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Sympathy

We send condolences to...

- The Families who have lost family members to COVID-19
- The Family of Gustav & Ruth Getter. Gustav was a long time board member at Temple Israel
- Neil Altabet, on the loss of his brother, Howard
- Ellen Steckler, on the loss of her mother, Meta Braunstein Feldman
- The Family of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
- Jeffrey, Kenneth, and Michael Stier, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Milton Stier
- Robin Maccabee, on the loss of her mother, Barbara Schlein Silverman
- Mona Kunen, on the loss of her husband, James Kunen
- The Family of Edith Meyers
- Preston Scher, on the loss of his brother, Dr. Michael Scher

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

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to...

- B'nei Mitzvah
Elias "Eli" Kassoff, Remy Walker, Charlie Mangot, Lea Cohen, and Anderson Krasner
See their bios on p. 13
- Michael & May Goldberg, on the birth of their new grandson, Zachary Levi Shapiro. Parents are Kyle & Rachel Shapiro

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

New Members

Welcome!

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Lisa & Emerson Follett, with their son, Jameson
- David & Amy Reinhold, with their children, Jenna and Jacob
- Scott & Alexandra Rosenberg, with their children, Brett, Jack, Samuel, and Phoebe

Re-opening Our Sanctuary

You either just received, or will shortly receive, information regarding our policies for re-opening our sanctuary for worship on Friday, October 30th. We're very excited to be able to welcome our congregants back. While that information details the measured steps we're taking to keep everyone as safe as possible, I'd like to share with you the process and philosophy behind those precautions.

We've been in the middle of an on-the-job experiment since March. We quickly went from live services, to semi-restricted use of the sanctuary to completely remote services, all with little warning or time to prepare. Despite that, our staff and clergy have consistently found ways to overcome and adapt to try and ensure you remain connected. However, it was clear early on that the process in reverse (re-opening the sanctuary for in-person worship) had to be far more measured and gradual. Missteps in going remote meant your video feed might be less clear or a service might be missed. Mistakes in reopening could endanger the health of our clergy, staff, or you.

For this reason the Board of Trustees made the decision to delay reopening the sanctuary until after the High Holidays. The weeks prior were dedicated to planning, creating, and delivering as meaningful and complete a remote experience as possible. I'm very proud of what our clergy, staff, and volunteers were able to create. It was a first for all of us, but your feedback tells me they were able to thread the needle, delivering meaningful services to you on your screens at home while not leaving you feeling detached, as if you were watching a TV show.

Although we delayed reopening the sanctuary until after the High Holidays, the discussion about how to accomplish this began well before. The two primary considerations were access and safety. Given the constantly changing information regarding local infection rates and best practices, safety is a moving target. We'll continue to update our procedures as better information becomes available.

We asked Johnson Controls, which maintains our HVAC systems, to provide us with an analysis of our systems' filtration capabilities. Their response was in keeping with CDC guidance: the best solution is not to recirculate air, but rather to replace it. As such we are attempting to switch from recycled air in our sanctuary to a steady stream of fresh air. Unfortunately, should we implement this, it will result in increased heating and cooling costs as well as a drop in efficiency as we constantly look to condition new airflow.

To the greatest extent possible we'll look to leave exterior doors open to increase air circulation. Here the trade-off is in security as we move from our hardened model of one building entry point to multiple open doors. Both of these steps required sacrifices in one area in exchange for improvements in another. These sacrifices will require action on your part as well. We'll ask you to take note of the weather and dress accordingly

when attending services, mindful that we'll be less effective at maintaining "normal" indoor conditions. We'll also ask you to be a bit more vigilant in taking note of your surroundings and visitors to our sanctuary. We will continue to have live security present, but each of you is part of the security solution.

The space inside the sanctuary will look very different. The clergy will deliver services from behind plexiglass barriers, installed on the bimah. Congregant seating will be set back farther than normal from the bimah and that seating will be spaced with at least 12 feet between seating groups. All seating will be assigned, by prior reservation. Initially the number of congregants who may attend a service will be limited to 20. This number is well below what is permitted by state and local guidelines, but it represents the level that allows our staff and clergy to operate with comfort for their safety. This is not all we'd like, but it is the responsible first step towards in-person worship.

Seven months into this pandemic I'm sure no one will be surprised that medical checks and masks will be required of all congregants attending services. Prayer books will be cycled to ensure the same books are not used by different people within weeks of weeks of each other. And of course our sanctuary will be regularly cleaned and treated with our newly acquired electrostatic sprayer.

Many of these safety precautions come at the expense of the second primary consideration I mentioned: access. However, we've opted to err on the side of caution. We cannot offer unrestricted access to the sanctuary. Our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, will maintain a reservation system for those wishing to attend services. As already mentioned, initially we will limit per service attendance to 20 members. Not to worry – you won't have to cue up for a spot like you're reserving a tee time for Sunday morning golf. Anita will ensure a rotation that provides all the opportunity to attend.

Because in-person attendance will remain limited, virtual services will continue uninterrupted. This means we'll have to ask those joining in-person to overlook the production equipment in the sanctuary which allows the rest of our community to join in. Conducting services that are simultaneously live and broadcast is yet another new challenge for our staff and clergy, but one I'm sure they're up to.

I recognize that the experience I've outlined above is a far cry from the open, communal experience we all enjoyed just 8 months ago. The Board, in consultation with clergy and staff, has made the decision to sacrifice cost, efficiency, comfort and access in favor of safety. It's not lost on me that it's your comfort and access we've sacrificed. Please be patient with us. This is a struggle for all of us, but I'm confident there are better days ahead. Working together we'll all be able to enjoy them.

Rich Alter,
Temple President

Rabbi's Note

... intentionality and pride

As I write this article, the High Holidays, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah linger as sweet and meaningful memories. It will be curious to see in 10 or more years, how we, and other congregations around the globe, reflect upon this pandemic year and the meaning of spirituality in our lives. (See p. 6-7 for *"There's No Going Back: What the Rabbis Learned From the Extraordinary High Holidays."*)

Our calendar urges us into the year, and we prepare ourselves to embrace each holiday and commemorative moment with intentionality and pride. The month of *Tishrei*, replete with Jewish holidays, is followed by *Cheshvan*, a month devoid of any. Our next holiday is the 'minor' festival of Chanukah. As Jason Morris reminded us during his penetrating Yom Kippur Study, Chanukah (and Purim), now a children's holiday, underscores a bloody and violent period of Jewish history. The Maccabean Revolt was not waged only against Antiochus IV Epiphanes of the Seleucid Empire, but it also was a civil war of rural Judean farmers who opposed the corrupt Priesthood in Israel. As we know, the fact that a rebel band led by the Maccabee family defeated the Assyrian army, was considered the true miracle of Chanukah. After the Six-Day War, Israel

substituted a 'pey' for the 'shin' on its dreidel to reflect a similar miracle happened 'here and now' in Israel. Chanukah is the story of a home-grown rebellion that came out on the right side of history.

In our country today, seemingly warring factions have emerged that threaten our American democracy. The FBI, ADL, and numerous terrorist watchdogs, keep lists of homegrown terrorist groups. But rebellion and violent plots are no longer necessarily planned in clandestine late-night meetings. The invisible, Dark Web has united xenophobic and hateful people across the globe.

Rabbi Deborah A. Hirsch
Interim Rabbi, Temple Israel

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 21, 2020

I. Call to Order – Rich Alter (7:30 pm)

II. Reports

A. Rabbi's Report – Rabbi Hirsch

High Holidays: Amazing pull together of effort, energy and creativity providing a meaningful experience. Rabbi Hirsch particularly thanked Cantor Schloss, Dave Roberge, and Todd Pekats for their technical expertise. Incredible debt to Dave and Todd for their dedication to TINR. The Worship Committee will be meeting this week.

Rabbi Hirsch invited the BOT to share feedback and reflections.

The holiday kits (Provided by Brian & Dianne Heaps) provided intimacy.

The outdoor shofar service around campus was particularly impactful. This would be a great addition to our future High Holidays programming.

Despite glitches, the overall High Holiday experience was meaningful. We were all doing this for the first time and it was a learning experience for all.

B. Treasurer's Report – Adam Egelberg

While it looks like we are ahead of budget for the year, we

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Rabbi Search

Update!

The Rabbinic Search Committee is currently reviewing applications for the position of Senior Rabbi. We have received several resumes from promising candidates. We will be starting the interview process in the near future. Throughout this process, we must adhere to strict privacy guidelines provided by the URJ and CCAR. Therefore, we are unable to be more transparent at this time.

Please be assured that the congregational feedback we received during the parlor meetings, and phone conversations have provided us with insight into the needs and desires of our congregants. We will also meet with Senior Staff and Clergy so that we are all approaching this selection with the utmost care and consideration.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Carolyn Dudek and Ilissa Warhit
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"There's no going back' What rabbis learned from the extraordinary High Holidays of 2020

By Ron Wolfson

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I am not a rabbi — but am I proud of my colleagues who are. Along with cantors, soloists, educators, executive directors, board donors and laypeople in hundreds of congregations and spiritual communities, they pulled off one of the most extraordinary historic pivots in synagogue life.

"This is epic," Rabbi Steven Leder of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles told me. "We, all of us, were handed a ball we didn't expect, and we in the synagogue community delivered, we stepped up to this moment."

That is an understatement. For organizations steeped in tradition, it has never been easy for synagogues to embrace change. At the Synagogue 2000/3000 synagogue transformation conferences I organized from 1995-2015, I often joked that the aphorism inscribed above the Holy Ark on many synagogue pulpits — "Da lifnei mi atah omeid" ("Know before Whom you stand") — should instead be — "But, we've always done it that way!"

Yet, the COVID-19 pandemic forced seismic changes upon synagogues in March that were unthinkable a month earlier.

Congregations that were barely live streaming worship services suddenly had no choice. Resistance to shortening services, particularly in the Conservative Movement, mostly melted away when it became clear that people would not be able to sit in front of a screen for hours on end. All programming was moved online in a

nanosecond. Teachers, many of whom had no training in distance learning, were forced to learn unfamiliar skills and strategies. When it became clear the virus was not magically disappearing, synagogue leaders began planning for the biggest events of the year, the High Holidays.

I eagerly awaited what they developed and when Rosh Hashana arrived, I found myself dipping into services at dozens of synagogues throughout North America. Just the thought that virtually every one of the more than 2,000 congregations in the Conservative, Reform, Reconstructing Judaism, Jewish Emergent Network, ALEPH/Jewish Renewal, and independent minyanim offered some form of online worship was mind-boggling.

I knew what was possible; years ago when I was very sick on Yom Kippur, I tuned in to Rabbi Naomi Levy's pioneering live stream from Nashuva in Los Angeles which attracted tens of thousands of participants and

loved it. But now, everyone had no choice but to hit the internet. The variety, quality, and creativity on display was spectacular. By all accounts, the sheer number of people who participated in these experiences, either live streaming or through archival views on the most popular distribution platforms — Facebook Live, YouTube, and congregational websites — was far beyond what would have been expected if services were held in person. Now that the holidays are over, I asked a number of synagogue leaders to reflect on the lessons learned.

"We learned that creating intimacy and connection is not just about size or proximity," Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl of Central Synagogue in New York City said. "In some ways our community felt smaller as we had members reading Torah and sharing stories from their living rooms, and in other ways, we were reminded of our global Jewish family as we were able to have prayers and songs read from friends in Australia and

Jerusalem."

The variety of "production values" on display ranged from a couple of static cameras to the productions of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York and Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan, which were Hollywood-caliber television complete with multiple cameras, lighting, and professional direction.

Some services were totally live and other synagogues pre-recorded everything, rather than risk any technical glitches during live streams. Many decided on a hybrid combination of recorded pieces and live worship. Empty sanctuaries were turned into television studios; others featured clergy and Torah readers streaming in from living rooms or backyards. A few synagogues, like Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland invited small groups of congregants to sit socially distant in the sanctuary, led by masked clergy shielded by a Plexiglass-enclosed pulpit.

The creativity on display was inspiring and came from lay volunteers in small congregations to large synagogues with major clergy teams:

At Central Synagogue in New York City while the haunting melody of Kol Nidre emanated from a cello, a modern dance began the Yom Kippur afternoon service.

Award-winning dancer and choreographer Jonah Bokaer performs during Central Synagogue's Yom Kippur Avodah service. by the Forward



Image by Nashuva Facebook page. Rabbi Naomi Levy and the Nashuva Band during the Yom Kippur Ne'ilah livestream service

Rabbi Dan Zemel of Temple Micah in Washington, D.C., blew the shofar in front of the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and at Arlington Cemetery. Services at Temple Shalom in Vancouver began with a video montage of Rabbi Dan Moskovitz bringing a Torah scroll to member's homes.

Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California created a "virtual lobby" before services with greetings from congregants and adorable preschoolers explaining the meaning of the holidays.

Sinai Temple in Los Angeles featured the Broadway and film actors Ben, Henry and Jonah Platt's rendition of "Ahavat Olam" over a video montage of scenes from Israel.

Dozens of congregations offered "drive-by shofar blowing" in parking lots, while in Los Angeles a "Shofar Wave" sponsored by the IKAR congregation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles with shofar blowers from more than 50 synagogues blasted notes through neighborhoods "from the city to the sea." Comedians Jason Sklar, Alex Edelman, and Randy Sklar open IKAR's High Holy Day Neilah livestream by the Forward

Image by IKAR Facebook page

Comedians Jason Sklar, Alex Edelman, and Randy Sklar open IKAR's High Holy Day Neilah livestream

There were surprises: Yizkor memorial prayers at Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles recited while photos of those who died during the past year appeared on screen. A Neilah/Havdalah concluding service on Zoom that spotlighted families celebrating the ritual in their backyards. A guided meditation by Rabbi Elie Spitz at Congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin, California. A "gift basket" of ritual objects delivered from Central Synagogue to member's homes for use during the services. At IKAR, Rabbi Sharon Brous and Melissa Balaban, IKAR's chief executive officer, invited three comedians to warm up the crowd with a



Image by B'nai Tzedek Potomac Facebook. Plexiglass and face masks during Congregation B'nai Tzedek Potomac's Yom Kippur livestream

hilarious few minutes of banter: on Yom Kippur morning, one asked, "C'mon, be honest. How many people, by a show of hands, ate your toothpaste this morning?"

I was curious about how viewers would follow along. Some synagogues distributed prayer books, while a few featured a moving chyron of Hebrew, English and transliteration of the prayers on the screen – no book necessary. Liturgy and sermons were shortened to fit what most considered the outside limit of two-hour attention spans on screens. Rabbis accustomed to talking to large crowds were suddenly speaking directly into a single camera, an entirely new skill set not currently in the curriculum of the seminaries. Will one of these rabbis become the Jewish Joel Osteen or Joyce Meyer?

The synagogues faced a tough decision: do we offer the services for free or just for our members? Those congregations that offered full and free access to all their online offerings shattered the limitations of geographic location, some attracting viewers from around the world. Others, such as Wilshire Blvd. Temple in Los Angeles, after a long debate, created password-protected platforms for members only. "Membership has to mean something," one synagogue president told me about the decision to limit the live stream to members. "But, the very next day, anyone could view our services posted on YouTube and our website for free."

Funding these efforts was a

significant challenge. There was no line in most synagogue budgets for "television production." Even well-resourced congregations turned to generous donors to underwrite the costs that reportedly ran into tens of thousands of dollars for some elaborately produced services. As usual, during this prime time in the synagogue calendar, there were fundraising appeals. Yet, despite the success in attracting and engaging participants, rabbis and lay leaders told me that the pandemic has taken a toll on both membership numbers and the financial capabilities and contributions of many individuals and families, reminiscent of the impact on congregations during the 2008-2009 recession.

So, did it work?

"People were stunned by the intimacy of the experience and by their ability to actually pray with a screen mediating their spiritual encounter," said Rabbi Brous. "Most notably, people with mobility challenges told us how grateful they were to be able to access services from their homes and not have to fight for a seat."

"On the whole, I would say it was an exhausting, draining, difficult, tricky and mostly triumphant substitution, but like all substitutions, not the real thing," said Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. "I think we came through remarkably well, and I am very proud."

Rabbi Moskovitz in Canada shared a bit of a secret. "I'm hearing again and again, in whispers, in I-hate-to-admit-it'

voices that many, many of our members enjoyed the service more from home than they did packed cheek to jowl in shul," he said. "They could see and hear the rabbi's sermon so clearly, they were not distracted by conversation, or people getting up from their seats." Some will want shul delivered to their homes like a DoorDash meal, all packaged and ready to eat. For them, this may be a wonderful thing. For the future of the synagogue, I worry. But then again, we always worry."

Was this a one-off? Will synagogues "go back" to their previous ways once the pandemic has subsided, or will they move forward to a new normal?

"There's no going back," Rabbi Ed Feinstein of Valley Beth Shalom in Los Angeles, California, said. "We've already contracted with the production company for next year. Even with a vaccine, there will be people hesitant to gather in large groups. I hope we can return to the relationship-building in-person services, but we will continue to offer live streaming. The response of our members has been overwhelmingly positive."

That was the consensus from all of my interviews. I came away proud of how synagogues have stepped up to meet the moment, and I hope those who were touched by the services will be moved to step up and support the congregations. The pandemic has forever shifted the way synagogues reach their congregants and beyond their sanctuaries to a worldwide audience. And there is no going back — only forward.

Dr. Ron Wolfson is the Fingerhut Professor of Education, American Jewish University, and author of Relational Judaism.

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Still Celebrating the Holidays

As we head into the Holiday season, the everyday at Kehillah continues to be unusual. The blue masks and gowns have become a familiar sight, for staff and children alike. Our enhanced protocols continue to fluctuate throughout cold and flu season, and both staff and families remain cautiously optimistic. The children have helpfully begun answering the screening questions with their parents during morning drop-off. While COVID-19 is ever-present, the virus by no means dominates any aspect of their time at Kehillah. The children have adapted easily to the new environment, and have settled back into their familiar classroom routines.

The end of October brought along Literacy Week at Kehillah. All of our classrooms celebrated the importance of reading and writing, and our teachers shared their favorite books with the children. Most exciting, we enjoyed a series of guest readers in virtual story hour! Classrooms enjoyed reading **Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away** by Meg Medina, learning about themes of moving, friendship, and change. Our guest readers encompassed a diverse group of individuals: Shira

Kline (a musician from the LGBT community), Mayor Noam Bramson (the Mayor of New Rochelle), Samantha Tepper (a teacher, and the mother of one of our Toddlers!), and Kehillah's own Morah Laurie Keenan, and Brian Gomez!

The theme of change remains prevalent this autumn. This season, classrooms will celebrate Thanksgiving individually. *Oleem* plans to make Thanksgiving postcards, which will be mailed home to families. The children will write about what they are grateful and thankful for this year, and what it means to them. *Oleem* has also been working on patterns – in concept and recognition. The children created individual patterns, and then had a friend attempt to continue their work. They used multiple objects and materials, incorporating color and shapes. Meanwhile, *Moochaneem* dissected pumpkins! Their sensory experiment included elements of science, math, and even art, as the children discovered what lay inside the familiar orange gourd. Most importantly, they learned that while pumpkins may look different on the outside (in shape and color), they are the same at heart.

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CAMP PINEBROOK

Veterans' Day Camp

Wednesday, November 11th • Ages 2.5-8

\$110 includes lunch & a full day of activities 9:00am - 4:00pm

Extended Care Available 7:30am - 6:30 pm • Masks Required

Register Now @ bit.ly/pinebrookregister

As we prepare for Chanukah, Kehillah will offer a ZOOM Celebration, inviting parents to join us virtually to celebrate the first night of the holiday. While certain adaptations must occur, other traditions live on. Our classrooms are excited to create their Menorahs this season. At Kehillah, we honor the value of community, and continue to watch over one another with love and respect. This year, though we may celebrate Chanukah in a new way, we know that our lights will shine brightly for each other in this time of need.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season from all of us at Kehillah.

Laurie Thomas
Kehillah School Director

Danielle Cohen
Assistant Kehillah School Director

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believe this is mostly due to short term cash flow variances. We believe we are running behind budget in the midst of the pandemic. Just today CDC released new, more limiting guidelines of what constitutes "exposure". This could present another hurdle to our programming. Adam is available to meet with anyone individually to discuss the budget. Stressed that it is imperative that all trustees understand the numbers.

C. Executive Director's Report – Anita Aronoff Membership report:

- We are running 5% behind budget on dues collection.
- Rabbi Hirsch mentioned a 25% drop year over year seems to be common, nation-wide. People are relocating- going to second homes and so on. This is troubling and understandable. This is a wave we need to ride.

How do we truly reach out to members who are struggling due to COVID? Board level engagement. How do we retain? Anita suggesting a task force in this regard. Some members don't actually "resign" but don't renew their membership. Many volunteered to work on the task force.

D. Supplemental Program – Rebecca Elkus-Ferst

We are still in the process to get our license approved by OCFS. The license should be ready around 11/2. Rebecca received a number of resumes this weekend. Publicity materials should be ready by the end of the week with an information session next week for potential families

E. Kehillah Update – Margie Ostrove

The school remains COVID free. Literacy week is coming up and volunteer readers are scheduled to come in. For example, Mayor Bramson is reading to the kids as is Brian Gomez.

F. Rabbinic Search Committee – Carolyn Dudek & Ilissa Warhit

- We received 12 resumes in total (3 after the High Holidays, 9 before)
- 1-hour initial interviews are underway with the entire committee. Five candidates are having first round interviews and we will then revisit the resumes and review the new resumes
- CCAR was impressed with the number of candidates we received, and we are far ahead in the timeline.

G. President's Report

As Interim Rabbi, we asked Rabbi Hirsch to evaluate our Temple. Some of our governance needs to be reviewed. We

struggle with inefficiency and some of our methods are counterproductive in the areas of decision-making and board composition. We have challenges developing a new line of leadership. Important to retain wisdom and experience of honorees while empowering active members, especially the newer members. This is just the beginning of a conversation.

The idea of providing new Trustees with mentors was posited.

Rental opportunities: in conversations for Rosen and classrooms.

Reopening for worship:

We put off the move to reopen until after High Holidays. Now we are moving towards reopening for Friday night services and b'nei mitzvah. We have created policies and protocols. Sally Meisner and Jamie Deutsch wrote guidelines on re-opening - we are reopening for a maximum of 20 attendees. Rabbi and Cantor are putting the services together and working on all the details to keep socially distant. There are requirements for b'nei mitzvot about quarantining. We are following CDC guidelines regarding ventilation concerns - doors will be open - which presents a trade-off with security. First Friday night service is October 30 - reservation only. We encourage those over 60 to check with their primary care physician whether they should enter a synagogue.

B'nei mitzvah cohorts that want to be there, those who want to say Kaddish and so on. This is a work in progress. Balance and focus. Controls put into place and put in all precautions. Safety for Rabbi Hirsch personally is tremendous, and she doesn't want to put herself or her spouse at risk. The rabbi and the cantor will be present the most.

There is a yin and yang. We are not comfortable with the 50-person limit. Because of the security trade-off, we all need to be vigilant.

The communication to the community will be by the end of the week. The Board needs to consider opportunities for the 11 fall families to further celebrate their b'nai/b'not mitzvah. Perhaps we can provide private opportunities for families if they need to have a special moment.

- \$2,500 was spent for the three plexiglass booths on the bimah. The Executive Committee contributed \$2,000. The clergy paid for \$500 from their discretionary accounts.

H. Educator's Report – Rebecca Elkus-Ferst

Chavaya survey for K-12 about moving forward with the winter weather. We have been outside since the season started. K-6: 64% of respondents would send back if we are inside. Chavaya Parent Reps will meet with the committee on Sunday and hope to make a decision by the beginning of next week.

III. New Business

a. Initial Presentation of, and discussion about, motion – to amend By-Laws, Section 4.5, specifically the final sentence which currently reads: The Treasurer shall arrange for an independent audit as soon as possible after the end of each fiscal year. Annual audits are not done by many organizations. Rich says this is where we can make a sacrifice to cut \$10,000 from our expenses. We need to have fiscal controls and we don't want to lose sight of that. We can lessen the requirement. Cross-checking every 2-3 years.

More discussion next month- and if we move forward it will require a congregational vote.

VIII. Adjournment (9:36 pm)

B'nei Mitzvah

November-December Celebrations Mazal Tov!



My name is **Elias "Eli" Kassoff** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 7th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Chayei Sara* in the book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Elliot Kassoff & Bettina Blume. I am in 8th grade at Hommocks Middle School. Outside of school, I like to read, hang out with my friends, and watch cooking shows

with my mom. Most of all I like to play sports, especially baseball and football. For my Mitzvah Project, I would like to help out with the Miracle League of New Rochelle. This project is important to me because I love to play baseball and I love to hang out with and help kids in need. I would love to help other kids get the opportunity to play baseball like I did. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Remy Walker** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 21st. I will be chanting from *Parashat Vayeitzei* in the book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my mom, Sandee Walker, and my siblings, Delaney and Ryan. I am also celebrating with my dad, Keith. I am in 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of

school, I am on the JCC Gymnastics Team. In the summer I go to sleepaway camp. For my Mitzvah Project, I collected and donated American Girl dolls and accessories to GirlAGain, a resale shop benefitting young women with autism. This project is important to me because I loved my American Girl dolls, and I hope other young girls will too while supporting a good cause. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



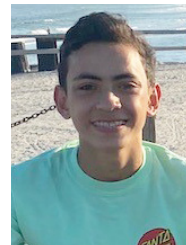
My name is **Charlie Mangot** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 19th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Sh'lach L'cha* in the Book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Marjorie & Marc Mangot and my brother, Zach. I am in the 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I volunteer as a *Madrish* for 1st and 2nd grade

in Chavaya, and I also like to play drums. I like to play video games with my friends because I like to be social, they're fun, and I also like to make goals in videos that I can achieve. I especially like to play Minecraft because you can build whatever you want which makes room for a lot of creativity. For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to work at HOPE Soup Kitchen. This project is important to me because I like to help people that are less fortunate than me. As of now, I haven't been able to work there yet because of COVID-19. I will do it as soon as I get the chance. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Lea Cohen** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 14th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Chayei Sara* in the book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Erika & David Cohen, and my siblings, Matthew and Aaron. I am in 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy drawing, painting, going to

art museums, and playing games online with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I would like to pursue a project related to the social justice movement. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Anderson Krasner** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on December 12th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Emor* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Jason & Sylvana Krasner, and my brother, Jonas. I am in the 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy playing baseball, running cross

country, and hanging out with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I spent a few hours each weekend volunteering at the Miracle League, helping kids with mental and physical disabilities enjoy playing baseball in a safe, fun way. This project is important to me because I love baseball, so it was amazing to help other kids enjoy the sport when they otherwise would not be able to. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.

Bar Mitzvah Blessings During COVID



Louis Fernandez, September 12

Social Action

Many Ways to Help ... Temple Israel NEEDS YOU!

November is here, the fall weather has arrived, and we hope that the weather stays mild for all to enjoy!

This is the time of year that we start putting together the Giving Tree and finalizing Mitzvah Day. Although we cannot be in the building together, we can still run the Giving Tree and get creative with Mitzvah Day projects. Keep a look out for all the details in a separate mailer.

SOCKtober

October's collection collected NEW socks for all ages and will be distributed to HOPE Community Services, Midnight Run, The Sharing Shelf, and Hearts & Homes for Refugees. Thank you to Margie Ostrove and Kehillah for their support running this drive.

TI SHOPS

Temple Israel Shops continues as our congregant volunteers shop weekly. Thank you Greta Berenbaum, Jamie Deutsch, Beth Feldman, Marilyn Morris, Elijah Pomerantz, and Debby Rubin-Marx. If you know congregants who may benefit from this program, please share this link <https://www.tinr.org/coronavirus/temple-israel-shops/> or have them call Amy Ecker at (917) 348-2301 or Mia Egelberg at (914) 629-2794

HOPE Community Services

We encourage you to visit <https://hopecommunityservices.org/donate/> to learn about the multiple ways you are able to donate to HOPE. HOPE has played an even larger role in the lives of so many since the onset of COVID. The support of the community is essential in allowing them to continue to provide for those in need. There will also be opportunities to support HOPE via the Giving Tree and our reimaged Mitzvah Day.

COOK FOR A CAUSE

Marilyn Morris continues the Cook for a Cause program and coordinates with volunteers to cook meals monthly. Volunteers cook a course in their own homes and bring the dishes to Marilyn for delivery. Since the onset of the pandemic Marilyn has been coordinating meals for HOPE. HOPE has seen a 600% increase in demand and welcomes prepared meals, non-perishables as well as financial donations. Contact Marilyn at marilynmorris123@gmail.com to learn how you can participate.

Community Service Associates (CSA)

CSA is another free meal program that our congregation supports. They re-opened on September 8th and are seeing a weekly increase in clients as the word gets out. You can visit <https://csasoupkitchen.org/> to learn about how to donate or volunteer.

Direct Opportunities to Volunteer:

HOPE volunteer signups:

-Food Delivery to Seniors – <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/> and click on "Food Delivery Team for Seniors"

-Mobile Food Pantry – <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/> and click on " Mobile Food Pantry Team"

The Time is Now! Election 2020 - VOTE!

THREE WAYS to VOTE in New York State:
Early, on Election Day, or Absentee

Westchester County Board of Elections

For the latest information:

25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/>

Main Number: 914-995-5700 Absentee Ballots: 914-995-5285

Early Voting Info: <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/early-voting-2020>

1. VOTE EARLY - Now through Sunday, November 1st!

Where: Westchester voters can choose any of 17 Early Voting Locations including New Rochelle City Hall.

When: Hours vary each day.

Details: Locations and Hours: <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/early-voting-2020>

Safety: Masks required!

Early Voting is strongly recommended! By voting EARLY, you will:

- Avoid long lines on Election Day
- Choose your voting location
- Ensure your ballot is counted automatically -- as on Election Day!

EARLY Voting ends Sunday, November 1.
(There is no in-person voting on Monday, November 2)

2. Vote on Election Day: Tuesday, November 3

Hours: Polls are open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Location: On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned location. It may differ this year from the past, so know before you go! Masks required!

3. Vote by Absentee Ballot

Qualification: Registered voters who will be absent from the County on Election Day (Nov. 3), or unable to appear at the polls due to disability or illness -- including risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 or other disease, may apply for and vote by Absentee Ballot.

For Absentee Ballot Application and information visit <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/absentee-ballots> or call the Board of Elections at 914-995-5285.

APPLY for Absentee Ballot by the applicable deadline:

–By October 27, 2020 if you apply online, by email, fax or mail (postmark date). However, the Post Office will not guarantee timely delivery.

–By November 2, 2020 if you apply in person at the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY

COMPLETE the Ballot: Follow all instructions carefully! Otherwise, your Absentee Ballot may not be accepted.

SUBMIT your completed Ballot by mail or by hand:

–**By Mail** (US Postal Service): Must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 3 and received by the Board of Elections by November 10.

–**Bring it to the Westchester County Board of Elections Office**, by Tuesday, November 3

–**Bring it to an Early Voting Poll Site** between Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, November 1

–**Bring it to a Poll Site on Election Day**, Tuesday, November 3

Note: Applying for an Absentee Ballot does NOT disqualify you from voting in person! So, if you want a "belt and suspenders" you may apply for the Absentee Ballot and still vote in person, either Early or on Election Day!

Beware: Absentee Ballots are subject to inspection, challenge, and postal delay. Voting in person – whether Early or on Election Day – is the best way to ensure that your vote will COUNT, automatically and immediately!

Diaper Drive to Support the Westchester County Diaper Bank

Westchester County
Diaper Bank

When: On-going

Where: Giving Corner in Temple Israel lobby & box outside front door

What: Please bring disposable diapers or wipes to support the recently launched Westchester County Diaper Bank. We have the greatest need for diaper sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6, and all pull-up sizes. **Closed packages preferred due to COVID!**



Donate diapers

Diapers are a basic need for children – as essential as food, shelter and a parent's love, and yet many families struggle to afford diapers and few resources exist to help them. The Westchester County Diaper Bank, a partnership between the JLCW and the Westchester County Department of Social Services, aims to create a positive change for this population. With your help we can achieve our goal.

Your donation can make a difference! More than 10% of children under the age of four in Westchester live in or below poverty. Our goal is to help get clean diapers to Westchester families who struggle to afford them. For more information contact the JLCW at: jlcwdonatediapers@gmail.com or 914-723-6442.



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We welcome new volunteers, new ideas, feedback, and anyone interested in learning more about a leadership role in the SAC. Thank you for all that you have helped accomplish over the past six months.

Please feel free to reach out:

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Mia Egelberg: miaegelberg@gmail.com or (914) 629-2794
or SocialActionTINR@gmail.com

Let's Be Active - Safely!

Hoping all are doing well.

Brotherhood is looking at ways we can sponsor safe activities, such as outdoor movies and concerts. We are hopeful that we will be able to have these activities come this Spring. In the meantime I'd like to take this opportunity to give a big shout-out and thank you to my co-president, Todd Pekats and Brotherhood member, Dave Roberge. Todd and Dave worked long hours with a professional videographer to set up, supply needed equipment, and record our High Holiday Services to bring the congregation the highest quality experience possible. However, they didn't stop there. For the past few weeks they have worked tirelessly with the clergy and administration to improve the quality of our Shabbat Services as well as provide our B'nei Mitzvah families a beautiful, warm experience.

If you happen to see Todd or Dave please thank them for their tremendous efforts.

Brotherhood once again has shown that we are happy to roll up our sleeves and support our temple. We are also happy to help you. If anyone may need Brotherhood's assistance please reach out to Todd or myself.

If anyone has an innovative idea to have a safe activity please let us know.

Stay Healthy,
Mitchell and Todd



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We hope that all of the Temple Israel members and staff are staying safe and sane during this difficult time.

Sisterhood has a few great COVID-friendly events in the works. A flower arrangement lesson, a drive-in movie at Temple Israel, and our popular Common Read are being planned. Stay tuned, we will let you know more when we know the details.

Please remember to pay your Sisterhood dues. These funds help us to contribute financially to Temple Israel of New Rochelle and sponsor the fun events that we have throughout the year. Because of your support, Sisterhood was able to assist the Temple with expenses during the pandemic. We hope to be able to continue to do this in the future. When you send your dues to the Temple, please remember to indicate that your funds should be used for Sisterhood dues.

As always, if you have ideas for programming you would like to see, please reach out to us. We are always happy to hear your suggestions and would love to hear from you.

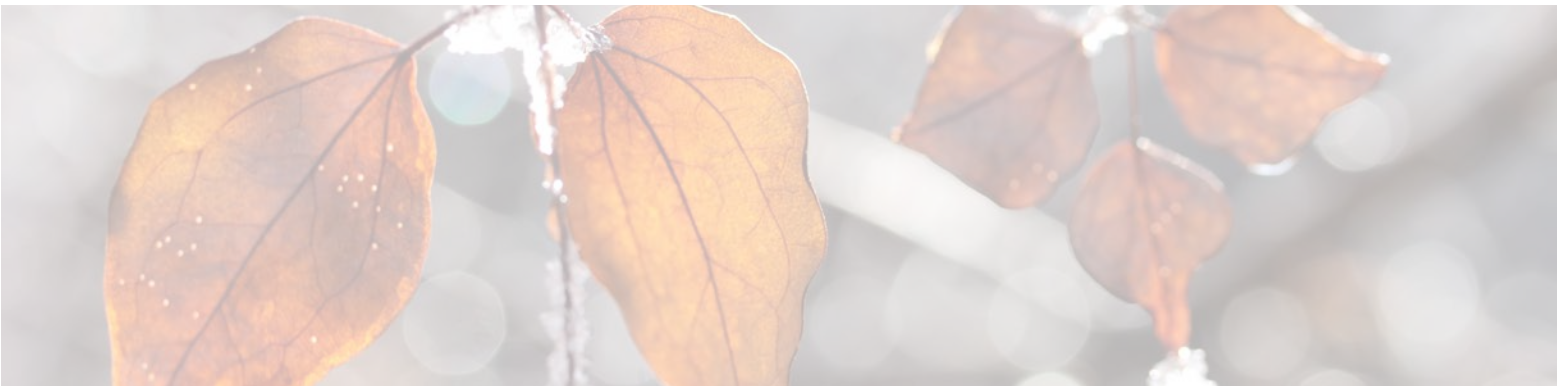
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Edith H. Handelman Library

Still Closed - But Still Growing!

The Edith H. Handelman Library Remains Closed

Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our patrons and as such we remain closed until further notice. We are continuing to update our collection weekly so that when we are able to open, you will have access to all the best Jewish books available. You can find some of these acquisitions in the Virtual Library located on the Temple Israel of New Rochelle website or you can see our complete updated collection on our Temple library website using the link below.

If you would like to reserve one of these books you can submit your request on the Handelman Library link:

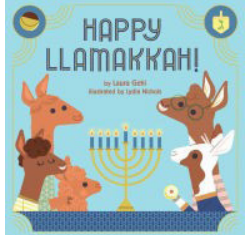
<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR> – You will be notified when the book will be available for pickup at the front desk, socially-distanced.

New book suggestions for the coming months:

Kids:



The Very Hungry Caterpillar's 8 Nights of Chanukah, by Eric Carle. Light the menorah, spin the dreidel, sing songs, and so much more in this sweet board book.



Happy Llamakkah!, by Laura Gehl. Celebrate Hanukkah with the Llama family in this joyful rhyming picture book. For ages 3-5.

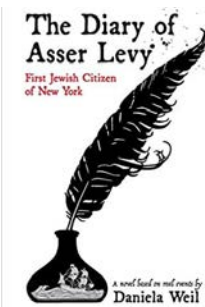


The Eight Knights of Hanukkah, by Leslie Kimmelman. The whole kingdom has gathered to celebrate Hanukkah but a dastardly dragon keeps interrupting the festivities. Can the Eight Knights set things right? For ages 4-8.



The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol, by Arthur Levine. A larger-than-life holiday hero brings Hanukkah wonder and generosity to anyone in need. For ages 5-8.

Middle Grade:

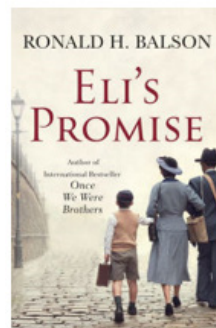


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