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Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for Temple Topics is the second Sunday of the preceding month.



We send condolences to...

- Ellen Fields, on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Fields
- The Family of Wendy Bill, Kehillah Office Manager
- Stan & Ava Konwiser, on the loss of their brother-in-law, Jacob Charon
- Sandra Tannenbaum, on the loss of her mother, Marilyn Levine
- Jacquie Brecher, on the loss of her cousin, Jordan Wachtell
- The Family of Louise Stern, Temple Member
- The Family of Arthur Samuels, Temple Member
- The Family of Wilma Roberts, Temple Member
- Daniel Kovenat, on the loss of his father, Mark Kovenat
- Janet McDowell, on the loss of her brother, Edward McDowell
- Joel & Carol Matcovsky, and Diana Nero, on the loss of their son and brother, Peter Douglas
- Penny Eickemeyer, on the loss of her mother-in-law, Theresa Eickemeyer

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



Congratulations to...

- Some of our youth, who had a very good day at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at John Jay High School recently:
 - Josh Berenbaum placed 4th in Behavior in the speaker division
 - Aaron Cohen placed 3rd in Astronomy in the poster division
 - Jonny Ecker placed 1st in Medical Science in the speaker division
 - Jake Egelberg placed 2nd in Cell and Molecular Biology in the speaker division
- Alan Ascher, Alan Hoffman, and Lee Fadem, in celebration of their special birthdays (*see picture on p. 5*)
- Jake Egelberg, one of 300 top scholars chosen from across the U.S. and international schools in Regeneron Science Talent Search. His research project was "Flagella-Mediated Antibiotic Persistence: A Scientific Enigma."
- Maya Schloss and Nicole Weiss, on being inducted to the National Honor Society. The Honor Society recognizes students for their demonstration of four values scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

From the **President**

Wonderful things are happening at Temple Israel. I am pleased to announce the Search Committee has submitted a talented candidate, Rabbi Deborah A. Hirsch, to serve as interim rabbi. Rabbi Hirsch brings a wealth of experience, being one of the first women ordained by Hebrew Union College. Her one-year term will be voted on Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 am at a congregational meeting. I'm sure you'll be as impressed as the search committee and Board are by the energy, enthusiasm, and experience Rabbi Hirsch brings with her. At the same meeting we will also vote on granting a lucrative land lease for placement of a cell tower. Please come be a part of planning our future.

Earlier this month, for the third year in a row, Cantor Schloss organized, directed, and performed in our annual music benefit; a tradition he began in 2018.

It was a fantastic event attended by hundreds of you, followed by a wonderful reception. If you weren't able to join us a few weeks ago (or if you want to relive it), you can see/hear a small sampling of the music at www.youtube.com/user/ TempleIsraelNR

As fantastic as the evening was, it's what went into it that reflects the sense of community at Temple Israel.

Months ago our music committee, chaired by Rachel Davis, started working with Cantor Schloss to plan for last night. Every member of that committee is a fellow congregant, volunteering their time on behalf of the community to bring us this event. I am embarrassed to say I can't tell you how much time the evening's musicians devoted to rehearsal, but the final product made it clear there was an enormous amount of

preparation. Among the ranks of the musicians were still more congregants (including Kol Simcha!), volunteering their time in practice and performance to make the evening happen.

The delicious sweets we enjoyed after the performance were baked by congregants. Congregants solicited sponsors, acted as ushers, and aided in promotion of the night. And while Cantor Schloss is our cantor, he is also a congregant. Creating and performing in events like this are in addition to his role as our cantor, not a part of it. All that went into preparing and presenting this event represented time away from his family on top of the rest of his duties: time devoted as a fellow congregant.

At the risk of missing a name that should be included, thank you to all of those listed below for creating such a special evening of community, for our community.

Committee Chair/Honorary Rachel Davis Cantor Helene Reps Committee Members Janice Agatston, Amy Bass, Val Etra, Sally Meisner, Alan & Toni Hoffman, Elliott Kassoff, Judith Pinals, Len Stein, Dee & John Valvano, Jim Weingast Clergy and Staff of Temple Israel especially Frank Chavez and his facilities team, Ellen Egan, Orietta Schneider Kol Simcha Micah Bino, Jaden Cohen, Olivia Feinblum, Lula Freedenberg, Lily Hirschl, Sebastian Nero, Ruby Ostrow, Remy Rosen, Abigail Rittenberg, Liat Sadicario, Abigail Slansky, Caroline Slansky, Maya Tripathi <u>Musicians</u> Leah Schloss, Miho Sasaki, Jim Weingast, Jeremy Klein, Lydia Brown, César Rospigliosi, Clayton Thompson, David Zensky <u>Ushers</u> Sally & Steven Meisner **Bakers** Janice Agatston, Marjorie Lewis **Sponsors** See p. 4

Board of Trustees Minutes

Febuary 12, 2020 Board Meeting

Cantor Schloss offered a Word of Torah. Parshat Jethro contains the 10 Commandments, which are grouped into two categories: (1) commandments with God, and (2) commandments involving others. These categories are intertwined. The interpersonal commandments are under the spiritual umbrella because we are made in the image of God. The business of the Temple is considered spiritual work. The sacred umbrella should guide the Board in how we conduct that business

Cantor Schloss announced the unexpected passing of Wendy Bill, the Kehillah Office Manager and spoke to the impact her passing has had on the staff. May her memory be a blessing.

Adam Egelberg provided the financial report, with a focus on total giving rather than pledged support. Temple revenues are above budget while pledges are down. Total giving has increased. As we continue to evolve in the volunteer dues model, we will encourage participation in the areas that are most important to each individual family. We will be migrating to year-round support. We are ahead of budget in revenues and on the expense side.

Anita Aronoff, our Executive Director, reported that pledge commitments are at 94%, equivalent to this time last year. Ellen Egan has reached out to many of the congregants to finalize pledge commitments. Five members passed away. Two families resigned their memberships.

Rich Alter gave the President's Report explaining that this day was difficult at the Temple. Cantor Schloss, Rabbi Nichols and Anita Aronoff were required to break the news of Wendy Bill's untimely death throughout the day to shocked Kehillah staff and parents while comforting the community. Rich announced that the Temple will offer bus service for the Kehillah community to attend Wendy's funeral in Hopewell Junction, NY.

Rich congratulated Cantor Schloss for the marvelous community concert held on February 8. It was a true community effort from sponsorship and ushering to food donations and the participation of our own congregant musicians.

Rich Alter shared that Temple Israel is working with Beth El Synagogue Center to find opportunities to work together. For example, Beth El does not have a strong footprint in social action. We will work with them to increase their footprint to do "more good" together within the broader Jewish local community. Beth El is a sister congregation, not a competitor. Both communities are looking forward to partnering together in areas such as senior programming, the Purim carnival and other events. Our marketing committee led by Brian Feinblum, Steve Kliegerman, Len Stein, and Larry Goldman will cross-promote

On Sunday, March 1, Rich Alter will hold a President's Breakfast for the entire community at 9:30 am. The breakfast will be sponsored by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. He will speak to the state of the congregation and there will be a Q&A.

The gala will be priced in a similar fashion to how dues are structured. There will be a recommended price though we will not allow price to be a barrier to participation in the hopes that the whole community can participate.

Rich Alter updated the Board on last month's business. The marketing committee is exploring a name change to the Temple. We hope to appeal to neighboring communities.

We've agreed upon a one-year contract with the Department of Social Services to rent one of the Temple classrooms to host the Junior League's diaper bank. The Board discussed a five-year

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Temple Israel is Grateful

TEMPLE FUND

Tina & Bernard Rabbino, in honor of her special birthday Nancy Steinberg, in memory of Sally & David Rummel Marcia Nackenson & Bruce Turkle, in memory of Jerome Nackenson

Mark Pinals, in honor of Judith & Donald Pinals

Val Etra, in memory of Barry Elisafon, Carol Matcovsky's brother, and Peter Douglas, Carol's and Joel's son and Diana Nero's brother

Diane Hallenbeck, in memory of Henry Kalman

David Zensky & Linda Cuggino

Michael & May Goldberg, in memory of Wilma Roberts Barbara Kantor, in memory of Wilma Roberts

Marjorie Waterman, in memory of Arthur Samuels Claire Cohen, in memory of Wilma Roberts

Deborah & Jeffrey Gussoff, in memory of Dr. Alvin I. Kosak **Judith Osten**, in celebration of good news!

Craig Falberg & Family, in honor of the baby naming of Ada Fallberg

Melvin Lipsitz, in memory of Rabbi Wohl

Regina Greenwald, in loving memory of Arthur Samuels Ruth & Sidney Lapidus, in memory of Marilyn Levine Carol & Arthur Ostrove, in memory of Marilyn Levine Corinne & Daniel Rosenbloom, in memory of Helene & Bill Handelman Barbara & Jerry Shefsky, in memory of Marilyn Levine Roslyn Miller, in honor of Lee Fadem's birthday

RABBI WEINER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Robert & Debra

Herschenfeld, in appreciation for the wedding blessing for Adam & Molly and the plaque dedication for Joyce Reiser Joan & Hank Goldsmith, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner Meri Hilton, in appreciation

Jason Falberg & Sondra Lavin, in honor of their daughter, Ada Falberg, being named

Marcia Nackenson & Bruce Turkle, in appreciation of the Shiva Service for Jerome Nackenson

Charles Rosner, in memory of Harry Rosner

RABBI NICHOLS'
DISCRETIONARY FUND
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Herschenfeld, in appreciation for the wedding blessing for Adam & Molly

Meri Hilton, in appreciation Marcia Nackenson & Bruce Turkle, in appreciation of the Shiva Service for Jerome Nackenson

Michael Samuels, Judith Greenwald & Barbara Samuels, in honor of Rabbi Nichols for her beautiful Service for Arthur

Andrea Roberts, in memory of Wilma Roberts and in appreciation of Rabbi Nichols Richard Markell, in appreciation

Meryl & David Gordon, in memory of Arthur Samuels

CANTOR SCHLOSS'
DISCRETIONARY FUND
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appreciation

Meri Hilton, in appreciation

BROTHERHOOD FUND Carolyn Dudek, Mark & Benjamin Nowak, in honor of The Pekats Family

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of Matt Egelberg being named Captain of Harvey School Hockey Team

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Marj & Alan Dingee, in honor of Sophie's Bat Mitzvah Robinson Family, in honor of Ben's Bar Mitzvah Kessler Family, in honor of

Kessler Family, in honor of Baila and Levi's B'nei Mitzvah

KEHILLAH SCHOOL Capital and Program Fund

Amy Farkas & Samuel Levy in memory of Wendy Bill Denise R. Troeder, in memory of Wendy Bill

Alissa Cohen Barney & Glenn Barney, in memory of Wendy Bill Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Wendy Bill

Linda Capozzola, in memory of Wendy Bill

MUSIC FUND
Marjorie Waterman, in honor
of Thelma Fixler
Janice & Warren Agatston,
in honor of Alan Hoffman's
special birthday; in honor of
Don Pinals' special birthday
Alana & Brandon Davis,
in honor of Cantor Schloss
inviting us to the Music
Benefit

Linda J. Capozzola, congratulations to Cantor Schloss and all the musicians for a fantastic evening

PRAYERBOOK FUND Lynne S. Fertig, in memory of her father and mother, Herbert Schneur & Beatrice Schneur Fine

SOCIAL ACTION FUND Carolyn Dudek, Mark & Benjamin Nowak, in honor of The Alter Family; in honor of The Meisner Family; in honor of The Egelberg Family David Zensky & Linda Cuggino

TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES Carolyn Dudek, Mark and Benjamin Nowak, in honor of Brian & Dianne Heaps; in honor of Ilissa & Paul Warhit; in honor of Jamie Deutsch Joan & Hank Goldsmith,

in honor of Sari Bedevian's birthday; in honor of and gratitude for wonderful neighbors, Joanne & Scott Ornstein **Lenore E. Levine**, in memory of
Marilyn Levine; in honor of Alan
Hoffman's special birthday

Hoffman's special birthday Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Marilyn Levine; in memory of Wilma Roberts; in memory of Arthur Samuels

Toni & Alan Hoffman, in memory of Marilyn Levine

TIFTY FUND Andrew Newman

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Val Etra in memory of Marilyn Levine

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT/ COLLEGE FUND

Tami & Jon Altschiller, in honor of their daughter, Melissa, and in gratitude for the Chanukah connection to our college students

YOUR SONG-OUR SONG SPONSORSHIPS

Maestro

Judith & Jack Adler Frank & Barbara Axel Judith & Don Pinals

Soloist

Dave & Marji Karlin Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina David Zensky & Linda Cuggino

Orchestra

Alan & Elaine Ascher
Brotherhood of Temple Israel
Leroy Fadem
Thelma Fixler
Ken & Meri Hilton
Matthew & Jennifer Kates
Sally & Steven Meisner
Lloyd Robinson
Jonathan & Lauren Schloss
Lisa & Saky Yakas
Russell Handelman

Chorus

Brandy & Mitch Benson
Derek & Rachel Davis
Val Etra
Scott & Doreen Levine
Jason & Marilyn Morris
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove
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Music Benefit Volunteers who helped to send out the invites (I to r: Dee Valvano, Judy Pinals, Val Etra, Toni Hoffman)

END OF YEAR APPEAL

Barbara Balik Jackie Bitterman & Dan Pomerantz Michael & Stacey Bonagura Derek & Rachel Davis Ellen & Jack Egan Valerie Etra Thelma Fixler Don & Natalie Handelman Russell Handelman Marji & David Karlin Jamie P. Levine Debby & Richard Marx Ethan & Eileen Miller Warren & Nanette Sacks Marjorie Waterman

Thank you for your consideration and support in showing the community what Temple Israel means to you.

Rabbi's Note

Dear chevrei (friends),

Along with Purim and Passover, the months of March and April bring us weekly Torah readings from Leviticus. Beginning on the last Shabbat of March, the readings from Leviticus detail the ancient sacrificial system, the institution of the priesthood and a seemingly endless list of ritual and purity laws. At the busiest time of year for celebrating b'nei mitzvah, the Torah veers away from narrative and asks thirteen-year-olds to expound on laws that either make them wrinkle up their noses or blush with embarrassment.

Many of the rituals outlined in its chapters seem to be irrelevant to our lives today because the rituals themselves no longer speak to us. The strangeness of the rituals clouds our ability to see their underlying values. According to Dr. Jacob Milgrom in his book on Leviticus, "A ritual must signify something beyond itself, whose attainment enhances the meaning and value of life." Rituals represent relationships, express emotions and demonstrate beliefs. Think of the Passover seder for example: the ritual of having the youngest child ask the Four Questions is less about making a small child memorize a text and more about representing the value of education and the importance of passing on beliefs to the next generation; opening the door for Elijah is less about opening the door and more about expressing a hope for a better future.

If we read the book of Leviticus looking for the underlying messages expressed through the rituals, we find beliefs and values that are still relevant today: the inherent value of life, the importance of community, an obligation to care for others, etc. After identifying the values found in the text, we have an opportunity to take the next step of adapting rituals to be meaningful today. Our Jewish practice has the flexibility to evolve over time in order to speak to each generation and to each family. Just think about how much Shabbat services have changed over your lifetime to incorporate different concerns, evolving needs and new styles of music! The change can happen at home as well. I invite you to take Passover as a time to think about the rituals in your family. Do your Passover traditions effectively communicate the values that are important to you? Are there rituals that you might add or adapt to enhance the experience for you and your guests? Experiment, be creative, and be open to new experiences.

*L'shalom,*Rabbi Beth Nichols



Without giving away anyone's age, 189 years between our two beloved members (1 to r: Alan Ascher, Lee Fadem)

Rabbi Search

Dear Congregants,

After an extensive search the rabbinic search committee has recommended hiring a wonderful candidate as our interim rabbi. We now present to the congregation a request for approval to hire, for a one year period, Rabbi Deborah Hirsch as our interim rabbi starting July 1st, 2020. Rabbi Hirsch is currently with The Village Temple in New York City. Her bio is as follows:

Rabbi Deborah A. Hirsch joined The Village Temple as rabbi on July 1, 2016. Though she is a native of Chicago, Rabbi Hirsch has spent her entire rabbinic career in the metro New York area. Previously she was senior rabbi at Congregation Shaaray Tefila/NYC, where she had served as clergy for the prior six years. In 2000, Rabbi Hirsch joined the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), where she was the regional director for the Greater New York Council of Reform Synagogues. In 2003, she became the UKJ director of regions and supervised the Union's regional structure throughout North America. Previously she served as rabbi at East End Temple in Manhattan for 15 years. She has been active in the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) for many years, serving as finance officer, chair of the Nominating Committee, and chair of the Audit Čommittee. Rabbi Hirsch has also been a faculty member at Eisner, Crane Lake and Kutz Camps. She was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1982, received her Doctor of Ministry there in 1997, and was later awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the same institution in 2007.

Please know that many of us are working to make this transition as seamless as possible. We are here to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you Ilissa Warhit and Todd Brecher Search Committee Co-Chairs

Search Committee Members Warren Agatston, Brian Heaps, Jennifer Herbst, Dalia Levine, Rebecca Lippel, Marilyn Morris, Carly Rieger, Dan Weiser



Purim is headed our way in the month of March, and it's a special holiday with obligations (yes, obligations) that are really fun to take part in. We can't wait to celebrate this incredibly enjoyable holiday with you and your families, and with the rest of the community. See page 10 for the schedule of Purim events. Did you know that there are FOUR Purim Mitzvot that you can do to celebrate the holiday?

A SEUDAT MITZVAH, a festive meal or party, is part of the Purim mitzvot. We hope you'll have a chance to celebrate with friends and family! Many people eat hamantaschen (oznei haman) on Purim as well. Over the years this mitzvah has been associated with Purim carnivals. Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual carnival celebration on Sunday, March 8 from 12-2 pm. Tots will have a special opportunity to enter the carnival at 11 am.

READING THE MEGILLAH is one of the four mitzvot (commandments) of Purim. We hope you'll join us at Temple Israel for our Purim Shpiel and Megillah reading on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. This special evening will coincide with our Chavaya Tuesday evening High School (7th-12th grade) program. Come dressed in a costume of your choice or put on your favorite Elton John sunglasses and we'll sing tunes together!

MISHLOACH MANOT is the mitzvah of sending food gifts to at least one other family. The only rule is that it should consist of at least two different kinds of food. The Chavaya Mishloach Manot fundraiser helps connect families to the holiday, while raising important funds that both sustain and enhance our programming. If you did not get the opportunity to purchase Mishloach Manot bags via our online software, have no fear as we will be selling bags at the Purim carnival on Sunday, March 8 and at the Purim Spiel on Tuesday, March 10.

MATANOT L'EVYONIM, or gifts to the poor, is another Purim obligation. In the Purim story in the Book of Esther, we learn that people sent two kinds of gifts as part of their celebration - to their friends (Mishloach Manot) and to the poor (Matanot *l'Evyonim*). It's a beautiful part of Judaism that we celebrate our victories and successes by giving Tzedakah to those in need. Join us as we perform the act of Matanot L'evyonim by purchasing groceries for Community Service Associates (CSA) clients. We will be preparing reusable shopping bags with nonperishable items following the Purim Spiel on Tuesday, March 10 at 8 pm. Please refer to our shopping list (on p. 10) for how you can help!

Purim Sameach (Happy Purim)!

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst Chavaya Director



HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS
Join us for an amazing Purim
Themed TIFTY Shul-In,
Friday-Saturday, March 6-7,
7 pm. Expect fun teen-led
programs, late-night fun and
lots of food. This Shul-In
is open to 8th-12th graders
and to friends from other
synagogues and youth
groups. We want a crowd!
The cost is \$25 and includes
dinner. Questions and RSVPs to
TIFTY@tinr.org

TIFTY Passover Dessert Fun, Tuesday, April 14, 8 pm. By this time you might be tired of matzah, but we are going to make the end of Passover delicious with some Passover candy-making. We will meet up in Forbes kitchen following Chavaya. Open to all 7th-12th graders. RSVP to TIFTY@tinr.org

MAKE NEW FRIENDS **NFTY-NAR Spring** Kallah, Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA Spring Kallah promises to be amazing! As always, the weekend will feature interactive programs, creative services and an enthusiastic teen leadership team. We are also excited to WELCOME **EIGHTH GRADERS to NFTY!** For more details, contact Rabbi Nichols. Registration will open soon at 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 March 4 and April 1
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.

Interested in Running for TIFTY Board? TIFTY Board? TIFTY Board is a great way to get involved and gain leadership experience. 8th Graders are eligible to run for 9th Grade Representative. 9th-11th graders are eligible to run for all other positions. Board application packets will be available in April for May elections. Coming to an open Monthly Meeting is a great way to see if TIFTY leadership is a good match for you. Questions? Contact RBN or Maya Schloss.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Come make sandwiches for the HOPE Soup Kitchen at our Monthly Sandwich Brigades on Tuesday, March 24 and April 21, 8-9 p.m. 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).



TINR's Hoops Youth Basketball End-of-Season Party Wednesday, March 25 6:30-7:30pm at Temple Israel

Players - Come celebrate a great JBL season with your teammates.
Enjoy coaches' recaps and highlights of the games.
Pizza & ice cream will be served.

Please RSVP on behalf of your player to either your coach or to Jeff Berenbaum at tinrhoops@yahoo.com

Thank you to Brotherhood for hosting this event!

B'nei Mitzvah



My name is Ross Gold and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 14, 2020. I will be chanting

from Parashat Ki Tisa in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Andrea & Adam, and my brother, Aidyn. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I like to hang out with my friends, and run cross country and track. For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered at the Humane Society. This project is important to me because I love animals, especially cats. Our cat is a rescue from New Rochelle. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Jordan Weiner** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on March 28, 2020. I will be chanting

from Parashat Vayikra in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Limor & Scott, and my sister, Carmel. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I play soccer, run track, and play piano. For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteer at HOPE Soup Kitchen and serve meals. This project is important to me because I like to help those in need. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is Emelia Freedenberg and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on April 4, 2020. I will

be chanting from Parashat *Tzav* in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Josh & Tracy, and my siblings, Milo and Lula. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I participated in All County Chorus, and I play basketball. For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered at the Kehillah School for Early Learning. This project is important to me because it's fulfilling to be able to make the kids' day, and play with them. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Sam Benson** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on April 18, 2020. I will be chanting

from Parashat Tazria in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Brandy & Mitch, and my sisters, Charlotte and Sofia. I am in the 7th grade at The Masters School. Outside of school, I enjoy baseball, basketball, cooking, and spending time with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I am helping people participate in elections for the World Zionist Congress, and to increase the representation of Reform Jews. This project is important to me because it is a way for Reform Jews to play an active role in the decisions that affect Israel. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Sutton Gray Poretsky** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on April 25, 2020.

I will be chanting from Parashat Metzora in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Howard & Ellen, and my brother, Mason. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. For my Mitzvah Project, I have chosen to work at the Kehillah School. This project is important to me because I was ĥoping to work with little kids, whether it was simply playing with them, reading to them, or sharing fun stories. I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah.

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ground lease with AT&T for a small portion of the northern most part of Temple property, near the Hutchinson River Parkway, for a cell phone tower. The lease would provide monthly rent of \$4,000 per month plus \$,1000 for each additional sublease (phone carrier). With the announcement of AT&T's merger with T-Mobile, we anticipate two sub-leasees, rather than three. The annualized rent would be \$72,000 with two sub-leasees. with annual increases to the base of two percent. The income to the Temple is taxable and will not impact our non-for-profit status.

At the request of the Board, Dr. Jeff Stier and Dr. Dan Pomerantz examined the health impacts and presented a report to the Board. There are no known health risks as a result of locating a cell tower on our property. AT&T has offered to speak with the congregation directly. The process for AT&T to get all the necessary approvals will take about a year. There will be a comment period. The cell tower will likely only be visible from the Hutchinson River Parkway. A motion was made to enter into

the 5-year ground lease allowing for construction and operation of a cell tower. Although not required under our by-laws, the Approval by the Board of Trustees will be conditioned upon approval of same at a subsequent congregational meeting called pursuant to the provisions of TINR by-laws §2.2. Congregational approval shall be obtained pursuant to TINR by-laws §§2.4 & 2.5. In absence of a quorum pursuant to §2.3, the prior approval of the Board of Trustees shall be sufficient and the motion shall be ratified. A congregational meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, March 1.

Committee reports: The Rabbinic Search Committee updated the Board. Four candidates for interim rabbi were interviewed. The committee invited one candidate, with sterling recommendations, for the second round to meet with senior staff and to lead a teaching session. The committee plans to bring its recommendation to the Board shortly. Carolyn Dudek will lead the permanent rabbi search committee along with Ilissa Warhit. Dan Weisser and Marilyn Morris will be spearheading parlor meetings with congregants.

Finally, the Board offered good and welfare. We had a birthday cake and champagne toast for honorary trustees Alan Ascher and Lee Fadem celebrating their 90th & 99th birthday's respectively. Mazel tov! Kudos to Cantor Schloss and the Music Committee for this year's concert. We raised over \$12,000. Over 230 people attended and we had more sponsors this year than in the past. Thank you to the Brotherhood for donating an upgrade to our audio system in the Cultural Center. Finally, our 2020 Gala is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. We will be holding a silent auction. If you have any big ticket items to donate, please contact Margie Ostrove.

Adar/Nisan/Iyyar 5780



Dear Parents,

We are number 1!

Thanks to you, Kehillah had the most responses to the survey and we thank you all for your heart-warming responses.

In March and April there are two holidays that the Kehillah children look forward to celebrating. Children everywhere enjoy stories with "good guys" and "bad guys," but these stories are even more thrilling as they end with the Jews being safe and free!

The Kehillah School will celebrate Purim with a parade of marching children in costumes. On March **10th at 11:45 am** the parade will end in the sanctuary, where everyone will gather to sing Purim songs with the clergy. The classes love to sing with the clergy and administration who will be dressed as Haman, Queen Esther, Uncle Mordecai and King Ahasuerus. They "Boo" at Haman and they clap for Queen Esther. Please feel free to join the celebration. As we all love hamantashen, many classrooms will be baking and eating delicious hamantashen!

Passover is another favorite holiday that the children like to celebrate. In class, students will be creating all the Passover symbols to bring home and share with their families throughout the holiday. They look forward to decorating the seder table with all the symbols they make. This helps them to feel that they are important participants in the seder.

April 8th is the first night of Passover and school will close at 3 pm. Kehillah will reopen on April 13th. Please join us April 15th at 8 am for a service in the sanctuary to mark the end of Passover. There will be a light breakfast served in the lobby immediately following the service.

The staff feels so fortunate to have the support and love of the families in the school. On January 16th, Kehillah parents made the staff feel like celebrities as they treated us to a "Red Carpet" event. Walking into Rosen Hall we were immediately struck by the decorations that filled the room and the centerpieces on each dinner table. Parents served the staff a delicious meal and led us in fun games. We are so grateful for the love, thoughtfulness and time that was put into making this night such a success.

Laurie Thomas Kehillah School Director





Don't miss the **Camp Pinebrook Spring Open House** on **Sunday, March 22, 1:30 - 3:30 pm** and tour the facilities. *Questions? Speak with Rabbi Jesse Gallop, Camp Director at* (914) 813-8700.

Shabbat **HaKavod**

Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating the following membership anniversaries: 60 years, 50 years, 36 years, 25 years, 18 years, 10 years, and 1 year! Here they are!

1960

Donald & Bonnie Rosenfeld Elinor Jaffee

1970

Dr. Jack & Dr. Judith Adler Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Marion Herskowitz

1984

Martin & Pamela Rosenberg Russell Handelman Prof. Joan Birman Dr. Wilbert & Ina Aronow Joel Finger Dr. Paul & Barbara Greene

1995

Jocelyn Kenner Richard Schwartz Dr. Mitchell & Susan Weisman Noam Bramson Jay & Cindy Kreisberg Ronald & Julie Latz Richard & Karen Balik Dr. Louis Weiss Andrew & Monica Gaines Jeffrey & Risa Heisner Lee & Ellen Meiner

2002

Judith Redlener Adam Sobel & Susan Siegel Alan & Stacy Spiegel Dr. Harold & Sonna Goldstein James & Elizabeth Weingast Michael & Michelle Klein Jeffrey & Ellen Zomback David & Lisa Lieberman Dr. Michael & Bonnie Lebowitz Alan & Rebecca Milstein

2010 Janet McDowell Harold & Deborah Kahn Beth Feldman
Benjamin Kessler
Jodi Golinsky
Len & Berdie Stein
Alan & Ilene Silverman
Mark Nowak & Dr. Carolyn Dudek
Richard & Amy Strauss
Louis Arbetter & Yonat Assayag
Daniel & Ilana Richmond
Howard & Ellen Poretsky
Adam & Wendy Portnoff

2019

Joel & Michelle Halperin Jesse Sirotkin & Danielle Crane Ryan Robbins & Michaela Jones Bonnie Hirshowitz David & Lauren Sommer Adam Slansky & Jessica Ottinger Dr. Eric & Sarah Prager Gene & Jennifer Bederak Jeremy & Rebecca Sigel Jead Kutcowitz & Racheli Bensky Gary & Rachel Morse Jared Ross & Jessica Edelman Jason & Lisa Harris Brandon & Alana Davis Brian & Marisa Edwards David & Sara Kaye Dr. Eugene & Susan Weiss Nancy & Jackie Kaplan Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina Avishai & Shanee Cohen Kenneth Handelman Richard Krupa & Stephanie Ross George & Kimberly Nguyen

Join us in celebrating these individuals with a service and dinner on Friday, May 1st at a Kol Shabbat. Cost is \$25 per adult. Pay early, the cost will increase to \$30 on Wednesday, April 29th.

Brotherhood TINR ***rotherhood**

Todd Pekats *ToddPekats@live.com - (917) 992-5704*Brotherhood Co-President



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

Brotherhood has many exciting events coming up! We need your enthusiasm, and help.

Purim Carnival Set-up

The Purim Carnival is a wonderful event for our children and their families ... as well as everyone else who likes to have fun! But this can only happen if we have help setting up. Set-up will be on **Saturday**, **March 7th**, **9 am**. Please contact Dave Karlin at (914) 844-7770 to volunteer! (Note, enjoy the Purim Carnival the next day on **Sunday**, **March 8th**, 11:30 am - 2 pm. Tots are invited to arrive earlier at 11 am).

President's Breakfast/Congregational Meeting

Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be sponsoring the food at the President's Breakfast on **Sunday, March 1st at 9:30 am.** So please come and enjoy!

Brotherhood & Social Action Breakfast Come and meet both our first refugee family, who we were able to help transition to our community, and Jane Dixon, co-chair of ICNAW (Inter-Faith Council for New Americans Westchester) on Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 am... and enjoy breakfast on us! RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal at mitchell.tarnopal@randrealty.com or Amy Ecker at amybrose@gmail.com to accommodate for seating and food.

Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze

Men, come and join us after a hard day's work for some drink and conversation. Dates coming up are: **March 11**, **April 22**, May 13, and June 24, at 7:30 pm.

Brotherhood & Israel Action Committee Movie Night

Just confirmed! On **Tuesday**, **May 5**, **6:30 pm**, come and enjoy a moving 2019 documentary **Golda**, filmed in 2019. Golda Meir was interviewed for Israeli television shortly before her passing. She spoke freely about her term as Prime Minister for 5 years. *More information will follow*.

Coming Up!

Bourbon & Bible and Cigars & Cognac. Always well attended events! A new date will be announced shortly. Stay tuned!

'Hood Shabbat Service & Dinner. Both Brotherhood and Sisterhood invite you to the 'Hood Shabbat on Friday, June 5th. *More details to follow.*

Brotherhood Golf Outing. This year, fun and frivolity will be at Sterling Farms Golf Course on Thursday, July 23rd, followed by dinner at Temple Israel. *More details to follow*.

Sisterhood



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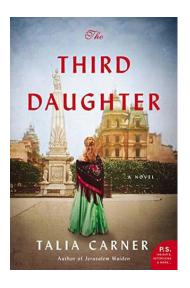
Happy Passover from Sisterhood!

We've got a bunch of ideas in the works that we will present to you as soon as they are finalized. Here are some exciting events coming up:

On Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 pm, Sisterhood is proud to present the film, **The Mambonicks**. This hugely entertaining and lively film examines the dance craze that started in Cuba in the 1950s and became popular with the Jewish community in Miami and New York at that time. The film features great music and dancing. Wine and cheese will be served and we'll have a mambo lesson. This promises to be a fun night! Advance tickets are \$18. We hope to see you there!

Sisterhood and the Edith Handelman Library are happy to present our third annual Temple Wide-Read on Sunday, April 19, 10 am. The book selection is The Third Daughter by Talia Carner, a National Jewish Book Award finalist. This unforgettable story illuminates a littleknown 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 are available for advanced sale at the front desk at a discounted price - to be signed by the author.



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

Janet Dubiel-Frey and Jennifer Herbst Sisterhood Co-Presidents

PURIM

ESTHER SAVED OUR LIVES TONIGHT AN ELTON JOHN PURIM

Schedule of Services & Events

Sunday, March 8, 2020

11:00 am Purim Family Service

11:30 am Purim Carnival (tots arrive at 11 am)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 • Purim 11:45 am Kehillah Purim Parade

7:00 pm Purim Spiel & Megillah Reading * (see below)

An Elton John Purim - Esther Saved Our Lives Tonight Sanctuary/Brotherhood Lounge with open bar and hamantashen

Brotherhood is requesting volunteers for set up on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am, and to help during the Carnival. Please contact Dave Karlin at tank1dog @aol.com to volunteer!

Purim Chavaya/Social Action Mitzvot on Tuesday, March 10th, During Purim Spiel

There are four **Purim Mitzvot** that we are commanded to do when celebrating the holiday.

- 1. Reading the Megillah
- 2. Sending Mishloach Manot (gifts of food and drink to family and friends)
- 3. Eating a special meal
- 4. Giving Matanot L'evyonim (gifts of food to those who are food insecure)

See the **shopping list** on the right to help your food shopping!



SHOPPING LIST



REUSABLE BAGS (new or excellent condition)
Peanut/Almond/Sunflower Butter

Jelly

Pasta with a jar of sauce

Mac and Cheese

Large boxes of cereal

Cereal bars

Shelf stable milk

Cans of soup

Cans of mixed vegetables

Cans of fruit cocktail

Snacks (crackers, pretzels)

Ramen Soup packages

Cans of chicken

Cans of tuna fish

Water, juice boxes

Join with members to pack non-perishables following the Purim Spiel on *Tuesday, March 10*

Did you know that one of the four Purim Mitzvot commanded during the holiday is giving *Matanot L'evvonim* (gifts of food to those who are food insecure)? Food may be dropped off leading up to March 10, and of course, year-round.

Passover



Celebrate our Freedom and the Coming of Spring

with Temple Israel of New Rochelle

The Coalition for Mutual Respect Interfaith Seder

Learn About Passover: The Festival of Freedom Wednesday, April 1, 2020 • 6:00 pmat St. Catherine AME Zion Church
21 Lincoln Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801
\$25 per person...and sponsor a youth to attend!

Erev Pesach First Night of Passover

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 Erev Pesach Temple Office & Kehillah School Closes at 3 pm

Pesach

First Day/Second Night Passover
Temple Office, Chavaya and Kehillah School Close
Thursday, April 9, 2020
6:00 pm Congregational Second Night

Passover Seder.

Kehillah School End of Passover Family Service Wednesday, April 15, 2020 • 8:00 am

Celebrate the end of Passover, and the crossing of the Red Sea with song & dance. Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the fun.

Last Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Temple Office CLOSED, Kehillah School OPEN
10:30 am Passover Service with Yizkor

followed by Passover Festival Lunch

Social Action

Interested in helping plan Social Action events and supporting our causes? We would love for you to join us. *Contact us at SocialActionTINR@gmail.com or leave us a message at temple,* (914) 235-1800. Planning will include working on our monthly collections, and any new projects that we may add to the year.

Here are some meeting dates coming up for March and April: Please join us on the following two Sundays at 9:45 am. March 15 and April 19

Some reminders:

- Please attend the President's Breakfast/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 1st.
- See you at the Brotherhood & Social Action Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am. *See details on p. 9*
- On Saturday, April 25, there will be an Earth Day Event at Glen Island Park, 10 am 2 pm. *More details to follow!*
- The Solidarity Fair will be an enlightening experience about Climate Justice and *Tikkun Olam* the repair of the world on Sunday, April 26, 9:30 am. *Read details on p. 18*.
- There are four Purim Mitzvot that we are commanded to do when celebrating the holiday. *Read about them on p. 10 and follow the grocery list.*
- Below you will find a list of items for on-going collections.
- The drive for March is a "Baby Shower" to collect items to benefit local families as part of the Carver Center and Junior League of Central Westchester. Check www.tinr.org/ events for items they would really need!

... and thank you to all who donated sports equipment for 2nd Chance Sports. The items were delivered on February 10th. Visit www.2ndChanceSports.org to see all the good things they're doing to improve the lives of children in disadvantaged areas!

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Non-Perishable FOOD: Cereal, tuna fish, canned soup, shelf stable milk, peanut/almond/sunflower butter, pasta, rice, canned vegetables and fruit, granola bars and reusable grocery bags in excellent condition.



Food is donated to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle and Community Service Associates in Mt. Vernon

*Check the expiration dates please

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING: Seasonally appropriate children's clothing in excellent condition (would you let your child wear it? No stains, tears, broken zippers or missing buttons) NEW socks, NEW underwear, NEW hats and NEW gloves only. All donations benefit The Sharing Shelf, a clothing bank for children in Westchester. Visit thesharingshelf@fsw.org



PENCILS: NEW pencils only (sharpened or unsharpened) to be donated to District 6 in the Bronx where member Erika Tobia is the superintendent. #givethekidapencil

TOILETRIES: Travel-size, full-size, new, unopened and unexpired items including shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, makeup, etc. Items donated to:1. Community Service Associates in | Mount Vernon and/or 2. The Jewish Board's Sally and Anthony Mann Center in Hawthorne.

EYEGLASSES: Used eyeglasses to be donated to the regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and distributed to people in low and middle-income communities.



Arrival of New Refugee Family

The new family arrived on Sunday, February 2 after a long journey from Kabul. The reunion of families (new family is Fardin's brother and his wife is Mahnaz's niece) was quite emotional. After four years of waiting for final approval of their SIV, Special Immigration Visa, the family of five arrived safely in the US.

The family was a bit overwhelmed when they were taken to a beautifully furnished two-bedroom apartment. Volunteers had spent several days furnishing and decorating. People contributed from near and far to help get the apartment settled. After a hot meal the family got a needed good night's sleep.

Fundraising is on-going and checks may be made out and sent to Beth El Synagogue Center, 1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804, with ICNAW written in the MEMO line. Members may also contact Beth El's Controller, Olivier Vogel at OVogel@bethelnr. org to make a credit card donation.

Volunteers are needed for the new family in White Plains as well as for the Islahs in New Rochelle.

Ways to volunteer:

Cultural Committee - Assist new family in getting to know their neighborhood and how to navigate markets, transportation and other new cultural experiences. Education Committee – Tutor the children and parents in English Medical Committee – Help with doctor's appointments and navigating insurance Drivers - Drivers are needed to take family members to appointments and activities. This is a great way to volunteer intermittently by being on a list and volunteering when available.

Employment – Assist with employment contacts and resumes

To volunteer contact Amy Ecker at amybrose@gmail.com or Howard Horowitz at horowitzh@ horowitzresearch.com

Advocacy Committee

Stronger Together Solidarity Fair for Climate Justice and Tikkun Olam - Plans for the Stronger Together Solidarity Fair for Climate Justice and Tikkun Olam have been greenlighted by Rabbi Weiner and TINR president Rich Alter. The fair will take place Sunday, April 26 9am-1pm. with 20+/- local organizations working on social justice, women's issues, immigrant and refugee issues, and climate change/earth justice invited. This year's panel discussion will focus on Climate Change/Earth Justice issues.

Arrival of Third Refugee Family - ICNAW, the refugee resettlement support coalition, in which Temple Israel is a member, reported on the arrival of our third refugee family from Afghanistan. They arrived on Sunday, February 2, were tearfully reunited with family members already here and settled in to their apartment in White Plains.

The emergency fund raising to support the new family among congregations that are members of ICNAW –Temple Israel of New Rochelle, Beth El Center New Rochelle, Temple Israel White Plains, Universalist Community Church White Plains, and Ethical Culture, Scarsdale – has been very successful, with the total collected approaching \$45,000.

Update – RAC-NY - Todd Brecher reported that NY-RAC (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) has selected an issue for lobbying this legislative session to require warrants for ICE arrests at or near courts. The concern is to protect immigrants and to insure they do not have to be afraid of complying with the law at court.

We will participate in Albany Lobbying Day, Monday, March 16, to meet with our representatives in the state legislature to lobby for passage of immigrant protection legislation.

The Advocacy Committee welcomes all TINR members. For more information, contact Howard Horowitz at: howardh@horowitzresearch.com



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interviews Completed!

Interviewee
Warren Agatston
Alan Ascher
Frank Axel
Arthur Barr
Linda Capozzola
Bill Handelman²¹
Damon Maher
Edith Meyers
Arthur Ostrove
Leroy Fadem
Nancy Sandler Gavrin
Cantor Helene Reps
Phyllis Slotnick
Bernard & Judy Robinson
Thelma Fixler

Interviews Still to be Done!

Interviewee
Barbara Axel
Claire Coleman
Mary Ann DeRosa
David & Lisa Eichler and Jocelyn Kenner
Val Etra
Helene Fishman
Joel Fridovich
Alan & Toni Hoffman
Bernie & Helen Miller
Mitchells & Carole Ostrove
Marian & Richard Reiner
Nanette Sacks
Michael Shankman
Jeff & Mady Stier
Paul Warhit
Karen White

Need Interviewers! Interviewee

The Altabets
Jack & Judith Adler
Ina Aronow
The Balik Family
Joan Goldsmith
Russell Handelman
Gerry & Sandy Hyman
Irene Pasternack
Diane Senderoff

Interviewer Arthur Ostrove Anita Aronoff Stan Konwiser Arthur Ostrove Mara Roberge Amy Bass Paul Warhit Warren Agatston Warren Agatston Toni Hoffman Art Ostrove Richard Alter Ludy Pinals

Interviewer Janice Agatston Rich Alter Jamie Deutsch

Mitch Benson

Val Etra

Jamie Deutsch Stan Konwiser Larry Goldman Paul Warhit Jamie Deutsch Mady Stier Toni Hoffman Marjorie Ostrove Brian Reiner Sister/Daughter Warren Agatston Bob Hirsh Lauren Axelrod

Need interviewer Need interviewer

Edith H. Handelman Library

2019 National Jewish Book Award Winners in our Library

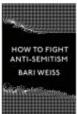














Jewish Book of the Year: America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today, by Pamela S. Nadell.

Autobiography and Memoir: *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love,* by Dani Shapiro.

Book Club: The World That We Knew, by Alice Hoffman; The Guest Book, by Sara Blake; The Third Daughter, by Talia Carner; The Last Train to London, by Meg Waite Clayton; The City Game: Triumph, Scandal, and a Legendary Basketball Team, by Matthew Goodman.

Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice: How to Fight Anti-Semitism, by Bari Weiss; The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between, by Stephanie Butnick, Liel Leibovitz, Mark Oppenheimer; Getting Good at Getting Older, by Richard Siegel z'l, Rabbi Laura Geller.

Debut Fiction: Naamah, by Sarah Blake; Fleishman Is in Trouble, by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Education and Jewish Identity: Anti-Semitism: Here and Now, by Deborah Lipstadt

Fiction: The Tenth Muse, by Catherine Chung.

Food Writing and Cookbooks: Savage Feast, by Boris Fishman

History: The Guarded Gate: Eugenics and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italian, and Other European Immigrants Out of America, by Daniel Okrent; Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel, by Matti Friedman; "Shadow Strike" Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power, by Yaakov Katz.

Holocaust: The Unwanted: America, Auschwitz, and a Village Caught In Between, by Michael Dobbs.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Modern Jewish Thought and Experience: Anti-Semitism:} \textit{Here and Now,} by \\ \textbf{Deborah Lipstadt.} \end{tabular}$

Children's Literature: Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story, by Leslea Newman; Once Upon an Apple Cake, by Elana Rubinstein; Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children, by Kath Shackleton.

Come explore our amazing collection! The library is always open! Search our entire collection online by logging into www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibrary/TINR

Love to read? Join the Library Committee.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Krasner at stephkras11@gmail.com

March/ April Calendar

March				
Sun	3/1	Social Action	R Albany Advocacy Day on Committee Drive: "Baby Shower" olies). <i>See p. 12 for details.</i> Chavaya President Breakfast/Congregational Meeting Kol Simcha	
Mon	3/2	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	
Tue	3/3	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School Purim Spiel Rehearsal. <i>See p. 10 for details.</i>	
Wed	3/4	6:00 PM	TIFTY Board Meeting	
Thu	3/5	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps	
Fri	3/6	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Talmud Class Purim Themed TIFTY Shul-In. Email RBN for details. Shabbat Evening Service	
Sat	3/7	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Purim Carnival Set Up. <i>Email Dave Karlin at tank1dog@aol.com to volunteer.</i> Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study	
Sun	3/8	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Mishloach Manot Packing. <i>Questions? Email Chavaya@tinr.org</i> Chavaya Zera'eem, Shorasheem, Nitzaneem Boker B'yachad Purim Family Service. See p. 10 for details. Temple Purim Carnival (Tots at 11 AM)	
Mon	3/9	Erev Purim 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Purim Carnival Breakdown. <i>Email Dave Karlin at tank1dog@aol.com to volunteer.</i> STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	
Tue	3/10	Purim 11:45 AM 4:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Kehillah Purim Parade Chavaya Chavaya High School Dinner with TIFTY Pizza Sale Purim Spiel & Megillah Reading	
Wed	3/11	11:30 AM 7:30 PM	Food for Thought. <i>See p. 16 for details.</i> Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze	
Thu	3/12	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps	
Fri	3/13		nool Overnight (Grades 6, 7, 8). Email Chavaya@tinr.org Talmud Class Shabbat Evening Service	
Sat	3/14	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah Ross Gold	
Sun	3/15	9:30 AM 9:45 AM 12:00 PM	Chavaya Social Action Committee Meeting Kol Simcha	

Mon	3/16	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	3/17	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School Clergy Dinner Out 11-12th Grade
Wed	3/18	7:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thu	3/19	4:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:45 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps Kehillah School Closes Early
Fri		9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud Class Kol Shabbat Evening/National Refugee Shabbat Service, followed by dinner. See p. 16 for details.
Sat	3/21	Youth grou Questions? I 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	p event for Club 45 and 67. Email Chavaya@tinr.org Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study Mamboniks Movie Night. See p. 17. (Sisterhood sponsored)
Sun	3/22	9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM	Chavaya Girlology (Chavaya sponsored). Open to All! See p. 17 for details. Kol Simcha Camp Pinebrook Spring Open House. Questions? Email Rabbi Jesse Gallop at jessegallop@tinr.org
Mon	3/23	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	3/24	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions TIFTY Sandwich Brigade. <i>See p. 6 for details</i> .
Wed	3/25	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Basketball Pizza Party. See p. 6 for details. Prime Time 4 Adults Movie Night. See p. 17 for details. Chavaya Committee Meeting
Thu	3/26	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps
Fri		9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud Class Community Shabbat Evening Service, followed by dinner. <i>See p. 17 for details</i> .
Sat		9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Jordan Weiner
Sun	3/29	9:30 AM	Brotherhood & Social Action Breakfast. See p. 18 for details.
		9:30 AM 12:00 PM	Chavaya Kol Simcha
Mon	3/30	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
Tue	3/31	3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya
April			
Wed	4/1	11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Food for Thought. Postponed. More details to follow. TIFTY Board Meeting The Coalition for Mutual Respect Interfaith Seder at St. Catherine AME Zion Church. See p. 11 for details.
Thu	4/2	4:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps 6th grade B'nei Mitzvah program
Fri	4/3	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud Class Kol Shabbat Evening Service, followed by dinner. <i>See p. 16 for details</i> .

Sat	4/4	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah Emelia Freedenberg	Sat	4/25	9:00 10:3
Sun	4/5	No Chavaya		Sun	4/26	0.30
Mon	4/6	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	Juii	4/20	9:30
Tue	4/7	No Chavaya				12:0
Wed	4/8	Erev Pesach 3:00 PM	Temple Office & Kehillah School Closing Early	Mor	•	
Thu	4/9		Passover ce, Chavaya and Kehillah School Closed	Tue	4/28	3:30 4:00 6:30
		(Passover) 6:00 PM	Congregational Second Night Passover Seder. See p. 11 for details.	Wed	d 4/29	Yom
Fri	4/10	Temple Offic No Talmud 0 7:30 PM	re & Kehillah School Closed Class Shabbat Evening Service			5:30
Sat	4/11	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study	Thu	4/30	4:00 4:00
Sun	4/12	May/June 20 No Chavaya	020 Temple Topics Deadline	May	7	
Mon	4/13	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)	Fri	5/1	9:00 6:00
Tue	4/14	3:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Kol Simcha Chavaya with Passover Special Program Chavaya High School with Passover Special Program TIFTY Passover Dessert Fun	Sat	5/2	9:00 5:00
Wed	4/15	Temple Offic 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	re Closed, Kehillah School Open Kehillah End of Passover Family Service Passover Service With Yizkor, followed by a Festival Lunch. See p. 11 for details.	Sun	5/3	Field 9:30 9:45 10:3 12:0
Thu	4/16	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps			12.0
Fri	4/17	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud Class Shabbat Evening Service Yom Hashoah Memorial			S
Sat	4/18	Youth group 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	event for Club 23 Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study Shabbat Afternoon Service Bar Mitzvah Sam Benson			[e]
Sun	4/19	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Chavaya Sisterhood - Library Common Read. See p. 18 for details. Social Action Committee Meeting Nitzaneem Boker B'yachad Kol Simcha			
Mon	4/20	2:00 PM 10:30 AM	Camp Pinebrook Spring Recruitment event STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)		M	licl
Tue	4/21	Yom Hashoa 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM			Vote	on la
Wed	4/22	7:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze Board of Trustees Meeting Chavaya Committee Meeting		V	
Thu	4/23	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps			
Fri	4/24	NFTY-NAR 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Spring Kallah at Eisner Camp Talmud Class Community Shabbat Evening Service, followed by dinner. <i>See p. 17 for details</i> .		0	

	Sat	4/25	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Torah Study Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Sutton Poretsky
	Sun	4/26	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM	Chavaya Solidarity Fair (Social Action). <i>See p. 18 for details.</i> Kol Simcha
	Mon	4/27	10:30 AM	STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)
er.	Tue	4/28	Yom Hazikat 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	ron Kol Simcha Chavaya Chavaya High School/Moving Traditions
	Wed	4/29	Yom Haatzm 5:30 PM	aut Community-Wide Yom Haatzmaut Celebration at Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale
	Thu	4/30	4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Chavaya Torah Corps
	May			
	Fri	5/1	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud Class Kol Shabbat Evening Service Shabbat HaKavod, followed by dinner. See p. 16 for details.
	Sat	5/2	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study Shabbat Afternoon Service Bar Mitzvah Anderson Krasner
	Sun	5/3	Field Day Yo 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	outh Group for Club 23 and Club 45 Chavaya Social Action Committee Meeting Zera'eem Boker B'yachad Kol Simcha

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC Sunday, June 7th

Michael Goldberg, coordinator Details to follow!





STARS (Seniors Together at Retirement)

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

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

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President's Breakfast Congregational Meeting

Join Richard Alter, Temple President, for a Breakfast followed by a Congregational Meeting.

- Breakfast, 9:30 am: The "State of the Temple" will be presented while you're enjoying breakfast sponsored by Brotherhood & Sisterhood
- Congregational Meeting, 11 am: two agenda items to be discussed:
 - (1) 5-year ground lease with a telecommunications company.
 - (2) Hire of a Interim Rabbi

Please join us!



Food for Thought

Meet fascinating individuals ready to share their experience and knowledge!



"Spring CLEARING"

Talk given by: Berdie Stein, Temple Member and Houlihan Lawrence Associate Real Estate Broker

Don't wait until you move...make your home the best it can be now! Some "simple hacks" to get your house

looking, and feeling fresh. Start living in your "new" home now, before you put your home on the market

11.30 am

\$15 per person covers lecture, discussion and lunch. Visit www.tinr.org/events to register and to read the rest of Todd's bio.

Upcoming Dates: Wednesday(s), April 1 (postponed for now), May 13, June 10

Mar **20**

Kol Shabbat

National Refugee Shabbat Service/Dinner

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

Special Guest, Leah Rozenfeld Sills, will tell her family's immigrant story.

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

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult. Pay early, the cost will increase to \$30 on Wednesday, March 18th.

Upcoming 2020 Dates: April 3, May 1 (Shabbat HaKavod, see individuals celebrating milestone anniversaries on p. 8)

Mar 21

Sisterhood **Mamboniks Night**

Sisterhood invites you to a movie and mambo lesson evening, featuring "The Mamboniks"

Doors open at 7 pm, Evening begins at 7:30 pm with the movie

"During the 1950s, free-spirited, mostly Jewish dancers from New York City fell head over heels for the mambo, a hot dance from Havana, Cuba. Their love for Latin rhythms earned them a nickname: the mamboniks." This movie "tells a surprising, little-known story: how two cultures, Jewish and Latin, met on the dance floor at a time when America was racially segregated, and anti-Semitism was commonplace."

\$18 per adult, \$25 at the door. See the movie trailer at www.filmmakerscollab.org/films/the-mamboniks/

RSVP or questions? Email Jackie Saril at jackiesaril@gmail.com. This event is free, but we would like to accommodate for seating and wine & cheese! Walk-ins welcome.

Mar **22**

Girlology

Girlology - Something New About YOU!

This event is sponsored Chavaya, and is open to all Girls, ages 8 - 11, accompanied by an adult. What do girls need and want to know?

12 - 2 pm \$25 per person

You don't have to be a Chavaya participant. This event is open to the congregation. *Visit www.eventbrite.com and search for "girlology" and Temple Israel's location.*

Prior registration is required for this event. Walk-ins unfortunately cannot be accommodated, so please reserve on-line!

Mar **25**

Prime Time 4 Adults

Award-winning British film **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**

Set during WWII, this Holocaust drama is shown from the perspective of two boys living very different experiences of the war, who become friends.

Movie begins at 7 pm, is FREE, includes refreshments, and is open to temple members and non-members, so please bring a friend!

RSVP to Debby Rubin-Marx at debrubin56@aol.com to accommodate for seating and snacks, but walk-ins are welcome.

"Lines may divide us, but hope will unite us."

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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. 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: April 24, May 29 (Birthday Party for the Torah)

Mar **29**

Brotherhood • Social Action Breakfast & Discussion

A Spotlight on the National Refugee Issue

FREE, All Welcome! Breakfast begins at 9:30 am.

Come and meet both our first refugee family, who we were able to help transition to our community, and Jane Dixon, co-chair of ICNAW (Inter-Faith Council for New Americans Westchester).

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

Apr 19

Sisterhood • Library Common Read

Come and meet Talia Carner,

author of The Third Daughter, who is a National Jewish Book Award winner!

This novel, based on actual events, is about a young woman who was lured from Russia in the late 19th century only to become a victim of sex traffickers in Buenos Aires.

Paperback copies are available for purchase at the front desk.

This event is FREE, and open to all. Join us at 10 am.

Visit www.tinr.org/events to accommodate for a light breakfast and seating. Walk-ins welcome.

Apr **26**

Advocacy & Social Action Solidarity Fair

... for Climate Justice and Tikkun Olam – the repair of the world

Exhibit Hall Open: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Guest Panel of Speakers: 10:30 am Light Breakfast, FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Climate change weaves through our daily lives, from global politics and business to sea levels and weather to the clothes we wear and the food we eat. To better understand and to address these critical issues, the theme of this year's Solidarity Fair reflects our heritage and biblical mandate – *Tikkun Olam* – the repair of the world.

Representatives from over 20 organizations including those that are grassroots and local and national organizations such as Citizens' Climate Change Lobby, the Sunrise Movement, HIAS, The Worker's Circle and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) will share their information and answer questions about their work for climate justice, social justice and human rights.

RSVP to Howard Horowitz at howardh@horowitzresearch.com

Apr **29**

In the Community

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration!

More than 20 organizations and synagogues across mid-Westchester will congregate

at Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, between 5:30 - 9 pm.

Temple Israel is co-sponsoring!

Join us, and share in this celebration!

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Shabbat Shirah/MLK Commemoration Service

Rehearsal dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 8 - 9:30 pm (Purim) Wednesday, March 25, 7 - 8:30 pm (Passover)

Upcoming dates:

Interfaith Passover Seder: Wednesday, April 1st Shabbat Hakavod: Friday, May 1st

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



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