:30 AM Chavaya 9:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast. See p. 16 for details. 10:30 AM Shorasheem Boker B'yachad 12:00 PM Kol Simcha
Mon	1/27	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	1/28	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School
Thu	1/30	4:00 PM Torah Corps 4:00 PM Chavaya
Fri	1/31	9:00 AM Talmud Class 6:30 PM TIFTY Dinner. See p. 6 for details. 7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service

## February

Sat	2/1	Social Action Committee Drive: "Pet Drive" More details in upcoming marketing. 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study 5:00 PM Shabbat Afternoon Services Bar Mitzvah Jackson Dennin
Sun	2/2	Youth group event for Club 45 9:30 AM Chavaya 9:30 AM 5th grade B'nei Mitzvah program 9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Kol Simcha
Mon	2/3	10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	2/4	3:30 PM Kol Simcha 4:00 PM Chavaya 6:30 PM Chavaya High School
Wed	2/5	6:00 PM TIFTY Board Meeting 7:30 PM Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze

Thu	2/6	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya
Fri	2/7	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud Class Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	2/8	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Services Bar Mitzvah Ryder Proudian 3rd Annual Music Benefit Concert: Your Song—My Song. <i>Details on right.</i>
Sun	2/9	March/April 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Temple Topics Deadline Chavaya Social Action Committee Meeting Claire Stevens, Author (Sisterhood Event) <i>See p. 16 for details.</i> Kol Simcha
Mon	2/10		<i>Tu B'Shvat (Celebration of Trees)</i> <i>Tu B'Shvat Kehillah Tot Seder.</i> <i>Contact the Kehillah School for details.</i> 10:30 AM STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	2/11	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School Clergy Dinner Out 11-12th Grade
Wed	2/12	11:30 AM 7:30 PM	Food for Thought, with guest speaker, Adam Sobel. <i>See p. 15 for details.</i> Board of Trustees Meeting
Thu	2/13	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya
Fri	2/14	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud Class Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	2/15	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	2/16		No Chavaya
Mon	2/17		Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (Presidents' Day) No STARS Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp. <i>See back cover for details.</i>
Tue	2/18		No Chavaya Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp.
Wed	2/19		Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp.
Thu	2/20		Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp. No Chavaya
Fri	2/21	Camp Pinebrook "Holiday" Mini-Camp. 9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud Class Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	2/22	9:00 AM 4:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study Havdalah in Pajamas. <i>Contact the Kehillah School for details.</i>
Sun	2/23		No Chavaya
Mon	2/24	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	2/25	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions
Wed	2/26	4:30 PM 7:45 PM	Kehillah STEM Fair. <i>Contact Laurie Thomas, Kehillah School Director, at Lauretta.Thomas@BrightHorizons.com for details.</i> Teen Engagement Committee
Thu	2/27	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya

Fri	2/28	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud Class Community Shabbat Evening Service followed by dinner. <i>See p. 16 for details.</i>
Sat	2/29	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Services B'nei Mitzvah Levi and Baila Kessler Shabbat Afternoon Service Bar Mitzvah Ben Robinson
<b>March</b>			
Sun	3/1	NFTY-NAR 9:30 AM 12:00 PM	Albany Advocacy Day. <i>See p. 6 for details.</i> Chavaya Kol Simcha
Mon	3/2	NFTY-NAR 10:30 AM	Albany Advocacy Day. STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR MUSIC AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

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

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# Food for Thought

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



**The Union for Reform Judaism Biennial and the State of the Movement**

**Talk given by: Todd Brecher**, temple member, is the founder of Kadimah

Consulting, which focuses on providing strategy and project management services to Jewish communal, social justice and civic engagement organizations.

11:30 am

\$15 per person covers lecture, discussion and lunch.

Visit [www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) to register and to read the rest of Todd's bio.

**Upcoming Dates:** Wednesday(s), February 12 with Adam Sobel, March 11, April 1, May 13, June 10

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# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Dinner/Service**

*I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.*

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The Coalition for Mutual Respect invites you to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

6 pm Dinner • 7:30 pm Service  
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

\$25 per person  
...and sponsor a youth to attend!

Make reservations and pay online at  
[www.tinr.org/events](http://www.tinr.org/events) before  
Monday, January 13, 2020.

Want to sing with the Coalition Choir?  
Contact [CantorSchloss@tinr.org](mailto:CantorSchloss@tinr.org)  
See. p. 18 for choir details.



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# Bourbon & Bible

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

**ALL INVITED, men and women**

6:30 pm, FREE

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.



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## Prime Time 4 Adults

*in cooperation with*

Temple Israel's Advocacy Committee\*

### MOVIE NIGHT • CARE

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

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

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

\* Find out about the Advocacy Committee on p. 18

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## Community Shabbat

### Pray • Eat Enjoy • Together

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

*All welcome to the service. RSVP for dinner at [www.tinr.org/events](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.*

**Upcoming Dates:** February 28, March 27,  
April 24, May 29 (Birthday Party for the Torah)

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## Brotherhood Breakfast & Discussion

### Jason Morris, Author Visit Thicker Than Mud

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

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

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

Feb  
**9**

## Sisterhood Author Discussion

### Claire Stevens, Author Visit Tales From Behind the Mic

**Come and meet Claire Stevens**, who spent many years working as the sole female member of the infamous Z100 Morning Zoo. She interviewed many classic rock and R&B artists, and will have many fun stories to share! Claire's book about her experiences **Tales From Behind the Mic** will be available to purchase and can be autographed on the morning of the event!

The breakfast begins at 10 am. All are Welcome!

RSVP to Jackie Saril at [jackiesaril@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesaril@gmail.com) to accommodate for food and seating, but walk-ins are also welcome.



## 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  
Arthur Ostrove  
Leroy Fadem  
Nancy Sandler Gavrin  
Phyllis Slotnick  
Bernard & Judy Robinson  
Thelma Fixler

**Interviewer**  
Arthur Ostrove  
Arthur 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!

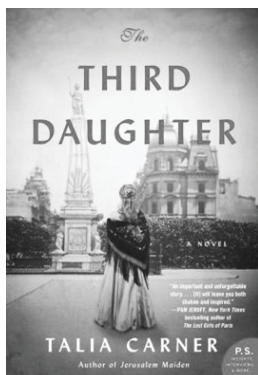
**Interviewee**  
The Altabets  
Jack & Judith Adler  
Ina Aronow  
The Balik Family  
Mary Ann DeRosa  
David & Lisa Eichler and Jocelyn Kenner  
David & Miriam Fridovich  
Joan Goldsmith  
Russell Handelman  
Gerry & Sandy Hyman  
Diane Senderoff

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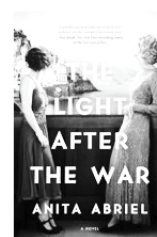
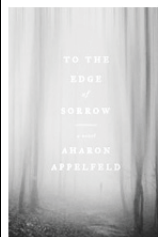
## GET READY FOR THIS YEAR'S "COMMON READ" EVENT!



Talia Carner, award-winning author of five novels and numerous stories, essays, and articles, will be joining us on **Sunday, April 19th**, to discuss her newest novel **The Third Daughter**. This unforgettable story illuminates a little-known piece of history: the sex trafficking of unsuspecting young women from Russia to South America in the early 20th century. Author Pam Jenoff describes it as "thoroughly researched and vividly rendered ... an important and unforgettable story of exploitation and empowerment that will leave you both shaken and inspired."

Books will be available for advanced sale at a discounted price - to be signed by the author. Email [stephkras11@gmail.com](mailto:stephkras11@gmail.com) now to reserve your copy.

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Tuesday, January 7, 8 - 9:30 pm  
Wednesday, January 15, 7 - 8:30 pm  
*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service is on  
Friday, January 17th \**

*For more information contact  
Cantor Schloss at [cantorschloss@tinr.org](mailto:cantorschloss@tinr.org)  
or Beverly To at [beverlyto@tinr.org](mailto:beverlyto@tinr.org)*

*\* see p. 15 for details*

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Anti-Semitism: What We Face and How We Fight It  
Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 pm**

*at Temple Israel Center, White Plains, 280 Old Mamaroneck Rd,  
White Plains, NY 10605*

Mark Weitzman of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Westchester District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr., and Hindy Poupko of UJA-Federation will discuss the sharp rise in hate crimes against Jews here and abroad.

Event is FREE, but please register at:  
[www.ujafedny.org/event/view/wc-anti-semitism](http://www.ujafedny.org/event/view/wc-anti-semitism)

The event is presented by UJA-Federation and Westchester Jewish Council.



## RECYCLING EFFORT TO DRIVE GREENING OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

As the year begins, Temple Israel is moving to 'green' the temple, from simple recycling to a review of energy use, and more.

Len Stein funded the purchase of a recycling bin, now in the lobby, but three more are needed. If you wish to help by funding a recycling bin, please email Anita Aronoff for details at [AnitaAronoff@tinr.org](mailto:AnitaAronoff@tinr.org)



## THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

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

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

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



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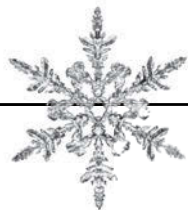
**Sunday, January 26, 2020\***  
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