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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 since the last Temple Topics:

- Richard Fertel, brother of Barry Fertel
- Claude Metzger, Temple Israel member, husband of Clio
- Dorothy Anne (Dabby) Blatt, mother of Deborah Blatt
- Joseph Allen Cook, father of Caroline Alter
- Ina Rich, longtime member of Temple Israel

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

# Mazel Tov

- Ilissa & Paul Warhit, on the birth of their granddaughter, Rotem (desert flower in Hebrew), born October 12th in Israel to their son Josh, & Reut Warhit. Other proud grandparents are Anat & Israel Peleg.
- Andrew Liebowitz & Melissa Esposito-Liebowitz, on the baby naming of their daughter Sydney Mac Liebowitz.
- Judith & Donald Pinals, on the marriage of their granddaughter Annie Barringer, to Michael Bonadio
- Bernie Robinson, on his 95th Birthday.
- Dan Ecker, on his law firm, Lever & Ecker, being recognized as "Super Lawyers" for the third year in a row!
- Dylan Lehrman being called to the Torah. *See Dylan's bio on p. 8.*

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

# New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Julie & Adam Kraus, with their children, Olivia and Steven
- Eric & Sarah Prager with their children, Isaac and Joshua
- Sarah & Mwaniki Mwangi, with their children, Hudson and Georgia
- Jenifer & Douglas Camhi with their children, Harper and Maxie
- Brooke & Adam Cohan with their children, Gabrielle and Ari
- Stacey & Boris Bernstein with their son, Theodore
- Leah & Zachary Moore, with their children, Austin, Oliver, and Jordan
- Jaclyn & David Cooper with their daughter, Sienna
- Dana & Kevin Khani with their children, Ava and Leah
- Patti Bernstein, for rejoining TINR



"We learn, then we celebrate..." - Rabbi Jesse

**Thursday, December 15th**

6:00 pm Brotherhood Latkes & Vodkas (*all adults 21+*)

**Sunday, December 18th**

10:00 - 11:00 am Chanukah Tot Celebration (*tots under 5*)

1:30 - 3:30 pm Chanukah Shamash & Nosh for families (*children 5 and over*)  
with bouncy house, arts & crafts, kids' activities, and more!

**FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH**



**Monday, December 19th**

5:30 pm Candle Lighting & Songs *in the lobby*

7:30 pm Chanukah Adult Education: The Book of Maccabees (*adults*)



**Tuesday, December 20th**

5:30 pm Candle Lighting & Songs *in the lobby*

6:00 pm Chanukah Celebration followed by dinner: \$18 per couple/family (*adults & families*)



**Wednesday, December 21st**

5:30 pm Candle Lighting & Songs *in the lobby*

**Thursday, December 22nd**

5:30 pm Candle Lighting & Songs *in the lobby*

**Friday, December 23rd**

5:45 pm Candle Lighting & Songs *in the lobby*

6:00 pm Shabbat Service with Chanukah Blessings



Visit [www.tinr.org/Chanukah2022](http://www.tinr.org/Chanukah2022) for more details



Join us for this meaningful event, when we officially celebrate the installation of Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Glassman

Friday, November 4th, 6:00 pm

A complimentary dinner will follow, but please RSVP to [www.tinr.org/Installation](http://www.tinr.org/Installation), so we can accommodate for food and seating.

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# Rabbi's Note

## "Gratitude"

# Cantor's Corner

## "The Little Holiday That Could."



Having gratitude is one of the core *middot* (values) in Judaism. We recently finished the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah where we give thanks to God for the bounty of the fall harvest and then rejoice in the opportunity to finish the Torah, and then to begin again. Even in our daily prayers, the *Hoda'ah* is one of the benedictions within the Amidah: where we acknowledge our awareness for the gifts that grace our lives.

Being thankful shapes my rabbinate in many ways. I have been deeply touched by the connection and care that has been shared during the High Holy Days season. I am honored to be your rabbi, not only for worship and holiday celebration, but to learn with you, share life, and support one another during happy and hard moments. That is why the installation ceremony on November 4th is so special.

Installing the cantor and rabbi gives the congregation an opportunity to recognize the sacred bond that is being bestowed by God within our community. We can only be your clergy if you are willing to welcome us into your lives. The installation is an opportunity for the entire synagogue to celebrate this opportunity of new beginnings. The evening will be filled with beautiful music and include guests who will share insight about the gifts that both myself and Cantor Glassman bring to Temple Israel of New Rochelle. And together we get to share in thanksgiving of the clergy and community.

As Jewish Americans, autumn is a season filled with appreciation. And one of the most special gifts is ending the season with holiday of Thanksgiving. This quintessential American tradition has evolved in such beautiful ways. Where a country of immigrants internalized the message of inclusivity, friendship, and hope. There is much to be thankful in life!

As the leaves change color, the temperature gets cooler, and the days begin to get shorter, let us take time to continue to connect. Please join us at the synagogue, make time to come talk with me, attend worship and classes. Let's show our thanks by strengthening our bonds together.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Jesse Gallop

See p. 12 for some up and  
coming opportunities!



*"You are a fortress in my life  
and in Your honor these candles I light  
Always stay in this home, in this heart  
I promise to remember and do my part  
Until the time that all humankind  
Learns to live with love and with peace in mind  
I will sing and bless this night  
Thanking You on Chanukah  
for this miracle of light"*

from "You Are A Fortress/Maoz Tzur"  
by Cantor Rita Glassman



In the second century before the Common Era, the Persian King Antiochus IV ruled over the Holy Land. While King Antiochus #s 1, 2 and 3 seemed just fine with the religious practices of the Jews living in Judea and Jerusalem, Antiochus #4 did not much care for the fact that the Jewish citizens of his kingdom had different ideas about how to worship the Almighty. So, like King Pharaoh in the Book of Exodus who "did not know Joseph," the "anti" King, as I like to call him, decreed that all Jews give up their religious faith and adopt the culture and customs of Greek society. Clearly, Antiochus #4 must have had no real relationships with the Jewish folk in the neighborhood. He most probably never experienced a Jewish Sabbath, a Passover Seder, or shared and listened to personal stories of individuals within the Jewish community, discovering common interests and points of human connection.

As, sadly, we see in Ukraine today, there is one authoritarian foreign ruler who believes he has the right to take over a people and their land without any regard for those peoples' well-being, autonomy and preferred way of life. There is no meeting of minds or hearts, only a thirst for power and control. The famous Bob Dylan song "Blowin' In the Wind" comes to mind. **"When will they ever learn?"** Indeed. War is never the answer for anything.

Idol worship was especially popular among the Greeks in those "not so good for the Jews old days," and there is that *midrash* about our ancestor Abraham, who smashed all the idols in his father Terach's idol shop to prove a point. Abraham was a believer in one God, and saw the oneness in everyone and everything. Idolatry was definitely not going to go over big with the Jews of the second century BCC. The Greco-Syrian army went on the attack, defaming and desecrating the holy Temple in Jerusalem, slaughtering thousands of Jews who would not give up their faith and adherence to Jewish law.

Soon, a powerful resistance arose among the Jews, which turned into a major revolt led by brave Judah Maccabee, his father Mattathias, and his four brothers from the town of *Modeen*. They took on the army of Antiochus against all



odds, determined to overcome the forces of hatred and intolerance, and preserve their identity as Jews.

After three years of guerilla warfare, the small but mighty Maccabees were victorious, and drove out Antiochus's men from their land. Immediately, the Maccabees reclaimed their beloved Temple, purifying and rededicating it to the service of God. One little flask of oil in the Temple's menorah, meant to only last one day, miraculously, burned for eight whole days and nights. Chanukah means "dedication." The rededication of the Jewish Temple occurred on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of *Kislev* according to the lunar calendar.

So we celebrate Chanukah for eight days and nights each year, lighting our menorahs every evening at sunset and retelling our story of triumph over those "who did not know us" and who tried, unsuccessfully, to snuff out our spirit and our light.

Truth be told, among all the Jewish holidays, Chanukah was considered, for many centuries, a **minor** festival. It is not mentioned at all in the Torah, and comes to us through the Book of Maccabees. Other than the instructions regarding the lighting of the menorah and the reciting of Hallel (the Hebrew Psalms), Chanukah was more or less a holiday for children through the ages-a time to gather with family, sing Chanukah songs and play *Dreidel*.

But, like the little engine we read about as kids that defied all expectations, Chanukah is truly "the little holiday that could." In the 19th and 20th centuries, it has taken on much more major significance. Perhaps it is because Chanukah is really a holiday of **HOPE**-a reminder that while there is darkness in the world, there is also light and goodness in it. We have the capacity as human beings to stand up in the face of tyranny, to focus our attention on and rededicate ourselves to bringing more light and goodness into our often troubled world, so that it might find a way to wholeness and peace.

This Chanukah, as we at Temple Israel of New Rochelle light our menorahs, may we create something beautiful, holy and healing out of all that light. Because when you really boil it down, like the little train engine that no one believed would make it all the way up the hill, the light of Chanukah can illuminate our human potential and the strength of the human spirit. It's all about the power of faith and hope, knowing and caring for one another, working together to make life better, not just for us in the Jewish world, but for all who dwell upon this earth. May it be so.

Happy, Joyous Chanukah!  
Cantor Rita Glassman



# High Holy Days Memories





# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah – Thank You!

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**Mark Aaron**, in honor of the High Holidays  
**Larry Cohen**, in appreciation of Jason Morris' outstanding leadership and teachings during this summer's Torah Study  
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**Joyce Engel**, in memory of Selma Engel and in gratitude to Rabbi Jesse  
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**Matthew & Jennifer Kates**, in memory of Ruth Kates and Adele Bagg  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in honor of the warm, inspirational job bringing back the feeling of community  
**The Metzger Family**, in memory of Claude Metzger, and with many thanks to Rabbi Gallop, Anita Aronoff, and the TINR community for their kindness and support in this difficult time for our family  
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**Chet Moss**, in memory of Florence & Tobias Moss' yahrzeit  
**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of Rabbi Gallop  
**Marjorie & Richard Lewis**, Happy Birthday with love to Warren Agatston, and many more in good health

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in honor of a beautiful S'lichot service  
**Mady & Jeff Stier**, in appreciation  
**Matthew & Jennifer Kates**, in memory of Ruth Kates and Adele Bagg  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in honor of the warm, inspirational job bringing back the feeling of community  
**Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich**, in honor of Bernie Robinson's 95th birthday

**Ariela Z. Brand**, in memory of Herman (Hi) D. Brand, Past President  
**Elaine Weiss & Bill Weil**, in honor of the beautiful High Holy Days services  
**Lisa Keller & Saki Yakas**, in appreciation

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**Thelma Fixler**, in gratitude  
**Richard & Debby Rubin-Marx**, in honor of the engagements of Paul & Ilissa Warhit's daughters, Alyson and Natalie  
**Val Etra**, in memory of Joseph Allen Cook  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Dorothy Anne (Dabby) Blatt  
**Toni Brackis**, congratulations to the Warhits on their new granddaughter; in memory of Claude Metzger; in honor of Bernie Robinson's special birthday  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in honor of Orietta Schneider's incredible contributions to TINR

**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in memory of Selma Engel  
**Peter Fixler**, a gift from Peter, Rabbi Joshua, Annie, Eleanor, Daniella and Fredi Fixler, in honor of another milestone birthday for our mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, Thelma Fixler.  
**Michael, Barbara, Nathan, Judy & David Fixler**, in honor of Thelma Fixler's 103rd birthday  
**Richard Marx & Deborah Rubin-Marx**, in honor of the engagements of Paul & Ilissa Warhit's daughters, Alyson and Natalie

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**Brian Stapen Jack Stoerger**, in memory of Eva & Walter**



## SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 11th, 7:00 pm, Temple Israel

Join us for a **Veteran's Day/ Kristallnacht** service at Temple Israel.

This service will also be available on LiveStream at [www.tinr.org/LiveStream](http://www.tinr.org/LiveStream), and on Facebook Live.

## Save the Date! Mitvah Day 2022

Sunday, November 20th 10am - 12pm



## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 20th, 4:00 pm, Westchester Reform Temple

Celebrate our own Cantor Glassman, when she performs with other talented Cantors of Kol Hazanim/ the Cantors of Westchester. This event is sponsored by the Westchester Jewish Council.

Visit: [www.tinr.org/musicjoy/](http://www.tinr.org/musicjoy/) to RSVP through WJC.



# From the President

## Providing a Spiritual Home



I failed. Yup! I made a commitment and didn't keep it. I could come up with a lot of legitimate excuses, but it doesn't change the fact that I did not adequately follow through. Let's be realistic; I'm not unique. Almost all of us, at one time or another, have made commitments we haven't kept. So, what am I talking about and what am I going to do about it? I'm glad you asked because it affects all of us.

Last November, in Temple Topics I spoke of "The Nones." This refers to a growing group of people who indicate in surveys that they have no religion or do not affiliate with any particular religious group. The number of Americans who do not identify with any religion continues to grow at a rapid pace. The group who do not affiliate make up one-fifth of the U.S. public – and a third of adults under 30 –, the highest percentages ever as reported by the Pew Research Center. Many of the 46 million unaffiliated adults in the country are religious or spiritual in some way. Two-thirds of them say they believe in God (68%). More than a third classify themselves as "spiritual" (37%), and one in five (21%) say they pray every day. The majority think that religious institutions benefit society by strengthening community bonds and aiding the poor.

I said, "I intend to gather groups of congregants who are willing and able to ask tough questions, not just of ourselves, but of those who have chosen to be unaffiliated." It didn't happen. I failed.

Why is this important to me? Because I believe we have the

ability to provide a spiritual home for many that describe themselves as unaffiliated. Rabbi Jesse spoke of the impact of COVID-19 and the societal change to religion and institutions, during his sermon on Rosh Hashanah, that as human beings we are all trying to make sense of life. And only when we learn how to join one another, and form a community will we be able to find comfort and meaning.

With the renewed enthusiasm and warmth of our clergy, staff, and lay leadership, I feel a desire amongst us all to be here, at Temple Israel, participating and welcoming new faces and those who have taken a hiatus from our family. It is this spirit that I hope will attract more new faces, but not without efforts from us all. Mind you, it's not about raising numbers; that's the result of our creating a community that not just welcomes others, but one where others want to be a part.

Please reach out to me and give me your thoughts. Together, let's enhance our community. Let us offer a space, both spiritual and secular, a tent, that is open to the needs of our community, the affiliated and unaffiliated. Let us think of what we can do additionally and differently. Let us all go even more out of our way to be welcoming. If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself.

Together, as a community, we can increase our likelihood of success and strengthen our bonds with each other. The future of Temple Israel truly is bright, but it is up to each and every one of us to help us shine the brightest.

Brian Heaps  
Temple President

## Bar Mitzvah

## Mazel Tov!



My name is **Dylan Lehrman**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 17th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Mikeitz* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Leslie & Ross Lehrman, and my sibling, Harper. I am in the seventh grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I love to play sports, read, and hang out with my friends. My favorite sports are baseball, basketball, golf, and skiing. I love fantasy books, and my all time favorite series is Percy Jackson.

I hope to see you at services when I am called to the Torah!





## So Much to Offer!



Temple Israel youth and family programming is in full swing! When you enter the building, you can see children and teens enjoying making new friends, building community and having fun! The months of November and December have so much to offer families of all ages!

### Programs & Events for Families

#### **Sunday, November 6th: Tot Playdate from 10-11:30am**

Children 6 and under and their parents are invited to join us for crafts, a story, singing and snack. Let us know you'll be joining us by Tuesday, November 1st.

#### **Saturday, November 19th: Sixth Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program from 10am-12pm**

The clergy and I look forward to our first sixth program of the year with the tweens and parents. More information will be sent to families prior to the session.

#### **Sunday, November 20th: Mitzvah Day from 10am-12pm**

Mitzvah Day is back! We will be supporting local not-for profit organizations in Westchester, and support the organizations' missions through G'milut Chasadim, acts of loving kindness. Mitzvah Day is open to all families. *To learn more about the day, please visit the Temple website at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) soon, and open your weekly ebcasts!*

### **Sunday, December 18th: Celebrate Chanukah!**

#### **Families with Tots (0-4 years) 10:00-11:00am**

Get into the Chanukah spirit with singing, crafts and a special Chanukah snack!

#### **Families with children in Kindergarten and up 1:30-3:30pm**

Join us for latkas, singing, Chanukah crafts and more! Temple Israel's Chanukah Celebration is open to all families.

*To learn more about the day and to RSVP, please visit the website.*

I hope to see you soon!

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, MA, RJE

Director of Education: Youth & Families

# The Sharing Shelf

### **The Sharing Shelf has resumed accepting donations of clothing at TINR!**

From September to February, the program seeks donations of new and gently used fall and winter clothing, outerwear and shoes in all sizes.

Donations must be bagged in kitchen sized garbage bags.

To help keep clothing clean - do not donate in paper bags or reusable grocery bags. Remove all hangers.

Donations of new socks, new underwear and diapers are greatly appreciated. We do not accept donations of infant equipment at Temple onsite, but donors are welcome to bring those items to The Sharing Shelf directly by appointment at [www.sharingshelf.org](http://www.sharingshelf.org)

*Questions? Contact Deborah Blatt at [Dblatt@sharingshelf.org](mailto:Dblatt@sharingshelf.org) or (work) 914-305-5950, or (cell) 914-355-9121.*



**Basketball REGISTRATION!**

**5th - 12th Graders! Are You Ready?**

Visit the Basketball sign up link on [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to register until Friday, November 4th!

Questions? Contact [jberenbaum@optonline.net](mailto:jberenbaum@optonline.net)

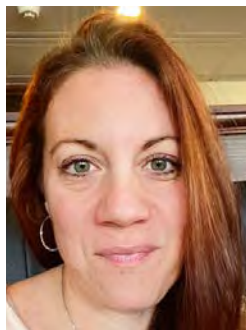
### **Snowbirds**

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





# Building Community! Join us!



Kehillah is evolving and growing with lots of new smiling faces filling the classrooms. Our curriculum continues to evolve with a variety of topics being discussed. Just to name a few: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Worms, Cars, and Pumpkins. Each classroom also has its own rhythm and stories of investigation:

*Boneem* checks on their beans growing outside of my office window daily.

*Zahzeem* has a new walker every day. *Tzofeem* made a Sukkah which took up half of the classroom. *Oleem* has worms living inside an observation bucket. *G'Shareem* investigated the parts of a pumpkin which started with observation and ended with a dissected pumpkin, and tasty pumpkin pie! You just never know what you will find happening at any given moment!

This year we are focusing on building our school community, not just for children but for parents and teachers also. We opened the school for Parents' Night inviting parents to visit teachers and see classrooms. On a monthly basis, we will be hosting a virtual lunch with the director to dive into topics

of interest, such as Toddler Potty training, and Preschool expectations. In November, parents are invited to a cocktail hour with other parents, teachers, Temple clergy, and members of the Board. The Teachers just completed a full day of training and Team building to help bring them together as a community and feel connected to one another outside of the classroom environment.

There are a few spots still available in our program, visit us at [www.kehillahschool.org](http://www.kehillahschool.org) for more information and to schedule a tour! We can't wait to show off the Kehillah School!

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



## Tot Playdate on Sunday, November 6th

Children ages 0-4 years and invited to join us for a playdate at Temple Israel from 10-11:30am. We'll play in the playground, do a craft project, sing, and have snack together.

This event is open to all families. Please let us know you'll be attending. RSVP to Rebecca Elkus-Ferst at [relkusferst@tinr.org](mailto:relkusferst@tinr.org) by **Tuesday, November 1st!**

Can't wait to play!





# Sisterhood

# It Goes...

# Brotherhood

# ...On!

Hi everyone!

It was wonderful to attend High Holy Days services in both the tent and sanctuary, reminding us all how enjoyable and important it is to come together in person as a community.

**Wednesday November 30th, at 7:30 pm** brings our first **Sisterhood Game Night**. Make a meld of cards with Canasta or click your tiles in Mah Jongg. Game supplies provided along with munchies. Let's make it a regular event!

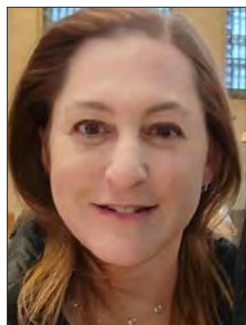
Riding on the enormous success of our **Challah Baking Event**, we're bringing back Debra Cohen for another class - this time baking Jewish holiday desserts! Stay tuned for the date.

And of course, save **Saturday, January 21st, 2023** for our biggest fundraiser since Comedy Night! This year it's **"TINR's Got Talent,"** a talent show featuring local participants and judged by our own clergy and Anita Aronoff. We are looking for brave performers with unique talents. PG-13 please. *Please contact Jackie Saril at [JackieSaril@gmail.com](mailto:JackieSaril@gmail.com) or Judy Siegel at [JLSiegel@optonline.net](mailto:JLSiegel@optonline.net) for details.*

As always, please join us in bringing your ideas and input of what YOU want to do! If you'd like to attend our next board meeting, please email us!

We can't wait to see you all soon.

Greta and Berdie



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Brotherhood hit the ground running this year with our first two meetings. We met at San Souci - thank you to Paul Warhit - on Tuesday August 16th to begin planning for the current year.

On Tuesday September 13th we had our first official Brotherhood meeting: "Booze and Schmooze" where we closed out last year's minutes and continued to plan the current years events.

On Thursday October 13th the Brotherhood Sukkah Happy Hour / Board of Trustees Meet & Greet was a success. Although we were supposed to meet in the new Sukkah, the weather forced us to move indoors to Forbes. Over 25 of us got better acquainted as we shared ideas and goals over drinks and food.

Please join us for our next **Brotherhood Meeting** on **Tuesday, November 1st, at 7:00 pm.**

On **Tuesday November 8th, at 7:00 pm**, Brotherhood will host **Bourbon & Bible**, and all are invited! Rabbi Jesse will lead us in a fascinating Bible study topic as we sample a variety of bourbons. If you don't drink bourbon, wine, and other spirits, other refreshments will be provided. Food will also be served. *This event is free, but please RSVP on the Temple website at [www.tinr.org/bourbonbible](http://www.tinr.org/bourbonbible) to ensure that we have enough food.*

**Latkes & Vodkas** is planned for **Thursday, December 15th**. All adults are welcome to participate. More details on Chanukah are on p. 3, but open your weekly eblasts for more to come!

We have a bunch of events that we are finalizing for the coming year. More information to come soon. If you have any suggestions for events, please contact us as we would love to make it happen. We are hopeful that restrictions are behind us, and Brotherhood wants to help make TINR an event destination. Wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year!

Allen and Gary



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## It's Menorah Time!

**Light the Menorah! It's Time for Chanukah!  
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**Make READING part of your Chanukah preparation!**

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian  
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P.S. Visit our library in November to see our Thanksgiving favorites...and more!



## Are You Interested?

### Pirkei Avot Classes...with Rabbi Jesse

**On Thursdays, beginning on November 10th, 9:30 - 10:30am,** Rabbi Jesse will be teaching to congregants, in person, and on ZOOM.

The wisdom of our ancestors, which is simple yet profound concepts, is the basis for rabbinical Judaism and Jewish values.

For example, "The world is built on three things: on Torah, on Worship, and on Good Deeds."

Come to learn how Judaism is able to bring deeper meaning in daily living.

### "Stepping Stone" Opportunity

We're looking for members who are Jewish by choice, who went through conversion, and would be interested in supporting and/or mentoring your fellow congregants who are currently going through a conversion process.

Some scenarios could be having them sit with you through services, answering questions about a holiday meal, letting them reach out if they have questions ... be that friend.

This opportunity is open to adults.

*Email Rabbi Jesse at [RabbiJesseGallop@tinr.org](mailto:RabbiJesseGallop@tinr.org)*



**And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves.**

*-Virginia Woolf, To the Lighthouse*

As we appreciate and try to hold on the magnificent colors of Autumn, we're reminded of nature's permanence and change. The days get shorter and we seem to get busier gearing up for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.

Take heart and a deep breath. TINR and Temple Israel Cares (TIC) remain rooted in supporting our community through all of life's seasons, from celebrating a milestone birthday, to

welcoming a grandchild to the family, to mourning the loss of a beloved family member. In partnership with the clergy team, TIC strives to acknowledge our members' simchas, sorrows, successes, and setbacks. We do this through handwritten notes, phone calls, and care packages, among other endeavors.

*If you know a member or loved one who would benefit from a congratulations, condolence, or check-in, please email [tic@tinr.org](mailto:tic@tinr.org).*

With love and light,  
Toni & Marjorie

## Sufganiyot Recipe

In honor of the "Festival of Lights," TIC brings you a scrumptious *sufganiyot* (Israeli donut) recipe.

While there may not be a scriptural basis for eating sufganiyot on Hanukkah, pretty much all scholars can agree that fried donuts are amazing and a perfect fit for a holiday focused on commemorating one night of oil lasting for eight.

Donuts are a favorite seasonal snack, eaten mostly in winter at Chanukah. These doughnuts, cooked in oil, commemorate the oil that burned in the ruined Temple in Jerusalem for 8 days, although the supply appeared to be enough only for a single day.

The secret of a really delicious donut is the freshness, so, fry these just before serving. The dough can be made well ahead of time and refrigerated until ready to use.

### Ingredients:

- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups (12 ounces) sour cream
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1¼ cups vegetable oil (for frying)
- 1 cup powdered sugar (for coating donuts)

### How to:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except oil and powdered sugar. The batter will be very soft.
2. In a deep skillet, heat oil until hot enough to fry a 1-inch cube of bread in 1 minute. Carefully place dough, a tablespoon at a time, into oil. Fry donuts, a few at a time, 3 to 5 minutes or until golden brown on all sides. Remove from oil with slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.
3. When all donuts are fried, pour powdered sugar into a plastic or brown paper bag. Add a few donuts at a time. Close bag, and shake gently until well coated. Repeat until all donuts are coated with sugar. Serve warm.

*Makes about 25 donuts.*



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# Camp Pinebrook 2023 ... will you be there?

When I interviewed for the job of Camp Pinebrook Director, I toured the grounds with my now boss, Anita, as part of my interview. We started at the front of the building and made a right turn toward the athletic field, then headed around the bend past the Aquatics Complex, and on to the Amphitheater. I was impressed by the quality of activity spaces and the obvious expertise that had gone into the creation of the camp. As we continued around the back of the building, and I got a sense of the warmth and culture of the program, I knew I could see myself working there. Then we walked beyond the rear of the building and came upon a four-acre expanse filled with sunshine, beautiful trees, and serene nature. Pointing to the space, Anita said "This is also ours," and I felt like Dorothy when she walked from the black and white of Kansas into the technicolor of Munchkinland. I knew at that second that the future of Camp Pinebrook had a lot to do with that piece of land.

Since becoming Director, I've spent a great deal of time planning our new activities and events for Summer 2023. Many of those plans involve using the open, wooded area that I fell in love with during my interview. Its peaceful vibe and natural surroundings lend themselves to all things having to do with creativity and mindfulness. So, without further ado, **I would like to introduce you to the new hub of our Arts & Culture program... Welcome to Wonderwoods!**

**Wonderwoods will be the home of Nature, Art of different varieties, Yoga, Music, and more.** We have great plans for future programming in "The Woods" as well, but we're not giving away any secrets just yet! *You can check out [www.CampPinebrook.com/PSA](http://www.CampPinebrook.com/PSA) for details!*

We're also very excited to have formally named several other activity areas with big, beautiful signs that add spirit and color to our camp. Come visit our **Field of Dreams**, where we'll be enjoying our new soccer, t-ball, and Gym Jam programs. Challenge someone to a game in our **Gaga Zone**. See where masterpieces are made at our **Creation Station**. Imagine the magic of Boker Tov each morning in our **Camp Pinebrook Amphitheatre**, and don't forget that we'll be playing the sport that's sweeping the nation in our new **Pickle Ball Stadium!**

**So many things to get excited about for Camp Pinebrook 2023!** But no matter how many shiny new things we might introduce, one thing will always stay the same: our dedication to ensuring that every camper and family feels loved.

Everything we do at Camp Pinebrook comes from the heart... and that will never change!

Allie Horn  
Camp Pinebrook Director

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