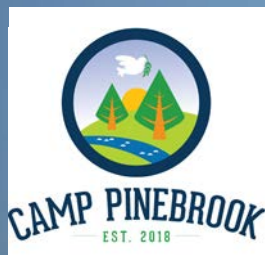


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Sympathy

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:

- Adele Bagg, mother of Jennifer Kates

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

Mazal Tov

- Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Cantor Rita Glassman, on becoming a part of Temple Israel's Clergy Team
- Cantor Schloss on his new endeavors at Temple Isaiah in California. The piano that is situated in the sanctuary, is a gift from Cantor Schloss, "in loving memory of his mother, Myrna Schloss, and his grandfather, Jack Margulius." Thank you Cantor.
- Thelma Fixler's 103rd Birthday on September 17th
- Michael & May Goldberg on the birth of their grandson, Henry
- Miriam & David Fridovich in honor of their 75th Wedding Anniversary
- Judy & Don Pinals 65th Wedding Anniversary
- Mady & Jeff Stier's 55th Wedding Anniversary
- Jocelyn Kenner, and her husband Adam, on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jane Kenner to Jacob Evan Kronish

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High Holidays Preview

FALL WORSHIP ... Getting Ready!

Preparing for the High Holidays: 5783 • 2022

During the month of **Elul: Sunday August 28 - September 6, 2021**, Jewish tradition instructs us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the High Holidays and begin the work of repentance. In order to enable our entire community to take part in the spiritual work of Elul, we will be sending out the “e-lul” daily emails with a text, prayer, or poem to help us get in the right frame of mind for the holidays.

Hope you find them inspirational and thoughtful!

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

S'lichot
Saturday, September 17

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 25

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 26 - Tuesday, September 27

Cemetery Memorial Service
(Sharon Gardens)
Sunday, October 2

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)
Tuesday, October 4

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 5

Erev Sukkot
Sunday, October 9

Sukkot
Monday, October 10

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Monday, October 17

More details in the September/October Temple Topics, weekly eblasts, and printed High Holiday brochure due to be released in the middle of August.

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



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From the President

Summer ... Renewing Ourselves!



WOW! Summer's here and that means we've completed another year in the life cycle of our Temple. Thank you to my fellow board members (Ilissa Warhit, Mitchell Tarnopal, Amy Ecker, Todd Pekats, Carolyn Dudek, and Derek Davis) who have stepped down from the board this past month. The time you've served this congregation is appreciated. Thank you to our departing clergy. Your time with us

has been inspirational and fulfilling. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Temple's Gala. This includes our honorees, planners, workers, and all of you who attended and supported our community. All of you contribute to making our community into a family and making our Temple our home.

The time ahead brings new hopes of even better times for all of us. Please, join me in welcoming and embracing our new clergy team, Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Cantor Rita Glassman. With the two of you leading our congregation in caring and spirituality our future is warm and inviting.

Enrollments at Camp Pinebrook and The Kehillah School continue to grow. Both for the Jewish enrichment we are able to offer our young children and for the revenue stream they provide to us, we are grateful. We look forward to introducing Camp Pinebrook's new Director to you very soon.

Over the summer, make it a point to join us all in making closer acquaintances with Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Glassman. Partake in Shabbat services and Shabbat Shabeach. Be a part of get-togethers and make yourself an outstanding part of our Temple's future.

During last year's High Holidays I spoke of being counted, of saying "הִנְנִי, **Here I am**". It continues to ring true. Your participation at Temple Israel is vital to the well being of our community. We count on each other.

For now, make plans and have a great summer. Stay healthy and enjoy our large family!

Brian Heaps
Temple President



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Rabbi Jay offered a prayer of thanksgiving and of inspiration. He offered warm thanks for his tenure at Temple Israel. He specifically wished Rabbi Gallop success and happiness. He reminded us that he would love to stay in touch and be available for anyone who would like to reach out.

The Treasurer reported that Temple Israel has a budget surplus and a portion of the surplus funds will be used to pay down the camp loan. The remainder of the surplus will be discussed at a future meeting. Anita Aronoff announced that the temple has received an anonymous donation of \$150,000, with \$100,000 dedicated to the Rosen Hall renovation. The Board voted unanimously to accept the generous donation. Temple Israel also received a small federal grant (\$7,200) to cover weather related damages to the temple. Anita also announced that membership support is at 97% of budgeted support, and we are in a similar position compared to last year. Also a search committee has been assembled and actively searching for a new camp director. Interviews will begin as early as next week.

Temple President, Brian Heaps expressed his gratitude to Todd Pekats and Mitchell Tarnopal for organizing a breakfast on July 10th to introduce the new clergy team to our congregation. Transition committees have been established for the new clergy.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst presented a proposed K-12 Vision Plan for 2022-2023. The plan was developed in many meetings with the Chavaya co-chairs, Chavaya committee, and Chavaya parents. Highlights include: a desire to bring the whole Chavaya community to be present in the temple at the same time on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6. The proposal also includes bringing 3-6th graders to Temple Israel on Thursday afternoons. Families have the option of 30 minutes of one-on-one on-line Hebrew tutoring or a two-hour at-temple experience including Hebrew tutoring, homework help, and an elective. The proposal also includes an optional family track for families of children in kindergarten through second grade, which would involve three sessions per month. This option would be in lieu of the weekday sessions. Seventh graders will have their b'nei mitzvah prep during their Tuesday afternoon session. These seventh graders would volunteer with younger students in place of the traditional mitzvah project. The teen program (8th-12th grade) will continue in the traditional Tuesday evening fashion. Teens will also have the option to choose among a menu of teen engagement opportunities. Either of these options would keep the teens involved and allow them full participation in events like Confirmation and Graduation.

The Advocacy Committee held a solidarity fair and the event included many strong and vital local institutions. Local news (Channel 2) and local politicians came to the event. Thank you to Ilissa Warhit and Howard Horowitz for organizing this amazing event.

In other good news, work on Rosen Hall has begun and mazel tov to Rabbi Gallop on the completion of his MBA.

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 23, 2022

At the Special Congregational meeting Rabbi Jay gave a blessing of hope and love to achieve good things to the best of our intellect. He extended his wishes that this be a time of new beginnings, and that this new beginning brings what we hope for. "May the new year be filled with the joy of being Jewish. May this be a year of peace and love, a year together. Erase the hate wherever it manifests and fill it with love."

Cantor Schloss: followed with three prayers relevant to this moment: 1) a shehechianu to mark the leaving of a cantor and rabbi and welcoming of a new cantor and rabbi, 2) the prayer recited after reading the Torah, which is, "Be strong, be strong, let us strengthen each other." 3) the prayer when returning the torah or approach the new year—"Cause us to return to you Adonai our G-d, make our days, renew our days like before."

Lloyd Robinson, chair of the search committee read a statement from Rabbi Jesse who was unable to attend the meeting. Rabbi Jesse is stuck in Atlanta with some of our TINR teens that were there on a social action trip and had their flight cancelled due to inclement weather.

Dear Members of Temple Israel of New Rochelle,

I wish that I was able to be with you this evening. It was my plan to be at the congregational meeting, but yesterday's storm cancelled our flight back from the Teen Social Justice trip learning about the Civil Rights movement. Spending five days with Temple Israel teens across Alabama and Georgia has been holy and an awe-inspiring experience. But as my grandma used to say "Humans make plans and God laughs." So, please accept my apologies for not being able to answer questions and present myself in person.

It is a deep honor and privilege to be presented to be your next rabbi (if accepted). I believe strongly that our community needs a rabbi that can be a spiritual leader who nurtures our community with hope and healing. Over the last 5 years, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with many children and families at Temple Israel in Camp Pinebrook, Kehillah, and Chavaya. As Rabbi Jesse, I have brought my love of Judaism and learning into our programs. For me, being Jewish is about how we live our lives and treat one another. As Rabbi Hillel taught, "If I am for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for others, what am I? And if not now, when?" Our world can often seem broken and too often in pain, so it is up to us to be God's partner. Together, we will pick up pieces of broken shards and bring healing to the world, making room for the Eternal in our midst. It is my hope that our community can build a home for all who want to enter, that is inclusive, generous of spirit, and kind.

Through the rabbinical search process, I have begun building deeper relationships with many adult members. It has also been an honor to lead the congregation in worship, sharing the intimacy of prayer. It is my hope and desire to inspire us to work together in a way that brings the divine spirit into our community. And if you do not

know me well, please let's make time to sit and chat. By building relationships and trust, we can do amazing things. I want to be YOUR rabbi. I look forward to, and hope to have the opportunity to work with Cantor Glassman, our temple staff, and each of you, in strengthening our synagogue. Hand in hand, in true partnership, we can continue the legacy of Temple Israel of New Rochelle, where we are strong for many generations to come.

*In peace and friendship,
Rabbi Jesse*

Lloyd thanked the Rabbi Search Committee for their diligent and tireless efforts. Committee members included: Jason Morris, Dianne Heaps, Art Ostrove, Cantor Reps, Greta Berenbaum, Gary Morse, Julia Ecker and Val Etra.

Lloyd explained the careful and thorough efforts of the committee and the search process. He then explained why the committee, unanimously and enthusiastically recommended Rabbi Jesse to the board to be our Rabbi. Rabbi Jesse graduated from the University of Denver in 2001. He went to HUC and graduated in 2007 and was ordained as a Rabbi in 2008. From 2005-2008 he was the student Rabbi at Beth Chaverim in Richmond Virginia and the from 2008-2001 he was the Rabbi there. From 2010-2016 Rabbi Jesse was the Assistant Rabbi, then the Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Ahabah also in Richmond Virginia. From 2016-2017 Rabbi Jesse was the Rabbi at Beth El Temple in Monroe NY. Since 2017, Rabbi Jesse has been the camp director here at Camp Pinebrook. Rabbi Jesse lives in Larchmont NY with his two adorable twin boys, Holden and Parker.

Following those remarks, Lloyd formally recommended Rabbi Jesse Gallop to be the Rabbi at Temple Israel of New Rochelle.

Following the Rabbi recommendation, Sharon Gorman as chair of the Cantorial Search recommended Cantor Rita Glassman as our next Cantor. Sharon thanked everyone who participated in this search committee including: Marilyn Morris, Linda Capozzola, Judy Pinals, Warren Agatston, Liz Weingast, Dan Weiser, Brian Feinblum, Margie Mangot, Rachel Davis, Rachel Morse, Ryan Topol, Lauren Pekats

Sharon also thanked Brian Heaps, Jeff Stier, Lloyd Robinson and the members of the board of trustees for their assistance in this process. And a huge thanks to Anita Aronoff for her assistance with handling much of the logistics. Sharon then proceeded to explain the painstaking process of the committee.

The committee was pleased that they had two strong candidates to choose from and ultimately put forth the recommendation to hire Cantor Glassman. Cantor Glassman received her ordination and Master's degree from the HUC Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music – Jewish Institute of Religion. A life-long learner, she has completed coursework in Jewish spirituality, interfaith studies, and is a board-certified Chaplain focused on bereavement and hospice care. She also received an honorary doctorate from HUC.

– Special Congregational Meeting Minutes: continued on p. 13 –

Events

Don't Miss These Two Summer Events!



Welcome
Breakfast
for the New
Clergy

“Meet,
Greet, and
Eat”

Sunday, July 10th - 10:00 am

Please join us in person to meet and welcome the new Clergy:
Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Cantor Rita Glassman

You can ask questions, and have conversations, amid breakfast noshing.

This FREE Breakfast was made possible through the generosity of Temple Israel's Brotherhood!

RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal RSVP suggested but not required to accommodate for food and seating.



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

Friday, August 5th

Kehillah Friends

5:30 pm Join your Kehillah friends for fun on the playground!

EVERYONE in our Community (including Kehillah friends...)

6 - 7 pm Refreshments (bring a picnic dinner)

7 pm

Sunset services begin, to help us bring Shabbat and the weekend to our community!

Please bring your beach blanket or chairs if you'd like to sit on the beach. Seating will be provided for those who call the Temple Office and request a chair.

Carpooling is encouraged! Limited Parking!
(99 Le Fevres Lane, New Rochelle, NY 10801)

More details to follow!

Rabbi's Note

Cantor's Note



I am incredibly excited to be your rabbi! I have been blessed over the last 5 years to be part of an incredible team of professionals. During this time, Temple Israel of New Rochelle (like the entire world) has been challenged by multiple years of COVID. As a camp director, I am shocked that 3 summers in a row have been greatly impacted by this epidemic. Too many have been hurt with the loss of a loved one or friend, dealing with symptoms of COVID, having an important life cycle occasion interrupted, had your careers impacted, and we all have faced the social and communal outcomes of increased anxiety, dramatic social change, and years of isolation.

As, I begin my new tenure in partnership with Cantor Glassman, I hope that Temple Israel has the opportunity to begin a new chapter. It is my sincere hope to create a home of warmth, respect, and inclusion. Where our temple community is reunited, engaging members, and creating a renewed vibrance. Achieving this goal will take all of our effort. And hopefully bring hope and healing into our lives.

Although I am excited about new beginnings, my transition also includes endings. This summer, I will continue to be the director of Camp Pinebrook while I begin my tenure as the congregational rabbi. Therefore, over the summer, my role will be somewhat limited. I will occasionally be leading Friday night worship with Cantor Glassman during the summer months. We will be leading Shabbat ShaBeach together on August 5th, at 5:30 pm. It should be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together outdoors. I also hope to meet many at the Brotherhood's welcome luncheon on Sunday, July 10th. There should be multiple opportunities for us to connect.

Over the summer months, Cantor Glassman will be the lead contact for pastoral needs and congregant support, while I continue to support Camp Pinebrook with its 200 campers and spend time getting ready for the new year. I am so excited to learn, pray, and share life with you! And I can't wait to begin this new chapter.

Wishing everyone a fun and healthy summer,

Rabbi Jesse Gallop

New Beginnings!



By the time you read this, I will have been your new Cantor for at least a few weeks. I am truly honored to take on this role, standing on the shoulders of all those esteemed Cantors who have come before and graced your Temple's Bimah-most recently Cantor Randall Schloss. I hope to build on his wonderful legacy and that of my colleague Eric Contzius and before him the Cantor who inspired me as a very young Cantor-in-training when women were still a minority in the Cantorate-Helene Reps.

If you think about it, Judaism is all about celebrating new beginnings while holding on to that which is deeply rooted in our tradition. Soon we will worship together at the New Year on Rosh Hashanah and while there will be some new, contemporary melodies, you will also hear the majestic sounds of the familiar High Holy Day gems of yesteryear. These include Max Janowski's Avinu Malkeinu, Max Helfman's Shema Koleinu and the moving strains of the Bruch Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur eve. The Psalmist wrote "*Shiru L'Adonay Shir Chadash*" - "Sing out to God a new song" and in Lamentations we read "*Hashiveinu Adonay eylecha v'nashuva...chadesh yameinu k'kedem*" - "Turn us toward You, Adonai, and we shall return...renew our days as of old." We are always on the path, hopefully, of moving forward, renewing and strengthening ourselves as we honor the past and recommit to being a holy people before God.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the coming year, and I truly hope that the music of Shabbat and the *Yamim Noraim* (the Days of Awe) will uplift, comfort, inspire and strengthen, and most of all, help usher in a sweet, joyous, new beginning for Temple Israel of New Rochelle in 5783.

Keyn Yehi Ratzon-May it be God's will.

B'shirah (In Song),
Cantor Rita Glassman

Visit www.tinr.org/spotlight/temple-israels-new-clergy/
to learn more about Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita.

If you missed their first service together on Friday, July 1st, you can see it here, on the Temple website!
You will also get the chance to see and/or read Cantor Rita's first sermon she delivered at the service.

Temple Israel is Grateful

Todah Rabah – Thank You!

Temple Fund

Richard S. Hollender, in memory of his brother, Michael E. Hollender; my mother, Betty S. Hollender; my father, Herbert S. Hollender on their yahrzeits
Rabbi Jesse Gallop, in honor of the Board of Trustees
Ilissa Herskowitz, in memory of her beloved sister, Jennifer Herskowitz, on her yahrzeit; in memory of her beloved grandfather, Irving P Fisher, on his yahrzeit
Diane & Elliot Senderoff, in honor of the Temple Brotherhood for a truly wonderful evening of Jewish Cuisine & Music! We are most grateful to have been there!
Eileen & Ronald Kaplan, in memory of Roberta Kline Kaplan
Alan & Elaine Ascher, in appreciation (for Rosen Hall floor renovation)
Linda Capozzola, congratulations to Michael & May Goldberg on the birth of their grandson, Henry; congratulations to Diane & Brian Heaps on the birth of their granddaughter, Danielle; congratulations to Sandy & Gerry Hyman on the marriage of their son, Greg, to Allison Hagan; in memory of Adele Bagg, mother of Jennifer Kates
Sue L. Nadorf, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Nadorf
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Dianne & Brian Heaps' new granddaughter, Danielle; in honor of Greg Hyman on his marriage to Allison Hagan; in memory Jennifer Kates' mother, Adele Bagg; in honor of Mitchell Ostrove's induction into the Ameritas Hall of Fame
Carol & Arthur Ostrove, in honor of Mitchell Ostrove's induction into the Ameritas Hall of Fame

Amy & Morris Marcus, in appreciation of Cantor Schloss
Shanee & Avishai Cohen, in appreciation

Brotherhood

Sari Bedevian, with thanks to Mitchell Tarnopal and Todd Pekats for a fun night of Jewish Cuisine & Music
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Michael & May Goldberg's new grandson, Henry; in honor of Brotherhood and Sisterhood for "deliciously" getting us together post-pandemic!
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in memory of Mark Shainker's mother

Building Fund

Family of Helene & Bill Handelman, for Rosen Hall floor renovation

Cantor Schloss' Discretionary Fund

Linda Capozzola, in appreciation for Cantor Schloss's six years of music, choir, friendship, and generosity!

Music Fund

Ilissa Herskowitz, in honor of Cantor Schloss for his dedication to the Temple Israel community
Diane Goldstein Stein, Phil, Matthew, and Lisa Stein, in memory of of Diane Goldstein Stein's mother's 18th yahrzeit
Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of of and appreciation for Cantor Schloss, his wife Leah, and their daughters, Maya and Sonya

Prayer Book Fund

Brian & Dianne Heaps, in memory Jennifer Kates' mother, Adele Bagg

Sisterhood

Mary Ann DeRosa, in honor of Brotherhood and Sisterhood for "deliciously" getting us together post-pandemic!
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of Greta & Jeff Berenbaum's celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Social Action Fund

Diane Brill, congratulating Bonnie & Stu Gellis's grandson, Reese Axelrod, upon his Bar Mitzvah
Richard & Debby-Rubin Marx, in honor of Ilissa Warhit speaking at Temple Israel Center on Yom HaZikaron
Linda Capozzola, in appreciation to Stephanie Krasner for all her work in the Temple Library

Temple Israel Cares

Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in honor of the marriage of Greg Hyman to Allison Hagan; in memory Jennifer Kates' mother, Adele Bagg
Toni & Alan Hoffman, in honor of Mitchell Ostrove's induction into the Ameritas Hall of Fame; in honor of Judy & Don Pinals' special anniversary; in honor of Mady & Jeff Stier's special anniversary
Miriam & David Fridovich, in honor of their 75th Wedding Anniversary
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in memory of Jennifer Kates' mother, Adele Bagg

Mike Weiss & Dalia Levine, in memory of Jennifer Kates' mother, Adele Bagg

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Shanee & Avishai Cohen, in appreciation



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"Last night was terrific! Thank you to everyone who helped put the event together, worked at the event, helped clean up, purchased journal ads, participated in the wine pull and 50/50 raffle, and bid on items at the silent auction. You are a major part of what makes our community a family and this place our home."

"To last night's honorees; Thank you for all you do for us."

"To everyone who attended; thank you for being there. WELCOME HOME!"

– Brian Heaps, Temple President

Visit www.tinr.org/spotlight/gala2022/ to view the Gala Journal and the Gala Album!



Enjoy Summer ... and Look Towards the Fall



It's summer but we are busy dreaming about the Fall! Here are some things to look forward to!

Chavaya, Temple Israel's Religious School

Registration has been sent to all returning families. If you have not yet registered, please visit www.tinr.org and click on the Religious School/Chavaya rotating image or event page

to be directed to the registration page.

Opening Days: Tuesday, September 13th and Thursday, September 15th

New this year: In-Person Small Group Hebrew Tutoring, Electives & Homework Help for 3rd-6th Graders!

When we re-imagined learning for the 2020-2021 year, the one area I felt the most strongly about was individualized Hebrew lessons. We saw an increase in engagement and reading fluency when we shifted from classroom based learning to a 2:1 model. Students receive a 25-minute lesson each week with a dedicated teacher: no changing groups, or remembering what page they were on, or figuring out what to do when one member of the group is absent or late.

We are also excited to be offering elective classes for our 3rd-6th graders on Thursday afternoons. Children will be able to choose from different classes such as Cooking, Sports, and Art. Families will receive class information at the beginning of September.

Finally, we will be offering Homework Help for this age cohort on Thursdays. The Homework Help program will be staffed by Temple Israel teens who have demonstrated excellent skills in specific subject areas. If you are a parent of a teen and think this role might be of interest to your child, please have them connect with me.

Better Together is Back!

What is Better Together?

For the third year in a row, we are pleased to be able to bring the 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 have accomplished.

The program will take place at Temple Israel. **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*

During the month of July I will be learning in Israel at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. I will be completing my Senior Educator Fellowship with the program, and look forward to sharing my experience with you when I return.

Wishing you an enjoyable, safe, and relaxing summer!

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, MA, RJE
Director of Education: Youth and Families

See the next page for memories from the Civil Rights trip





Confirmation Trip

**Teen Civil Rights Journey
Trip to Atlanta • May 2022**

**Facebook Spotlights ... A Small
Snapshot of Memories for You
from Them!**

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It's been an intense but incredibly meaningful day for our group on our Civil Rights trip in Montgomery. We visited the Rosa Parks Museum, the Lynching Memorial, and the The Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum. Each brought us so much historical knowledge and allowed our group to truly understand the terror, humiliation and lack of dignity that members of the Black community endured.

Our teens spent the day in Selma learning about the history of the Civil Rights Movement there with Mr. Terry Chesnut. Mr. Chesnut's father was Dr. J. L. Chesnut, Dr. King's lawyer. Mr. Chesnut told us that when he was six years old, he went to the jail in Selma with his father to free Dr. King. We also spent time in front of the Browns Chapel church, the launching point of all three attempted marches from Selma to Montgomery.

Mr. Chesnut led us on the very same path that the marchers took across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to get to Montgomery.

Today we attended the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. King preached. It was an incredible service and we were lucky to be in the presence of their Senior Pastor, Raphael Wornack, the first black Senator in Atlanta. Our group also toured the Auburn Street neighborhood, where Dr. King was born.

We are headed back to New York with our hearts and minds full of humility and appreciation for those who risked so much to make our world a better place. "

**Thank you to Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas
for donating to the trip to Atlanta!**





New Beginnings



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

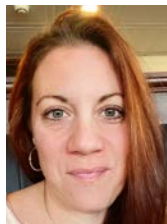


Opening Day Camp Pinebrook

Monday June 27 2022



Summer and September



As we embark upon our one-year anniversary, there is a lot to reflect upon. We have completed one full cycle of holidays and celebrations. We have grown in size opening all ten of our classrooms. We have welcomed new families, many new siblings of current children, new teachers, and a new assistant director. And now we are preparing to graduate our first Pre-K class and send them off to Kindergarten!

This year we brought Gym on Wheels back. Michael Albert; a local artist, provided a workshop for children and teachers on Collage art. Our art show featured artists; such as Jackson Pollack, Michael Albert, and Vincent Van Gogh. If you were at the Gala this year, you also saw Kehillah's contributions to the silent Auction.

Looking ahead, we are excited to jump into our summer and begin to prepare for the fall. Our summer is filled with water play, special community visitors, exploring nature, and having fun!

September brings new opportunities in our Pre-K classrooms. Our classrooms will begin laying the foundation of a Reggio inspired emergent curriculum.

Have a great summer, as we continue to get ready for September! As always, please feel free to check in with me with any questions, concerns, or great news you may have!

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



Cantor Rita Glassman's First Day at Kehillah Shabbat

Friday July 1 2022

Social Action

You Can ALWAYS Make a Difference...especially NOW!

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

ICNAW, Interfaith Council for New Americans in Westchester, welcomed three siblings last month. Sadia is 24 years old and is one semester short of having an undergraduate degree in Computer Science. Nabil is 19 and was accepted into nursing school with the hopes of going to medical school. Khujesta is 18 and just graduated high school. Their studies were put on hold when the situation in Afghanistan worsened and the siblings were came to the US as humanitarian parolees leaving behind their parents and several siblings.

Sadia and Nabil are beginning their job searches. If you are interested in mentoring, connecting, or conducting mock interviews, please reach out to socialactiontinr@gmail.com. Sadia and Nabil both have good English language, and Khujesta is taking classes to work on her language skills.

Farhad, Madina, Mudasir, and Massih, are settled into their new apartment and Farhad is enjoying his new job. Mudasir started kindergarten, and is making new friends. The three brothers continue to support their families here and send money to their family members in Afghanistan through back channels. This money allows them to purchase food since the Afghan economy is in shambles and many are starving. In addition, the brothers and their wives give back to the local community.

As a treat for us, one of the wives, Mahnaz, started catering again through "Meals by Mahnaz" and made delicious baklava for the Gala. If you didn't get the chance to taste it, please look up her business, and frequent her services. The baklava was delicious!



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She is a skilled musician, songwriter and composer. She produced and composed music for San Francisco's first Jewish Bluegrass Shabbat Service, her original composition of Oseh Shalom was performed at the White House, and she has sung the National Anthem at AT&T Park on Jewish Heritage Night. Cantor Glassman has held several different full time and interim cantorial positions throughout her career including nine years at Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco and a Covid-filled year from 2020-2021 at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia.

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 Social Action

The SAC is looking for new leadership! Mia and Amy are moving to other exciting ways to make a difference in the community. So, we NEED YOU!

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's important to have new leadership, and ALL are welcome to make the choice to LEAD US!

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 Temple Israel community positively impacts others and each other. These actions are a large part of what makes Temple Israel special!

Cantor Glassman is coming to us from her fulltime Chaplaincy at Stanford Health Care in California. But she is no stranger to Westchester. She was raised in Mamaroneck, has family here on the east coast, and is looking forward to the variety of Jewish deli foods that the west coast simply cannot match! She is very much looking forward to living in Westchester and becoming a full member of our community. The separate votes to approve Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Glassman were unanimously approved by the 42 congregation members present in-person and on-line.

Greetings! Let us introduce ourselves: We are Greta Berenbaum and Berdie Stein – Your new Sisterhood Co-Presidents. We couldn't be more excited to step into these roles.

Greta: I have been a Temple Israel member along with my husband Jeff and sons Ethan, Josh and Zach for over 17 years. My sons attended pre-school here, became Bar Mitzvahs here, attended Chavaya, Confirmation, and Graduation. I have volunteered for many years on the Temple Gala Committee, Temple Israel Shops, and Chavaya snack/pizza sales. Most recently I have been the Sisterhood Treasurer which has enabled me to work with some amazing women: Our Sisterhood Board!

Berdie: Along with my husband Len, I have been a member of Temple Israel for over ten years. My involvement has encompassed the sanctuary renovation, chairing the annual Galas, Board of Trustees member, volunteering with social action projects, presently co-chairing the Temple Israel Cares committee, and being on the Sisterhood Board which I'm honored and thrilled to be heading with Greta!

We are truly grateful to Janet Frey and Jennifer Herbst for leading Sisterhood through the heart of the pandemic. We definitely have 'large shoes to fill.' Our One Hope Wine Tasting event and the Solomon Diaries Concert were the perfect way to welcome everyone back to in person events.

Like all of you, we are looking forward to leaving the COVID pandemic in the rear-view mirror. We are eager to engage you

in many ways. Our main objective is to create community through additional programming and events. Whether we are partnering with Brotherhood or hosting an event solo, we welcome all TINR members. We are also excited to honor each upcoming B'nei Mitzvah candidate with a special kiddush cup and a donation to their selected charity.

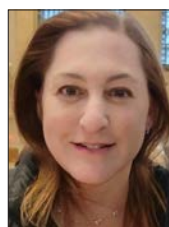
Most of our events are 'fun-raisers.' These are designed to engage, educate, entertain, and have FUN. We plan to host a Talent Show Fundraiser this fall. All funds raised go to Temple Israel needs and additional programming. We would love to have YOU in the show. Please reach out to us if you have any special talents and would like to participate. Watching our members perform is so much fun for all of us.

Other events on the horizon for Fall include:

- Temple-wide Book Read
- Breakfast with Mimi Rocah
- Virtual Museum Tour
- Round Challah Baking event for High Holidays
- Talent Show With PRIZES – October 15th or 22nd
- Boozy Brunch on a Sunday morning – Meet the New Clergy
- Healthy cooking lesson with Nutritionist Robin Werner

We look forward to seeing and speaking to everyone in person, on Zoom, or by phone as we gear up for the upcoming Sisterhood year.

Enjoy your summer!



Greta Berenbaum
Sisterhood Co-President



Berdie Stein
Sisterhood Co-President

Pass this link to friends who want to join in events!
www.tinr.org/sisterhood-upcoming-events

Brotherhood

MORE to Come

As we begin our summer months of sun and surf, we invite you to ALL to a "Meet, Greet, and Eat" FREE breakfast with our NEW Clergy. If you couldn't see them at Friday services on July 1st, this is another chance to converse and eat in a casual setting at the Temple with both Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita on Sunday, July 10th, 10 am. Reservations to Mitchell Tarnopal aren't required, but appreciated so we can order enough food, and have enough seating.

As we start to go back to what "normal" is, we are making sure that events are happening in a safe setting, but also fun and engaging. Food and booze seemed to be the Brotherhood staple, so the very popular "Booze & Schmooze" gatherings are coming back! ALL are welcome for these gatherings, so please join us. A couple of those gatherings will be at Sans Souci Beach, which is always a treat. Look out for dates coming up online via social media, weekly eblasts, website, shabbat leaflets, and more!

If you have any suggestions or ideas, and can sponsor or organize, please reach out to us, both/either Todd Pekats and Mitchell Tarnopal. Brotherhood does a lot for Temple Israel, and we continue to look for more ways to make sure that we: Temple Israel, Chavaya/Religious School, Kehillah School, and Camp Pinebrook, gather together, have fun together, and make this a community, together!

Make this summer great!



Todd Pekats
Brotherhood Co-President



Mitchell Tarnopal
Brotherhood Co-President

Incoming Brotherhood Co-Presidents are:
Allen Fishbein
Gary Frey

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The Tamid Society



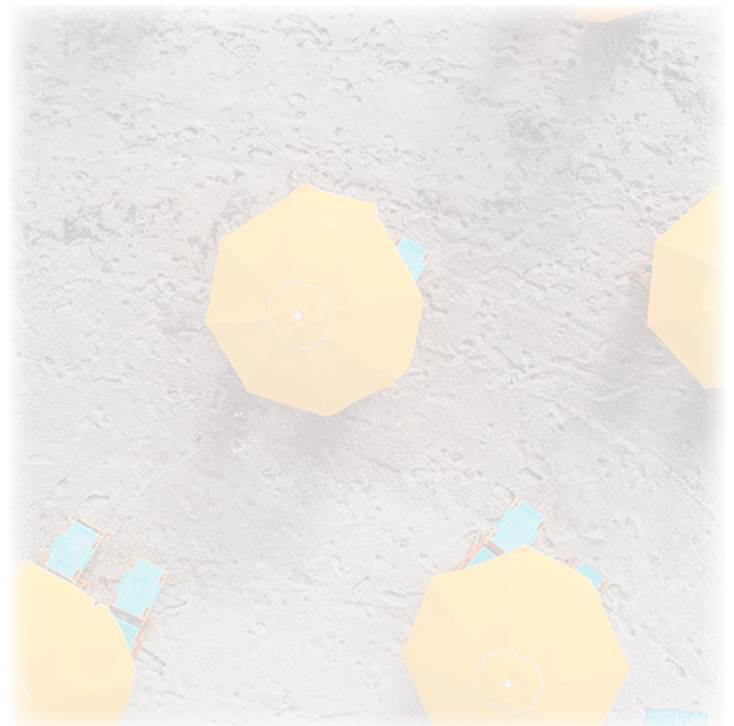
Over the years, Temple Israel has received dozens of legacy gifts, many of which have received little or no publicity but have helped assure the Temple's financial health. The purpose of the Tamid Society is to encourage living congregants to pledge a bequest and be recognized for this thoughtfulness 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 for leaving a legacy!



Edith H. Handelman Library

Summer Reading

Time to catch up with some good reads!

Here are a few you might have missed:



Lots for the kids too!



Have you ever visited or taken a book out of the Temple Israel library? Do you even know we have a library? We do, and it is beautiful room, full of hundreds of books.

The library has been under the loving care of Stephanie Krassner for years. After reading reviews of new books with Jewish themes, Stephanie, a volunteer, orders them with funding from the Handelman family, for whom the library is named.

When the books arrive, Stephanie covers them with plastic, and a pocket and card are placed inside the back of the book. They are placed in the Lucite display case with other new books. There are also 2 carts - one with fiction and one with non-fiction books. Award winning books are placed on a shelf with their cover pictures on a bulletin board.

Stephanie is in the library on Friday mornings from 10 am - 12 pm. You can also reserve books on a specific library website. Please remember to sign the card and place it in the red box on the desk. Books returned can be placed in the basket inside the door.

We are so lucky to have a library here at the Temple, which is available to everyone: Temple members, Kehillah families, Chavaya (Religious School) participants, and Camp Pinebrook campers!

- Linda Capozzola
Library volunteer, and book aficionado!

New adult and children's books arrive weekly. Check your Temple emails for the newest additions. All books can be reserved by logging on to our library website at:

www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibrary/TINR

Make READING part of your SUMMER!

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian



TIC Welcomes Summer Days!

With a new recipe that will evoke your praise,
We know you folks can man (woman) your grills,
So here's a marinade that really thrills:

Hanger Steak on the Grill *(see recipe below ... Bon Appétit!)*

We hope you enjoy a relaxing and fun summer and look forward to seeing you all again in person in the Fall!

All our best,
Toni and Berdie



Toni Hoffman
Temple Israel Cares
Co-President



Berdie Stein
Temple Israel Cares
Co-President

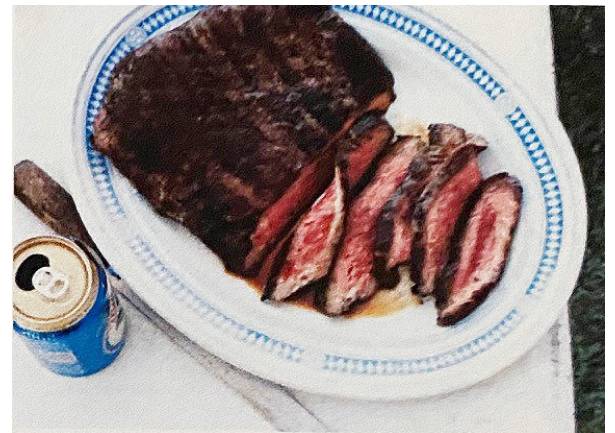
HANGER STEAK ON THE GRILL

INGREDIENTS

6 scallions, thinly sliced (white and pale-green parts only)
1 garlic clove, chopped
1/3 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon (packed) light brown sugar
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
1 2-pound hanger steak
Kosher salt

PREPARATION

- Combine scallions and next 7 ingredients in a large re-sealable plastic bag and mix well.
- Add steak; seal bag, pressing out excess air. Turn steak to coat. Refrigerate overnight, turning bag occasionally.
- Build a medium-hot fire in a charcoal grill, or heat a gas grill to high. Remove steak from bag; wipe off excess marinade.
- Season both sides lightly with salt. Grill steak until well browned, about 6 minutes per side for medium-rare.
- Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for 10 minutes. Slice thinly against the grain.



Hungry for More? If you have a question about this recipe, contact the Bon Appétit Test Kitchen at askba@bonappetit.com. To see more recipes like this one, check out the Steak Recipes Slideshow.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

5 servings, 1 serving contains:
Calories (kcal) 320
Fat (g) 14
Saturated Fat (g) 4.5
Cholesterol (mg) 60
Carbohydrates (g) 6
Dietary Fiber (g) 1

The TIC email (TIC@tinr.org) is doing just fine
We're gifting milestone birthdays with flowers and wine
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List of Funds

Support Temple Israel

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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.

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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.

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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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.

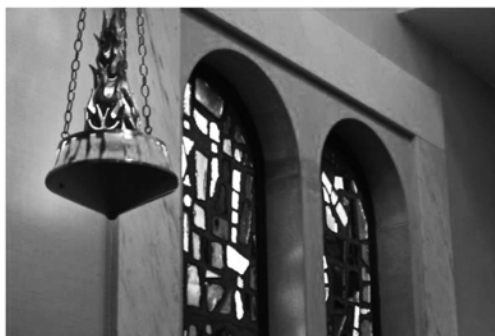


Have You Registered for Religious School?

At Chavaya (Temple Israel's Religious School) learners feel a deep connection to the Temple Israel community and the Jewish community as a whole, and are able to express how Judaism is relevant and meaningful to themselves.

Registration for K-7th is NOW OPEN, until Friday, August 12th!

For more details on the Religious School program visit www.tinr.org/chavaya or contact Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, the Director of Education: Youth & Families, at relkusferst@tinr.org



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