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Mask'erade Gala 2021

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, June 3, 2021
7:30 pm, via Zoom

Honoring
Leroy Fadem and Anita Aronoff
via Zoom



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Snowbirds Back!

Have you come back? Give us a call to let us know so "Temple Topics" can find you back home! We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings!

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!



A percentage of your purchases at Amazon benefit Temple Israel when you shop with: <https://smile.amazon.com/>



WELCOME!

Please welcome **Andi Rosenthal**, the new Clergy Assistant & Life Cycle Coordinator, to Temple Israel.

Andi will join our team on Monday, May 10th!

You can reach Andi by email: AndiRosenthal@tinr.org, or call her at the Temple general number: (914) 235-1800 x211.

Welcome Andi!

Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for the July/August Temple Topics will be **Sunday, June 13th.**

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Sympathy

- Rachel Davis, on the loss of her aunt, Judith Miller
- Margie Ostrove, on the loss of her friend, Gerry Spring
- Stephen Kliegerman, on the loss of his aunt, Susan Davis
- Morris Marcus, on the loss of his uncle, Albert Naggar
- Andy Rabin, on the loss of his aunt, Shirley Bienstock
- Penny Kaplan, on the loss of her daughter, June Kaplan
- Janice Agatston, on the loss of her friend, Michail Adam
- Richard Feiner, on the loss of his father, Barry Feiner
- Andy Rabin, on the loss of his friend, Richard White
- Kenneth Hilton, on the loss of his mother, Edith Hilton
- Elaine Weiss, on the loss of her friend, Barbara Silber
- The family of Cantor Jodi Schechtman
- Mark Nowak, on the loss of his mother, Joyce Elaine Nowak

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

Mazal Tov

- Some Temple Israel teens who attend New Rochelle High School participated in the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair, and they won big!
 - Hayden Roberge: 2nd Place in Medicine & Health
 - Jessica Shapiro: Critical Behavioral Science Achievement Award, for exceptional accomplishment in behavioral science
- Scarlett Hartzman won 2nd Place in the Chemistry category at the Tri-County Science & Technology Fair for her project, "Backyard Rockets" and she is an alternate to move on to the prestigious nationwide Broadcom MASTERS competition.
- Carol Ostrove, on her special birthday
- Diane & Elliot Senderoff, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Temple Israel's Chavaya Director, was selected to participate in the Senior Educator Learning Fellowship with Pardes. This exclusive 13-month fellowship is designed to inspire senior congregational school educators with ongoing Jewish learning and equip them with new approaches for engaging with real-world challenges using Jewish texts. Fellowship participants will be immersed in a cohort-based experience of rich Torah study and professional growth. Supported by expert mentors, they will also plan and implement exciting and important projects for their congregational schools.
- Lily Boyum, Jax Ciscone, Tayla Langer, Mollie Aisner, and Hannah Manasse, on their B'nei Mitzvah in May and June. See their bios on p. 11.

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org



Shavuot

Shavuot Programming will include services and activities on **Sunday, May 16th** and **Monday, May 17th**. Expect zoom links and other information via the weekly eblast sent directly to congregants.

Sunday, May 16th

6:00 pm Erev Shavuot/Confirmation via LiveStream (Confirmation families in person)

7:30 pm-9:30 pm *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* (Shavuot Night of Learning) will be in collaboration with other Westchester Synagogues via Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El on-line. Clergy from several local synagogues, including Rabbi Hirsch, will be teaching. Rabbi Hirsch's topic is: "10 Commandments for the 21st Century: What Do We Keep and What Do We Create?" (open our weekly eblast for the ZOOM link)

Monday, May 17th

10:30 am Shavuot Morning Service including Yizkor via LiveStream (on tinr.org)

From the President

Thank You...

In the following pages Rabbi Hirsch and Cantor Schloss speak of the changes taking place at Temple Israel. I join them in welcoming those changes with a sense of excitement and optimism. When I last wrote to you in Temple Topics, I shared with you my belief that Temple Israel had turned a corner. That has become undeniable as the hard work of the Temple Israel community continues to coalesce.

At this time last year, we prepared to welcome Rabbi Hirsch as our interim rabbi. Our modest hope was that she could serve as a bridge as we worked to identify what we wanted in our next rabbi and set about finding that person. Who could have imagined that in such a short time she would become such an integral part of our community? In ten short months Rabbi Hirsch has become a mentor and friend to our staff, a pillar of strength and support to our congregants, and a guide to the Board of Trustees. Together we have travelled a difficult road, identifying our weaknesses, and celebrating our strengths. While we look forward with excitement to our new chapter with Temple Israel's next rabbi, we recognize that the future we build will be on ground made fertile by Rabbi Hirsch. Rabbi Hirsch, we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude and wish you and Carol a long and peaceful retirement!

On March 31st, during the Special Congregational Meeting, you overwhelmingly voted to approve Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum ("Rabbi Jay") as Temple Israel's next rabbi. It will surprise no one that Rabbi Hirsch is intent on ensuring that Rabbi Jay hits the ground running. She, Cantor Schloss, Anita Aronoff, and the rest of our senior staff are in regular contact with Rabbi Jay, already working together to ensure a smooth transition for Rabbi Jay and our congregation. A Transition Task force has been formed to further facilitate Rabbi Jay's introduction to the Temple Israel community. My thanks to Warren Agaston, Judy Siegel, and Marjorie Mangot for agreeing to head this group. Please watch for updates from them in these pages and in your in-box.

Rabbi Jay will begin his tenure at Temple Israel at an auspicious time. He joins us as we enter Camp Pinebrook's 1st sold-out season. He'll join us as we close out our second year in a row with a balanced budget. He joins us as we launch a new chapter with the Kehillah School, having brought it fully in-house and identified our next center director. And he joins us as we welcome my replacement, Temple Israel's new President of the Board of Trustees, Brian Heaps.

Brian is a long-time member of Temple Israel, a past Brotherhood President, a local business owner, and an absolute champion of our community. For the past few months Brian has joined me in almost every meeting I have attended as President, further familiarizing himself with all aspects of Temple Israel's operations. Brian brings a welcome energy and enthusiasm. Together with Rabbi Jay, they join the rest of our

staff and clergy in partnership, ready to continue the work of ensuring Temple Israel remains a vibrant and important part of our community and our lives.

As this is my last note to you as President of Temple Israel, I'd like to conclude by offering my thanks. Thank you to the clergy and staff who give so much of their selves on behalf of Temple Israel. Thank you to the members of the Board of Trustees, volunteers all, who feel a sense of love and duty that compels them to always put Temple Israel first. Thank you to the members of the Executive Committee who have each given hundreds of their hours supporting me and Temple Israel as we've navigated the past years. Thank you to Anita, our Executive Director. Most of you can't imagine, and will never see, the time she puts in or the extent to which Anita "keeps the wheels turning." Thank you congregants, for allowing me to serve as Temple Israel's president. Finally, thank you to my wife Caroline. At a time of so much change in our lives, it was asking too much to make room in our family for this second job. I love you.

Rich Alter,
Temple President



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesdays, March 10th and April 21, 2021

March 10, 2021

On March 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees convened virtually.

The Board held a moment of silence in memory of Honorary Preston "Sandy" Scher, former Temple president. Rabbi Deborah Hirsch offered a Word of Torah.

Cantor Randall Schloss reported on then-upcoming Fourth Annual Music Benefit held on March 13th. Similar to the building of the Tabernacle by the community in this week's Torah portion, the community of Temple Israel brought its gifts and skills together to execute our benefit. Cantor thanked Rachel Davis, the Committee chair and the entire committee for the team effort.

Anita Aronoff presented the Executive Director's report. The pledge support dues were trending at a similar

pace to the previous month. The Board voted to approve the Membership Report.

In the President's Report, Rich Alter spoke about the Board of Trustees' operations. He emphasized that as a Board, the focus should be more on governance and less on administration.

Brian Heaps is being nominated to serve as the next President of Temple Israel, effective July 1, 2021.

Rich Alter updated the Board on Kehillah's transition. Following a comprehensive study of our administration and finances, effective July 1, Temple Israel will independently run Kehillah's administration. The Bright Horizons contract expires in June and the transition is already underway. Continuity to the children, parent and teacher community is paramount. The Kehillah

Committee and Board members spoke to the Kehillah Community and addressed questions about staffing and the impact of the transition on the children.

We are excited to report that Camp Pinebrook's enrollment is exceeding expectations. We expect to start a waiting list.

Jeff Berenbaum and Margie Ostrove presented Guidelines and Procedures for Temple policy adoptions and initiatives. The motivation to create the Guidelines came from last summer when the Temple President was approached directly on whether Temple would join a community march. The Guidelines include a standard plan about advocacy issues that will be presented by the relevant Temple Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year. A few issues will be taken on each year. The Board planned to vote to adopt the

Guidelines during the April Board meeting.

New Business was discussed. As an update, Rich Alter commented for the minutes that while the Board voted in its last meeting to recommend Rabbi Matthew Reimer to the congregation, we were unable to come to contractual terms. The rabbi withdrew his candidacy. The Temple was transparent throughout the rabbi search process in the position announcement and in several conversations about compensation. We reached back out to the CCAR, to recommence the search process.

Brian Heaps and Ilissa Warhit reported that a new task force was formed, which included Ilissa Warhit, Mitchell Tarnopal, Brian Heaps and Carolyn Dudek. Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum of Temple Israel of Lawrence (Long Island) was introduced to us as a

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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!

Rabbi's Note

My Last Article...Rabbi Hirsch

As I write this message, I'm keenly aware that it is my last TINR Temple Topics article, as well as my final bulletin piece before I retire. As I look back on my past 39 years in the rabbinate, I am grateful for the richness and diversity of my rabbinic path. I recall my early years as a young, assistant rabbi in Great Neck and how I learned from both my colleagues and lay leadership.

The 15 years I served at The East End Temple truly shaped me professionally and personally. It was there I learned and lived relational Judaism and it prepared me for my next chapter at the Union for Reform Judaism. The URJ gave me the opportunity to hone administrative skills and to work with some of the finest people ever—professional staff and passionately committed lay leaders from across North America. Although I formally trained to be an interim rabbi, I never imagined my path to go in that direction. After four years of being on staff at Temple Shaaray Tefila in Manhattan, the opportunity arose for me to become its interim senior rabbi. When that chapter was closing, I was drawn to The Village Temple and spent the next four years as its interim rabbi. And just when I thought retirement was on the near horizon, I pursued the TINR interim position and have served this congregation for the past 10 months, during one of the most challenging years for the world, defined by COVID-19.

Throughout my career, I have been guided by the principles of sacred partnership and *menschlichkeit* (humanity), the latter being instrumental in forging the former. Being a rabbi requires me to act out of my humanity. Education and skill sets are tools through which that humanity flows. Sacred partnerships emerge when all parties bring their humanity to each encounter with the other: enabling laughter and tears, compassion and trust. Because of the unique sacred moments

formed between clergy and congregants, it has always been my fervent belief that clergy are not mere temple employees, rather, they have a unique role rooted in sacred honor and trust.

Temple Israel stands now on the precipice of welcoming Rabbi Rosenbaum into the congregational family and to begin a new chapter in its rich, albeit not always easy, history.

May Rabbi Rosenbaum's experience, compassion, warmth, and knowledge of love of *amcha* (peoplehood), infuse this holy congregation with new potential and vitality.

Now is your opportunity to begin anew—to dream and create your future on the shoulders of nearly 110 years of TINR traditions, with Rabbi Rosenbaum and Cantor Schloss as your spiritual guides. Now is the time for everyone, congregant and staff alike, to leave previous baggage at the door marked "Temple Israel past," and walk proudly through the one labeled "Temple Israel future."

I hope this past interim year has helped lay the foundation for this new beginning.

I extend my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all staff, lay leaders, and congregants, who have embraced me these past months and have allowed me to be your rabbi.

Chazak Chazak V'Nitchazem—Be Strong—be strong—and may you strengthen one another.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Deborah A. Hirsch

Temple Israel Cares

Share *yourselves* with us as we share *ourselves* with our wonderful Temple Israel Community.

The goal of our committee is to reach out to our congregation in times of major family events such as birth, illness, and death, as well as warmly welcoming new members into our congregation.

We deliver snack-filled shiva bags, send notes of condolence and healing, and give blankets to our newborns.

Call us, let us know who needs a hug, or if you're willing to join our committee. We are coming back with increased purpose, and we welcome new ideas.

As one of our first efforts, we invite knitters and crocheters to create baby bankies to keep our newborns warm (yarn will be provided).

Looking forward to serving our community with love.

Toni Hoffman
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Cantor's Note

Not Just Counting, but Taking Account

As I write this article, it is mid-April. With Passover passed, we are currently in the time of the counting of the Omer: 7 weeks between the festival of Passover celebrating our Freedom from Egypt, and the festival of Shavuot, celebrating the gift of Torah. These days in between are not just days to be counted, but days for taking account. We are to prepare for receiving the gift of Torah. During this time, in our community in particular, we have much to consider and to prepare.

Our world, our city, and our community are all in flux. So how exactly are we to prepare for an uncertain future? Throughout the pandemic, we have done our best to prepare while knowing that plans may need to change based on any number of factors. In addition, we have had our own internal change to manage. This past year, we faced not only the changing landscape of the pandemic, but we welcomed Rabbi Hirsch, an interim Rabbi who brought wisdom from outside our community while learning about elements unique to our community. With little time and resources, we created services and programs that fostered community connection, whether online or in-person.

This coming year (beginning this Summer) we will again welcome a new Rabbi, Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum. And we still face the uncertainty of an ever-changing, pandemic environment. What has changed? Simply put, we have changed. We have adapted to these challenges and learned so much about how to respond, keeping the needs and values of our community at the forefront.

During the coming weeks and months, we will see this change in action. We are in the midst of a busy Spring of B'nei Mitzvah. Last Spring, our services were only online. Last Fall, we moved back to our sanctuary, creating hybrid, limited in-person/online services utilizing Zoom and other technology. This Spring, we plan to expand both the in-person capacity in our sanctuary as well as outdoors when possible, while also using more sophisticated video and audio technology to enhance the online experience of our services. As the weather improves, we hope to take advantage of the safer outdoor air to meet more frequently in-person, taking advantage of our beautiful campus, our courtyard, fields and gardens.

Finally, we are not planning just for services this Spring and Summer, but also for the High Holidays in the Fall. Behind the scenes we are preparing budgets and plans, working with our COVID Taskforce, our Worship Committee, and Rabbi Rosenbaum to create services that will engage our community, while adhering to stringent health and safety guidelines. In broad strokes, we are planning holidays that will build on both the online and in-person experiences of last year. We are not looking back to a pre-pandemic time, but rather forward to as full a community experience as possible.

Join me in this work of preparation. I look forward to an exciting year of community with you all.

L'shalom,
Cantor Randall M. Schloss



It's That Time of Year! Our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER! The Temple Gala is BACK!

L'CHAYIM

Mask'erade Gala 2021



This year we are excited to honor Lee Fadem and Anita Aronoff. Get ready for a great community event! Looking forward to "seeing" you all again...on ZOOM.

When: Thursday, June 3, 2021 • 7:30 pm
What: Fun, Fun, Fun ... for a Full Hour
Attire: "Festive Dress-Up – From the Waist-Up"

Visit www.tinr.org/Gala2021 for more news and happenings on the Gala: consider purchasing a gala journal, raffle, donate to the silent auction, and more!

It promises to be a fun packed, meaningful...
"L'Chayim-Mask'erade Gala 2021"

Temple Israel is Grateful

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Toni & Alan Hoffman, in honor of Lee Fadem's 100th Birthday
Helen & Bernie Miller, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher; in honor of Lee Fadem's 100th Birthday
Linda Capozzola, Mazel Tov to parents Rebecca & Steven & grandparents Andrea & Ira Lippel on the birth of Alexander and Sabrina; in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher
Penny & David Klein, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher
Carol & Bob Kurzman, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher, one of Bob's closest and dearest friends

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of the birth of Sabrina Hope and Alexander Levi
Diane & Elliot Senderoff, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher; in memory of Richard Reiner; in honor of their 60th Anniversary
Donna & Andy Rabin, in honor of their son, Stuart Rabin's engagement to Gena Ross
Bert & Sally Russell, in memory of Charles Roland Bragin, Lisa Eichler's father
Judy & Don Pinals, best wishes to Lee Fadem: Happy Birthday!; in memory of Richard Reiner
Alice Ostrove Miller, in memory of Judge Preston (Sandy) Scher
Dianne & Brian Heaps, in memory of Richard Reiner
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Peter Tolk, in loving memory of my father Jerry's 50th yahrzeit
Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Edith Hilton; in memory of Peter Tolk's father Jerry's 50th Yahrzeit; in honor of Diane & Elliot Senderoff's 60th Wedding Anniversary; in honor of Ed Pinals' 80th Birthday; in honor of Lee Fadem's 100th Birthday; in memory of June Alice Kaplan
Judith Osten, in memory of Jennifer White
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Barbara Nissim, in memory of my dear friend Barbara Kantor
Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of the Touger Family

Rabbi Hirsch's Discretionary Fund

Sari & Kirk Bedevian, with gratitude to Rabbi Hirsch
Joan & Hank Goldsmith, thank you for keeping us connected
Thelma Fixler, in gratitude for Shabbat Service recognition
Leroy Fadem, in appreciation for all you've done
Elaine Weiss & Bill Weil, in appreciation
Val Etra, in memory of Richard Reiner; thanks to Rabbi Hirsch for all she does
Leslie & Dean Dobbin, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher
Marion Reiner, in memory of Richard Reiner, and in appreciation
Arthur Ostrove in honor of Carol's special birthday;
Carol & Arthur Ostrove in appreciation for Rabbi Hirsch's outstanding leadership as interim rabbi
Valerie Scher, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher; and in appreciation

Cantor Schloss' Discretionary Fund

June Streisand & John Reiches, in appreciation
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Penny Kaplan, in memory of June Alice Kaplan
Bonnie & Don Rosenfeld, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher
Joan & Hank Goldsmith, thank you for keeping us connected
Susan Germaine & Ed Pinals, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher
Jill Slansky & Tim Galbraith, in appreciation

Val Etra, in memory of Richard Reiner
Marion Reiner, in memory of Richard Reiner, and in appreciation

Beth Behr Memorial Garden

Rachel Kramer, in memory of Beth Behr

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Andrea & Ira Lippel, in honor of the birth of their grandchildren, Sabrina Hope and Alexander Levi, and parents Rebecca & Steven Lippel, and big brother Benjamin
Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Wendy Bill; in honor of the birth of Rebecca & Steven Lippel's twins, Andrea & Ira Lippel's grandchildren, and Benjamin Lippel's sister and brother, Sabrina Hope & Alexander Levi

Music Fund

Janice & Warren Agatston, in honor of the birth of Robert & Deborah Herschenfeld's first grandchild, Maccabee Sawyer Herschenfeld

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Elaine Weiss & Bill Weil, in appreciation of the joyful services

Hannah Brichta, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher

Brandy & Mitchell Benson, in honor of the Cantor

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Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in memory of Edith Hilton

Social Action Fund

Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Preston (Sandy) Scher

Joan & Hank Goldsmith, in honor of and congratulations to Robert & Deborah Herschenfeld on the birth of their grandson, Maccabee Sawyer, with love

Helen & Bernie Miller, in gratitude for shopping
Cantor Emerita Helene Reps, with gratitude for the Purim goodies

Elaine Weiss & Bill Weil, in appreciation to the SAC for your work in the community
Barbara Nissim, in appreciation for the Purim bag

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Debbie & Rob Herschenfeld, in honor of the birth of our grandson, Maccabee "Mac" Sawyer

Joan & Hank Goldsmith, in honor of Bernie Miller's Happy 90th Birthday, with love

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Val Etra, thanks to Dianne & Brian Heaps

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Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah

*Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah...*One Mitzvah leads to another...

Each year our Tzedakah Fair allows Chavaya students in *Nitzaneem* (3rd & 4th) and *Ahleem* (5th & 6th) the opportunity to learn about non-profit organizations and teach their peers about the organizations' missions through games. Due to COVID we knew we wouldn't be able to recreate the same program with kids playing games, but have crafted a new and exciting opportunity for our participants.

This year, Tzedakah Day will take place throughout the month of May for our Chavaya groups. We have also modified the program to be able to include our younger students in *Zera'eem* (K) and *Shorasheem* (1st & 2nd). Tzedakah Day will be focused on Westchester based organizations that have been benefiting community members throughout the pandemic. In lieu of giving Tzedakah money, we will be collecting various items that the organizations need, and putting together care packages on Tzedakah Day. **Listed below are the organizations that we will be supporting.**

- **HOPE Community Services** in New Rochelle & **Community Service Associates** in Mt. Vernon: We will be preparing sandwiches to be given to the clients at the food pantries.
- **The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester**: We will be preparing packages of diapers and wipes to be given to families.
- **The Jewish Board in Hawthorne**: We will be preparing "Birthday Boxes" for teenage residents so that they can celebrate their birthday.
- **Maria Ferreira Children's Hospital in Valhalla**: We will be preparing activity bags for patients and siblings at the hospital.
- **White Plains Family Health Center**: We will be preparing "Appreciation Bags" filled with delicious goodies for the Health Care employees at the facility.

As I write this note, I'm watching our Chavaya children in our new outdoor learning environment and can't help but smile as I watch them interacting. Our kids have endured a lot this year but their laughter and desire to learn are still present. We all look a little different with our masks and we've had to learn to adapt to the constant changes. I am so grateful that Chavaya and Temple Israel have been able to be a supportive environment for our youth and families as we've learned to accept our new normal.

As we move into the final weeks of our year, the entire Chavaya education team looks forward to our **End of Year celebrations**:

- Tuesday, May 11th: 7th-12th grade
- Thursday, May 13th: *Ahleem* (5th & 6th)
- Sunday, May 16th: *Zera'eem* (K), *Shorasheem* (1st & 2nd) & *Nitzaneem* (3rd & 4th)

For Chavaya Families: Please be on the lookout for email communication in the coming weeks that will include information about our plans for the 2021-2022 year.

B'chavod (with tremendous respect and appreciation),
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Chavaya Director

Mazal Tov to our...

Confirmants - 10th grade:

Julia Ecker
Lila Ferrucci
Charlotte Fields
Milo Freedenberg
Nate Morris
Serena Richmond
Andrew Rittenberg
Sonya Schloss
Ryan Topol
(see p. 3 for Confirmation details, as part of our Erev Shavuot celebration)

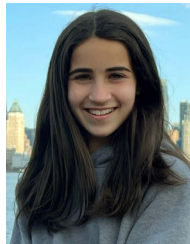
High School Graduates - 12th grade:

Noa Deutsch
Zoe Gottesman
Brooke Rieger
Carly Rieger
Hayden Roberge
Stephanie Rosenberg
Dani Saril
(Date of Graduation is: Friday, May 21st)



B'nei Mitzvah

Mazal Tov!



My name is **Lily Boyum** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 8th. I will be chanting from *Parashat B'echukotai* in the book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Ori & Michele, and my sibling, Coby. I am in 7th grade at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School. Outside of school, I play soccer for a club team called NYPCF, train at Achieve

Martial Arts, and participate in my school dance club. For my Mitzvah Project, I am starting a soccer program at the MANN Center. This project is important to me because I think it is important that girls get to have the experience. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Jax Ciscone** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 15th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Bamidbar* in the book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Tara & Dominic, and my sibling, Brody. I am in 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I normally take Tae-kwon-do and golf lessons. I play video games

and play outside. For my Mitzvah Project, I worked with my community and Davis School to collect food for a local family in need. This project is important to me because everyone deserves the best and I love helping people. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Tayla Langer** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 22nd. I will be chanting from *Parashat Naso* in the book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Heather & Craig. I am in 7th grade at The Harvey School. Outside of school, I like to play volleyball, read, and dance. For my Mitzvah Project, I sent money and supplies to the local humane society. This project is important to me because I have always loved animals and I want to help as many as possible. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



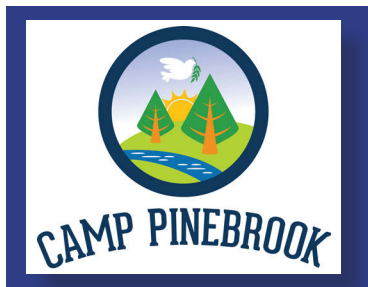
My name is **Mollie Aisner** and I will be celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 5th. I will be chanting from *Parshat Sh'lach L'cha* in the book of Numbers. I am a member of Temple Israel of New Rochelle with my parents, Erica & Michael and my siblings, Samantha and Andrew. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. When I'm not in school, I

enjoy dancing, playing soccer, and spending time with my friends. For my Mitzvah project, I am collecting donations to help A New Chance Animal Rescue which is a great organization that finds loving temporary and permanent homes for rescue animals. This project is close to my heart because I believe that like people, animals deserve a place to call home. I look forward to welcoming you to my Bat Mitzvah when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Hannah Manasse** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 12th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Chukat* in the book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Elizabeth & Michael Manasse, and my sibling, Charlotte. I am in 7th grade at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School.

Outside of school, I like trying new things, and being active and socializing with my friends! During COVID I have taken up many hobbies including an abundance of reading, knitting, cooking, and Guitar Hero. For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to work with the organization, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester. This project is important to me because it is important to help all, including those with disabilities. I heard of cerebral palsy through school because we were designing a foot orthosis for a person who has cerebral palsy. I found it to be an important cause. I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



How to Create Community During COVID-19

As schools, synagogues, and other community organizations have been challenged to create an environment of support and connection, so too will Camp Pinebrook need to find a unique way to develop a sense of belonging while following COVID-19 safety restrictions. All-camp activities are incredibly fun and energizing for campers and staff, however that had not been possible this past year. Usually, at camp, we start each morning as an entire camp chanting “*Boker Tov*” (Good Morning) back and forth, singing songs, and going over announcements. It puts a smile on everyone’s face. Last summer we were not able to do all-camp Shabbat services. I had to lead 8 different Shabbat experiences for each group. Luckily this year, we have come up with a system to have a socially spread-out, COVID-19 safe, all-camp Shabbat led by Cantor Schloss and myself.

Community is more than programs, it’s making sure that staff knows everyone’s names, is warm and caring, and that everyone at camp feels included. It is important to have comradery and feel like the staff are all on the same team. So this year, training is super important and challenging. In addition to safety training, meet and greets, learning camp culture, and child development, Camp Pinebrook will also need to engage the staff and create a sense of belonging and

friendship while being socially distanced. I have learned the key to success is through joint-values and having a strong mission. Reminding all staff that we are at camp for the kids, and empowering the counselors and activity specialists to dig deep, building strong relationships with each other and the campers, seems to be the glue that raises spirits.

Seeing campers heal from a traumatic year reminds us how lucky we are to have a special job. Working at camp during COVID-19 is a calling. It reminds us how play, friendship, and learning skills shape children’s self-esteem and confidence. One of the most sacred opportunities is loving a child, be it as a parent, teacher, family member, coach, or counselor. Being selfless brings a reward of mutual care, and often leads to admiration. I have also learned that this is true regarding staff. We all want to feel love and respected. And in the end it is this sense of love and feeling understood that makes Camp Pinebrook so special.

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new candidate. He is very experienced, accomplished and a great match. He met with the Executive Committee, hosted a teaching, and met with the active Board members and with the senior staff.

Executive Session was held. Good and welfare was offered. Lee Fadem celebrated his 100th birthday. Mazel tov! We look forward to honoring Lee at our 2021 Gala!

On March 17, 2021 a Special Board Meeting convened to discuss recommending Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum as Temple Israel's next permanent rabbi. The Compensation Committee met several times. Full terms of a contract are in place. Rabbi Rosenbaum's current contract ends July 31, not June 30, as initially understood. If recommended and voted by the congregation, rabbi's employment contract will commence August 1, 2021 for 35, not 36 months.

Following executive session, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum to the Congregation as the next rabbi of Temple Israel of New Rochelle. The vote passed in favor of recommending Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum as the next permanent rabbi of Temple Israel of New Rochelle. The Board's recommendation will now be sent to the congregation for a vote per the By-laws.

The Congregational Meeting will be held on March 31, 2021.

April 21, 2021

On April 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees convened virtually. Rabbi Hirsch offered a Word of Torah. She will issue a special report as her time as Interim Rabbi will close in June. She will share her

reflections as she prepared us for a year of looking inward as a community. As the Temple forges ahead despite the pandemic, there is hope. B'nei Mitzvah capacity will expand. Forbes will be open to a larger, but limited number. Rabbi Hirsch is optimistic about where we are headed. Rabbi Hirsch will work closely with Rabbi Rosenbaum to help transition and offer reflections.

Adam Egelberg provided the Treasurer's Report. While it appears that we have a surplus to date, the surplus reflects timing and successes during the year. As you are aware, we had a virtual gala that hits this year's budget. We had major individual donors and sale of cemetery plots. We had a tax break passed to us through Kehillah. We had received payroll protection loans as well. Our YTD surplus will trend downwards fairly quickly. We have great payroll expenses each month.

Anita Aronoff presented the Membership Report. After a great effort led by Anita Aronoff, she reported resignations from 18 member families who have not made their pledges. Some members delayed their resignations. We saw a number of congregants relocating and some who decided to leave after last year's clergy changes. Some members are less active and some leave after their children are grown. The Board voted to accept the Membership Report.

Pledges are coming in on budget, but there is a significant reduction from prior years. Chavaya enrollment also has been impacted, but Rebecca Elkus-Ferst has been operating successfully under the unique demands of the COVID year. The Board will continue outreach to congregants who have not yet pledged a commitment to the Temple.

Rabbi Hirsch said we are a vibrant community but to accept that we have a smaller congregation, which is not uncommon in the Reform movement in recent years. Rabbi Hirsch does not want the Board to think less of the congregation due to demographic change.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Sally Meisner reported that Ken Handelman and Marilyn Morris were selected to join the Board of Trustees. Ken and Marilyn had an opportunity to speak with the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee. They are honored to serve. In accordance with the bylaws, a new slate of officers for 2021-22 was selected. The vote on the slate takes place in June.

Marjorie Ostrove shared the Kehillah Report. We are moving full-speed ahead with in-sourcing. We are recruiting for a new administrator. Staff and parents are assisting with the transition. Margie thanked Laurie Dubner and Anita Aronoff for their hard work. 35 Kehillah students will be attending Camp Pinebrook this summer.

Rich Alter delivered the President's Report and spoke about this year's budgeting process. We are proceeding conservatively. We are forecasting a deficit of \$150K before any contribution from restricted funds. The President spoke about repaying the loan Temple took from the endowment to pay for camp. The budget will be presented to the Board next month. Finally, a transition task force will be formed to welcome Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, who likes to be called Rabbi Jay.

With respect to old business, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Guidelines and Procedures for TINR policy adoptions and initiatives.

Dan Pomerantz presented the work of the Governance Committee to the Board of Trustees. In addition to written materials, the Committee introduced structural changes and the By-laws were modified to reflect the changes accordingly. A vote will be held during the May meeting. The Temple governance did not align with the realities of our Temple. The Report focuses on how Board leadership interacts with staff and the Rabbi and the overall operation of the Congregation. The Governance Committee was tasked with clarifying roles and responsibilities among the Executive Director, the Rabbi and the President, who represents the Board of Trustees. We reduced the responsibilities of the President. The Committee created a systematic approach to succession planning and leadership development. The officers work with senior staff to carry out the strategy and vision.

The Executive Committee carries out work between Board meetings, per the Bylaws and reports back to the Board.

Good and Welfare

- We are ecstatic to report that Camp Pinebrook is sold out and there is a wait list!
- The annual Gala will be held virtually on June 3, honoring Anita Aronoff and Lee Fadem
- Mazel Tov to Hayden Roberge for placing second in a prestigious science fair in the county.

Social Action

How Can You Help the Community?

Sweet Treats and Smiles

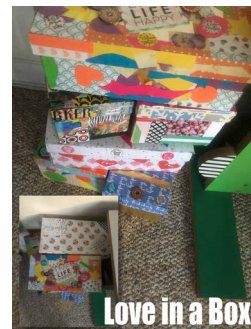
Thank you to Judy Siegel, Roy, and Ben Markell, who coordinated the efforts to put together bags of goodies for congregants 85 and older. Judy coordinated a team of volunteer drivers to deliver 56 bags. The mishloach manot bags were supplemented with tea, honey, a puzzle book, and a succulent. We look forward to making this an annual tradition.

Love in a Box

Love in a Box was held on Sunday, March 21st. Thank you to our creative directors, Toni Hoffman and Margie Ostrove, who organized supplies and led a fun ZOOM resulting in 17 decoupaged masterpieces! The Jewish Board teens are excited to receive them.

Caring Kits Toiletry Drive

This drive was spearheaded by Lisa Keller Yakas, collecting numerous products and monetary donations throughout the month of March. With additional donations from the SAC, 75 bags will be delivered to WestCOP at 95 Lincoln in New Rochelle. The bags included: soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, a dental kit, and moisturizer. Thank you, Lisa, for your hard work!



Project Linus

Our TINR Blanketeers have created and donated over 50 blankets to date! Some material still available! Visit <http://bit.ly/ProjectLinus2021> to register. Project Linus blankets may be made at home this year until we use up all the material. Once registered, volunteers can pick up a bag of supplies from Mia Egelberg's front stoop.

ON-GOING: Cook for a Cause

Marilyn Morris cooks regularly for HOPE Community Services or Community Service Associates. If you are interested in helping monthly, please contact her at marilynmorris123@gmail.com to learn more.

ON-GOING: Pen Pals

Kudos to our 13 teen volunteers who outnumber our six 65+ pen pals. Our pen pal matches are off to a great start, but we still have SEVEN teens waiting to be matched with a pen pal. Are YOU interested? Do you know another Temple Israel member who would be interested in becoming a pen pal with one of our teen congregants? Fill out the form on the next page.

FUTURE "Mitzvah Season" Projects

Shopping for a Cause

Provide members with pantry items most needed by local soup kitchens. We still need a leader for this.

Succulents and Cards

Decorate a flat of succulents and make homemade cards to deliver to local nursing homes (coordinated by Deb Blatt)

Email SocialActionTINR@gmail.com if you are interested or have an idea for a project.

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, (917) 348-2301, Mia Egelberg: miaegelberg@gmail.com, (914) 629-2794, or SocialActionTINR@gmail.com

TI SHOPS

Temple Israel Shops continues as our congregant volunteers shop weekly. 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.

Although orders have decreased significantly, the plan is to continue to shop for as long as we have orders and the volunteers.

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

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New Rochelle, New York, 10804
Attn: Social Action/Pen Pal Program



Temple Israel of New Rochelle

In other news...

- HOPE is opening a **Kosher Food Pantry** on April 15th. The pantry is mobilizing volunteers to help support its operational efforts. Volunteer drivers are needed to support the senior/homebound population. While the pantry is in New Rochelle, it will serve people throughout Westchester County. Households from the River towns and farther north have already registered.

At this moment, the pantry is looking to sign people up for volunteer shifts in May and then evaluate long term needs.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2awprbnr> to volunteer

To learn more visit:

<https://www.hopecommunityservices.org/hope-kosher-pantry/>

- **Hearts and Homes for Refugees** – Are you interested in learning more about how to support legislation welcoming refugees in Westchester County? Contact Amy Ecker to be connected with Hearts and Homes for Refugees and how you can support their efforts.

Contact Amy Ecker at amybrose@gmail.com, or (917) 348-2301.

Brotherhood Sisterhood

Light at the End of the Tunnel

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.

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.

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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We are hoping that there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will all be able to gather again soon!

Sisterhood and Brotherhood just held a socially distanced, outdoor movie night on Saturday May 1. We showed the movie *The Mamboniks*, about Jewish dancers who fell in love with the mambo craze of the 1950s/60s. Thank you to Brotherhood for co-sponsoring this event with us.

On April 25, Sisterhood held our annual Common Read event via Zoom. The book was **The Innocent Bystander** and we were fortunate to have the author Julie Salamon join us. She led a fantastic discussion which was interesting and informative. We thank Rabbi Hirsch for arranging this and for moderating.

As always, if there is programming you would like to see, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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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

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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.

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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.

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