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The deadline for the
July/August Temple Topics
will be **Sunday, June 12th.**

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Sympathy

Our Temple Israel of New Rochelle family offers our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following people, who passed away during the past two months:

- Bernard H. Fishman, husband of Helene Fishman
- Alvin Richmond, father of Dan and Sara Richmond

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

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Bryan & Katie Black

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Cantor Rita Glassman, on becoming a part of Temple Israel's Clergy Team
- Sandy & Gerry Hyman, on the marriage of their son Greg Hyman to Allison Hagan
- Bea Marks, on celebrating her 103rd birthday
- Mindy Stark, on celebrating her special birthday
- Joan & Hank Goldsmith, on their 49th Wedding Anniversary
- Jeff & Greta Berenbaum celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
- Jessica Shapiro, Andrew Rittenberg, Lila Ferrucci, Dylan Sadow, Julia Ecker, and (former member) Maya Minnitti, who as Science Research Students in the New Rochelle City School District, were among those who were Science award winners
- Mark Alcott, for being honored at the AJC Gala Celebration
- Jennifer Povman, Helene Reps' daughter, for being honored at the Westchester Jewish Council's 27th Annual Julian & Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 10th.
- Our Youth Basketball Teams for being the Youth of Temple Israel! See their group photos on p. 15, along with their teammates.
- Larry Ostrager, coach of the 12th Grade Temple Israel basketball team, for their championship win this year.
- To the Confirmants and Graduates of 2022. See the list on p. 13.
- Ben Nadorf on becoming Bar Mitzvah in May. See his bio on p. 13.

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org



Shavuot

Celebrating

**Confirmands:
10th Grade**

Sasha Arbetter
Samara Brecher
Ellie Roberge

**Graduates:
12th Grade**

Amber Nero
Jordan Nero
Jessica Schlamkowitz
Jessica Shapiro

Friday, June 3

6:00 pm Special Shabbat Services with Confirmation and Graduation followed by Community Shabbat Dinner. *RSVP to the dinner (\$25 per person) at www.tinr.org/Shavuot*

Saturday, June 4 • Erev Shavuot

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Blessings/Torah Study

Sunday, June 5 • Shavuot

Chag Sameach!

*More details on Shavuot to follow in eblasts, social media, and Temple website at www.tinr.org/Shavuot2022
Please check back often for additional information.*

Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

Saturday, June 11th

7-11 pm • In Person

Honoring those “Behind the Scenes”

The Office Staff at Temple Israel

Frank Chavez	Brian Gomez
Mary Ann DeRosa	Jen Pennucci
Ellen Egan	Brian Reiner
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst	Andi Rosenthal
Jesse Gallop	Orietta Schneider

Visit www.tinr.org/Gala2022 for up to date details.



From the President

Winter is Over, Spring is Here... and the Future is Bright!



Winter is finally behind us and ahead of us are many wonderful things to look forward to.

Soon, our Chavaya and Kehillah students will be proudly rising up to new experiences. This year's confirmands will be presented before our congregation on Friday, June 3rd. The Kehillah *Seeyoom* (graduation) will be on Friday, June 24th.

We'll look upon our graduates with pride and excitement, knowing what lies ahead for them.

Summer will once again bring the joyous activities and voices of young children and staff to Camp Pinebrook! We already have over 170 children enrolled are looking forward to another summer making memories at Camp Pinebrook. Kehillah will convert to Camp Kehillah and continue to care for the youngest members of our community.

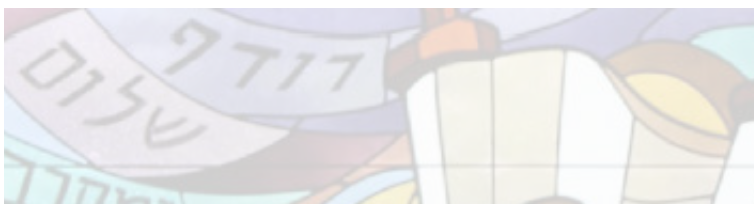
For the first time in 3 years, we'll dance, drink, and celebrate Temple Israel as our Gala is back in person on Saturday, June 11th! Save the Dates have been sent out, and invites will be sent out shortly with details. Our family will once again be together and we are thrilled to say "WELCOME HOME".

This summer will also bring about changes here at our Temple. We'll transition to new clergy with renewed enthusiasm. I look forward to all of us taking the opportunity to re-acquaint ourselves with safely being together and participating with Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Glassman in all sorts of engaging Temple events. In nice weather, our Shabbat services will again enjoy the pleasant summer evenings in our courtyard.

Temple Israel - our Temple - is an extension of our families. We are here for each other in times of pain and times of celebration. It is part of our social being and responsibilities towards one another. What goes on here is dependent on the participation of our Clergy, our staff, our lay leadership, and, most importantly, you. However much you may already be involved, up your game! Participate with us, celebrate with us, learn with us, and share with us... your Temple Israel family!

Happy summer!

Brian Heaps
Temple President



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The Rabbi began with a discussion related to this evening being Erev Purim, and the first reading of the Megillah, and posed the question: *How do we find happiness at this time with all that is going on in the world?* His answer came while walking with the cantor through Kehillah as "Haman and Mordechai" to bring smiles to the faces of the children. *How can we make this for us a chag Purim sameach, and enjoy the happiness we are entitled to?* Just knowing that we are doing our part to bring an end to the war in Ukraine, and down the road bringing light and happiness to children of war. Therein lies our obligations. We have obligations, and fulfilling our obligations include celebrating and finding joy too. In the Persian empire, the good guys won and defeated those who tried to bring destruction and, in its place, built love and built up what they wanted to tear down. Be builders filled with the inspiration that Jerusalem stands for, and to make our own world and lives into a time of Shalom. Amen.

The Rabbi also announced that on April 5th, the Assisi Museum of Remembrance will be displaying here at Temple Israel. The exhibit sets the record straight that clerics and citizens put their lives at risk to save many during the Holocaust. Please attend and invite friends and neighbors. It will be a remarkable event.

Following the Rabbi's comments Cantor Schloss explained that when the month of Adar arrives, joy increases. We have many things to celebrate such as seeing everyone's faces, COVID is declining, and Miho Sasaki has returned regularly for services. Shabbat is like Purim, in that there is a peaceful and joyous time for at least a brief day to experience that peaceful and wholeness that Shabbat can bring. This Friday is Shushan Purim, the celebration for walled cities, "like New Rochelle" and we will have a Purim schpiel. Purim Sameach! Also, on April 9th we will have a concert of the Solomon Diaries with musician Sam Sadigursky in concert.

Treasurer's Report: The budget is trending better than our revised budget was anticipated. Kehillah and Chavaya are coming in better than forecasted, however expenses have occurred such as repair of the elevator. However, we will exceed our budget we passed, and we want to invest in our people and programs.

The Advocacy Committee received a request to become a member institution to the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration. The group is non-partisan and advocates for undocumented immigrants. Their focus is on "welcoming the stranger" and advocates to mobilize the Jewish community to facilitate refugees to live in our communities in dignity. The Board approved becoming a member institution. The Board also approved to become affiliated with the organization New York Caring Majority.

Social Action Committee: The SAC announced participation in a collection for AFYA responding to Ukraine and donating items for a Ukraine airlift.

The Gala: Marjorie Ostrove and the Gala Committee needs volunteers and items for the Basket Auction (items under \$200) and the Auction.

Rosen Hall: Rosen Hall's ceiling and floor are in disrepair. Thus, with consultation from the Building & Grounds committee and keeping in mind how Kehillah, Chavaya, and Camp Pinebrook might use this space (and considering that rental for party space has greatly diminished) the vision is to create a multi-purpose space to support youth and adult programs such as youth basketball. This is an added element to Camp Pinebrook, adult education such as yoga, STARS, and Zumba classes, with increased usage for Chavaya and Kehillah, and birthday party rentals. The scope of the renovation will include ceiling repairs while keeping the current structure, and adding sheetrock and paint, and new lighting fixtures. The floor will be replaced with a gymnasium floor, and removal of the stage and ark. The stain glass windows will also be protected.

The vote to do these renovations was unanimously approved.

Good and Welfare: Mitchell & Carol Ostrove renewed their vows as part of the 5th grade Chavaya class learning about life cycle events. Mitchell thought the event was adorable and wanted to compliment Rebecca Elkus-Ferst (Director of Education: Youth & Families) and the cantor on a lovely ceremony. Mara Roberge warmly congratulated the BBYO chapter and its teen engagement. The kids are enjoying it, and had a great time at the March overnight.

Toni Hoffman complimented Rebecca Elkus-Ferst on the — Better Together Program. The program pairs adults with teens and they meet and have lunch and play games together. They recently made hamantaschen together and it was a wonderful experience.

Jeff Berenbaum congratulated Larry Ostrager, coach of the basketball team, for their championship win this year.



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Cantor Schloss wished everyone a happy Passover and thanked Berdie Stein for organizing the amazing Solomon Diaries concert. Friday, June 3rd will be the celebration of the confirmation class, which will be combined with honoring our graduates. Sunday, May 1, is an upcoming Brotherhood event, with food and music, and there will be a musical Shabbat Friday, May 13th.

Treasurer's report shows that we are well ahead of budget. Anita Aronoff, Executive Director, ran a comparison with where we were last year with Bright Horizons running Kehillah. We are doing better financially with Kehillah and teachers all received raises. Also, Anita was able to secure a \$7200 grant to defer the costs of Hurricane Ida.

Rabbi Jesse and Anita, have collaborated on a job description for a new camp director and it will be posted within the week. Start date of a new camp director will be after Camp ends. Rabbi Jesse will cover camp duty for the summer. His senior team will step up into a larger role during the summer to give Rabbi Jesse the ability to assume his role as Rabbi. Rabbi Jesse's goal is to be involved in both camp and the congregation, and he will work to keep things working smoothly. Currently there are 180 campers enrolled in summer camp.

President's Report: Brian Heaps is looking for volunteers to assist with the transitions of clergy. Please let Brian know if you are interested.

The Israel Day Parade in NYC will take place May 22. We are looking for volunteers to assist with organizing and coordinating with the WJC.

Rabbi Jay discussed the Assisi Project, and reported that it was a wonderful event. The Archbishop of Assisi commented on our community's support. It was a well-attended event that was covered in the press. The rabbi expressed his appreciation for the courage, acceptance and warm hospitality of the congregation and for the TINR community to support the event. The rabbi concluded that "Although we are of different faiths, we are of the same fate."

Committee Reports:

Advocacy Committee: May 15th 9:30-12:30 Solidarity Day. 30 different advocacy organizations will be in attendance representing many different issues. It promises to be an exceptional event. Congregants are urged to attend and show support.

Brotherhood: Sunday, May 1 an evening of Jewish Music and food. Also, sponsoring a carnival for kids in the morning.

TINR Cares: continues to reach out to people with milestone birthdays or events and has received positive feedback on this initiative.

Sisterhood: Janet Frey and Jennifer Herbst will be stepping down and Berdie Stein and Greta Berenbaum will be stepping up as presidents.

Shavuot ... The Holiday of Weeks



After joining together around the family table for the Seders, we begin the seven-week preparatory period leading to the celebration of Shavuot, which means "Weeks." In fact, for millennia there has been a system in place called "counting the Omer," which marks off each day methodically – precisely, until we arrive at Shavuot, when God revealed the eternally living word to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai and gave us the gift of the Torah, which has been and remains the foundation stone upon which Western Civilization rests.

Shavuot is one of the most important celebrations of the year. It is one of the Shalosh Regalim – the three pilgrimage festivals – and its observance is mandated with the same attention to detail as the holidays of Passover and Sukkot. In recent times, Shavuot was chosen as the time for Confirmation when tenth grade students, having achieved a greater level of understanding and personal and intellectual maturity, confirm their attachment to the Jewish people and the precepts, morals, and values by which we are commanded to live. It is also the time we celebrate the graduation of our students after the 12th year of Jewish and secular education.

Therefore, the question before us is: if the holiday of Shavuot is so important to our personal and collective well-being as Jews, why did the Jewish people have to wait so long from their moment of liberation from Egyptian bondage to arrive at this religious milestone? And why is this holiday identified by the name of *Weeks* rather than *Revelation*, or the holiday of the Torah? The answer cannot simply be that it took seven weeks' time to arrive at Mount Sinai from the moment of liberation. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that all meaningful change and progress in life requires thorough preparation and time. A people that were just freed from slavery were not prepared emotionally nor intellectually to create a society based on the democratic principles found in the Torah. That would have been an unreasonable expectation, and so, time was needed for Moses to teach his people what the ultimate purpose of their freedom was; to bind themselves to God. It also took a great deal of time, patience, trial and error for the Israelites to be adequately prepared to take possession of the Promised Land.

So too, at the moment of B'nei Mitzvah, a young person is not instantaneously transformed into a responsible and knowledgeable Jewish adult. That takes many more years of study, growth, struggle, and maturity. We pray that they will continue their studies at least through the Confirmation year in tenth grade, and hopefully through graduation from our high school program.

During these most formative years, between middle school and application to college, the focus of religious education

shifts from obtaining a basic knowledge of language, traditions, culture, and history to discussions on how to apply the moral lessons contained in the Bible and Wisdom Literature of our people to one's daily life, as they discuss the pressing issues of the day and the choices our young people will have to make as they evolve through adolescence into their twenties and beyond. Then, having stayed with the program, our children can then claim that they are not only Jews who are educated, but also Jewishly-educated adults living richer and more meaningful lives for having continued their studies in our High School Chavaya.

As we all know, time runs by so quickly. For the ancient Israelites, it was but a few weeks from Egypt to Mt. Sinai; for our children, it is but a few short years between B'nei Mitzvah, Confirmation, and Graduation. The preparation in both cases was and is necessary and invaluable. It gave birth to a nation known as "The People of The Book," and will continue to ensure in our age the survival of the Jewish people, fulfilling our destiny and God's commandment to be a light unto the nations of the world.

And so, from the bottom of my heart, I ask you to be the type of families who make it a priority and see to it that their children continue their religious studies through their high school years. In this spirit, I invite you to join with me and with our Temple Israel family on Friday, June 3rd, for our Shavuot, Confirmation, and High School Graduation Service at 6:00 P.M. In this way, we will show support for our students who have taken the time to properly prepare for full and fulfilling Jewish lives, while at the same time, performing the mitzvah of celebrating God's gift of the Torah to the world thirty-three hundred years ago.

Chag Samayach – Happy Shavuot!

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum

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Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Charles "Chuck" Satuloff

Helene Fishman, in appreciation

Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in honor of the marriage of Greg Hyman & Allison Hagan

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What a success! On April 9th, Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Music Committee hosted *The Solomon Diaries*. The concert featured Sam Sadigursky on clarinet and Nathan Koci on accordion. The original music was a tribute to the Borscht Belt. Attendees enjoyed the wonderful concert and then mingled over wine and dessert.

On other news, this will be our last term as Sisterhood Co-Presidents. We will be turning over the reins to the extremely capable Greta Berenbaum and Berdie Stein. We know that these two smart, creative, and competent women will do a wonderful job as Sisterhood Co-Presidents.

During the last three years, Sisterhood has held many successful events. We have had several museum tours, a wine tasting, an outdoor movie, a very wonderful concert, a trivia night, and a bunch of other programs. The COVID Pandemic proved challenging to everyone, but we always tried to stay connected.

We would like to thank the Sisterhood Board which includes Greta Berenbaum, Liz Hartzman, Lauren Pekats, Jackie Saril, Berdie Stein, and Robin Warner. These talented and hard-working women make everything happen. Also, we owe a great deal of gratitude to the fabulous Temple Israel staff, especially Anita Aronoff, Ellen Egan, and Orietta Schneider. The clergy is always on our side and extremely helpful to Sisterhood as well!

As always, if you have an idea for an event, please let any member of the Board know.

Have a great summer!



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HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE UKRAINE

1. Thank you to all who have volunteered and donated to The Afya Foundation's Ukraine drive. Afya is continuing to collect requested supplies. Currently it is running a drive for TRAUMA/MEDIC KITS and components for these kits.

*The Amazon Wish List can be viewed at:
www.tinyurl.com/amazon-ukraine*

To volunteer to sort and pack supplies at the Afya warehouse in Yonkers visit www.afyafoundation.org

Thank you to those who donated Passover food for the UJA-Federation of New York and the Orthodox Union's Kosher for Passover food drive. Thank you also to those who sorted and packed the food which was picked up by the Met Council and shipped to Ukraine on March 28th.

2. JFNA, Jewish Federations of North America, is providing updates on the Ukraine crisis every Monday and Thursday from 4:30-5 pm. Visit www.jewishfederations.org/crisis-in-ukraine2022 to sign up for the sessions as well as volunteer opportunities for Ukrainian and Russian speakers. Anyone can attend.

3. Watch *Reflections from Westchester Rabbis on the Ukraine-Poland* to hear from the Westchester rabbis who traveled to the Ukraine-Poland border with UJA-Federation of New York. You can watch the recording at <https://vimeo.com/692058780/ec44915841>

4. HIAS is on the ground in Ukraine and Poland. You can follow its humanitarian work here. Here are additional ways that you can make a difference through HIAS.

Learn about Right to Protection (R2P), a HIAS initiative helping displaced people get access to shelter and food and learn how to take action. Visit www.hias.org for the initiative and how to volunteer.

We know that many people are asking what to do to help the situation in Ukraine. Donating money continues to be the most efficient way to help those supporting Ukrainian refugees. Here is a preliminary list of the humanitarian organizations that we know to be extremely effective and helping all refugees regardless of religion:

- The Afya Foundation
- HIAS
- IsraAID
- Jewish Community of Poland Fund via fjc.org. Please make sure it is designated for the "Jewish Community of Poland Fund - UKRAINIAN CRISIS" or use FJC's PayPal account by visiting www.tinyurl.com/paypal-ukraine
- *JCC Krakow, Krakow, Poland
- *JCC Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- JDC (Joint Distribution Committee)
- UJA-Federation of New York

HIAS & INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF NEW AMERICANS IN WESTCHESTER (ICNAW):

Big news – MG started kindergarten two weeks ago and his dad, FG, started a fantastic new job in an international company in a managerial position. ICNAW's employment chair, Gene Tozzi, has a great committee whose volunteers worked closely with FG on his resume and interview skills. FG was offered this job after returning for four interviews. He was hired by the first company with whom he interviewed. We are also happy to report that the Social Action Committee purchased a printer/scan machine that he needed for his apartment. The family is very grateful. ICNAW is in the process of working with HIAS on resettling another family. We don't know where.

Host Groups continue to look for housing in all areas of Westchester. If you know landlords, management companies or developers that will work with co-signers with apartments in the \$2,000-\$2,300 range, please contact amybrose@gmail.com. Transportation, walkability and a welcoming neighborhood are key factors.

*Interested in volunteering with ICNAW? Contact Amy Ecker at socialactionTINR@gmail.com to have the form forwarded to you. Interested in learning more about how the Westchester and Metro NY area are supporting refugees and immigrants? Visit www.wjci.org to read about the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration.

UPDATES FROM HIAS (April 2022 Home Program Newsletter)

Updates on Arrivals from Afghanistan and Ukraine

"At the current time, all Afghan parolees remaining at US military bases have been resettled across the United States. We anticipate continuing to receive "walk-in" clients that have limited family support in the New York City and Greater New York areas and may benefit from host organization support. Additionally, we also anticipate beginning to resettle Afghan parolees arriving from overseas in the coming months. At the current time, it is difficult for us to know when these clients will arrive and which families will benefit from host organization support, but we will reach out to you with updates and potential matches when we receive further information and pending assurances.

In recent weeks, we have been amazed by the tremendous generosity of our volunteers offering their support for refugees fleeing the crisis in Ukraine. Thank you very much to all who have volunteered their services and asked how to support as host organization partners. At the current, we don't anticipate receiving non-family reunification (Lautenberg) refugees from Ukraine in the immediate future, but we will provide updates to host organizations as we begin to receive assurances. Additionally, HIAS NY (an affiliate of HIAS) does not conduct operations in Europe and evacuation of refugees to the United States is coordinated by the US State Department, IOM, and the UNHCR (UN Refugee Agency).

In the meantime, you can stay up to date with HIAS' work in the region by visiting: www.hias.org/hias-responds-crisis-ukraine

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however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID
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You must be vaccinated to enter the Beth El building.
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Israel Independence Day Yom Ha'atzmaut

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MAY 4, 2022 AT 7:30 PM

AT BETH EL SYNAGOGUE CENTER | NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Special guest performers, The Nava Tehila Band,
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Temple Israel sponsoring with Beth El
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Register here: BETHELNR.ORG/YOMHAATZMAUT2022

Special **MUSICAL** Shabbat Service Celebrating Cantor Schloss Friday, May 13th, 6:00 pm

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Let's celebrate
Cantor Schloss,
and join in joyous song
during this Shabbat
service, followed by a
special oneg!



No RSVP Necessary

See Cantor in, "Letters from the Affair" on Thursday,
May 19th, 7 pm, at at Scarsdale Synagogue: Temples
Tremont and Emanu-El. Visit www.sstte.org/event to register
for the in-person performance.



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Stronger Together Solidarity Fair Come Out for Justice and Tikkun Olam Sunday May 15th 9:30 am

hosted by the
Advocacy Committee

**More Details and Groups
at TINR.org**

CELEBRATE
ISRAEL
PARADE

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**TOGETHER
AGAIN**
כולנו ביחד!

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

11am - 4pm • 57th-74th St. on Fifth Ave.

Join us at the 58th annual CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE, the world's largest gathering in celebration of Israel LIVE on
FOX's My9, Jewish Broadcasting Service and CelebrateIsraelNY.org starting at Noon EDT.

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From Brian Heaps, Temple President "We are looking for volunteers
to assist with organizing and coordinating with the WJC."
Please email Brian at blheaps@gmail.com if you can volunteer!

Kehillah Sponsored Kids See Hand Fair

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Time to clean out those closets, basements,
attics and garages for a good cause!

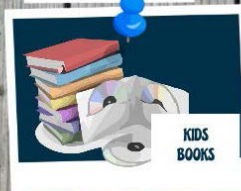


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KIDS GEAR

**WE NEED
YOUR STUFF!**



TOYS



KIDS
BOOKS



KIDS
CLOTHES

Bring kids clothing, books, toys and gear, good condition
only please. No stuffed animals.

Drop the items at the front desk but please label all bags
and boxes "Kehillah Sale". We are accepting items now
until May 13th.

EVENT DETAILS TO FOLLOW - SAVE THE DATE: MAY 22nd!



For more information or to volunteer contact PACC (Parents And
Caregivers of Kehillah) rep Rebecca Lippel, rebecca@lippel.com or
914-420-6810.



Kehillah is C-R-E-A-T-I-V-E !



We invite you all to take a stroll down the halls of Kehillah where you will feel an overwhelming sense of community. You will see the evidence of children's creativity hanging with pride. You will hear laughter and questions of curiosity coming from the classrooms. And lastly you will feel the intense love the teachers have for all of the children in their care. The hard work happening behind closed doors is endless, but the evidence of the hard work is exciting! See one exciting visit from American Pop Artist, Michael Albert, who spent the day creating with Kehillah!

Heading into May, we begin with a celebration of teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers at Kehillah are the heart of the school; loving the children as their own, putting in countless hours of planning and preparation, and providing an enriched learning environment. It is because of this dedication Kehillah continues to grow and thrive. We will close out our year with the traditional *Seeyoom* (Graduation) celebration on June 24th. This is a time when we celebrate the growth of our oldest friends moving on to Kindergarten. They have spent their time at Kehillah gaining the skills needed to be successful in their next adventure

It is this time of year when we start to think about Camp Kehillah and what fun activities we would like to offer. Camp Kehillah is a time for children and teachers to step out of their classrooms and immerse themselves in the beauty of nature. We invite fun and exciting community members to visit our school, play sports, splash around in water play, dress up for silly spirit days, and so much more! If you are looking for a relaxed summer camp option for your child that is 6-weeks to 6-years old, check out Camp Kehillah.

Visit www.kehillahschool.org/summer-camp-options to find out all the ways to spend Summer with us!

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

SAVE THE DATE
Kehillah Seeyoom
Friday, June 24th



Check out the Kehillah Sponsored Kids
Second Hand Fair on p. 11.

American Pop Artist Visits Kehillah! Welcome to Michael Albert!



Visit www.michaelalbert.com for more information on Michael Albert



Chavaya Happenings!



Dear Families,

As we begin to wind down our programming year, I want to share a few highlights that will take place over the next two months.

Thursday, May 12th Sunday, May 15th, and Tuesday, May 17th: Final Chavaya sessions.

On these final days we will celebrate our staff and students. Families will receive communication about the sessions in the coming weeks.

Thursday, May 19-Sunday, May 22nd: Our 10th, 11th and 12th graders will travel to Atlanta for our Civil Rights trip. Over the course of three days, teens will learn about the struggles of African Americans to gain equality in the 1950s and 60s as well as discover how Jews were involved in the Civil Rights struggle. This trip is being subsidized by a generous donation from Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas, in honor of Rabbi Deborah Hirsch.

The following teens will be participating:

Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher, Lila Ferrucci, Charlotte Fields, Milo Freedenberg, Nate Morris, Serena Richmond, Andrew Rittenberg, Ellie Roberge, Jessica Schlamkowitz, Jessica Shapiro, and Ryan Topol.

Friday, June 3rd: We will celebrate Shabbat and the start of the Shavuot holiday! Please join us for our special evening:

5:30-5:50pm Young Family Sing-a-long

5:50-6:00pm Snack, Candle Lighting and Kiddush

6:00-7:00pm Shabbat and Shavuot service. Our 10th grade Confirmation and 12th grade Graduation students will lead the community in the service. We are pleased to be able to honor seven amazing teens:

10th grade Confirmation: Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher, and Ellie Roberge

12th grade Graduates: Amber Nero, Jordan Nero, Jessica Schlamkowitz, and Jessica Shapiro

We are excited about our plans for the Fall and will be communicating information to families by end of May.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst

Director of Education: Youth and Families

B'nei Mitzvah

Mazal Tov!



My name is **Ben Nadorf** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 21st. I will be chanting from *Parashat Korach* in the Book of Numbers. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Wayne & Dulce Nadorf, and my sibling, Josh Nadorf. I am in the eighth grade at Hackley School.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading and cooking. For my Mitzvah Project, I will be donating and packing humanitarian supplies to be shipped to Ukrainian refugees. This project is important to me because seeing all the people suffering in Ukraine and caught up in the war, is really heartbreaking and I would like to help them.

Also, my favorite cake is red velvet cake.

I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



New Beginnings – Continued Fun!



The opportunity to help establish and build Camp Pinebrook over the last five years has been an amazing experience. My hope was to create a community where children and their families experience a sense of belonging and social responsibility, while at the same time engaging youth in sports, arts, and science that excite and promote the love of community. I am very proud of Camp Pinebrook, the staff, campers, and their families.

You may have heard that this summer, I will be moving into the role as rabbi of Temple Israel of New Rochelle. It is an honor to be Rabbi Jesse, not only at camp, but to the entire congregational community. It is my hope to bring what we love about Camp Pinebrook to the community at large. This summer, I will have the opportunity to be a leader in both roles.

I continue to be Camp Pinebrook's Director through this summer. Since I will also have some congregational duties, the Associate Directors (Jo and Jana), will be taking on some extra responsibilities. And we may hire additional staff to make sure that our focus on details and level of care we offer continues to be a strength of camp. While we have such a wonderful team, I will still be very hands on at Camp Pinebrook this summer.

In future summers, I will get to be the "Camp Rabbi." this will give me more time to engage with campers and parents. Camp Pinebrook is core to my heart, and the relationships I have with your family will continue to be a focus. I appreciate your support in this transition. And I look forward to an amazing summer ahead.

Warm regards,
Rabbi Jesse



Support Cultural Exchange by Hosting Israeli Counselors this Summer!

Summer Housing Needed for Camp Pinebrook's Israeli Staff
We are asking families to be hosts and cultural ambassadors.

What is needed:

Housing between June 12-August 20. We are asking for a family to host for a minimum of two-weeks, either one or two Israeli staff members (ages are 21-24).

What is expected:

- A bedroom for 1 or 2 young adults (they liked to be paired, if possible)
- Please provide breakfast and dinner on the weekdays (they can cook for themselves, but also enjoy time with host families)
- They will be working from 8:30-6:00pm during the weekday
- Transportation is helpful, but not required
- Often on the weekends, the staff member will do their own thing
- Please invite them to participate in family activities

You can request male or female house guests.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in hosting, please email Laurie Dubner at laurieedubner@gmail.com, or Rabbi Jesse at jesse@camppinebrook.com

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Day Camp Ages 3-10

1000 Pinebrook Boulevard,
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914.813.8700

Our Kids!

Youth Basketball!

6th Grade Team (Coach Ross Lehrman)



(from l to r) Dylan Lehrman, Josh Cohen, Stephen Cohen (not in photo), Jonas Krasner, Tyler Greenberg, Zach Mangot, Jacob Hirschl, Ben Kessler, Charlie Mandelker, Gabe Morse, Matt Menell

9th Grade Team (Coach Lloyd Robinson)



Quinn Bamberger, Sam Benson, Louis Fernandez, Eli Kassoff, Anderson Krasner, Henry Meisner, Ryder Proudian, Ben Robinson, Ben Schwarz

11th Grade Team (Coach Derek Deutsch)



(from l to r) Caleb Frey, Ethan Portnoff, Max Rosing, Adam Cohen, Alex Schwartz, Ben Deutsch, Zach Schwartz

12th Grade Team (Coach Larry Ostrager)



(from l to r) Ethan Richmond, Sam Glusker, Tyler Cheriff, Jackson Rosenberg, Alex Dennin, Abner Casanova, Daniel Ostrager, Paul Ruggiero

Temple Israel Cares

Spring is Here... and so is TIC!

*Welcoming Spring is a beautiful thing!
The birds emit a lovely sound
While crocus and daffodils can be seen all around
Our senses are sharpened, our taste buds need a treat
Make these blintzes with fruit for Shavuot
They can't be beat!*

Our new email TIC@tinr.org is up and running and doing fine
We're gifting milestone birthdays with flowers and wine
If you need us we're here with food, hugs and such
TIC cares, so please keep in touch!

We hope you enjoy this holiday treat. We plan to include a recipe in each Temple Topics issue so please share your favorite holiday recipes by emailing them to us at tic@tinr.org - and please continue to share all your news with us. Happy Baking!



Visit www.tinyurl.com/cheese-blintzes
to make these for Shavuot, courtesy of food.com



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The Tamid Society

Leave a Legacy to the Temple



Over the years, Temple Israel has received dozens of legacy gifts, many of which have received little or no publicity but have helped assure the Temple's financial health. The purpose of the Tamid Society is to encourage living congregants to pledge a bequest and be recognized for this thoughtfulness as members of the Society. The names of those below have made such a pledge and wish to encourage other congregants to do so as well.

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

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

List of members... Janice & Warren Agatston, Barbara & Frank Axel, Bernice Braun (estate), Leroy Fadem, Eileen Gitlin (estate), Evelyn Jacobs (estate), Lilly Kaplan (estate), 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

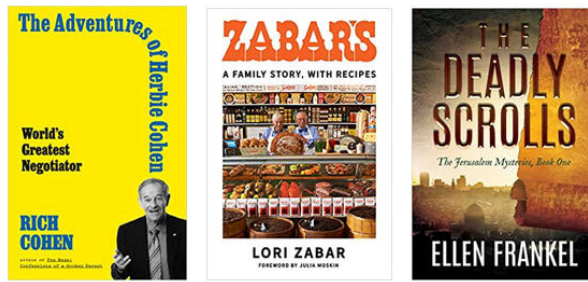
Temple Israel thanks you!

Let's Celebrate Shavuot!

The giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai and the spring harvest



And watch for these new adult titles coming soon:



Lots more to come. See the new arrivals in the weekly emails.

Visit www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR to order your books, which will be left at the front desk for pickup!

Make **READING** part of your **HOLIDAY TRADITIONS!**

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian
stephkras11@gmail.com

– Social Action, continued from p. 9 –

ONGOING

Temple Israel Shops – continues on Fridays. The program will continue for as long as we have volunteer shoppers. Currently one congregant continues to use TI Shops regularly.

Non-Perishable Food Collection for HOPE – The SAC collects non-perishable food items throughout the year. There is a bin in the Giving Corner.

Eyeglasses – Have old eyeglasses around the house? Place in the box in the Giving Corner and they will be donated to the Larchmont Lions Club.

Pencils New pencils for students in District 8 in the Bronx. Many students don't have writing utensils to bring to school

Toiletries Travel and full-size items, diapers, period products

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR SAC

The SAC is looking for new leadership! It is 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!

The actions our community takes make a difference. Whether it is participating in a project, donating financially, offering a compliment, or helping each other, the TINR community positively impacts others and each other. These actions are a large part of what makes Temple Israel special. Thank you.

Be well,
Amy Ecker & Mia Egelberg
Co-Chairs of the Social Action committee
socialactiontinr@gmail.com

List of Funds

Support Temple Israel

Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

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

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

Thank you!

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.

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 to see the options to help guide you in your pledge as you reflect upon what Temple Israel means to you, and to our wider community.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Did You Know?

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

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

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



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