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Spring with Temple Israel

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Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for the May/June Temple Topics will be **Sunday, April 11th.**

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Snowbirds

Are you gone for the Winter? Give us a call to let us know so "Temple Topics" can find you! We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings! And, don't forget to let us know when you come back!

Make a Membership Pledge for 2020-2021

Join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2020-2021 year.

Visit www.tinr.org/donate to see the options to help guide you in your pledge as you reflect upon what Temple Israel means to you, and to our wider community.

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Sympathy

We send condolences to...

- Marian and Brian Reiner, on the loss of her husband, and his father, Richard Reiner
- The Family of Cynthia Mintzer
- The Family of Honorary Trustee and Past President of Temple Israel, the Honorable Preston (Sandy) Scher
- Lisa Eichler, on the loss of her father, Charles Roland Bragin
- Mark Kleinman, on the loss of his brother-in-law, Seymour London
- Michael Weiss, on the loss of his mother, Rochelle Sue Weiss
- Elliot Kassoff, on the loss of his friend, Nina Tronstein Bye
- Mitchell Tarnopal, on the loss of his cousin, Michael Simon
- Howell Newman, on the loss of his father, Eugene B. Newman
- David Cannon, on the loss of his father, Allan T. Cannon
- Arthur Grossman, on the loss of his wife, and Temple Member, Elaine Grossman
- Howard Horowitz, on the loss of his mother, Elaine Horowitz
- James Lowen, on the loss of his mother, Emily Lowen

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

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to...

- Lee Fadem celebrating his 100th birthday
- Elaine Satuloff celebrating her 90th birthday
- Ed Pinals celebrating his 80th birthday
- Jeff Stier celebrating his 80th birthday
- Damon & Deborah Maher celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary
- Andy & Donna Rabin, on the engagement of their son, Stuart Rabin to Gena Ross
- Debra & Robert Herschenfeld, on becoming grandparents to Maccabee "Mac" Sawyer Herschenfeld
- Andrea & Ira Lippel, on becoming grandparents to Kehillah twins: Sabrina Hope and Alexander Levi were born to Steven & Rebecca, Kehillah parents and Temple members
- Jamie Deutsch, on her recognition as Woman of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle
- Lloyd Robinson, on being a part of "Volunteer New York" on Giving Tuesday 2020
- Hayden Roberge, on being part of a team at the Tracy Laboratory of Psychosocial Processes in Addiction, identifying the role demographics plays in the success of web-based clinical treatment
- Olivia Feinblum on becoming Bat Mitzvah in April. See her bio on p. 6

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org



We have had a rough couple of years. The news, and subsequent departures, of Rabbis Weiner and Nichols took a toll on all of us. Even as that news was first developing, Bright Horizons, our partner in running the Kehillah School for the last 10 years, came to the Board of Trustees with fee increases that made moving forward with them impossible. And then came a worldwide pandemic with New Rochelle as the national ground zero. We hoped for the best and budgeted for the worst. In the middle of all this we conducted an exhaustive search for our next permanent Rabbi.

Against this backdrop I recently wrote to you to share the news that we were unable to come to terms with the Rabbi recommended by the search committee. Having to write that letter, against the backdrop of all else that has been thrown at us, was extremely difficult. I'm very thankful for those who reached out to suggest that "it just wasn't meant to be", and that we would "find our fit." Their optimism was uplifting, and prescient.

Today I am pleased to share that the past few weeks have marked a turning point for Temple Israel. The hard work of our staff, clergy, volunteers, and the continued dedication of our congregants has finally begun to pay off.

We re-entered the search process. Yesterday the re-comprised search committee informed me that they are excited to recommend a new candidate for Rabbi to the Board of Trustees at our upcoming March 10th meeting. Improbably, a candidate we would have assumed was far beyond our grasp found us. While I do not know what the Board will recommend, I am hopeful that we've found our fit. But whether this candidate turns out to be "the" candidate, I'm incredibly encouraged that a Rabbi of this caliber wants to be our Rabbi. Temple Israel remains an exciting and desirable community. I have no doubt we'll find our match.

We're weathering the storm. This week our Treasurer and Executive Director reported to me, and I'll soon report to our Board, that thanks to your continued support through this incredibly challenging time, and thanks to the work of our staff and clergy, we've managed to avoid the fiscal worst-case scenarios we envisioned just a year ago. Your generosity and dedication to Temple Israel have allowed us to continue to carry out our mission while also making it possible to stay true to our values. I'm very pleased that we haven't been forced to let any of our dedicated staff go, nor cut any salaries. As we approach the beginning of budgeting for our next fiscal year, we do so on firmer footing with the ability to invest in our beautiful campus, our people, and our mission.

Camp Pinebrook is flourishing. Ask anyone in the camping world and they will probably tell you that just prior to the start of a worldwide pandemic is not a great time to build a young

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Rabbi Hirsch gave a bracha for the community. A Governance Task Force was formed, which is re-envisioning how the Board works and is reviewing the functions of various roles including the Rabbi, Executive Director, and President. The Task Force is considering proper balance between governance and management. Rabbi Hirsch discussed cultivating a 21st Century governance structure.

Adam Egelberg, Treasurer, reported that the temple is currently tracking better than budget year to date due to a variety of factors: contributions to the synagogue that are non-pledges have increased, sale of cemetery plots, a tax credit from the federal government for day care centers that was passed on from Bright Horizons (pass-through represented in the Kehillah Operating Surplus), and virtual gala proceeds. We are tracking behind in pledges versus last year at this time.

TINR received the 2nd Payroll Protection Loan during the first week of February. This is helpful in the short-term. In the long term, we need to drive membership and growth to replenish our endowment. The first PPP loan was used against last year's budget. The second loan won't hit until we are granted forgiveness.

Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, shared that pledge commitments have dropped. The number of families who have not pledged has declined. Outreach continues to these families. The collections are also down from prior year. We are at 93% of what we had budgeted for.

The Board passed a motion to approve Jennifer Herbst as Trustee for the remainder of the fiscal year to fill the vacant Board seat.



Temple Israel is Grateful

Todah Rabah - Thank You

Temple Fund

Deb Blatt & Shmuel Vasser, in memory of Robert Stern, father of Rachel Davis
Nancy Steinberg, in memory of Sally & David Rummel
Ilissa Herskowitz, in appreciation for Anita Aronoff's support when Ilissa's beloved mom, Marion Herskowitz, passed
Frances & Charles Rosner, in memory of Harry Rosner
Diane Hallenbeck, in memory of Henry Kalman
David & Penny Klein, in honor of the birth of Lisa & Saky Yakas' grandson, Abraham
Deborah & Jeffrey Gussoff, in memory of Dr. Alvin I. Kosak
Carol & Arthur Ostrove, in honor of Jeff Stier's 80th Birthday
Ellen & Lee Meiner, in memory of Lisa Eichler's father, Charles Roland Bragin
The Kenner Family, in memory of Charles Roland Bragin
Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of the Shainker Family
Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Dr. Ruben Reiman, Lauren Pekats' stepfather; in memory of David Cannon's father, Allan Cannon; in memory of Lisa Eichler's father, Charles Roland Bragin

Rabbi Hirsch's Discretionary Fund

Anna & Dan Weiser, in appreciation
Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas, in appreciation
Lynne Fertig, in memory of Lynne's father, Herbert Schneur, and mother, Beatrice Schneur Fine
John Reiches & June Streisand, in appreciation

Howell & Leona Newman, in appreciation
Dalia Levine & Michael Weiss, in memory of Rochelle Sue Weiss, Michael's mother

Cantor Schloss' Discretionary Fund

Anna & Dan Weiser, in appreciation
Ilissa Herskowitz, in appreciation for Cantor Schloss's support when Ilissa's beloved mom, Marion Herskowitz, passed
Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas, in appreciation
John Reiches & June Streisand, in appreciation
Dalia Levine & Michael Weiss, in memory of Rochelle Sue Weiss, Michael's mother

Brotherhood Fund

Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Mitchell's cousin, Michael Simon

Chavaya Program Fund

Anna & Dan Weiser, in appreciation

Edith H. Handelman Library Fund

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of Greg Hyman's engagement
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Greg Hyman's engagement

Camp Pinebrook Ruth & Sidney Lapidus

Kehillah Program Fund

Michael & May Goldberg, in memory of Albert Devico
Beverly & Howard Hoffmann, in honor of Jamie Deutsch's recognition as Woman of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle

Music Fund

Judith & Donald Pinals, in memory of our beloved parents, Goldie & Herman Pinals and Jeanne Kumble Levine, and in honor of our daughter, Dr. Beth Pinals, and our son, Dr. Mark Pinals
Rachel & Derek Davis, in appreciation
Diane Browning, in appreciation
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Jeff Stier's 80th Birthday

Radio Fund

Jon & Tami Altschiller

Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Fund

Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Lisa Eichler's father, Charles Roland Bragin

Social Action Fund

Len & Berdie Stein, in memory of Howard Horowitz's mother, Elaine
Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Howard Horowitz's mother, Elaine
Carolyn Dudek & Mark Nowak, in memory of Howard Horowitz's mother, Elaine
Linda Capozzola, in gratitude to Amy Ecker
Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Howard Horowitz's mother, Elaine; in honor of Jamie Deutsch's recognition as Woman of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle; in memory of Howell Newman's father, Eugene B. Newman; in memory of Rochelle Sue Weiss, Michael's mother

Temple Israel Cares

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in memory of Rochelle Sue Weiss, Michael's mother; in memory of Lisa Eichler's father, Charles Roland Bragin; in honor of the birth of Debra & Robert Herschenfeld's grandson, Maccabee "Mac" Sawyer
Jennifer & Matthew Kates, in memory of Rochelle Sue Weiss, Michael's mother
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of the birth of Lisa & Saky Yakas' grandson, Abraham; in memory of Elaine Weiss's cousin, George Nadel

Youth Involvement Fund

Dalia R. Levine & Michael Weiss, in honor of Charlie Mangot on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of the birth of Debra & Robert Herschenfeld's grandson, Maccabee "Mac" Sawyer

End of Year Appeal

Richard & Caroline Alter
Michael & Stacey Bonagura
Derek & Rachel Davis
Jack & Ellen Egan
Matthew & Irina Furman
Brian & Dianne Heaps
David & Marjory Karlin
Judith Kosak
Jamie & Melissa Levine
Michael & Elizabeth Manasse
Dan Pomerantz & Jackie Bitterman
Peter & Sophia Tolk
Michael Weiss & Dalia Levine

Rabbi's Note

Wanderer in the wilderness

Cantor's Note

When one thinks of the many memorable lines from the Passover Haggadah, the phrase that comes to mind most often is *"Ma nishtana ha-laila hazeh mikol ha'leilot"*—why is this night different from all other nights? Many at their *sederim* used this phrase as a description of Pesach 2020 in a COVID-19 world. The simple answer last year was, NEARLY EVERYTHING! On March 1, 2020 the congregation elected me as this year's interim rabbi. When I came to the temple that morning, I had hand sanitizer in one hand, while I extended the other hand to meet the TINR community. Who would have imagined, then, that our lives would have remained topsy-turvy for 12 months and counting. On March 12th Broadway announced it would be dark through April 12th. In retrospect, what a naïve prediction that turned out to be. I never imagined this year was going to be spent mostly on zoom...TINR's robust in-person programming greatly diminished. Knowing that the congregation will remain remote until further notice, it appears both for the temple and for many of us, the *sederim*, will once again be held remotely. Like our ancestors in Egypt—for the past year, we too, have been wandering through a sea of uncertainty.

The Jewish people know well what it feels like to be a wanderer in the wilderness. Passover celebrates our liberation from Egypt and our people's 40-year quest to the Promised Land. Torah refers to the stranger a minimum of 36 times. We are commanded to welcome and love the stranger. TINR has taken this commandment seriously in its partnership with ICNAW (Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester). Our congregation can be proud of the work spearheaded by our Social Action and Advocacy Committees. ICNAW recently

reported "Our current families, are all doing well. The Ghafoors are financially independent and Mahanz's catering business continues to grow, even in this pandemic. The Ghafooris are expecting a new child in April. Haroon has settled into his new job at White Plains Hospital. And the Islahs new daughter Zahara, is growing and learning to get along with her two older brothers. We hope to have them moved into a new apartment complex with lower rent by summer." Indeed, sacred work! If you haven't seen the recent film about two of these families, I urge you to do so via this link: <http://bit.ly/ConversationwithTwo21stCenturyRefugeesJan2021>

Like many of our ancestors who settled in America because of the amazing work of HIAS, we have the opportunity to pay it forward to families finding safe haven in America. The U.S. is poised this year to expand its welcome of those refugees fleeing persecution, as it did for our ancestors at the turn of the last century. Resettlement takes time and funds. If you'd like to make a contribution to this worthy cause you can do so. Find details at: <https://www.tinr.org/act/advocacy/>

Indeed, this is a month when we remember refugees, those seeking safe shelter and our own people's journey from degradation to redemption. God redeemed us from ancient Egypt and we have the power to redeem others in our own time.

L'shalom
Rabbi Deborah A. Hirsch

*"For there is always light,
If only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it."*

Amanda Gorman closed her moving inaugural poem with these inspiring words. Truly we have been in a dark time, a time of pandemic. And while we are far from the end of this dark time, hopefully we can do as Ms. Gorman implores us: see the light, be the light.

We will do our best this coming March 13th, Saturday evening, for our 4th Annual Benefit for Music at Temple Israel. While the program will be online (see the next page for registration details) it will do what each of the previous three benefit concerts have accomplished so well: feature the power of music in community, while raising money to ensure that music will continue to fill that role in our community for the foreseeable future. And the light of music is certainly needed now more than ever.

The music featured will not just be about light, but will hopefully create a bright spark that will remain for days and weeks to come. "The Beatles' Here Comes the Sun," "This Little Light of Mine," Nina Simone's "Feeling Good," traditional Jewish texts "*Oseh Shalom*" and "*L'cha dodi*," and more, will all fulfill the message of the great Leonard Cohen song, "Anthem: There is a Crack in Everything—That's How the Light Gets In."

For this evening of music, light and hope I will be joined by many beautiful musicians

Bat Mitzvah

Mazal Tov!



My name is **Olivia Feinblum** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 24th. I will be chanting from *Parashat K'doshim* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Laura & Brian, and my sibling, Ben. I am in 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I enjoy learning sign language and skiing. For my Mitzvah

Project, I am raising money for period products through The Sharing Shelf. This project is important to me because health care products are expensive and not a luxury. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.

For there is always light

from the Temple Israel community as well as some special guests: singers Leah Schloss, Dani Saril and Kol Simcha; pianists Miho Sasaki, David Sparr and Marius Van Den Brink; violist Jeremy Klein; multi-instrumentalist Jim Weingast; and a special appearance by the Jewish/Afro-diasporic Jazz band, the Afro-Semitic Experience. And while you will see and hear these fine musicians, the entire evening would not be possible without the amazing work of Rachel Davis and the dedicated Music committee.

Join us as we fulfill the vision of Amanda Gorman. By participating in this special evening and supporting Music at Temple Israel, we can both see the light and be the light that will bring all of us out of the darkness.

B'shir u'v'or, (with song and light)
Cantor Randall Schloss



Stories of Music: Sharing the Sounds and Stories that Embody the American Jewish Experience

Join Cantor Schloss for a class on Jewish Music beginning Wednesday, March 24th.

Individual sessions include:

- Jewish Music 101: What is Jewish Music?
- The Art of Prayer: Western Art Music as Synagogue Sound
- The Times They are A-changin': Trends and Innovations in Jewish Music

The class is made possible through:
Lowell Milken Fund for American Jewish Music at The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.

Visit <https://www.tinr.org/events/stories-of-music/> for more information on dates and the Zoom link.

Music at Temple Israel



4th Annual Benefit for Music at Temple Israel

featuring

Cantor Randall Schloss
Leah Schloss
The Afro-Semitic Experience
Miho Sasaki
Jim Weingast
Jeremy Klein
David Sparr
Marius Van Den Brink
Dani Saril

*and many of the talented and diverse
Temple Israel family of musicians*

Suggested donation:

Adults	\$36
Seniors/Students	\$18

Sponsorships: (includes unlimited access and recognition in program)

Maestro	\$1,000
Soloist	\$540
Orchestra	\$360
Chorus	\$180

– Visit www.tinr.org/events/musicbenefit2021/ to pay on-line. You will then receive a confirmation email with a link to register to view the Zoom event. Or send a check payable to Temple Israel (Memo: Music Benefit). You will then receive the link to register for the Zoom concert.

This benefit supports Music at Temple Israel, which serves to enrich the musical life of Temple Israel and the wider community.



Passover

**Celebrate our Freedom and
the Coming of Spring
with Temple Israel**

Erev Pesach/First Night of Passover
Saturday, March 27, 2021 Erev Pesach

Pesach
First Day/Second Night Passover
Sunday, March 28, 2021
5:30 pm * Community Second Night
Passover Seder via Zoom

Last Day of Passover
Saturday, April 3, 2021
9:00 Torah Study
10:30 am Passover Service with Yizkor /
Shabbat Morning Blessings

*Services will be available via streaming and on Facebook
Live. Visit www.tinr.org/worship/streamed-services/
for links. Refer to weekly eblasts for more connection
information closer to Passover.*

**The
Tamid
Society**

A Legacy

LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE TEMPLE

New Members

The Tamid Society is pleased to announce that David & Ronnie Parker have pledged a bequest in memory of her parents Bertram & Peggy Weiss. We also honor Eileen Gitlin, whose estate bequest was recently received by Anita Aronoff.

Over the years, Temple Israel has received dozens of legacy gifts, many of which have received little or no publicity but have helped assure the Temple's financial health. The purpose of the Tamid Society is to encourage living



congregants to pledge a bequest and be recognized for this thoughtfulness as members of the Society. The names of those below have made such a pledge and wish to encourage other congregants to do so as well.

Most importantly, there is no need to specify an amount in making a pledge. There is no minimum amount required to join the Society. Some may choose to provide a percentage of their estates as not to be locked into a sum that may not have anticipated negative financial events.

Please contact Anita Aronoff at AnitaAronoff@tinr.org, for additional information.

List of members...

Janice & Warren Agatston
Barbara & Frank Axel
Bernice Braun (estate)
Leroy Fadem
Eileen Gitlin (estate)
Evelyn Jacobs (estate)
Lilly Kaplan (estate)
Carol & Arthur Ostrove
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove
David & Ronnie Parker
Lloyd Robinson

Amy Sincoff (estate)
Mady & Jeffrey Stier
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

Temple Israel thanks you!

PURIM FUN!





It's Going to be a Great Summer!

We are excited to share that 2021 recruitment is incredibly strong this year. Camp Pinebrook stands out because we have created a true community for our campers and their families. This has been especially important during the challenges of COVID-19 when children need to be active and connected with friends.

It's true that Camp Pinebrook has an amazing swim program, great activities, and our facilities are beautiful and new. But more importantly, we have a caring staff that lives the values of community, respect, teamwork, compassion, and encouragement in all that we do. Children today need role models, adults that show love, care, and leadership. Spirituality, friendship, and adventure at camp show families how powerful Judaism is in their lives. Our campers go home every day singing their favorite Jewish songs and telling their families about how they were living these universal Jewish values.

I am honored to create such a remarkable and special summer home for our community. May we continue to grow and go from strength to strength! Please continue to spread the word about Camp Pinebrook to friends and neighbors-both for perspective camp families as well as teens and college students looking to work at camp.

Thank you for your continued support in building the premiere Reform Jewish camping experience,

Rabbi Jesse Gallop
Camp Pinebrook Director
Jesse@CampPinebrook.com
(914) 813-8700

Visit www.CampPinebrook.com for more details!



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- **Enjoys Working With Children Ages 3-8**

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www.CampPinebrook.com



Purim – Passover at Kehillah

In February Kehillah focused on Black History Month. The children learned about diversity, inclusion and history. The different classrooms worked on various projects that were developmentally appropriate for this delicate topic. The artwork and projects are currently displayed in the Temple lobby and we encourage you to take a look at this amazing work by all.

Kehillah is looking forward to our Purim Shabbat Zoom at the end of February. Unfortunately, we cannot have the Purim parade this year, but each class will be spotlighted during the Zoom call to parade around the classroom in their costumes and shake their graggers. We will also have a Purim skit with the senior staff playing different roles. The children love to dress up and it's an opportunity for them to come to school as their favorite characters. This will give them so much joy, especially during the times that we are in now.

In March we have Passover, which is the most celebrated of all Jewish holidays. Passover presents us with the opportunity to get together with family and friends. This year will look different, but just be as memorable as before. Passover is

centered around the favorite Jewish pastime—eating! But if we look deeper in the meaning behind it, it is appropriate that is the most celebrated. Without Passover, there would be no Jewish people and no Kehillah! The children are busy preparing, cleaning, experimenting and searching their rooms for the last traces of *chametz*. The classrooms will once again be working on fun projects regarding the ten plagues, crossing the red sea and creating seder plates and Kiddush cups. As always, we want to thank the community for your constant support and trust in us to keep your children safe.

Laurie Thomas
Kehillah School Director

Danielle Cohen
Assistant Kehillah School Director



"Better Together" - Teens and Seniors Connecting

Temple Israel has always prided itself on the participation and commitment of the teens in our community. I am pleased to share that Temple Israel is the proud recipient of an intergenerational initiative that will bring teens and seniors together. The program is called, "Better Together" and provides teens and seniors the opportunity to connect and learn from one another. The pandemic has created new challenges for both teens and seniors, with isolation, program cancellations, and a general lack of communication. The "Better Together" program offers curriculum and resources to create an interactive-remote teen and senior relationship.

Since 2014 the program has been running in Jewish schools, synagogues, and youth groups across the country. Temple Israel's "Better Together" program will kick-off with our first teen session in March and the first intergenerational session in April. The name of the program participants are listed on the right:

Teen Participants: Jax Ciscone, Noa Deutsch, Julia Ecker, Lila Ferrucci, Zoe Gottesman, Hannah Manasse, Carly Rieger, Jordan Nero, Ellie Roberge, Hayden Roberge, and Jessica Shapiro

Senior Participants: Warren Agatston, Val Etra, Toni & Alan Hoffman, and Cantor Helene Reps

I look forward to sharing feedback from the program with you in the coming months.

L'shalom,
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Chavaya Director

CONGREGATIONAL PEN PALS



Announcing *Congregational Pen Pals*, bringing together different generations of our temple community to connect and get to know one another through letter writing!

We need YOU! There is a group of eager teens/college-aged students ready to start writing, but they need a pen pal.

Do you want to get to know someone new in our congregation and share stories?
Are you a letter writer?
Do you want to receive enjoyable mail?

Teens will initiate correspondence once you register. The hope is to have pen pals correspond 1-2 times per month.

Want to participate? Have questions? Please contact:
Amy Ecker at 917-348-2301 or at amybrose@gmail.com
Mia Egelberg at 914-629-2794 or at miaegelberg@gmail.com
Or SocialActionTINR@gmail.com OR return the form below

Yes, I/we want to participate in the TINR Pen Pal Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Temple Israel of New Rochelle
1000 Pinebrook Blvd.
New Rochelle, New York, 10804
Attn: Social Action/Pen Pal Program



Love in a Box



JOIN US FOR MARCH'S SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT
Come get creative! Get colorful! Get your glue on!

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021
4:00-5:00pm via ZOOM

Join us for a FUN and MEANINGFUL arts and crafts project!

Learn how to decoupage shoe boxes, together via ZOOM, to fill with personal items or toiletries for teens at The Jewish Board. This project is being led by **Toni Hoffman** and **Margie Ostrove**

Sign up to get crafty with us. Register here: <https://bit.ly/LoveInABox2021>

Space is limited to 20 registrants. More than one person can complete the project viewing one screen. Once registered you can pick up a bag of supplies between Sunday, 3/14 and Tuesday, 3/16 at one of the addresses below. When you register please indicate how many shoe boxes you need and let us know your pick-up location.

Toni Hoffman
15 London Terrace
New Rochelle
(914) 632-1180

Margie Ostrove
66 Beverly Road
New Rochelle
(201) 452-0166

Please return your finished project to Toni Hoffman's house, 15 London Terrace, New Rochelle no later than Friday, 3/26. The boxes will then be Modge Podged and distributed to the teens.

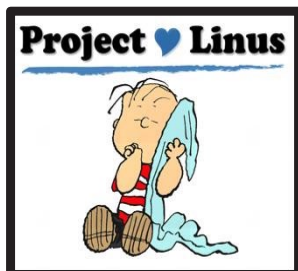


Temple Israel of New Rochelle

The Social Action Committee Invites you to

Become a Project Linus "Blanketeer"

From Your Own Home!



The Social Action Committee of Temple Israel of New Rochelle is happy to kick-off our Mitzvah Season with this fun, free project, appropriate for ages 5-105! Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides new handmade blankets to children in need.

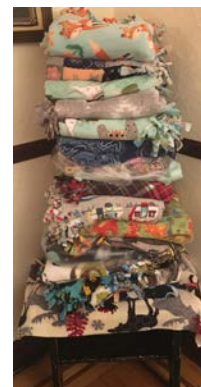
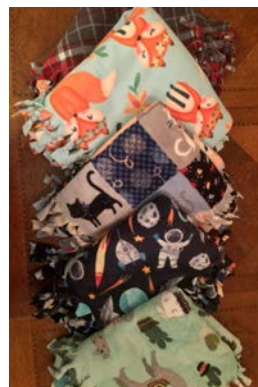
How does It work?

In order to make a blanket, use the link <http://bit.ly/ProjectLinus2021> to go online to the Sign-Up-Genius and select what type of fleece you would like (teen or child, boy or girl). Then indicate how many blankets you'd like to make and when you'd like to pick up your to-go bag of Project Linus supplies to bring home

What is in the to-go supply bag?

Your bag will contain:

- *all the fleece needed for your project*
- *instructions sheets for making no-sew blankets*
- *a plastic bag for the finished blanket(s)*
- *an informational sheet about Project Linus*



At home, you will need to a pair of sharp scissors, a ruler, masking tape, and a pen.

Where do I pick up the supplies and drop off the finished blanket (s)?

*Pick up your supplies (labeled with your name) and drop off your finished blanket (s) at Mia Egelberg's house, address provided when you register. There will be a plastic tub on her front steps labeled "Project Linus." Mia will collect all of the finished blankets and pass them on to Doris Smith, our local Project Linus leader! **ONGOING while supplies last!***

TI SHOPS

Temple Israel Shops continues! Thank you to our congregant volunteers and weekly shoppers, Greta Berenbaum, Jamie Deutsch, Beth Feldman, Marilyn Morris, 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.



Toiletries

Items due by Wednesday, March 31



**We are collecting
NEW and FULL SIZE Personal Products**

Most urgently needed:

Toothpaste

Soap

Shampoo & Conditioner

Body Lotion

Feminine products (pads preferred)

Disposable Razors & Shaving Cream

Dental Floss

Hand Sanitizer

Visit our Amazon Wish List at
<http://bit.ly/ToiletriesSocialAction>

Drop-Off Locations

Temple Israel of New Rochelle &

House of Lisa Keller Yakas 93 Skyview Lane, New Rochelle 10804

Contact Lisa Keller Yakas 914-636-7924 or lisakeller914@gmail.com or
SocialActionTINR@gmail.com with any questions.

This project is being underwritten by the Social Action Committee
To make a financial donation please send a check made payable
TINR with Toiletries/SAC in the memo line or donate online at <http://bit.ly/TINRDonationLinkSAC>

*Items will be donated to the New Rochelle CAP of Westchester Community Opportunity
Program Inc (Westcop located at 95 Lincoln Avenue*

The SAC will continue to share local volunteer opportunities and needs as we learn of them. We want everyone to be safe and will do our best to find appropriate opportunities.

The SAC tries to send out regular emails checking in with updates about local volunteer opportunities, upcoming projects, and collections. If you would like to be added to our email distribution, please email us at SocialActionTINR@gmail.com

Please feel free to reach out:

Amy Ecker: amybrose@gmail.com or (917) 348-2301

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Brotherhood Sisterhood

Making a Difference at TINR

Brotherhood & Sisterhood are sending you a challenge!

During this pandemic, food challenge and food insecurity have risen to a crisis level. Families and children are going to sleep hungry. Near the end of the book of Esther, we read, "They were to observe the days (of Purim) as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and to the poor." With this in mind Brotherhood & Sisterhood would like to use the Festival of Purim as the official kickoff to our Food Bank Challenge

Brotherhood & Sisterhood want to make a difference and would like to start this effort by pledging \$1,000. Join them in helping those in need and fulfilling this commandment of Purim.

Visit <https://www.tinr.org/events/temple-food-bank-challenge/> to donate online, or send a check to the Temple (memo: Food Bank Challenge on check). Donations are tax deductible.



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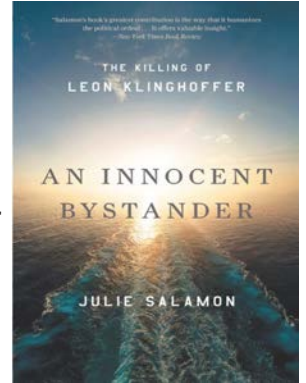


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Brotherhood Co-President



Sisterhood sponsored a lively and engaging trivia night on Saturday January 30th via Zoom.

Our popular Common Read will take place on Sunday morning, **April 25th, at 10:00 am** via Zoom. This year's book is "An Innocent Bystander" by Julie Salamon, about the killing of Leon Klinghoffer aboard the Achille Lauro cruise ship. Rabbi Hirsch will moderate our discussion. Sisterhood is thrilled to announce the author, Julie Salamon, will be joining us for this event. She will discuss the book and answer questions. Julie Salamon was both a reporter and a critic for the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. She has written on a wide variety of topics including show business, philanthropy, the Holocaust, the insanity defense and modern medical care. Julie is the author of several best-selling books including "The Devil's Comedy," considered a Hollywood classic, and "Wendy and the sLost Boys," a biography of playwright Wendy Wasserstein. Visit www.tinr.org in the event section to register, so you can be sent the Zoom link.



Our next Sisterhood event will be a zoom Yoga class on **Sunday March 21st at 9:30 am**. This free Zoom class will be led by congregant and yoga instructor, Debbie Zimmerman. Visit www.tinr.org in the event section to register, so you can be sent the Zoom link.



Janet Dubiel-Frey
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Sisterhood Co-President

Stay tuned, as we will let you know about an outdoor movie night we are planning for April or May. We will be showing the movie "The Mambonics" that we had to cancel last spring.

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.



Jennifer Herbst
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Sisterhood Co-President

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.

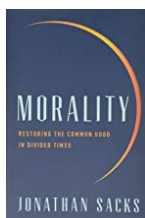
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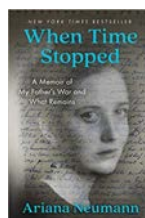
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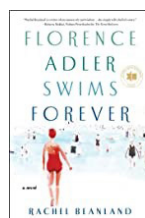
Book of the year:
"Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times" by Jonathan Sacks.



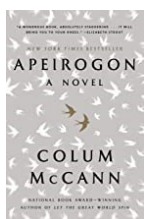
Autobiography and Memoir:
"When Time Stopped: A Memoir of My Father's War and What Remains" by Ariana Neumann.



Book Club:
"The Lost Shtetl: A Novel" by Max Gross.



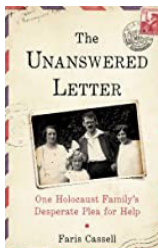
Debut Fiction:
"Florence Adler Swims Forever" by Rachel Beanland.



Fiction:
"Apeirogon: A Novel" by Colum McCann.



Food Writing and Cookbooks:
"The Dairy Restaurant" by Ben Katchor.



Holocaust:
"The Unanswered Letter: One Holocaust Family's Desperate Plea for Help" by Farris Cassell.



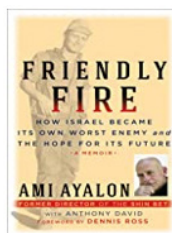
Middle Grade Literature:
"The Blackbird Girls" by Anne Blankman.



Children's Picture Book:
"Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale" by Leslea Newman.

Many Other Finalists in Our Library

And more to come!



Our library is still closed for in-person selection. However, you may request a book by emailing our librarian – Stephanie at stephkras11@gmail.com and she will hold the book for you at the front desk.

List of Funds

Support Temple Israel

Please support Temple Israel!

Annual pledged membership contributions and tuition fees cover only a portion of the actual cost of Temple Israel's wide range of ritual, educational, and social activities. We depend on your support.

To facilitate the act of *Tzedakah* (charitable giving, typically seen as a moral obligation) Temple Israel provides an on-line form to make giving easy. Visit www.tinr.org, and click on "Donate" on the upper right hand corner.

Simply choose the amount you want to give and for what purpose. If you wish to give to several funds, we will apportion your donation as you wish: evenly to multiple funds or you may type in a specific amount for each fund in the space provided. A list of funds is found below, and to the right. Of course, you may include a dedication(s) for each fund. When making a donation "in honor" or "in memory" of someone, those honored will be promptly informed of your thoughtfulness. Donations "in honor" or "in memory" of someone are also acknowledged right here in Temple Topics. We are happy to facilitate anonymous donations at your request.

Once you have completed the on-line donation form, please click the "submit" button. Your wishes will immediately be sent to us and we will contact you regarding the preferred payment method (check or credit card), if there are questions. We accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express.

Thank you for supporting Temple Israel!

Temple Operating Fund – To support Temple Israel programs, Jewish education, social activities and operations

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreting Fund – To provide funding for ASL interpreting and to build the bridge between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the general Jewish Community

Brotherhood Fund – Brotherhood of Temple Israel of New Rochelle, also known as the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ), is a group of dedicated Temple members, spanning all ages, who volunteer their time and effort on behalf of Temple members and the New Rochelle community.

Camp Pinebrook Program Fund – To enhance programs associated with Camp Pinebrook.

Chavaya Program Fund – To support Chavaya programs

Endowment Fund – Used to maintain and expand religious, educational, cultural, social and philanthropic activities of the Temple

Gladys & Murray Goldstein Cultural Center Fund – Enables the Temple to present exhibits and improve the Cultural Center

Hospitality Fund – For the holding of Kiddush and Oneg Shabbat receptions

Kehillah School Childhood Program Fund – To support Kehillah programs

Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Fund – For adult education funding

Music Fund – To support musical programs and cultural life of the Temple

Prayer Book Fund – To enable the Temple to purchase prayer books

Joan Sanders Transportation Fund – To enable congregants who do not drive to get to services

Sisterhood Fund – Temple Israel of New Rochelle Sisterhood brings together all generations of women within our synagogue to serve our congregation. Our Sisterhood sponsors a variety of social, religious, and community activities throughout the year.

Social Action Fund – To support social action projects in our synagogue and neighborhood communities

Temple Israel Cares – Enables the committee to provide meals for congregants who have been hospitalized or are recovering from illness, to provide Shiva baskets, and to give blankets for new babies born.

Youth Involvement Fund – Enhances youth programs

Rabbi Discretionary Fund – This fund allows the Rabbi to support a wide variety of charitable causes.

Cantor Discretionary Fund – This fund allows the Cantor to support a wide variety of charitable causes.

Make a Membership Pledge for 2020-2021

Join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2020-2021 year. Visit www.tinr.org/donate to see the options to help guide you in your pledge as you reflect upon what Temple Israel means to you, and to our wider community.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Did You Know?

You can pay Temple dues or make donations to the Temple with appreciated stock?

If you would like to do so, please follow the directions below:
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC #0374 Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
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26 Broadway 9th Floor Mezzanine New York, NY 10004
Account Registration: Temple Israel of New Rochelle (Operations)
Account Number: 6286-6155

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

day camp; not unless you have Camp Pinebrook's director, Rabbi Jesse Gallop. Last summer we made the early decision to open camp in the face of extensive required COVID-19 precautions and limitations. Despite these challenges, Jesse created a wonderful environment for our children, giving them the gift of a carefree summer while allowing their parents to breathe easy knowing every safety consideration was attended to. The feedback is undeniable. We'll approach this summer with Camp Pinebrook's first wait-list since we opened. Congratulations Jesse!

We're working hard to ensure Kehillah stays true to its roots. Our goal for Kehillah has always been to provide care and early schooling for our children, 6 weeks to 6 years, in a program infused with the highest values of Reform Judaism. As we come to the end of our partnership with Bright Horizons, this remains our mission. We will now bring the program in-house, assuming all aspects of its operations. Paradoxically, the COVID-19 crisis has presented us with many qualified candidates to choose from in selecting our next Kehillah director. We've instituted a retention program in hopes of retaining as many of our current wonderful teachers as possible. Changes are often difficult, but we're intent on ensuring the Kehillah School stands out as a premier program in Westchester for years to come.

There is a saying that goes, "when G-d closes a door, She opens a window." It seems window after window has been opened for us. I ended my remarks at last year's congregational meeting by saying, "the Board

remains committed to taking the steps necessary to ensure Temple Israel remains a vital community for generations to come." However, it's been you, our staff, clergy, and volunteers, who have taken those steps this year. Thank you.

Rich Alter,
Temple President



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