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## The Snowbirds are Back!

Have you come back from your winter home in the sun? 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 2021-2022

Join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2021-2022 year.

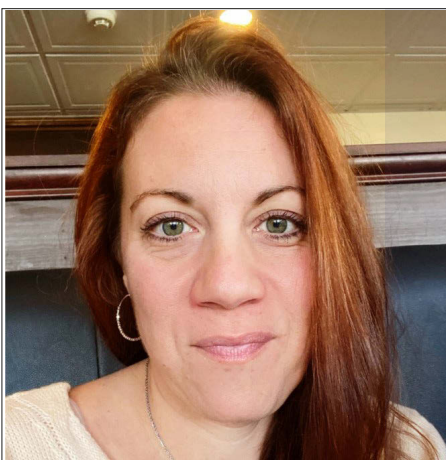
Visit [www.tinr.org/donate](http://www.tinr.org/donate) to see the options to help guide you in your pledge as you reflect upon what Temple Israel means to you, and to our wider community.

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**WELCOME!**

Please welcome **Jennifer Pennucci**, the new Kehillah School Director, to Temple Israel.

You can reach her by email: [JenPennucci@tinr.org](mailto:JenPennucci@tinr.org), or call her at the Kehillah general number: (914) 637-3808.

Welcome, Jen! See her first article as Director on p. 12!

## Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for the September/October Temple Topics will be **Sunday, August 8th**.

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# Sympathy

## Sending condolences

- Paul Betts, on the loss of his wife, Jayne Betts
- John Reiches & June Streisand, on the loss of their beloved friend, Edward Bradley III
- Adam Sobel, on the loss of his father, Charles Aaron Sobel
- Robin Maccabee, on the loss of her step-father, Edward Silverman
- Sid Lapidus, on the loss of his brother, Marty Lapidus
- Arthur and Mitchell Ostrove, on the loss of their aunt, Eileen Ostrove
- Ellen Egan, on the loss of her aunt, Leah Weinrauch
- Jacquie Brecher, on the loss of her grandfather, Frank Jordan

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

# Mazal Tov

## to...

- Miriam & David Fridovich, "as they begin the 75th year of their most wonderful marriage."
- Charles & Elaine Satuloff, on their 70th Wedding Anniversary
- Rich & Caroline Alter, on their 25th Wedding Anniversary
- Ellen & Lee Meiner, on the engagement of their son Jake to Brett Mills. Ellen & Lee are "over the moon!"
- Marisa & Brian Edwards, who welcomed Avery Rose Edwards who was born on May 25th, joining Alex and Sienna.
- Julia Ecker, on taking 1st place at Westlake
- Temple Israel's 12th Grade Graduates. See their names on p. 10
- Kehillah School's Graduates celebrating their *Seeyoom* (Graduation). See their picture on p. 12.

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

# New Members

## Welcome!

**We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!**

- Alessandrina Fretas & Bret Sanner, with their children Hudson and Dean - Kehillah Family

# High Holidays 5782•2021

## Prepare for the High Holidays

During the month of Elul, **August 9 - September 6, 2021**, Jewish tradition instructs us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the High Holidays and begin the work of repentance. In order to enable our entire community to take part in the spiritual work of Elul, we will be sending out the "*e-lul*" daily email with a text, prayer, or poem to help us get in the right frame of mind for the holidays.

*Hope you find them inspirational and thoughtful!*

### Upcoming High Holiday Dates, Events, and Celebrations for your reference

#### S'litchot

*Saturday, August 28*

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

*Monday, September 6 (Yes. It's Labor Day!)*

#### Rosh Hashanah

*Tuesday, September 7 - Wednesday, September 8*

#### Cemetery Memorial Service (Sharon Gardens)

*Sunday, September 12*

#### Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)

*Wednesday, September 15*

#### Yom Kippur

*Thursday, September 16*

#### Erev Sukkot

*Monday, September 20*

#### Sukkot

*Tuesday, September 21*

#### Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

*Tuesday, September 28*

*More details in the September/October Temple Topics, weekly eblasts, and printed Holiday brochure due to be released end of July.*

*Please open and read all for the latest on days, times, and COVID protocol.*





# From the President

## Our New President

### Greetings!

With summer, 2021 comes many very positive changes here at Temple Israel. We greet the summer with a new senior rabbi whom you will all get to meet, a new Educational Director for Kehillah as we bring it in-house, a fully subscribed enrollment at Camp Pinebrook, expanded responsibilities for Rebecca, and Bylaws and governance changes approved at our congregational meeting.

This month I am truly honored and privileged to step into the role as President of our Board of Trustees. The faith put in me leaves me humbled. I am grateful to Rich for his leadership through these last trying years and for his willingness and ability to tackle tough and sometimes controversial issues. He, along with the Executive Committee (EC) and the rest of the Board, has put the temple on a more stable footing for years to come.

The commitment to temple life for my wife, Dianne, my family and me started long ago. I was consecrated here at TINR in the early 60's when my parents joined. I grew up here through our religious school both on Webster Ave (where mine was the last B'nei Mitzvah) and here on Pinebrook Boulevard. I was a member of TIFTY and continued through confirmation. Di and/or I have served on several Temple Committees over the years including several Search Committees, the Worship Committee, the College Committee, and the House and Grounds Committee. All three of our children went through our religious school, TIFTY, confirmation and high school. My daughter, Rachel, went on to become a Rabbi. She currently serves as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, IL. My wife has been a Sisterhood member while I have served as Brotherhood President and have been an Honorary member of our Board for several years. There's more and I'm happy to fill you in when we talk.

I want to enthusiastically thank last year's members of the Executive Committee (EC) for all of their devotion of time and effort on behalf of our Temple, and, in particular, three who have completed their time on the EC: namely Sally Meisner, Jennifer Goldman and Jamie Deutsch. This year's EC is seeing a slight decrease in size as more emphasis will be put on the responsibilities of the Board as a whole.

### Executive Committee 2021-2022:

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I urge you to reach out to any one of us with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have.

Although we and the rest of our world are beginning to return to a pre-covid normal, we aren't fully there yet. One thing this past year has taught us is the importance of having and maintaining non-in-person services and events. Plans are for this year's High Holiday Services to be in-person while maintaining the on-line option for those who are unable to attend. The dynamic of what is to be offered seems to be ever evolving and we will keep you informed. Our plans are constantly being made and revised with the guidance of the Temple's COVID Task Force, our Clergy and Senior Staff, as well as direction from the CDC and State and County Boards of Health.

I look forward to seeing and speaking to everyone in person, on Zoom, or by phone over the next several months as we all begin to regain comfort in being with others we've missed for too long.

Have a great summer.

Brian Heaps,  
Temple President

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesdays, May 19 and June 23, 2021 May 19, 2021 (Virtual)

Rabbi Hirsch highlighted the various programming, connections and opportunities available at Temple between Passover and Shavuot. B'nai mitzvot at the Temple resumed in person. Confirmation was also held in-person, which was a great celebration. High school graduation and the 2021 virtual gala are upcoming events.

Rabbi Hirsch thanked Cantor Schloss, Anita Aronoff, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Jesse Gallop, and the entire professional and support staff for their partnership and dedication.

Thanks to the Board and the Executive Committee for its commitment. Rabbi will provide her interim report at next week's Board meeting.

Anita Aronoff introduced Jen Pennucci, Kehillah's new director, who joins us with 20 years of experience in early childhood education. On July 1, Kehillah will transition to our in-house operated program.

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Rich Alter discussed the transition task force to welcome Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum.

Rich encouraged attendance at the high school graduation service, which provides a great sense of pride.

On May 26, a board meeting will be held. Rabbi Hirsch will present her interim report. We will vote on the budget.

The COVID task force has been advising the Temple. The guidance keeps changing from various levels of government. We will continue to wear masks inside. We will take a day by day approach, as we have been for months, and will follow science.

The Governance Committee presented its work and related changes to the Bylaws. One major focus area was succession planning for the role of president. The Committee focused on clarification of roles among the Executive Director, President, and Board.

Kenny Handelman and Marilyn Morris were voted to be recommended to congregation as Trustees commencing July 1, 2021.

Presentation of 2021-2022 Budget

## June 23, 2021 (In Person and Virtual)

The Cantor reported that the last B'nei Mitzvah of spring has occurred, but it's still a busy time preparing for camp (videos, music, and materials). The clergy is participating with Rebecca Elkus-Ferst in the new Kehillah program, confirmation classes, and Chavaya. The Cantor is already meeting with Rabbi Jay about High Holidays, Confirmations, etc. Cantor will miss the July 9th service and the cantorial soloist will be leading services. Shabbat Shabeach is on Friday, August 13th.

Richard Alter read remarks from Rabbi Hirsch. Rabbi Hirsch thanked the Board and our sacred work. She thanked the Board for the

support and partnership that was forged. She also thanked the congregation for the beautiful goodbye Shabbat and commented how good it was to be in-person.

Rich thanked Jen Goldman for her service and exemplary work covering the difficult job as secretary to the board.

Rich reflected on the past two challenging years. He expressed that we accomplished a lot and the amount and type of work was unprecedented. He commented that we went through major changes yet maintained a talented and devoted staff at Temple Israel. He mentioned how amazing it is to have such long-tenured staff.

With COVID there were many meetings—closing campus, temporary leaves, and re-opening. All of this in addition to dealing with COVID in our lives.

Everyone should feel very good about the work we have done, such as bringing Kehillah in-house. The

amount of work it has taken from Marjorie Ostrove, Laurie Dubner, and Anita Aronoff. There will be hiccups, but this change is about the longevity of Kehillah. Or the number of hours put in for two rabbi searches. Huge debt to those on the committees. Thanks to the transition team and governance task force. On a personal note Rich thanked the Board for letting him serve.

Proposal to amend Rebecca Elkus-Ferst's job title to reflect the scope of her expanded responsibilities more accurately. The proposed title of Director of Education: Youth & Families was unanimously accepted.

Ratification of emergency expense – Temple Israel was notified by the Fire Inspector that the fire doors in Forbes did not meet code. Further, we were restricted from using the space for gatherings prior to repair. Rich Alter approved the expenditure of \$11,500 from Land, Building & Capital for immediate repairs, subject to section 7.2 of our by-laws.

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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](mailto: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)  
Sid & Ruth Lapidus  
Carol & Arthur Ostrove  
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove  
David & Ronnie Parker

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

**Temple Israel thanks you!**

## Our New Rabbi

### "Shalom" - from Rabbi Jay

As I write to you this first Erev Shabbat of summer, in a time of beginnings, when we celebrate and give thanks to God for having brought us through the challenges and profound concerns of this past winter, the warmth of summer elevates my heart with hope and prayer for better days to come. So, I begin my message to you with words found in this week's Torah portion, which reflect my appreciation, understanding and the majesty that is Temple Israel of New Rochelle, "How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob; your dwelling places, O Israel."

Temple Israel set the standard for Reform Judaism -- not only in Westchester -- but across our nation. This standard, upheld by generations of cherished rabbinic voices, is built upon a foundation of one hundred thirteen years that speaks of God, Torah, the Jewish people, and our mission dating back to our Matriarchs and Patriarchs: to be "A light unto the nations of the world." This is accomplished by teaching, preaching and living our message of ethical monotheism.

Therefore, my rabbinate has focused not only on how to be a Jew, but to answer the eternal question: why be Jewish. This message is at the very heart of Reform Judaism. Our faith compels us to be engaged in the process of Tikkun Olam, to be God's partners in the ongoing process of repairing our world. This message takes on greater urgency in our day, plagued not only by the COVID-19 virus, but the deadly and ever-encroaching virus of hatred, anti-Semitism, and systemic racism.

It has been my mission to teach this message of repair and renewal from generation to generation, and I am truly honored and humbled to see its beauty illuminated by Temple Israel's magnificent spiritual home, and in your individual homes. This is the legacy I will be privileged to share and will have the responsibility of perpetuating and building upon as your Rabbi, having been given the high honor to serve you.

So that this message may be heard and taken to heart, it is necessary to build meaningful relationships. How does this take place between a congregation and its Rabbi? By showing up; by being present for all the members of your congregation in times of both anxiety and festivity, not only for the mandatory shiva call or hospital visit, but day by day when a phone call, a sincere smile, or a reassuring conversation will help to soothe a fear, offer courage and comfort, or even give hope and healing to a shattered heart.

Yes, by giving of myself -- having been shown by my beloved wife, Amy, of blessed memory -- not only how to serve, but also love and embrace my congregation, I have received the profound reward knowing that my life made a difference in the lives of God's children at every age and life-stage.

This is devotion to the Holy. This is what it means to be a pulpit Rabbi. This is what it means to be a Jew. This is what it means to serve those who serve God.

Jay Rosenbaum  
Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel

### Meet Rabbi Jay, and Continue the Journey

Several weeks ago we read parashah Bamidbar, the Torah portion where Moses sends 12 spies into the land of Canaan to see what kind of land the Israelites would be entering, and what the people who lived there were like. Ten of the spies were frightened of what the future held and returned to Moses with tales of horrible giants. Two spies, Caleb and Joshua, had faith in G-d and told Moses why the land was an exceedingly good land and would flow with milk and honey.

Why do we, the Rabbi's Transition Committee, start with this? Because one of the primary lessons in Bamidbar is the importance of focusing on the future. Bamidbar teaches us that the Israelites' constant looking back at what was, instead of envisioning a future of what could be, doomed an entire generation to wander the desert rather than enjoy the Land of Milk and Honey.\*\* Our goal is to help our Congregation focus on all that we can be and hasten our Congregation's collective journey to a happier, more blessed experience.

We invite you to venture forward with us. We have begun to plan introductory "Meet and Greets" with Rabbi Jay at the homes of various congregants. If you want to host a Meet and Greet, or attend one, please contact one of the three of us. We have been tasked with helping ease the Congregation through this new journey and want and need your input to do so in the best way possible. Please share your thoughts, concerns and ideas with us as to how we can better move forward.

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Rabbi's Transition Committee

\*\* Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, *The Journey From is Always Easier than the Journey To.*

### Happy Summer!

The calendar, the progression of weeks, months, and the season, plays a vital role for all of us, both as Jews and as Americans. As of the day I am writing this, Summer has begun (June 20th this year). And of course, Summer began unofficially before that on Memorial Day. Despite January 1st being New Year's Day, for many of us the year begins after Labor Day. This year, Labor Day happens to coincide directly with Rosh HaShanah, "The Jewish New Year." I put that in quotes because even within our Jewish tradition there are actually four different "New Years." Fittingly, the Torah tells us that Rosh HaShanah falls on the first day of the seventh month, *Tishrei*. The first month is actually *Nisan*, the month of Passover. Phew!

While the secular calendar is solar—365 days long marking one full trip of the Earth around the sun—most would consider the Jewish calendar to be lunar. Months literally mean "moons," or one full lunar cycle of new moon to full moon back to new moon. The Jewish calendar is indeed centered around this lunar cycle. *Rosh chodesh*, the first of each new month, is considered a minor festival day in Jewish tradition. But the Jewish calendar is actually not entirely lunar. Recognizing the practicality and truth of a solar year, the Jewish year is lunisolar, both Lunar and Solar. While the months are lunar, the year is kept roughly aligned with the solar calendar. This prevents us from celebrating the harvest festival of Sukkot in the Spring, or the Spring festival of freedom, Passover, in the Fall. Unlike the secular calendar which adds an extra day every 4 years (for the most part), the Jewish calendar adds an entire leap month. Seven times out of every 19 years we enjoy an extra month of Adar, the month that contains the holiday of Purim. It's a fine choice of an extra month as our tradition tells us that when Adar comes, joy is increased!

I realize that all of these calendar details can seem arbitrary or needlessly detailed. The calendar is certainly not the only aspect of Jewish tradition that might seem overly rule-oriented. But there is a point to it all and much to be learned from the nuances of the calendar. Just as Summer is an in-between time in our secular lives, a break from routine before the beginning of the school year in the Fall, Summer also holds a special place in the Jewish calendar. Of all the annual holidays in Jewish tradition, only Tisha b'Av takes place between Shavuot in the Spring, and the high holidays in the Fall. *Tisha b'Av*, the Ninth of the month of Av, is the lowest point on the Jewish calendar, commemorating the destruction of the Temple. Traditionally, many other atrocities in our history also took place on *Tisha b'Av*. *Tisha b'Av* has become a Jewish national day of mourning.

So how does the Jewish experience of Summer compare with the secular notion of Summer? According to the Jewish

calendar, we become more introspective in Summer, moving from the celebration of the gift of Torah on Shavuot, towards the low day of Tisha b'Av. Leading to that day, we traditionally read seven haftarot of affliction, readings of the prophets which might be summed up as texts of lament and rebuke. But after Tisha b'Av we move back toward the heights of Rosh HaShanah. Three haftarot of consolation tell us, "it's okay." Continue to be introspective, to reflect and prepare for Rosh HaShanah, the birthday of the World.

Here at Temple Israel, our experience reflects both secular and Jewish Summer. Schedules change, school ends and camp begins. But rather than simply taking a break, we are reflective of the challenges of the past year. We are travelling on an arc of transition. We move to new leadership, both lay-led and Rabbinic. We look to past experiences of challenge, but we prepare for the joyous new year to come. Sometimes, a simple break from routine can help jump-start the process of preparing for what comes next. So join us for social events to meet Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, for a special service on the beach, or just take the opportunity to see one another face-to-face.

I look forward to the changes that Summer and the new year will bring, and I look forward to seeing you all again, face-to-face.

*L'shalom,*  
Randall M. Schloss  
Cantor, Temple Israel



**Celebrate Shabbat on the beach  
as the sun sets around us!**

**Friday, August 13th, Five Islands Park**

6:00 pm Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 pm Sunset service

Look for more details on [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) under "Events."  
Weather permitting.



# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah - Thank You

### Temple Fund

**Ronald & Eileen Kaplan**, in appreciation  
**Martha D. Barton**, in memory of David Barton  
**Diane S. Goldstein**, in memory of Diane's mother, Grace L. Goldstein, and the observance of her yahrzeit  
**Sari Bedevian**, in honor of Rabbi Hirsch, in appreciation and with best wishes on her retirement; in honor of Debra & Robert Herschenfeld with gratitude and appreciation  
**Madalyn Lehman & Charles Selig**, in memory of Josh Greene  
**Val Etra**, in memory of Ellen Egan's aunt Leah Weinrauch; in memory of Arthur and Mitchell Ostrove's aunt, Eileen Ostrove; in memory of Edward Silverman; in memory of Charles Aaron Sobel  
**Barbara & Jerry Shefsky**, in memory of Sid Lapidus's beloved brother, Marty  
**Kenneth & Marcia Green**, in memory of George & Nettie Belkin  
**Neal Freeling**, in appreciation  
**Florence & Warren Sinsheimer**, in honor of Elaine & Charles Satuloff's 70th Wedding Anniversary  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Marty Lapidus; in honor of Charles and Elaine Satuloff on their Anniversary; in memory of Arthur and Mitchell Ostrove's aunt, Eileen Ostrove  
**Vivien & Richard Lobell**, in honor of Anita Aronoff upon her recognition at the Gala  
**Lorabeth Lawson**, in honor of Anita Aronoff upon her recognition at the Gala

### Rabbi Hirsch's Discretionary Fund

**Art Ostrove**, in honor of his wife Carol's special birthday  
**Arthur & Carol Ostrove**, in honor of Rabbi Hirsch's outstanding leadership of our congregation as interim rabbi  
**Judy & Donald Pinals**, in appreciation for Rabbi Hirsch's inspiring words each week and her humanity

### Cantor Schloss' Discretionary Fund

**Tara & Dominic Ciscione**, in honor of Jax Ciscione's Bar Mitzvah and in memory of Harry Grubman  
**Linda Capozzola**, in appreciation  
**Judy & Donald Pinals**, in appreciation for the beautiful music

### Chavaya Program Fund

**Tara & Dominic Ciscione**, in honor of Jax Ciscione's Bar Mitzvah and in memory of Max & Gladys Ruben, John & Elizabeth Ciscione, Genevieve & Edward Heinser  
**Brian & Dianne Heaps**, in honor of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst's acceptance into the Senior Educator Learning Fellowship through Pardes  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of Talya Langer and her family on the occasion of Talya becoming Bat Mitzvah

### Endowment Fund

**Nancy & Scott Wachs**, in honor of Charles and Elaine Satuloff on their Anniversary

### Gladys & Murray Goldstein Cultural Center Fund

**Sari Bedevian**, in honor of Joan and Hank Goldsmith with love, appreciation, and gratitude

### Hospitality Fund

**Sari Bedevian**, in honor of Loren Kliegerman with gratitude

### Kehillah Program Fund

**Linda Capozzola**, in appreciation  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Joyce Nowak

### Music Fund

**Ilissa Herskowitz**, in memory of beloved sister Jennifer and grandfather Irving Fisher on their yahrzeits  
**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in honor of Jeremy Klein. Thank you for sharing your gift. The recital was beautiful.

### Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Fund

**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in memory of Marty Lapidus

### Social Action Committee Fund

**Judy & Bernie Robinson**, in honor of Amy Ecker and Mia Egelberg  
**Toni & Alan Hoffman** for Mitchell Tarnopal's speedy recovery; in honor of Julia Ecker's confirmation. Congrats!; in honor of Carol Ostrove's 80th birthday  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of Mitchell Tarnopal's temple contributions & recovery; in memory of Ellen Egan's aunt Leah Weinrauch

### Temple Israel Cares

**Toni & Alan Hoffman**, in honor of Olivia Feinblum's Bat Mitzvah  
**Marji & David Karlin**, in honor of Lee Fadem's 100th birthday; in memory of Sandy Scher; in memory of Barry Feiner; in memory of Joyce Nowak  
**Sari Bedevian**, in honor of Susan & Mitchell Tarnopal with gratitude and love  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in memory of Edward Silverman; in memory of Charles Aaron Sobel  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in memory of Charles Aaron Sobel  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of Carol Ostrove's 80th birthday; in memory of Edward Silverman; in memory of Charles Aaron Sobel

### Youth Involvement Fund

**Dalia Levine & Mike Weiss**, in honor of Talya Langer and her family on the occasion of Talya becoming Bat Mitzvah





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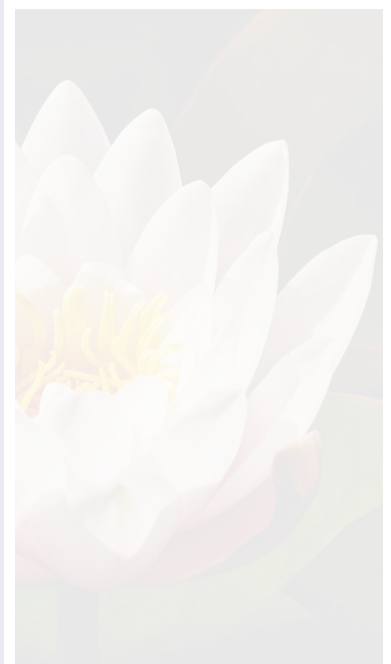
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 Mark Rosing  
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 Herb Smith  
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 Bill Weil  
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 Kali & Brendan Weinstein  
 Anna & Daniel Weiser  
 Marcy & Erik Wolf  
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 Beth Feldman  
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 & Jackie Bitterman  
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 Len & Berdie Stein





# We've Grown and We Continue!

## All You Need to Know about Chavaya for the 2021-2022 Year:

Families should have received our online registration. If you did not receive an email please reach out to Rebecca.

Group	Sunday In-Person	Tuesday *Online  **In-Person (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Thursday In-Person	Opening Date(s)
Zera'eem (K)	9:30am-12:00pm			September 19 <sup>th</sup>
Shorasheem (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	9:30am-12:00pm			September 19 <sup>th</sup>
Nitzaneem (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30am-12:00pm	4:00-6:00pm*		September 14 <sup>th</sup> & September 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ahleem (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> )		4:00-6:00pm*	4:00-6:00pm	September 14 <sup>th</sup> & September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Aytzeem (7 <sup>th</sup> )		6:30-8:00pm**	4:00-6:00pm**	September 9 <sup>th</sup> (Torah Corps) & September 14 <sup>th</sup>
High School 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		6:30-8:00pm**		September 14 <sup>th</sup>

\*Participants in Nitzaneem and Ahleem will work in a small group (1 educator/2 participants) for an individualized 20-30 minute online Hebrew session. Time slots will be assigned to families at the end of August.

\*\*Participants in Aytzeem attend alongside our 8th-12th graders for dinner (6:30-7:00 pm) followed by programming from 7:00-8:00 pm. When a 7th grader is preparing for B'nei Mitzvah, they will also attend our B'nei Mitzvah training program, "Torah Corps," on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 pm. Individual schedules for each child will be communicated to families by Andi Rosenthal, the Lifecycle Coordinator, at [AndiRosenthal@tinr.org](mailto:AndiRosenthal@tinr.org)

## Mazal Tov to Temple Israel 12th Grade Graduates!

We wish to extend a hearty Mazal Tov to the teens and families listed below. *B'chatzlacha* (good luck) as you pursue your next journey and always know that Temple Israel is thinking of you!

Caleb Alter	Gap year
Cary Brecher	University of Florida
Will Cohen	Binghamton University
Noa Deutsch	University of Maryland
Zoe Gottesman	Cornell University
Ryan Lipton	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Danny Long	Georgia Tech
James Luftig	Ohio State University
Matt Milstein	Tulane university
Sonia Morris	Wesleyan University
Joshua Nadorf	Manhattan College
Harry Pekats	SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry @ Syracuse
Mia Redlener	University of Colorado Boulder
Simone Rivel	Binghamton University
Hayden Roberge	Binghamton University
Stephanie Rosenberg	Boston University
Sam Rosenberg	Dickinson College
Jacob Rosenberg	Susquehanna University
Dani Saril	Syracuse University
Eden Werner	University of Vermont

## Creating Community Connections with Better Together, An Intergenerational Program

Since March 2021, a group of dedicated teens and adult congregants have been creating connections through the Better Together in a Box program. Better Together provides teens and the elderly the opportunity to connect and learn from one another. Temple Israel teens and adults participated in this program through a generous grant from the Legacy Heritage Fund.

### The group members included:

Teens: Jax Ciscone, Julia Ecker, Lila Ferrucci, Hannah Manasse, Carly Rieger, Amber Nero, Ellie Roberge, Hayden Roberge, and Jessica Shapiro.

Adults: Warren Agatston, Val Etra, Toni and Alan Hoffman, and Cantor Helene Reps

### What the Participants said about the program:

#### From our teens:

"I've learned to appreciate time from my buddy. COVID has taken time from everyone but you realize how valuable time is at an older age and my buddy has conveyed that to me."

"I have learned that it is important to be true to yourself and to live life to the fullest."

#### From our adults:

"Better Together" gave us an opportunity to connect socially and intellectually with teenagers at our temple. We learned through conversations, games, and creative activities how they experience their personal worlds and the larger world we all live in, as well as their desires and aspirations for the future. Based on our very different experiences, we transmitted our thoughts as to what they told us about themselves. It was a great pleasure to share these things with them."

## Pottery Work



## Final Session







## An Exciting Time!

What an exciting time for Kehillah as we have moved away from Bright Horizons and have now officially joined the Temple Israel community. As we begin this new chapter for Kehillah we look forward to bringing new life and excitement to the childcare program.

During the summer months we will spend time getting to know one another, settle into new routines, and make some exciting plans for the upcoming school year in September. The children and teachers will spend lots of time outside: enjoying the sunshine, exploring nature, and partaking in lots of water play.

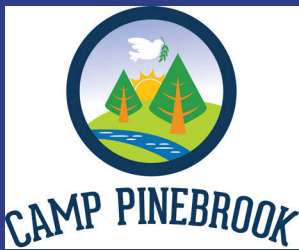
For young children, the outdoors is just as important as the classroom is for learning. Outside play helps children develop their gross motor skills, learn to problem solve, take 'safe' risks, socialize with their peers, and gain an appreciation for nature. This is an unstructured time allowing children to use their imagination, and develop their untapped endless creativity. All of these skills are an important part of a child's ongoing development as we prepare them to enter the world of Kindergarten in the coming years. We look forward to utilizing the beautiful vast outdoor space Kehillah has to practice all of these skills!

Jennifer Pennucci, M.Ed.  
Kehillah School for Early Learning  
Educational Director

### Mazal Tov Seeyoom Graduates 2021!



*You are leaving Kehillah, but going on to bigger challenges!  
Hooray!*



## A GREAT Summer this Year

Camp Pinebrook 2021 is in full swing. We are thrilled to have a record number of campers and staff this summer. The campers, ranging from ages three to eight, enjoy a full day of activities including instructional swim, free swim, sports, yoga, science, nature, drama, music, and martial arts. On Fridays we celebrate Shabbat with songs and ice cream.

It is not only the fabulous activities that make Camp Pinebrook such a special place, but it is also our message of community and belonging. Each camper and staff member is made to feel special, valuable, capable and important. We stress five values at camp: Teamwork, Respect, Encouragement, Compassion, and Community. We use these values as the basis of all interactions and any teachable moments with which we are faced. Camp Pinebrook is a place in which people feel included, loved, and cared for. We are valued for our differences and accepted for who we are inside.

It is amazing to see campers who have attended all four summers of camp. Our community of friends is a very special home. The spirit and energy of camp is strong. And it is wonderful seeing children enjoying life.

Rabbi Jesse Gallop  
Camp Pinebrook Director

# Social Action

## Your "Social Action" Continues!

We've gone through a pandemic, and some of us are still feeling the effects of this community and worldwide crisis. But Temple Israel continues to be here for you ... and the Social Action Committee continues to be active for us!

Let's continue to join together as a congregation, and as a community, and offer those in need the best of us!

Amy Ecker, Mia Egelberg  
Social Action Co-Presidents

### 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. STILL CONTINUING ON FRIDAYS

### Counting the WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

1. GET INVOLVED: SUPPORT REFUGEES, SIVs and ASYLEES THROUGH ICNAW  
(Contact: Jane Dixon, Co-Chair of ICNAW at [lilrhodie@gmail.com](mailto:lilrhodie@gmail.com)/914-370-0760, for #2 and #3 also)
2. Drive the Ghafoori children to and from camp (pick dates that work for you: July 5 – August 16. Drop-off 8:15 am (to Camp Pinebrook). Pick-up 5:00 pm (to White Plains). Play with 2-year old Yasna G. in her home in White Plains to help her learn English. Drive and accompany various members of the Ghafoori family to medical/dental appointments. For contact information see right/bottom.
3. Help move the Islah family in New Rochelle to West Haven (on July 15th). For contact information see right/bottom.
4. Join one of the standing committees: employment, housing, healthcare, education THROUGH HEARTS AND HOMES FOR REFUGEES.  
(Contact: Amy Robertson [amy@heartsandhomesforrefugees.org](mailto:amy@heartsandhomesforrefugees.org))
5. Advocate for an SIV Family. Provide remote support for the paperwork processing for individual SIV cases, in partnership with Keeping Our Promise-Rochester, who provides training.
6. Be a volunteer to deliver/pick up items such as furniture, household goods, clothing and more. All drivers welcome, and those with a van/minivan/SUV especially welcome!
7. We need an Adult ESOL Conversation Partner. Become an ESOL Tutor! Undergo an orientation training and get matched with one of our new neighbors. Volunteers and language learners set schedules, determine goals and establish the most effective means of communication. Volunteers offer ONE session per week to start but may meet more frequently if they choose.
8. Be a "Helping Hands" Person. Accept a specific case where a family has a short-term need and work with a small group to fulfill that need. THROUGH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COALITION FOR IMMIGRATION.  
Contact [jeffswarz@gmail.com](mailto:jeffswarz@gmail.com)
9. Advocate for immigration reforms and protections.
10. Promote support for your issue on social media.
11. Host speakers
12. Support other Westchester groups working to "welcome the stranger" THROUGH NEIGHBORS FOR REFUGEE  
Contact at [info@neighborsforrefugees.org](mailto:info@neighborsforrefugees.org)
13. There are numerous ways to volunteer during the year.  
For example:
  - Help during one of tag sales, clothing drives or fundraisers.
  - Become a driver to transport family members to appointments.
  - Become an ESL or school tutor.
  - Deliver donated items to families (locally and as far away as New Haven).
  - Help refugees find employment, including hiring them yourself (e.g., catering your next event).

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](mailto:SocialActionTINR@gmail.com)

#### Please feel free to reach out:

Amy Ecker: [amybrose@gmail.com](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com), (917) 348-2301  
Mia Egelberg: [miaegelberg@gmail.com](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com), (914) 629-2794  
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Dear Friends of ICNAW:

This has been a stressful quarter in some respects, and joyful in others.

On the stressful side, we at the ICNAW along with our colleagues at WJCI (Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration) have been attempting to expedite the Visa application of Fardin and Haroon's brother Farhad so that he and his family can come to America. Farhad has been trying for the past three years and his application was initially denied based on a bureaucratic error. Despite emails to the French and British Embassies in Kabul (and direct correspondence with their Ambassadors) we have had no luck in getting him out. We have also spoken out on NY NBC news.

However, Congressman Mondaire Jones (D-NY) has written a letter of support for Farhad and sent it on to the Consulate office in Kabul. No word so far.

To be frank, the treatment of 18,000 SIV's has been nothing short of abysmal. This is not just our view, but the view of dozens of organizations throughout the U.S. that are trying to get these SIV's out, e.g. No One Left Behind, Human Rights First, Veteran Organizations, Hearts & Homes for Refugees, Keeping Our Promise and many more, including General Milley, U.S. Army, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We need you, our members, to write to President Biden directly asking him to evacuate these men and their families to safety ASAP. Guam is the most likely evacuation point. Their lives are at risk, as was pointed out last Friday in an Article in the NYT (pg. A11), and in editorials in the Washington Post, and on CNN and NBC.

We recognize that you all have busy lives and have multiple organizations that you support, but Farhad and his colleagues are not leaving Afghanistan without all of us making a ruckus. Listed below are ways you can make your voices heard. We beseech you to please take the time to write a letter of support for Farhad and his fellow SIV's to the President ([whitehouse.gov/contact](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)).

On a more joyful note, Haroon and his wife Haida welcomed a new U.S. citizen into the world in early July. Khadija, new sister for Mansoor, Hadia and Yasna. Mother and father are doing well, but not getting much sleep. Haida has discovered the hula-hoop and after diligent practice for several hours has become quite good at it.

The Ghafoori children will also be attending camp this summer in White Plains. We need volunteers who can drive them to camp and return them home. If you want to volunteer (college students welcomed) and meet these adorable children, please let me or Jane Dixon know (see below).

The Islah family is moving to West Haven, CT in July. They have a cousin nearby and Gulab has a new job waiting for him. They will also be moving into a two-bedroom apartment as the family has grown with new sister Zahra who is almost a year old. Their apartment is not far from the Yale Bowl. Fall could be fun for Bulldog football fans, so think of asking Gulab and his son if you plan to attend any games.

As always, we thank you for your support and kind words.

Warm regards,

Executive Committee

Jeff R. Swarz  
Jane Dixon  
Gene Tozzi  
Alan Himmel  
Amy Ecker  
Judy Gilberg  
Terry Kung  
Howard Horowitz

Feel free to reach out to Howard Horowitz or Amy Ecker at [SocialActionTINR@gmail.com](mailto:SocialActionTINR@gmail.com) or Amy at 917-348-2301 with any questions or ideas about supporting our families, advocating for Farhad's family along with all the other families waiting to leave Afghanistan. You can also visit <https://www.wjci.org/> to learn more about advocating for immigration.

## Gafoor birth announcement. Time for some GREAT News!



Here is some wonderful news to share!

Khadija Ghafoori was born to proud parents, Haida & Haroon and excited brothers and sister, Mansoor, Hadia, and Yasna on Tuesday, May 4th.

Khadija weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. Mother and baby are doing great!



# 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](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com)

Mia Egelberg at 914-629-2794 or at [miaegelberg@gmail.com](mailto:miaegelberg@gmail.com)

Or [SocialActionTINR@gmail.com](mailto: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 list some of your interests. We will do our best to match you with a teen with one or more of your interests. \_\_\_\_\_

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



Temple Israel of New Rochelle

# Brotherhood Sisterhood

## And ... we're on!

BROTHERHOOD and our **Booze & Schmooze** are back and would love for you to join us at our July Beach Outing on **Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm** on the Sans Souci beach located at 77 Kensington Oval. Brotherhood will supply the food and booze but we need you to supply the schmooze. All men are welcome. Please bring a lawn chair and if you want to smoke one we invite you to bring a cigar too.

The parking lot located at 77 Kensington Oval can accommodate a number of cars but you can also easily park on the street.

If you think you may join us please call, text, or email Mitchell or Todd to let us know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Todd Pekats  
Mitchell Tarnopal  
Brotherhood Co-Presidents



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Brotherhood Co-President



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(914) 552-1566  
Brotherhood Co-President

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in our events this year. We appreciate your support. As the pandemic hopefully draws to a close, we look forward to being together in the near future.

Due to the success of our movie night in May, we are planning a Sisterhood mini film series. We are hoping to show a movie in early fall.

As always, please be in touch with us and let us know if there are any events you would like us to hold.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Have a great summer!

Janet Frey  
Jennifer Herbst  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



**Janet Frey**  
*janetdubiefrey@gmail.com*  
Sisterhood Co-President



**Jennifer Herbst**  
*jsherbst@yahoo.com*  
Sisterhood Co-President



## Brotherhood Booze & Schmooze on the Beach Wednesday, July 14th

*More details at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org)  
under "Events."*

*Please call, text, or email Mitchell  
or Todd to RSVP.*

*Board Minutes - continued from p. 5*

Ratification of withdrawal from Hirschenhorn Fund. The Board must vote to approve the withdrawal of \$2,500 from the fund, of the \$20,000 previously approved by the Hirschenhorn Committee.

### **Vote to approve new slate of officers**

Brian Heaps-President  
Rich Alter-Past President  
Marjorie Ostrove-Exec VP  
Dan Pomerantz-VP  
Adam Egelberg-Secretary  
Carolyn Dudek-Secretary

Board Approval of Committee Chair changes  
Dan Pomerantz is stepping down from COVID Taskforce and Marilyn Morris is stepping on as co-chair

August 11 is the next board meeting.

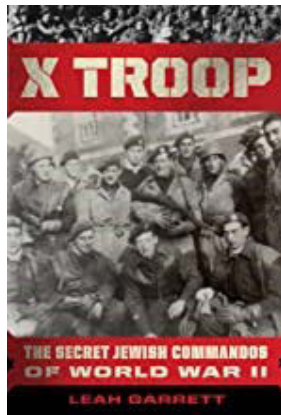
## Summer is for Reading!



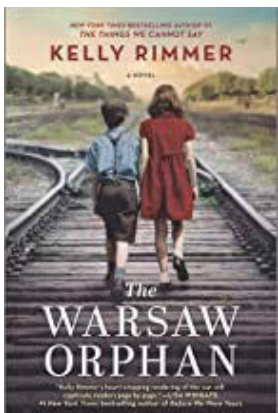
### Watch For These New Titles!



**Last Summer at the Golden Hotel**, by Elyssa Friedland



**X Troop: The Secret Jewish Commandos of WWII**, by Leah Garrett



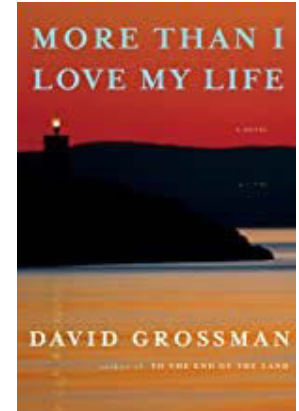
**The Warsaw Orphan**, by Kelly Rimmer



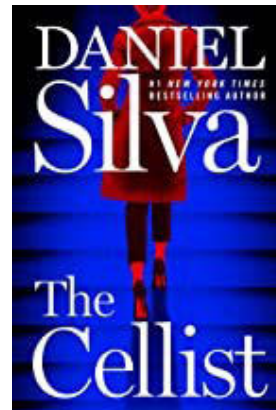
**The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem & the Jinni**, by Helene Wecker



**The Forest of Vanishing Stars**, by Kristin Harmel

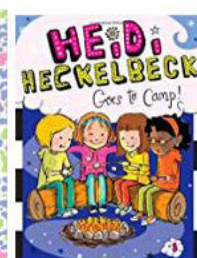
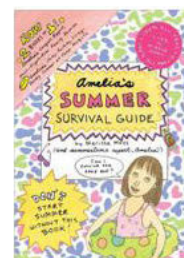
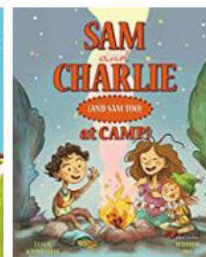
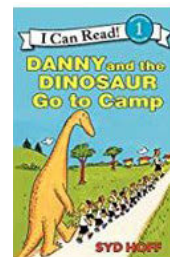


**More Than I Love My Life**, by David Grossman



**The Cellist** (Gabriel Allon book 21), by Daniel Silva

### Summer reading for the kids:



Lots more to request from our online catalog at:  
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# 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.

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### 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.

**Music Fund** – To support musical programs and the 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.

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Join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2021-2022 year. Visit [www.tinr.org/donate](http://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!

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