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The deadline for the  
 January/February  
 Temple Topics will be  
 Sunday, December 12th.

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# Sympathy

- Nina & David Cannon, on the loss of Nina's mother, Ruthe Ledis
- Dr. Marcia Nackenson, on the loss of her mother, Yvette Nackenson
- Henry, Nancy and Freddy Kaufmann, on the loss of their wife and mother, Barbara Kaufmann
- Darin & Beth Feldman, on the loss of Darin's stepfather, John Giles
- Roy Markell & Judy Siegal on the loss of Roy's father, Richard Markell
- Dr. Lindsey Scharfman on the loss of her father, Dr. Abraham Sokol

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

# New Members

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

- Sarah & Andrew Grabel, with their children, Layla and Dylan
- Michael & Monica DiLorenzo, with their children, Michael, Monica, and Eleanor
- Molly Broder & Ed Poli, with their children, Daniel and Elizabeth
- Les & Irene Martin
- Jessica Weinstein & Joshua Harper, with their children, Joshua, Jessica, and Meritt
- Barbara Kurtis

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# Mazal Tov

- Donna & Andy Rabin, in honor of Stuart Rabin & Gena Ross' marriage
- Special Birthday Blessings for Cantor Helene Reps, Val Etra, and Mia Egelberg
- Jessica Shapiro, who started a free tutoring service "Quaranteen Tutors" which helps elementary and middle schoolers with subjects like science, math, English, social studies, art, Spanish, and Mandarin. *Check out details on [www.quaranteen-tutors.com](http://www.quaranteen-tutors.com)*

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

## Make a Membership Pledge for 2021-2022

Join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can in the coming 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!

## Snowbirds

Are you leaving for the Winter? Give us a call to let us know so "Temple Topics" can find you! We don't want you to miss anything from Temple Israel.



# CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS SAVE THE DATES!

### Friday, November 12th

Launch of the Giving Tree (sponsored by Social Action Committee) to stay in the spirit of Chanukah.  
*Details to follow.*

### Monday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 1st

6:00 pm Brotherhood Latkes & Vodkas

### Friday, December 3rd

5:30 pm Kehillah Chanukah Party

6:00 pm Special Community Shabbat / Chanukah Celebration



# From the President

## "The 'Nones'"



For several years now, "The 'Nones'" have been written about in many publications. These articles referred to something we all are painfully aware of: Namely, most organized religion is losing membership/participation. So what can we do as a Reform Jewish congregation to stop or slow the slide of people away from us? Understand that this is a separate (but related) question as to how do we attract NEW congregants.

First, we need to understand that Nones are not of a particular age group; Nor do they have similar backgrounds in education, wealth, or most readily definable common denominators. Some are active in social causes, some are not.

If religious organizations are going to thrive in the future, all must find the means to attract these Nones to them - or - back to them. This includes Temple Israel of New Rochelle. This isn't necessarily a dire prediction, but one we must thoughtfully think through. Our thinking of what attracts and keeps future members must be constantly re-evaluated.

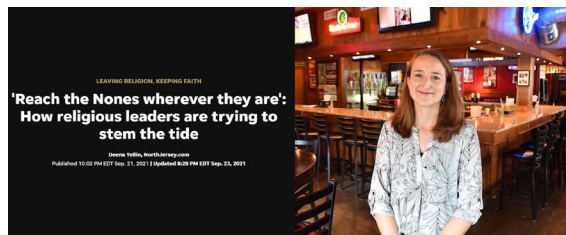
Over the next several months, I intend to gather a group of congregants who are willing and able to ask tough questions not just of ourselves but of those who have chosen to non-affiliate. I'll ask the group to, initially, come up with questions, more than answers. I hope that as we begin to re-evaluate who we are, that maybe, just maybe, we are willing to alter some part of our future course that will both enable ourselves to not only maintain our current identity, but expand it so that the Nones might be at least willing to consider to re-establish ties with organized religion, and TINR in particular.

Like those of many congregations, Temple Israel's future depends on our ability to envision the future home of our families culturally, socially, and spiritually. I invite you to reach out to me if you'd like the challenge of facing this quest together. You can reach me at [blheaps@gmail.com](mailto:blheaps@gmail.com) and volunteer your thoughts and time. The future of Temple Israel is up to us all, and as much as you're counting on me, I'm counting on you.

For more information, please see these two recent articles:



[www.tinyurl.com/1in4Nones](http://www.tinyurl.com/1in4Nones)



[www.tinyurl.com/reach-Nones](http://www.tinyurl.com/reach-Nones)

Brian Heaps, Temple President

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 22, 2021

The financial report highlight was that Temple Israel has a surplus from the camp and operating surplus will be returned to the endowment. Rabbi Jesse explained that the surplus was a combination of lower costs and higher revenues than were expected. The Board thanked Jesse for a successful summer with no COVID cases and happy campers.

The Executive Director reported that membership has declined this year and that these changes are being discussed. We will continue a healthy discussion to address these changes. The Board voted on 19 resignations and 10 new member units. Other synagogues are experiencing similar decline due to COVID and TINR will continue to monitor and address these changes. We will be looking at programing to address the lingering effects of COVID and to start small programs such as Brotherhood Bourbon & Bible.

Rabbi Jay's words of inspiration reflected on the remarkable members of TINR, the professionalism of Cantor Schloss and Rebecca Elkus-Ferst that is unsurpassed and how Anita is the glue that keeps us together. He highlighted Social Action's work to help get a mother and her children out of Afghanistan. He also commented on the impressive programs, such as that for Chavaya. He added, "This is a remarkable temple. A sense of security and stability will come...I hope the congregants will be as proud of me as I am proud to be their rabbi."

Brian also explained that emergency expenses were incurred due to remnants of Ida. The basement classrooms and storage needed to be cleaned to avoid mold and further damage. The work was satisfactorily completed. An application has been sent to receive remuneration from FEMA.

He also reminded the board that everyone received their request for pledge commitments, and that almost all active board members have made their pledges. He urged all temple members to give what they can and to also pay membership dues in whatever amount is possible.

Brian announced that Liz Weingast will address revisiting the mission statement and a vision statement to create something new.

Brian reported on the High Holidays services in the tent and that the services were very well received. Comments from congregants were overwhelmingly favorable.

Temple Israel Cares, as part of the High Holidays Appeal, received \$1,800.

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## Rabbi's Note

# As We Welcome Thanksgiving and Chanukah...



Our holiday of Chanukah provides us with lessons to take to heart as we encounter the New Year. It has been said that the world is warmer and brighter between December and January than it is between January and December. The reasons are obvious. December is the month of giving and of religious and secular celebrations. For World Jewry, it is the time of the year when we celebrate Chanukah, our joyous holiday of lights. In fact, this year, no sooner will we have finished eating the Thanksgiving leftovers, on Black Friday, we begin our quest for those perfect gifts for our children and grandchildren. The joy of giving and the reward of seeing happy children as they unwrap their gifts is the essential theme of Chanukah. That being said, let us not lose sight of the main message of our festival of lights as reflected in the central personalities of the Chanukah saga, the Maccabees. In addition to transmitting a message of heroism, their valiant war against tyranny, seemingly against insurmountable odds, provides us with direction in addressing the challenges of our day.

The first lesson we learn is resolve and commitment to cause. This is a most important lesson as American Jews are facing an unprecedented rise in anti-Semitism. The most recent audit of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States by the ADL, recorded more than 2,100 acts of assault, vandalism, and harassment, an increase of 12 percent over the previous year. This is the greatest number of anti-Semitic incidents since the ADL began tracking these heinous occurrences in 1979. This year's statistic is comprised of five fatalities, and ninety-one physical assaults against Jews. Furthermore, since the 2018 ADL report on anti-Semitism and social media showed that there were 4.2 million anti-Semitic tweets were shared and re-shared on Twitter over a twelve-month period, I have no doubt, given the unprecedented upswing in anti-Semitic assaults of every kind, that the number has increased exponentially.

Just as the ADL is tracking each of these incidents, closer to home, the UJA-Federation of New York has dedicated significant resources to securing our synagogues and other Jewish institutions. While this can and does provide us with a sense of security, it is a tragic fact that we must devote communal resources to ensure our day to day safety. But let us take heart in knowing that we are not helpless; that the status quo need not be accepted nor a portent for the future. We must not only rely upon our Jewish organizations and elected officials, but we as congregations and as individuals must take steps on our own to change the present environment. Let us begin by confronting hate with love, despair with hope and prejudice by promoting understanding and respect. Most importantly, we must build bridges of understanding between the diverse members of our

community and be champions in the cause of Jewish unity. The second lesson of the Maccabees to take to heart is keeping faith with ourselves, most especially when we encounter setbacks, obstacles, and reverses in life. Remember, the Maccabees, in addition to their victories, had their defeats. Yet, they stayed the course and won the day.

Finally, the Maccabees teach us the importance of having faith in God and expressing that faith in one's daily life. We at Temple Israel are blessed with a spiritual home that reflects our connection to the glorious odyssey and indelible imprint of the Jewish people, who have written and transformed world history for the better. Added to that, is the *neshama* – our collective soul – enriched one by the other, which connects us to the Holy One we call Adonai. As the Maccabees were one family, united in a common cause, so too do we stand united as one Temple Israel family, committed to our present and building for the future. The Maccabees' first act after winning the war against Antiochus IV was rededicating the Temple and rekindling the Menorah, symbolizing hope, life, and faith in God as God's Eternal People, a light unto the nations of the World.

On behalf of my family and myself, from our home to yours, from heart to heart, we wish you a New Year of health, happiness and fulfillment. A New Year in which we are armed with the courage, resolve, and faith of the Maccabees, and where we bring the light of love and warmth into our homes, community, and nation dispelling the darkness of the past. A New Year when God bestows upon us his choicest blessings and upon all his children, the gift of Peace.

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum



# Cantor's Note

## Connecting Chanukah with Thanksgiving



Way back in 2013, you may remember that we celebrated “Thanksgivukah,” with Chanukah falling so early that year that it coincided with American Thanksgiving. Actually Thanksgiving most closely resembles our holiday of Sukkot, but I digress! I am grateful that the Jewish calendar will never be so completely out of sync with the secular calendar to allow for Sukkot and Thanksgiving to align. In any case, this year we don’t quite have “Thanksgivukah,” but almost. Chanukah begins just a few days after Thanksgiving, on the Sunday evening of Thanksgiving weekend. Remember that Rosh Hashanah began on Labor day?

If we are to celebrate Chanukah, at least during the Thanksgiving weekend, what are some possible connections? Or perhaps we can ask the more general question that the Rabbis of the Talmud ask, seemingly out of nowhere: “What is Chanukah, anyway?”

Like so many of our Jewish traditions, we have multiple sources, multiple versions. Starting right at the beginning of Torah with the story of creation, we are given a straightforward creation story. “On the first day God created light and darkness...” And then we immediately have another story of creation, very different in focus and character. Similarly, the Passover story found in the Hagadah differs greatly from the story told in Torah. Many details are similar, but there is one primary difference: In Torah, Moses is the protagonist, the hero. Moses leads his people to freedom. In the Hagadah, there is hardly a mention of Moses. Instead, God’s role is highlighted. God redeems Israel and Moses’ role is minimized.

The history of Chanukah contains a similar dichotomy. The earliest source for Chanukah, the apocryphal books of Maccabees I and II, tell us of the heroics of the Maccabees, the power of the Hasmonean dynasty. The heroes are real people, those who fought for their rights to practice their religion in the face of Greek oppressors. The Talmud, answering their general question of what Chanukah is all about, tells us a new story of the miracle of the oil: how one cruse of oil which should have lasted only one day, lasted for eight days, allowing for the light to remain lit in the destroyed Temple. It is truly a miracle from God.

Which brings us back to my original question: how can we connect Chanukah with Thanksgiving? For what or whom are we grateful? Do we thank God as the Rabbis of the Talmud suggest? Or should we remember the heroics and learn the lesson of a strong people who stood up for their beliefs despite the challenges? In true Reform tradition, I would suggest both. Judaism is truly a *brit* — a covenant. God and the Jewish people are partners, each doing their part toward *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world. Traditional Jews, the ultra-orthodox,

wait for the coming of the Messiah when the world will become a paradise. In Reform Judaism, we do not wait for the Messiah to come: through our own acts of *tz’dakah* and *g’milut chasadim* (righteous acts), we partner with God and actively work to bring the messianic age to our world.

So this Chanukah, we can certainly be grateful for God’s power in our lives. We celebrate God’s miracles through beautiful traditions of lighting the menorah, eating latkes and singing joyous music. We also remember the great power and heroism of real people in our history, and we continue their work today and every day. I am grateful that our tradition inspires us to act.

Happy Thanksgiving. Happy Chanukah.  
*Chag Urim Sameach* (Happy Festival of Lights)

Cantor Randall Schloss

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Temple Israel Cares has sent Welcome Kits to new members, assisted those in need due to the remnants of Tropical Storm Ida, and distributed 12 shiva bags and 4 baby blankets. Toni Hoffman and Berdie Stein thanked all of those who have helped.

Brian reiterated that it is imperative that we act as a family; if you see someone in need, tell someone, don’t assume it is known.

New interim Board members: Amy Ecker and Sharon Gorman were unanimously approved to serve out the terms of two members that resigned.

**Committee Reports:** Paul Warhit, on behalf of the Israel Action Committee, submitted a report to the board as required, and Howard Horowitz will submit his report of the Advocacy Committee next month.

**COVID Taskforce:** Marilyn Morris chair of the COVID Taskforce, explained that for the High Holidays, the COVID Taskforce unanimously decided on advising for masking outdoors since we would be in large numbers, close proximity, and singing. The Taskforce still advises masking indoors. They also advise that proof of vaccines was not required outside of High Holidays’ large gatherings. At the moment, the Taskforce in regards to activities outdoors, does not have a recommendation for or against masking.

The Board voted to continue the masking requirements for indoor activities per the taskforce’s advice.

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Brian Heaps discussed that in the past the *tzedakah* box in the temple lobby was to be used by the Social Action Committee. He proposed that the funds be shared by both Social Action and Temple Israel Cares. Both could determine how those funds are used. The vote was unanimously approved.

Sharon Gorman was unanimously approved as the new Membership Committee Chair.

The Board will also be working on ways to reach out to congregants.

**Good and Welfare:** With the help of Rabbi Jay and others, a brother and wife of a new American, were able to get out of Afghanistan. Congratulations to Rebecca Elkus-Ferst and the very successful apple picking event during the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 20, 2021

The rabbi began with an inspirational message that we pray God inspire us and that we feel the presence of the Holy One within us.

Adam Egelberg presented the Treasurer's report and was pleased to announce that we are \$240,000 ahead of budget. A successful camp season and an anonymous donation account for the surplus.

Adam presented a revised 2022 budget showing that we are moving from deficit to surplus. The underlying financial support for Temple Israel has turned around. We are pacing ahead of last year in donations, especially since Temple Israel Cares and Social Action committee actions during COVID were much appreciated.

The projected surplus is \$136,593 and according to decisions last year will be repaid to the endowment.

The board unanimously approved acceptance of a directed gift which included:  
\$60,000 to fix up entrance driveway to synagogue  
\$10,000 for a study to put up a sound barrier fence  
\$15,000 to offset tent rentals

Executive director Anita Aronoff acknowledged the significance and joy that this was the first board meeting where all attendees were in the building together. At this time 76% of pledge commitments are in, and by December usually 90% are submitted. We are on track to get to 90% by December; moving in same trajectory as we have done in the past.

Anita also stated that clergy and staff will continue outreach in conjunction with the membership committee and its new chair, Sharon Gorman.

The High Holiday appeal brought in \$13,000, not including the funds donated to Temple Israel Cares. The temple was not planning on receiving funds from guest tickets since we were not sure we'd have services in person, but in the end we received more revenue on guest tickets than expected.

Temple also came in \$13,000 over budget for the High holidays.

President Brian Heaps circulated signup sheets for Board member representation at Bnai mitzvahs. As board members it

is important that we share in these celebrations and welcome guests to the temple.

Brian also reiterated that membership is also about getting people involved in our community and he shared a news article about "The Nones"—why people are not affiliated with religious organizations and their need to for civic and social engagement in its place. He discussed the need for greater inclusion, which is being addressed in the diversity and Inclusion committee and to plan for the future of membership five to ten years from now.

On November 12, Rabbi Jay has secured David Gill from the German Consulate to speak on the anniversary of Kristallnacht. David Gill is a senior official that has been a strong ally heading the Jewish desk in Germany and served as chief of staff to the President of Germany.

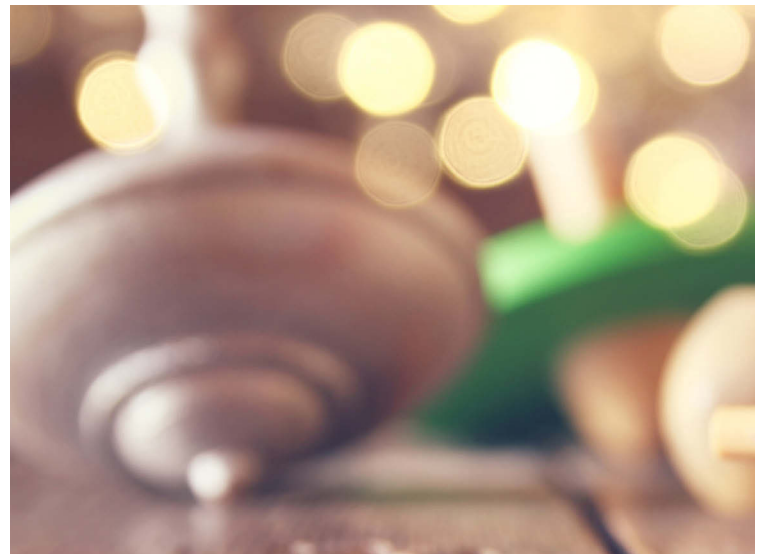
### Committee Reports:

Toni Hoffman delivered the Temple Israel Cares report and stated that the committee consists of 12 TINR members and that they continue to deliver gift bags to new members, shiva bags and baby blankets to our newest members.

Laurie Dubner gave the camp report and explained that Camp Pinebrook is seeking to host four Shlichim, which means "emissaries", from Israel to work as camp counselors. This was done three years ago and it was a resounding success. We are looking for families to host them providing room and board. Families would only need to host one, not all four. Those that have hosted before only had positive things to say about the experience. Please let Rabbi Jesse or Laurie know if you are interested.

Ilissa Warhit was unanimously approved as the new co-chair of the Advocacy Committee

The Board also voted on a new policy utilizing the Covid Taskforce's latest recommendation. The board voted on a final proposal which was "Permission for vaccinated adults to unmask when engaging in food and drink during indoor events when in closed spaces where children are not present or permitted." The synagogue will follow this policy and the Covid Taskforce will continue to monitor the situation and continue to provide guidance. The pandemic is constantly evolving and we will continue to revisit our Covid protocols.



# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah - Thank You!

### Temple Fund

**Richard Hollender**, in memory of my mother Betty Hollender; in memory of my brother Michael Hollender  
**Chet Moss**, in memory of Florence & Tobias Moss  
**Daniel S. Rothenberg**, in loving memory of Florence & Alvin Sander  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in memory of Ruthe Ledis  
**Sally & Steve Meisner**, in honor of the wedding of Josh & Reut Warhit  
**Donna & Andy Rabin**, in honor of Stuart Rabin & Gena Ross' marriage  
**Linda Capozzola**, in appreciation to clergy, musicians, and temple staff for beautiful High Holiday services  
**Lee Fadem**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Val Etra**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Richard & Debby Rubin-Marx**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Bette & Lawrence Kahn**, in honor of Mia Egelberg's very special birthday  
**Barbara Balik**, in memory of her dear husband, Arthur; in loving memory of her beloved grandson, Andrew Paul; in memory of her dear friend, Edith Meyer; in appreciation with a big thank you to two wonderful young boys, Caleb Frey and Ben Deutsch, for their help during the flood; good wishes to Carol Balik in her new apartment  
**Constance M. Mercer & Ruth E. Danziger Fund**, in memory of Herbert & Beulah Danciger and Leslie Wander  
**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in honor and celebration of Hank Goldsmith's birthday  
**Anita Wolf**, in memory of Rose Friedman

The extended Goldsmith Family, in honor of Hank Goldsmith's birthday  
**Jennifer Grudnowski**, in memory of Richard Markell

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich**, in appreciation  
**Laurie & Jay Dubner**, in appreciation of the High Holidays  
**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in honor and celebration of Hank Goldsmith's birthday  
**Bill Weil & Elaine Weiss**, in appreciation  
**The Altabet Family**, in appreciation of Eliza Libby Altabet's baby naming

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Russell J. Handelman, Kenneth J. Handelman, Nina H. Van Dam**, in appreciation for William H. Handelman's unveiling  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in honor of TINR President Brian Heaps' Holiday Remarks  
**Donna & Andy Rabin**, in honor of Stuart Rabin & Gena Ross' marriage  
**Linda Capozzola**, thanking the Cantor for her July birthday blessing  
**Orietta Schneider** and **Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of Cantor Helene Reps' birthday and her on-going care for everyone on staff at Temple Israel all these years  
**Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich**, in appreciation  
**Laurie & Jay Dubner**, in appreciation of the High Holidays  
**The Altabet Family**, in appreciation of Eliza Libby Altabet's baby naming  
**Greta & Jeff Berenbaum**, in honor of Zachary's work on the mural for the High Holidays  
**Elaine Weiss & William Weil**, in appreciation

### Brotherhood Fund

**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in memory of Richard Markell  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Richard Markell

### Camp Pinebrook Fund

**Barbara Coleman**, for Ida relief  
**Laurie & Jay Dubner**, in appreciation, and for Jesse's hard work  
**Lynn F. Carlton Jr. and Barbara Carpenter Carlton**, in appreciation  
**Ellen & Lee Meiner**, in appreciation

### Goldstein Cultural Center Fund

**Leslie & Basil Lyden**, in honor of Richard Goldstein's 70th Birthday

### Hospitality Fund

**Heidi Shulman-Cohen & Bruce Cohen**

### Judaica Fund

**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson

### Music Fund

**Linda Capozzola**, thanks Cantor Schloss for all his hard work during our difficult times  
**Donna & Andy Rabin**, in honor of Stuart Rabin & Gena Ross' marriage  
**Laurie & Jay Dubner**, in appreciation for all Cantor Schloss's hard work  
**Thelma Fixler**, in honor of Cantor Emeritus Helene Reps' birthday

### Social Action

**Janet & John Saraceno**, in memory of Paul Barton  
**Barbara Coleman**, for Ida relief  
**Linda Capozzola**, in honor of Zachary Berenbaum's beautiful backdrop for tent services

**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of Mia Egelberg's special birthday

### Temple Israel Cares

**Carol & Arthur Ostrove**, in appreciation for Berdie Stein and Toni Hoffman preparing holiday gift bags  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, for Ida relief  
**Elaine Weiss & William Weil**, for Ida relief  
**Linda Capozzola**, for Ida relief  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in honor of the wedding of Josh & Reut Warhit  
**Toni & Alan Hoffman**, in honor of Josh & Reut Warhit's wedding celebration  
**Toni & Alan Hoffman**, for Ida flood relief  
**Jennifer Fowler**, for Ida flood relief  
**David & Amy Reinhold**, in memory of Joseph Reinhold, in honor of High Holidays  
**Tara & Dominic Ciscione**, in honor of Harry Grubman; in memory of Elizabeth Ciscione  
**Nancy & David Gavrin**, in honor of High Holidays  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in honor of TINR President Brian Heaps' High Holiday remarks  
**Laurie & Jay Dubner**, in appreciation and for all your hard work  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Toni & Alan Hoffman**, in honor of Thelma Fixler's 102nd Birthday!; in honor of Annette & Ken Stiers' new grandson, Max Stier; in honor of Mady Stier for a speedy recovery; in memory of Yvette Nackenson  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Ruthe Ledis  
**Brett Bedevian**, in appreciation  
**Val Etra**, for Ida relief



# Appreciating the High Holidays!

## Appeal

Neil & Marilyn Altabet  
Irving & Iris Ayash  
Kirk Bedevian  
Sari Bedevian  
Mitchell & Brandy Benson  
Linda Capozzola  
Charles & Barbara Coleman  
Derek & Rachel Davis  
Mary Ann DeRosa  
Jay & Laurie Dubner  
Valerie Etra  
Steven Fischthal  
Thelma Fixler  
Jennifer Fowler  
Hank & Joan Goldsmith  
Sharon Gorman  
Donald &  
Natalie Handelman  
Brian & Dianne Heaps  
Robert &  
Debra Herschenfeld  
Ilissa Herskowitz  
Alan & Toni Hoffman  
Joshua & Elaine Kaufman  
Michael & Michelle Klein  
Eric & Michelle Klemperer  
Michael Kramer  
Robert & Carol Kurzman  
Jamie & Melissa Levine  
Morris & Amy Marcus  
Steven & Sally Meisner  
Charles & Paula Miller  
Jason & Marilyn Morris  
Mark Nowak &  
Carolyn Dudek  
Arthur & Carol Ostrove  
Jonathan & Laura Perry  
Donald & Judith Pinals  
Daniel Pomerantz &  
Jacalyn Bitterman  
David & Mara Roberge  
Lloyd Robinson &  
Miki Gerblich  
Donald & Bonnie Rosenfeld  
Mark Rosing &  
Randy Zerman  
Gary & Suzanne Rothbart  
Elliot & Diane Senderoff  
Richard & Mindy Stark  
Paul & Ilissa Warhit  
William Weil & Elaine Weiss

## Scroll of Remembrance

Warren & Janice Agatston  
Mark & Cantor Susan Alcott  
Neil & Marilyn Altabet  
Franklin & Barbara Axel  
Barbara Balik  
Richard & Karen Balik  
Joel Barad & Anne Epstein  
Mitchell & Brandy Benson  
Annette Caggiano-Blick  
Maryellen Chomsky  
Larry & Susan Cohen  
Mitchell Cole &  
Margaret Kennedy Cole  
Ellen David  
Sandra DeQuatro  
Mary Ann DeRosa  
Jay & Laurie Dubner  
Jack & Ellen Egan  
David & Lisa Eichler  
Penny Eickemeyer  
Edward Emanuel  
Marcie Epstein  
Valerie Etra  
Brian & Laura Feinblum  
Richard & Cindy Feiner  
Beth Feldman  
Bernard & Helene Fishman  
David & Miriam Fridovich  
Lawrence &  
Jennifer Goldman  
Hank & Joan Goldsmith  
Richard Grayson  
Russell Handelman &  
Susan Shwartz  
Brian & Dianne Heaps  
Jeffrey & Risa Heisner  
Ilissa Herskowitz  
Kenneth & Meredith Hilton  
Alan & Toni Hoffman  
Harold & Deborah Kahn  
Elliot Kassoff &  
Bettina Blume  
Joshua & Elaine Kaufman  
Michael & Michelle Klein  
Stephen Kliegerman  
David & Lisa Lieberman  
Ira & Andrea Lippel  
Marc & Marjorie Mangot  
Leslie Martin  
Richard Marx &  
Deborah Rubin-Marx  
Bernard & Helen Miller  
Leona Newman  
Barbara Nissim  
Mark Nowak &  
Carolyn Dudek

Scott & Joanne Ornstein  
Marjorie Ostrove  
Todd & Lauren Pekats  
Donald & Judith Pinals  
Edward Pinals &  
Susan Germaine  
Daniel Pomerantz &  
Jacalyn Bitterman  
Linda Rauch  
Cantor Helene Reps  
Bernard & Judy Robinson  
Martin & Pamela Rosenberg  
Daniel DiAnni &  
Roberta Safire  
Gerald & Constance Sanders  
Steven & Jackie Saril  
Elliot & Diane Senderoff  
Jerry & Barbara Shefsky  
Heidi Siesfeld  
Len & Berdie Stein  
Jeffrey & Madeline Stier  
Kenneth & Annette Stier  
Bruce Turkle &  
Marcia Nackenson  
John & Deniese Valvano  
William Weil & Elaine Weiss  
Michael Weiss &  
Dalia Levine  
Jeffrey Wolfson

## Prayer Books

Neil & Marilyn Altabet  
Wilbert & Ina Aronow  
Mitchell & Brandy Benson  
Penny Eickemeyer  
Valerie Etra  
Gordon & Rona Perkel  
Howard Pinn & Myra Saul  
Daniel Pomerantz &  
Jacalyn Bitterman  
Charles & Elaine Satuloff  
Kenneth & Annette Stier  
Bruce Turkle &  
Marcia Nackenson  
John & Deniese Valvano  
Michael Weiss &  
Dalia Levine

## Contribution

Mark Aaron  
Chester Moss  
Mark Rosen & Dolores  
Malaspina  
Brian Stapen

## Families Donated to Social Action with Membership Pledge

Ely & Solange Bar-Ness  
Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum  
Anne Casey  
Ellen David  
Mary Ann DeRosa  
Derek & Jamie Deutsch  
Adam Egelberg &  
Mia Kirschner-Egelberg  
Saul & Lynn Fleer  
Joel & Almarie Fridovich  
Howard Horowitz &  
Alisse Waterston  
Jocelyn Kenner  
Marc & Marjorie Mangot  
Richard Marx &  
Deborah Rubin-Marx  
Steven & Sally Meisner  
Mark Nowak &  
Carolyn Dudek  
Marjorie Ostrove  
Heidi Siesfeld  
Jill Winston

## Families Donated to Temple Israel Cares with Membership Pledge

Ely & Solange Bar-Ness  
Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum  
Anne Casey  
Ellen David  
Mary Ann DeRosa  
Derek & Jamie Deutsch  
Adam Egelberg &  
Mia Kirschner-Egelberg  
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Steven & Sally Meisner  
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Carolyn Dudek  
Marjorie Ostrove  
Lloyd Robinson &  
Miki Gerblich  
Linda Samuels  
Heidi Siesfeld  
Jill Winston



## Community Shabbat ReBoot Friday, November 5th, beginning at 5:30 pm

We're celebrating Temple Israel with Kehillah, Chavaya, and Camp Pinebrook TOGETHER! Join us for community, food, music...and much more! \$18 per family; \$10 per individual.

Visit [www.tinr.org/Community-Shabbat-Reboot](http://www.tinr.org/Community-Shabbat-Reboot) to RSVP



## Sisterhood Movie Night Saturday, November 6th, 6:30 pm

"Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas" is a musical documentary about the amazing story of a group of Jewish songwriters who wrote the soundtrack to Christmas. All adults are welcome; vaccination required.

\$18 per household. FREE drinks and popcorn!

Visit [www.tinr.org/movie-night](http://www.tinr.org/movie-night) to RSVP



## Brotherhood Bourbon & Bible Tuesday, November 16th, 7:30 pm

Join Rabbi Jay and Cantor Schloss in sharing worship reflections, a little brown liquor, along with other refreshments and food. All adults are welcome; vaccination required.

RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal, Brotherhood Co-President with Todd Pekats, at [LOLG4@aol.com](mailto:LOLG4@aol.com) to accommodate food and drink.



## Chanukah with Giving Tree *See details about Chanukah on p. 3*



To stay in the spirit of Chanukah, the Giving Tree will be launched on Friday, November 12th. Leaves will be available in person and a virtual option will be available as well.

*Details to follow.*





**Kristallnacht  
Remembrance/  
Veteran's Day  
Friday, Nov 12th, 6PM  
LIVESTREAM**

A special Shabbat Service featuring David Gill, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, will deliver remarks reflecting upon the anniversary of Kristallnacht and its relationship to modern Jewish life in Germany. We will also be honoring the Veterans of Temple Israel.

*If you are a Veteran, please reach out to Andi Rosenthal at [AndiRosenthal@tinr.org](mailto:AndiRosenthal@tinr.org) to be included in this special gathering. We want to honor you!*

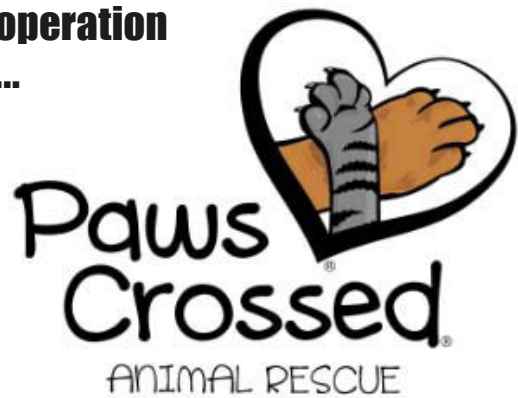


**Sisterhood Virtual Tour of the  
Jewish Museum  
Sunday, December 5th, 5 pm**

Take a "virtual" tour of the fascinating exhibit "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art" through the lens of the Jewish Museum with Sisterhood. ALL ARE INVITED! \$18.00 per screen.

Visit [www.tinr.org/jewishmuseum-sisterhood](http://www.tinr.org/jewishmuseum-sisterhood) to RSVP.

**In cooperation  
with ...**



**Pet Love ♥ & Care  
Sunday, November 14th  
11:30 am Program Start  
12:00 pm Pet Blessing**

Formerly "Pet Blessings" this blessing event of our beloved pets will partner with Paws Crossed Animal Rescue. Attend with your pet, whether a cat, dog, bird, any beloved family member. **Please also bring a donation to Paws Crossed from the "wishlist" on p. 12 in the Chavaya section.**

Paws Crossed Animal Rescue will also do a short presentation about the work they do, and will bring a canine friend to introduce to everyone. *Questions? Contact Rebecca Elkus-Ferst at [relkusferst@tinr.org](mailto:relkusferst@tinr.org)*

**World Events  
and World Jewry  
as Reflected  
Through Jewish  
Respona**

**- with Rabbi Jay**

**Rabbi Jay's Respona Class  
Every Friday, 9 am**

With each passing day, we are bombarded with news of a constantly changing world which confronts us with difficult challenges we thought we'd never encounter. More often times than not, they require of us a response, be it internal or through a course of action.

Have a discourse with Rabbi Jay, and your fellow congregants. Ask questions, make comments, and explore!

Contact Andi Rosenthal at [AndiRosenthal@tinr.org](mailto:AndiRosenthal@tinr.org) for the Zoom link.





# The "Better Together™" Program



Jewish scholars and texts have been commenting on the proper treatment of older adults since biblical times: "Do not cast me aside in old age, when my strength fails, do not abandon me" (Psalm 71:9). Moreover, there is a great emphasis and deep commitment at Temple Israel, to respect the dignity of the older members of our community.

Last Spring we piloted **Better Together™**: An Intergenerational Program with our teen and adult population. The goal of the program is to sensitize students to the challenges of growing older and incorporate Jewish learning and values in their interactions with the older members of their community. The Better Together™ program, now an integral part of our 7th-12th grade curriculum, includes the opportunity to create meaningful relationships between our adult and teen community. Activities will include art projects, music, text study, and documenting our shared memories. At the end of the year, we look forward to a celebration of all that we've accomplished.

The program will take place at Temple Israel and via Zoom. If you are an older adult looking forward to sharing your experiences and wisdom with our younger teens while engaging in meaningful interactions and learning opportunities, then this program is for you!

If you are in 7th-12th grade and looking to build a relationship with older adults in our community, while having fun, then this is the program for you! Teens will also receive community service credit for their participation.

Our program is funded by the Legacy Heritage Foundation's Better Together™ program, and there is no cost to participate! Interested in hearing more? Reach out to Rebecca at [relkusferst@tinr.org](mailto:relkusferst@tinr.org) The program meeting dates can be found below:

## Teen Sessions

Thursday, November 18th: 6:00-7:00 pm (Onsite @ Temple Israel. Dinner will be served.)

Thursday, December 16th: 7:30-8:30pm (via Zoom)

Thursday, January 20th: 7:30-8:30pm (via Zoom)

Thursday, March 31st: 6:00-7:00pm (Onsite @ Temple Israel. Dinner will be served).

## Intergenerational Sessions (Teens and Adults)

(All these sessions are Onsite @ Temple Israel, with lunch served.)

Sunday, December 5th: 12:00-1:30 pm

Sunday, January 9th: 12:00-1:30 pm

Sunday, February 6th: 12:00-1:30 pm

Sunday, March 6th: 12:00-1:30 pm

## Upcoming Events for ALL Ages:

### Friday, November 5th: Community Shabbat ReBoot!

Join us for singing, eating, and fun!

5:30-5:50 pm Tot Shabbat

(for families with children 0-5 years)

Join the clergy and Rebecca for songs and a story.

5:50-6:00 pm Shabbat Sha-Snack! The community is invited to enjoy mini pizza bagels and fruit prior to the service at 6:00 pm.

6:00-6:40 pm Family-friendly musical outdoor service.

6:40 pm BBQ dinner

Families that attend will receive a special "Shabbat Bag" filled with activities and fun!

### Sunday, November 14th: Pet Love ♥ & Care

Join us at 11:30 am as we celebrate our pets and help animals in need.

Families are encouraged to bring their pet for a special blessing from our clergy. We are also collecting old t-shirts and new men's tube socks to be used to make toys for animals at Paws Crossed, a shelter in Elmsford.

## Wishlist

### Always Needed:

- Purina ProPlan Cat and Kitten, Wet and Dry Food
- Yesterday's News Cat Litter
- Pet Safe Ice Melt
- 6ft Slip Leashes (Mendota) and Clip Leashes
- Martin Gale Collars
- Frontline
- Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Simple Green Cleaning Liquid
- Disposable Aluminum Foil Deep Trays Half Size 9"x13" (for litter boxes)
- Garbage Bags (55 Gallon Drum Liners and Kitchen Garbage Bags)
- Paper Towels and Toilet Paper
- Stamps
- Office Supplies (copy paper, reinforced tab fastener file folders etc)
- Hand Sanitizer / Hand Soap
- Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (for our recycling program)
- Blankets, Sheets and Towels

### Cannot Be Accepted:

- Any Open Food
- Plastic Bowls and Plastic Litter boxes
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Pillows
- Carpets
- Furniture

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst

Director of Education: Youth & Families

*P.S. Check out some **Apple Picking pictures** from the the second day of Rosh Hashanah on p. 17!*



## Turkeys ... and Menorahs!



Children learn best through experiences! Providing experiences for children gives them the ability to make connections in the world around them and it makes learning meaningful. The beauty of the work we do at Kehillah is the ability to provide children with lots of fun experiences surrounded by Jewish heritage and the ever-changing world.

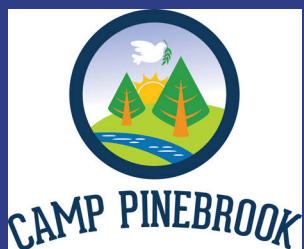
Kehillah has been enjoying the last few moments of summer-like weather. We have gone on nature walks, buggy rides, basked in the sunshine, and have been blowing bubbles outside. We have explored pumpkins, gourds, apples, and will soon compare the different leaves falling from the trees. Fall offers a wondrous time for young children as they see the changes in nature. It is a time of exploration and lots of questions.

In November, the focus is to give thanks and be grateful as we celebrate Thanksgiving, being given the opportunity to

teach about social awareness and gratitude. Each preschool classroom will work on "thankful feathers" to be displayed throughout Kehillah. These feathers showcase all of the wonderful things our young friends reflect on as reasons to be grateful. Also, you should be prepared to see lots of different kinds of turkeys in the halls as well, as we all get creative!

Chanukah is a time of celebration at Kehillah. We have already started preparing with Cantor Schloss by learning new songs to sing for the holiday. The smell of latkes will fill the halls when we have our special treat, and each classroom will get excited while making their own menorahs.

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



## New Specialty Programming at Camp!



As you know, Camp Pinebrook had a hugely successful summer. Camp is creating a culture of living Jewish values that make for a great community. As the premiere Reform day camp of Westchester, we work with URJ overnight camps, helping to connect our alum with Crane Lake and Eisner Camps. While some of our campers move on to overnight camp, others are less interested. This summer we had 17 campers in

our oldest group. And after four years, we had youth graduating from our program. Therefore, we have decided to expand our program and go up through age 10 (5th grade).

To strengthen our programming for elementary aged campers, Camp Pinebrook will be adding more specialty programs. It is our goal to offer ceramics, glass art/jewelry making, gymnastics, and tennis to our repertoire. With older campers, we would like to also offer electives. Normally campers go to all activities with their bunks, which are about 30 minutes. This works well for younger campers. But now, 2nd-5th grade campers will have the opportunity to choose a special in-depth activity for most of the

afternoon. This allows an activity specialist to really explore concepts and skills with the older youth.

For example, instead of a simple cooking activity, children can learn to bake from scratch or prepare a meal. With sports, coaches can come and offer clinics helping our campers gain the skills needed to be proficient or reach the next level in their desired sport. Camp Pinebrook is looking at innovative ways to fully engage our youth as we grow.

Please continue to spread the word about camp. We are offering early registration discounts through January 15th. Camp Pinebrook offers a first-time camper grant, and all members of the congregation receive a \$500 family discount. It is a very exciting time, and we know that some groups will likely fill-up over the winter. So, please contact me ([jesse@CampPinebrook.com](mailto:jesse@CampPinebrook.com)) for a tour or register soon ([www.CampPinebrook.com](http://www.CampPinebrook.com)).

May we continue to go from strength to strength as a community,

Rabbi Jesse  
Camp Pinebrook Director

# Brotherhood Sisterhood

## Bourbon, latkes, wine, and film ... some fun, at last!

### Bourbon, Bible, Latkes, and Vodka!

Brotherhood continues to work hard at offering safe and enjoyable activities for the men of Temple Israel, Chavaya, Kehillah, and Camp Pinebrook.

Look for information on a new food donation opportunity called "**Thanksgiving Giveaway**" sponsored by the Columbus Elementary PTA, which Brotherhood is supporting. If you haven't donated already, or want to continue to spread care in your community, consider this worthwhile opportunity. With your monetary donations, Brotherhood hopes to distribute between 150-200 bags of food which include a turkey, fresh fruit, produce, and more, to the Columbus Elementary neighborhood.

On the heels of donating, **Bourbon & Bible** is coming back on Tuesday, November 16th, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Jay and Cantor Schloss sharing worship, and a little brown liquor, along with other refreshments and food (adults only please!).

A Temple favorite, **Latkes & Vodka** will be held on Monday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 1st. The "work" will begin at 6 pm on both nights of frying latkes, and drinking of vodka, to support the Friday, December 3rd Chanukah celebration at Temple Israel. Again, adults only please at Latkes & Vodka.

Of course, not only does Brotherhood invite the men of Temple Israel, Chavaya, Kehillah, and Camp Pinebrook, but also our honored women as well, in a safe and COVID taskforce followed protocol, open to vaccinated adults.

If you want to learn what Brotherhood is about, and get up to the minute invites reach out to the two Brotherhood Co-Presidents below.



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



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

### Happy Fall from Sisterhood!

We started the year with a Sisterhood Wine Tasting. It was a lot of fun to get together in Forbes and try different wines provided by One Hope. The event raised money for *Sharsheret*, The Jewish Breast & Ovarian Cancer Community. The Sisterhood Board would like to thank everyone who supported this event. See some memories in this issue on p. 17!

On Saturday, November 6th at 6:30 pm, Sisterhood will be showing "**Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas**" inside at Temple Israel. (...a musical documentary about the amazing story of a group of Jewish songwriters who wrote the soundtrack to Christmas). This movie is the second in the Sisterhood Film Series. The first film in the series was shown last May. That event was a lot of fun and we hope you'll join us for this one. Remember to bring a chair! It is \$18 per household, but lots of FREE popcorn and drinks for vaccinated adults!

Sisterhood is also hosting a visual tour of the **Jewish Museum's "Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art"** on Sunday, December 5th at 5 pm. Presented via Zoom, this fascinating exhibit traces the fascinating timelines of individual objects as they passed through hands and sites before, during, and after World War II. Works by Paul Cezanne, Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, and many others, will be included in the tour. This is also \$18 per screen to receive the Zoom link.

We hope you will join us for these great events! If you would like more information or have programs you would like to suggest, please feel free to contact us!



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

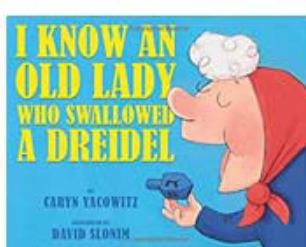
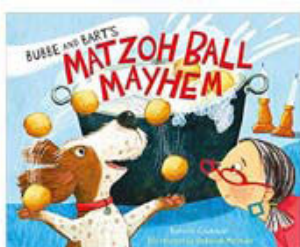


**Jennifer Herbst**  
*jsherbst@yahoo.com*  
Sisterhood Co-President



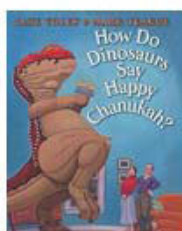
# Edith H. Handelman Library

## Chanukah Reads!



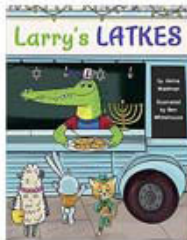
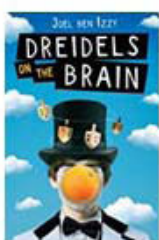
### Light the Lights Chanukah/Hanukkah is Coming!

You may request these Chanukah books, and more, on our library website at:  
<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR>,  
or email directly to: [stephkrasll@gmail.com](mailto:stephkrasll@gmail.com).



The book can be picked up at the front desk as soon as it becomes available.

Stephanie Krasner  
Temple Israel Librarian



And a Chanukah Treat  
for the Adults!

## 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  
Herb Ornstein  
Carol & Arthur Ostrove  
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove

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

**Temple Israel thanks you!**

## SAC Asks You to Stay Connected!

### ICNAW Update

(Interfaith Council of New Americans Westchester)

Dear Supporters of the Interfaith Council of New Americans Westchester (ICNAW):

Our third quarter could have been a scene from The Raiders of the Lost Ark. The chaotic exit of American forces from Kabul in late August had direct and dramatic consequences for the Ghafoor family living here in White Plains. In late June, Mahnaz and her two youngest children traveled to Herat to see her ailing mother. When the Taliban occupied the city in early August, they were trapped in the crossfire. A relative bundled Mahnaz into a burqa, and drove them all through the night, past multiple Taliban checkpoints. They arrived in Kabul just as the Taliban was closing access to the city. Then our network got to work, calling contacts in Congress, the State Department, the Pentagon, and the American Embassy in Kabul. In late August, Mahnaz and her children were evacuated to Qatar, and then to Dulles Airport.

In parallel with those efforts, the ICNAW worked feverishly to evacuate Farhad Ghafoor and his family. Farhad worked as interpreter for the U.S. military, and is the third brother of Fardin and Haroon, who along with their families have been resettled in White Plains by the ICNAW. Working with two lawyers at Dana & Wiggins and a U.S. Army Special Ops contact in Kabul, we helped them reach Qatar. If all goes well, Farhad and his family should be allowed in the United States under SIV status by the end of October.

#### How You Can Help Afghan Refugees

There are about 10,000 SIVs currently in New Jersey, waiting to be resettled. HIAS will start placing these refugees in Westchester by mid-October. The ICNAW would like to take on at least one new family this fall. To do that, we need to raise \$40K-\$50K.

The ICNAW has successfully settled three SIV Afghan families in Westchester and helped a fourth settle in Rochester, NY (with Keeping our Promise). All are financially independent and thriving.

Saving refugees is only half the job. The other half is giving them support so that they can lead a productive life. We know you give to many causes, but we urge you to donate to the ICNAW. Refugees need our help now.

Your generous gift of any size will help these families with rent, food, furniture, clothing, medical & dental care, ESL classes, finding employment and other necessities. 100% of funds go towards these refugees.

Checks should be made out to the "ICNAW"

Mail to: Temple Israel of New Rochelle (1000 Pinebrook Blvd., New Rochelle, NY 10804) Checks will be forwarded to the ICNAW.

**\*Please note the ICNAW is not a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.**

OR mail directly to Jeff R. Swarz, Co-Chair, at: Jeff R. Swarz, 100 New Roc City Plaza, Apt. 220, New Rochelle, NY 10801 (please indicate affiliation)

**The Interfaith Council of New Americans Westchester and our Families Appreciate your Support!**

Sincerely,

Executive Committee of ICNAW:

Jeff R. Swarz (Anshe Shalom & Beth EL), Jane Dixon (CUUC), Judy Gilberg (TIC), Alan Himmelstein (TIC), Amy Ecker (TINR), Howard Horowitz (TINR), Terri Kung (CUUC), Rena Fredman (HIWP), Gene Tozzi (at Large)

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### Giving Tree

Stay tuned for the Giving Tree launching on November 12, 2021. Leaves will be available in person and a virtual option will be available too. Details to follow.

### Annual High Holiday Food Drive

The drive was an enormous success, thanks to all of you! Over 50 bags of groceries were delivered to the HOPE Food Pantry.

We collect non-perishable items throughout the year so please continue to donate. We have a "Giving Corner" which you can leave non-perishable items.

### NEW LEADERSHIP FOR SAC

The SAC is looking for new leadership! It's time for Mia and Amy to pass the baton! If you, or anyone you know, may be interested please reach out to Mia Egelberg or Amy Ecker...

There are multiple ways to lead the Social Action Committee including various roles heading up cooking projects/collections, hygiene drives, clothing drives, animal causes, among other opportunities. It is important to have new leadership and all are welcome!



# Temple Israel Cares

With the start of Fall, we're sure you and yours have been busy with a lot of activities. Temple Israel Cares has been too.

We're so happy to welcome several new families who have joined our community and we were glad to meet many of you at the high holiday services.

With the incredible generosity of our Temple community, we were able to help members who suffered from the aftermath of hurricane Ida. If you or anyone you know is still in need please reach out so we may help. We want to thank all of you for your donations and pledges to TIC which enable our committee to provide love and support to you - we're honored to serve you.

And finally, our baby blanket project continues...if you knit or crochet, please reach out to Berdie at (914) 473-4708 and let us know - we'll supply the yarn, deliver it and you'll supply your creative needlework!



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Temple Israel Cares  
Co-President



**Berdie Stein**  
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Temple Israel Cares  
Co-President

## Sisterhood Wine Tasting Thursday, October 21, 2021



## Apple Picking on 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 8, 2021

photos courtesy of Carolyn Dudek





# List of Funds

## Support Temple Israel

### Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

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

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

### Thank you!

**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 projects and charitable causes.

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

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