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# a New Year!



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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:

- Elinor Rittenberg, mother of Steven Rittenberg
- Daniel Katz, cousin of Matthew Katz
- Clarence Douglas, father of Anita Aronoff
- Valerie Anne Scher
- Mary Citron, mother of Sandra DeQuatro

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

# Mazel Tov

- Theodore Rabin, born on Friday, April 22nd, grandson of Andy & Donna Rabin
- Beth Feldman being named Senior Vice President of Network Communication at The CW
- Special Birthday to Robin Frankel from October (*Did you have a special birthday? Let us know!*)
- Our Students are Amazing! Congratulations to Ben Feinblum, Nate Morris, and Julia Ecker on being National Merit Scholarship Commended students! Micaela Waterston, niece of Howard Horowitz & Alisse Waterston, was named to the ArtsWestchester Young Adult Leadership Council
- Mazal Tov to Illissa & Paul Warhit on their new granddaughter Rotem Warhit, wedding of their daughter Alyson to Leo Korman, and engagement of their other daughter, Natalie

*Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tin.org*

# New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

**Frank & Sarah Martin**, with their children, **Evan** (5th grade), **Lorelei** (Lele 2nd grade), and **David** (Kindergarten)

Please say hello when you see them in the Temple.

The deadline for the March/April Temple Topics will be **Sunday, February 12th.**

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# From the President

# Living Our Mission of Tikkun Olam - The Repair of the World



It seems that at every year we celebrate with friends by getting together two part and watch the ball drop in Times2. This year was probably pretty much the same for most of us. We remember the good and bad of the passed year, make resolutions of how wheel change, and look ahead to even brighter days.

Hope you had fun with that and were able to make it out!

I am heartened that this past year has brought a strengthening of our community and I look forward to even more growth in 2023. Our community has a lot to be thankful for. I continue to be excited and energized by our new clergy team and I am proud and pleased that we all are here for each other throughout the year.

Some of the highlights over the last six months as president have been the ability to re-engage with the community through worship opportunities, temple programs, and the hard work that goes on through our committees and board.

Our temple family, like your nuclear family, cares for one another unconditionally. I hope and pray that now and always we look to build a community that cares not just for itself, but reaches out to others asking little or nothing in return.

As we begin another [secular] year, I make to you and myself a resolution not to lose 20 pounds (G\*d knows it'd do me good) or make fewer dumb jokes (although I'm sure many of you would appreciate it), but, rather, to be more observant of the needs of others and help to fill those needs. I will be better at being proactive and less reactive.

None of us can change the whole world on our own. If we join together, we can facilitate larger-scale changes to benefit those around us - truly living our mission of Tikkun Olam - the repair of the world.

Together, let us do more than wish each other a Happy and Healthy New Year. Let us make it so.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our community.

Brian Heaps  
Temple President

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Rabbi Jesse opened our meeting with a blessing to inspire us all to support each other and build community. He further thanked the congregation for the clergy installation service and helped us look forward to the year to come. Mitchell Tarnopol sent an email thanking Anita Aronoff for her adaptability in coordinating a funeral for a non-member who needed a venue for a warm and welcoming service.

Temple treasurer Lloyd Robinson reported that YTD finances are better than projected. Details are available in the board packet. Investment balances remain strong.

Executive Director Anita Aronoff reported on outreach to congregants and suggested that we should move forward to ensure that our "membership report" accurately reflects our engaged membership. The board continued the discussion about how to engage congregants, including the possibility of creating a strategic engagement committee.

Temple President Brian Heaps referred members to his notes in the board packet. In addition, he encouraged board members to contribute to the *tzedakah* box. The board discussed the challenges of cash contributions and noted that we should promote the use of Zelle. Brian reported that there is an ongoing taskforce to discuss the most appropriate role of honorary trustees during board meetings. The taskforce has suggested prioritizing input from active trustees above the input of honorary trustees.

The board discussed the recommendations of the investment committee and unanimously accepted the committee's recommendation that the bulk of the temple's endowment remain in a relatively low-risk investment portfolio while we are addressing much-needed, substantial capital improvements to our building.

Anita and a taskforce have continued to converse with several vendors to update our HVAC system. Bid requests were sent to three different firms, including our current provider, Johnson Control. Bid results came in with the best pricing from Johnson Control. Johnson Control has provided excellent service in recent years. The question of redundancies was discussed. The taskforce recommends that we move away from our current redundant (two chiller) system in favor of a less expensive, one-chiller system. Of note, the proposed upgrade does not completely upgrade our system, but addresses only a portion of our physical plant.

The board voted unanimously in favor of a motion to approve up to \$300,000 from Land Building and Capital to fund the installation of a single 40-ton chiller, understanding that \$50,000 of the \$300,000 is being provided by the Anfang Foundation.

Please remember that TINR board meetings are open to any and all congregants who may wish to attend!



# Rabbi's Note

## "Let us make Temple Israel a home..."



All four of my great grandparents came to the United States of America, around the turn of the 20th century, as poor Eastern European immigrants. They came from Poland, Russia, and Lithuania. The family narrative is that all of their families' port of entry was in Galveston, Texas and they migrated north to Minnesota. However, I know that immigration laws and enforcement were more relaxed in those times. So, I am not truly confident that my entire

ancestry came to this country through legal routes, because they could have easily come via Canada, and illegally crossed the border.

America became a vital haven of safety and protection for Jews and other religious minorities. Even the founding by Puritan Christians was because of their mistreatment back in Europe. Our nation has prided itself on welcoming diverse populations of the world, and how the diversity of their ancestry has made American the tapestry of cultures while uniting around our universal values of freedom. This is one thing that I love about our country, that we are welcoming; and that immigrants are what have made us a great and mighty nation.

Judaism also protects and recognizes the needs of immigrants. The Jewish Bible teaches, in 37 places, the commandment to love the stranger. While the Torah only commands once to "love our neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). However, to love someone who is different, a foreigner, can be harder and therefore the act is to love God and all God's children. That individual is not like us, dresses differently, speaks a foreign language, and has his/her/their own customs and communal practices. And yet even when we are uncomfortable, or dislike the difference, we are still to love the person.

World War II reshaped Jewish America. After the war, the Jewish people became united in face of the atrocities of the Holocaust and slaughtering of 6 million of our people. And together, American Jews helped to solve the refugee problem. This can be seen in our nations' immigration quotas, which were very limiting leading up to and during the Second World War, compared to after 1948 when the US congress enacted its first refugee legislation, providing immigration to 650,000 displaced Europeans. And this time Jewish refugees, both those from Eastern Europe, and now including Jews of the Middle East and North Africa, were able to migrate to North America or the newly formed state of Israel.

As our ancestors were "wandering Arameans," survivors of crusades, inquisitions, pogroms, ethnic cleansing, and other forms of persecution, we know what it means to seek safety just like today's refugees and asylum seekers. Friday, February 3rd, 2023, is Refugee Shabbat, when synagogues

across North America recognize, honor, and advocate for those seeking safety and a home in our country. We give voice to the struggles and terrors of the more than 84 million people who have been forcibly displaced, including the 26 million refugees (HIAS). And sadly the conflicts in our world hurt so many innocent people: mostly coming from Ukraine, Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Myanmar.

The U.S. government has resettled over 3 million refugees since the enactment of the Refugee Act of 1980. These individuals have come to our country and made us stronger, more inclusive, and a better nation. The federal government vets these individuals with complex security checks that are run by multiple departments and agencies. And these new Americans become hard working neighbors, where 82% participate in the labor force (HIAS). Sadly, during the COVID pandemic, America has severely reduced the numbers of individuals to enter our country. In both 2020 and 2021 the United States admitted under 12,000 individuals compared to the peak of over 122,000 in 1990 (Department of Homeland Security). Most refugees coming to America are from Congo, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Burma. The state of New York resettles around 6% of refugees and 15-30% of asylum seekers (DHS).

As a congregation, and as individuals, we have the opportunity to support those who need help as they seek a new life in our community. Thank you to the Social Action Committee, and the important work that they are doing. **Please join us on Friday, February 3rd for our community Shabbat**, where we will join with other synagogues in acknowledging the important work that is still needed. And may we each take a more active role in helping support refugees and asylum seekers here in America. Let us make Temple Israel a home that welcomes the stranger, and may we strive to love them by knowing them, respecting them, and helping support them as they become part of American society.

Rabbi Jesse Gallop

**In times of happiness and sorrow, through each Lifecycle, the Clergy are HERE for you.**

**Please do not hesitate to call (914.235.1800), email, reach out to us with questions or requests.**

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## "Help us, restore us, renew us once more..."



*Turning, turning, turning 'round  
To the One whose love has no bounds  
Help us, restore us, renew us once more  
As you've done many times before*

*Give us the strength to begin again  
And guide us in all that we do  
Help us keep faith when we lose our way  
'Til we find our way back to You, back to You*

*Turning/Hashiveinu* - Music and English  
Words by Cantor Rita Glassman (Hebrew  
from Lamentations 5:2)  
from the CD "Begin Again: Songs of Hope  
and Renewal"

On Friday night, November 4th, 2022, together with my Rabbinic partner, Rabbi Jesse Gallop, I was installed as Cantor of Temple Israel of New Rochelle. It was a glorious evening with a full sanctuary, so many members in attendance, my sweet daughter present for the lighting of Shabbat candles and Kiddush, my esteemed colleague Cantor Benjie Schiller from Temple Beth Am Shalom in White Plains officiating, and a scrumptious dinner afterwards in Forbes. Along with all of these blessings and causes for celebration, there was one more thing that happened that evening that filled my heart with joy and gratitude. Just minutes before leaving home for services, I learned that my original composition "**Turning/Hashiveinu**" which I sang on Kol Nidre back in October had been selected among hundreds of submissions for publication in a new High Holy Day Music Anthology to be distributed by the Union for Reform Judaism next summer.

As I write this article for the January/February issue of Temple Topics, I am reminded that I composed the song "*Turning/Hashiveinu*" at this time of year in 2019, close to **Tu Bishvat**, the holiday we often refer to as Jewish Arbor Day. In the Talmudic Tractate - *Mishnah Rosh Hashanah* - and according to the Jewish Kabbalists, there are actually **four Jewish New Years** in our lunar calendar year, and Tu Bishvat is one of them. Another name for Tu Bishvat is **Rosh Hashanah La-I-lanot** - the "New Year of the Trees."

Indeed, Rosh Hashanah was many months away when I sat down at the piano to compose a song based on the words in the Book of Lamentations - "*Hashiveinu Adonai Eylecha V'nashuva*" - "**Return us to You O God and we shall return.**" Somehow, I got to thinking that preparing for the Jewish New Year and making the changes we wish to make in order to lead better, more fulfilling lives and bring our best selves into this world, might need to start a bit earlier in the year than September. Spending time at the midyear mark reflecting on and reassessing how we are doing with all those resolutions we made six months earlier seemed like a good idea. In order to be ready for full-on *Teshuvah* (Return and Redemption) over

the High Holy Days, an early review of and recommitment to our self-improvement goals could be beneficial. And what better time to do this than when nature is beginning to renew itself, preparing for all that will grow and blossom in the spring?

Finding our way back to the Source of all life, and to our own essential nature surely takes ongoing mindfulness, attention, and commitment. While we may occasionally lose our way, if we stay on the path with trust and faith, ask/pray for guidance, eventually, just like the buds on the trees, an opening can appear, and we are once again shown the way forward. It was in the middle of all these reflections that I ended up writing *Turning/Hashiveinu*, closer to Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the Trees, rather than Rosh Hashanah - the time of shofar blasts, elaborate worship services, and honey cake.

As we celebrate the beauty and abundance of nature this Tu Bishvat (which falls on February 6th), eat various fruits that grow in the Holy Land, and recite the *Shehecheyanu* blessing, may we also find time to renew our commitment to the goals we set for ourselves half a year ago on Rosh Hashanah. May we come to know that it is never too early or too late to turn our hearts to the One "*whose love for us has no bounds*," renew our days, strengthen our faith, and "begin again" with hope, joyful anticipation, and much promise.

To hear the recording "*Turning/Hashiveinu*," please visit [www.tinr.org/worship/music](http://www.tinr.org/worship/music)

*B'shirah* (In Song),  
Cantor Rita Glassman

### Service Changes

Starting in January, we will be discontinuing the ZOOM option during Friday services, for an improved online experience. LiveStream and Facebook Live (where you can still chat interactively), will still be available.

Also, 7 pm Shabbat Evening Services will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah – Thank You!

### Temple Fund

**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of Israeli Action Committee speaker Rabbi Dagan; in memory of Clarence Douglas  
**Stephen Kotler**, in honor of Jeffrey & Mady Stier, with much love, appreciation, and celebration of both of you  
**Howard & Beverly Hoffmann**, in memory of Clarence Douglas  
**Richard & Debby Rubin-Marx**, in honor of the birth of Paul & Ilissa Warhit's granddaughter, Rotem; in memory of Clarence Douglas, Anita Aronoff's father  
**Barbara & Charles Coleman**, in memory of Anita's father, Clarence Douglas; in memory of Gleekman-Coleman-Wilensky family Yahrzeits: M. Donald Coleman, Beverly S. Coleman, Lewis W. & Helen Gleekman, David Gleekman, Evelyn Wilensky  
**Ilissa Herskowitz**, in memory of Clarence Douglas, father of Anita Aronoff  
**Anna & Dan Weiser**, in memory of Clarence Douglas  
**Janice & Warren Agatston**, in honor of Art Ostrove's special birthday; in memory of Claude Metzger; in honor of the birth of Ilissa & Paul Warhit's granddaughter  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in honor of a wonderful Clergy Installation Service and Dinner  
**Dan Pomerantz & Jackie Bitterman**, in honor of the installation of Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Cantor Rita Glassman  
**Anita & Martyn Wolf**, in memory of Rose Friedman  
**Leroy Fadem**, in memory of Clarence Douglas, father of Anita Aronoff; in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Arthur & Carol Ostrove**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas

### The Moses Feldman Family Foundation

by Elizabeth Manasse  
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**Val Etra**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas; in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Sidney & Ruth Lapidus**, in appreciation  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas  
**Linda Capozzola**, in memory of Claude Metzger; in memory of Clarence Douglas; in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Carol & Bob Kurzman**, in memory of Valerie Scher  
**David Scher & Family**, in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Marilyn Kramer**, in memory of Beth Kramer Behr  
**Penny & David Klein**, in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Helen & Bernie Miller**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas; in honor of Bernie Robinson's birthday; in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Charles B. Raizen Foundation**, in honor of Jill & Robert Serling & David Raizen, thank you for all you do!  
**Sandy & Gerry Hyman**, in memory of Clarence Douglas; in memory of Selma Engel  
**Dee & John Valvano**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father; in honor of our clergy  
**Patricia Biederman Robbins**, in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Rachel Kramer**, in memory of Beth Behr  
**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in memory of Clarence Douglas, Anita Aronoff's father  
**Judith Osten**, in memory of Lila White  
**Mitchell Tarnopal**, in appreciation of Anita Aronoff

### ASL Interpreting Fund

**Woody Emanuel**, in honor of the installation of Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita, our new clergy

### Camp Pinebrook Fund

**Woody Emanuel**, in honor of Paul & Ilissa Warhit's new home, new granddaughter, the wedding of their daughter, Aly to Leo, and the engagement of their daughter, Natalie

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Toni Brackis**, in honor of Cantor Glassman with admiration and love  
**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of Cantor Glassman, for the "Afternoon of Music & Joy" performance  
**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, thank you for sharing your talents at the "Afternoon of Music and Joy"  
**Frank & Barbara Axel**, welcome Cantor Glassman and Mazel Tov on your induction to TINR  
**Leroy Fadem**  
**Mindy & Rich Stark**, in memory of Claire Botwinick

### Chavaya Program Fund

**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in celebration of Better Together  
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**Connie & Gerry Sanders** in memory of Valerie Scher

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**Val Etra**, in honor of the Heaps Family: to Brian's leadership, to Dianne's dedication, and to their family including Rachel Heaps

### Music Fund

**Sari Bedevian**, in memory of Clarence Douglas, father of Anita Aronoff  
**Toni Brackis**, in honor of Cantor Reps, wishing her a speedy recovery

### Prayer Book Fund

**Val Etra**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Donna Devore**, in memory of Ina Rich  
**Toni Brackis**, in honor of Rabbi Gallop with admiration and love  
**Barbara & Charles Coleman**, in appreciation of Rabbi Jesse's Pirkei Avot class  
**Linda J. Capozzola**, in appreciation  
**Frank & Barbara Axel**, welcome Rabbi Gallop and Mazel Tov on your induction to TINR  
**Leroy Fadem**  
**Mindy & Rich Stark**, in memory of Claire Botwinick  
**Michael & Leda Kushner**, in honor of Rami Emmet Kushner and a thank you to Rabbi Gallop for officiating their new baby's naming ceremony  
**Carol Ann & Cal Callahan** in honor of Rabbi Jesse Gallop's installation  
**Susan & Ed Pinals**, in memory of Claude Metzger  
**Judith Barton**, in honor of Bernie Robinson's birthday  
**Michael Berman**, in honor of Rabbi Jesse's installation



## Social Action Fund

**David & Lisa Eichler**, in memory of Deb Blatt's Mom  
**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of Aly Warhit & Leo Korman's wedding  
**Sandy & Gerry Hyman**, in honor of the birth of Rotem Warhit  
**Howard & Beverly Hoffmann**, in honor of the Warhit Family, for Alyson's marriage, Natalie's engagement, and the birth of their first grandchild  
**Val Etra**, in honor of the Warhit Family for their "joyous" autumn family events

## Temple Israel Cares

**Margie Ostrove**, in memory of Clarence Douglas  
**Dianne & Brian Heaps**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas, may his memory forever be a blessing  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father, Clarence Douglas  
**Marilyn & Neil Altabet**, in memory of Clarence Douglas  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Valerie Scher  
**Sandy & Gerry Hyman**, in honor of the marriage of Aly & Leo  
**Mindy & Rich Stark**, in memory of Claire Botwinick  
**Laura & Jim New**, in honor of Dylan's Bar Mitzvah  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in memory of Richard Fertel, in loving memory  
**Toni Brackis**, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father; in memory of Valerie Scher; in honor of Aly Warhit's wedding

## Thank you to:

### Families Who Donated to Social Action with Membership Pledge

Anne Casey  
David & Jennifer Soberman  
Jill Winston  
Howard Horowitz & Alisse Waterston

### Families Who Donated to Temple Israel Cares with Membership Pledge

Anne Casey  
Judith Kosak  
David & Jennifer Soberman

# Social Action

# We GIVE Generously!



## The Giving Tree / Social Action

Each year, the Temple Israel community supports local organizations through our Giving Tree Holiday Drive. This year was no different.

There were a plethora of gifts in the Temple lobby along with monetary donations, given by congregants, friends, and families to: The Jewish Board, PS 140, Westchester Cares Action Program, Community Service Associates, HOPE Community Services, Hearts & Homes for Refugees, and The Sharing Shelf, among others. Many people really took action, like The Kehillah School (*see left*), along with a Kehillah School "representative" in the middle! Wow!

Amy Ecker, from the Social Action Committee, championed the organization of the event!

Bravo Amy, and to everyone that donated and gifted! This is what sets Temple Israel and our Community apart!

- Thank YOU!

## Monetary Donors

Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas  
Dianne & Brian Heaps  
Michael & May Goldberg  
Beth Feldman

Jason & Marilyn Morris  
Daniel Pomerantz & Jacalyn Bitterman  
Toni Brackis  
Jonathan & Jill Frey

Details of gift giving will be listed in the upcoming March/April Temple Topics.

But, this quote from The Jewish Board, sums up the thanks to our "givers."

*"Just got back from dropping off the gifts in the Bronx at the girls' program. The staff were so appreciative and blown away by the generosity of your TINR crew and said the girls will be SO happy!"*

## Note!

Planning committee members are needed for the Refugee Community Shabbat on Friday, February 3rd, 6:00 pm, in honor of International Refugee Shabbat powered by HIAS. We will be inviting our ICNAW families as our guest to mix and mingle with our community and for all of us to get to know each other.

Contact Howard Horowitz, Michael Goldberg, or Amy Ecker at [SAC@tinr.org](mailto:SAC@tinr.org) if interested. This will be a family-friendly evening.

The next Social Action Committee ZOOM meeting will be on Thursday, January 5th, 7:00 pm. We need volunteers! If you want to be a part of the Social Action Committee, that is being led by Michael Goldberg, please email [SAC@tinr.org](mailto:SAC@tinr.org).



**Sunday, January 8th**  
**1 - 4 pm**, at Temple Israel

Canasta or Mah Jongg ... your choice. Play with old friends, and new! Invite a friend!

This event is FREE, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
 We can make this a monthly event ...

RSVP to [www.tinr.org/events/sisterhood-game-event](http://www.tinr.org/events/sisterhood-game-event)



**Dr.  
 Martin  
 Luther  
 King,  
 Jr.  
 Dinner/  
 Service**

**Friday, January 13th**  
**Dinner 6:00 pm** (sponsored by the Inter-Religious Coalition of New Rochelle), followed by **Service at 7:00 pm**, both at Temple Israel

Cost for dinner \$30 (sponsor a youth to attend at \$25). RSVP to [ircofnewrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:ircofnewrochelle@gmail.com).

For more details on payment, visit [www.tinr.org/events/mlk2023](http://www.tinr.org/events/mlk2023), or contact Deborah Maher at [ddjahmaher@gmail.com](mailto:ddjahmaher@gmail.com)



**Sunday, January 29th**  
**Time TBD**, at The NY Historical Society, NYC

"I'll Have What She's Having" - the Deli Exhibit, at the NY Historical Society, will be the next Temple adventure "off campus" for Brotherhood.

Cost, transportation, and food, are currently being discussed and planned as we speak, but keep the date open for this "delicious" event!

Questions? Email [Brotherhood@tinr.org](mailto:Brotherhood@tinr.org)



**Friday, February 3rd**  
**6:00 pm** Community Shabbat / Refugee Shabbat followed by dinner

**Let's Pray • Eat • Enjoy • Together again**

Upcoming dates: March 3rd, April 14th, May 12th  
 RSVP for dinner at:  
[www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbats](http://www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbats)





**Friday, January 20th**

**Service: 6:00 - 6:40 pm**

**FREE Pizza Dinner: 6:40 - 7:30 pm**

Families get together in many different ways, so get together at Temple Israel for an opportunity to worship in a family-friendly, musical service experience, geared towards families

Upcoming dates: February 17th, March 17th

RSVP for FREE pizza dinner at:

[www.tinr.org/events/family-shabbats](http://www.tinr.org/events/family-shabbats)



## TINR's Got Talent?

A Night of Comedy, Cocktails, and Characters

*Sisterhood*  
TINR  
**FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, January 21st**

**Doors open: 7:30 pm – Show begins: 8:00 pm**

**NEW THIS YEAR: CELEBRITY JUDGES! OPEN BAR and DESSERT! \$45 paid in advance; \$50 at the door**

**Featuring performers!** Mitch Benson, Margie Ostrove, Steve Saril ... and MANY MORE!

For more details, and to RSVP, visit:

[www.tinr.org/events/tinrs-got-talent/](http://www.tinr.org/events/tinrs-got-talent/)



**Sunday, February 5th**, ALL children in the Temple, Camp Pinebrook, Chavaya, and Kehillah, are invited to this extraordinary SHOW!

**27 Years of Experience and Going Strong!**

Beth and Scott Bierko, the owners and principal performers of Beth & Scott and Friends, are a husband and wife team of award-winning, singer-songwriters and arts-in-education specialists in social emotional learning (SEL). More details to follow!



**Thursday, February 9th**  
**6:00 pm**

Mat Pilates is a combination of disciplines like dance, yoga, and classic calisthenics.

Sisterhood is organizing this exercise and salad evening for ALL health-minded individuals!

More details to be announced in eblasts, social media, and on [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) in the coming weeks!

# JEW PARDY!

PEOPLE	ENTERTAINMENT	FOOD	WORD TO THE WISE	ISRAEL	SCORE
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	?
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	🔊
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	EXIT

**Saturday February 11th, 7-9 pm**  
at Temple Israel  
sponsored by Brotherhood

**Jewpardy** is based on the popular game show Jeopardy. **ANYONE can play! ALL are welcome!** Learn fun facts about Jewish Life, history, and other trivia with co-hosts Gary Frey and Allen Fishbein and of course Brotherhood!

More details to follow in weekly eblasts, on social media, and [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org)!

## The Israel Action Committee invites you to...

**A country for all its citizens:  
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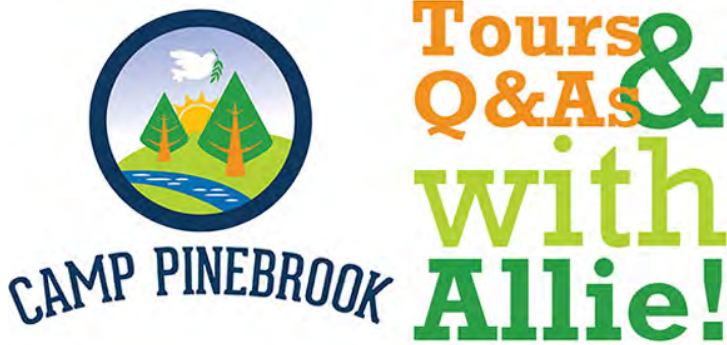
*... a conversation with Peter Beinart (editor-at-large for Jewish Currents) and Adina Voel Ayalon (J Street Chief of Staff)*

**Thursday, February 16th  
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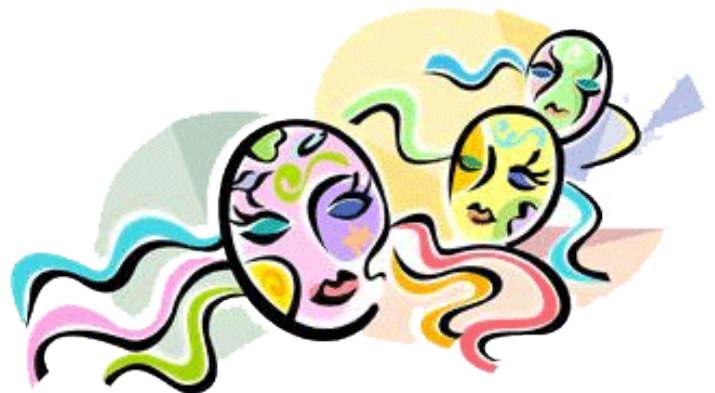
More details to follow in weekly eblasts, on social media, and [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org)



Summer planning starts now while it's chilly outdoors! Come and visit Camp Pinebrook, and meet Allison Horn, the Camp Director!

**Sunday Tour Dates** (either 1:30 pm or 2:30 pm)  
January 22nd  
February 12th  
March 12th  
April 16th

**If these aren't convenient, have a private tour!**  
Contact Allie by email: [allison@CampPinebrook.com](mailto:allison@CampPinebrook.com)  
or phone: (914) 813-8700.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Purim 2023 will be  
Monday March 6th - Tuesday March 7th**

Purim commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination by their heroes, Esther, a beautiful young Jewish woman living in Persia, and her cousin Mordecai.



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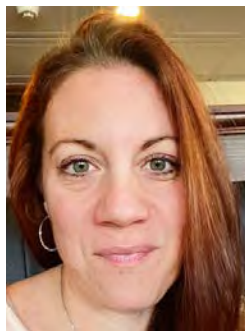
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# Let's Reflect on January!



January is a time of reflection on the year that has passed, and the year ahead.

Our school has changed so much since we 'opened' almost two years ago. We have more than doubled in our size of staff and children. The different seasons have brought a different vibe and energy within the halls of Kehillah. Slowly over time we have been able to open our doors to families and share in the community feel we have established. For

our Thankful season we welcomed families to school to share in a Thanksgiving feast. We welcomed our parents after hours to come together for our first Cocktail Hour. Parents met with Rabbi Jesse, some key board members, and other parents within our school.

Our school year has been focused on team building, relationship building, and community. Our teachers participated in a team/community building workshop presented by the Westchester Childcare Council. During our holiday celebration, we came together and painted mugs and wine glasses. These are just small events that continue to build the bonds between parents and teachers, which is very important for camaraderie and effective communication.

As you encounter teachers, children, and parents who belong to the Kehillah community, there is a strong feeling of warmth and compassion. Our goals for the year ahead are to continue building these relationships within the community, establish new traditions, and grow our school.

**If you, friends, or neighbors are in need of our exemplary school, please reach out to me, make an appointment, and come and see the exciting things we're doing here! You'll be amazed!**

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



## a New Year!



**The Kehillah Students LOVED This!**



*The Materials Trailer is one way that TBS (Teaching Beyond The Square, Nonprofit NYC) is reaching children by providing them an experience to investigate beautiful loose parts. The children gathered to discover, experiment, collaborate and play with their new materials as part the visit. To learn more about them, visit [www.teachingbeyondthesquare.org/materials-trailer](http://www.teachingbeyondthesquare.org/materials-trailer)*

*Marine Education Center from Mamaroneck*







# Are You Ready? Summer Camp Registrations are going on **NOW!**

Great staffs make great camps. I tell this to my counselors, specialists, and leadership every summer at orientation. Camps can have all the bells and whistles; go-karts, adventure parks, 15 pools, but it doesn't mean a thing if the staff isn't top-notch. It all starts with the Leadership Team, the foundation of any camp program. These are the talented professionals who oversee every aspect of camp, from arrival to dismissal and everything in between. From individual activities to full-camp special events, from a single camper to everyone, they are the guiding force. Camp Pinebrook's Leadership Team is second to none, and I'd like to introduce them to you!

**Jo Steiner** is our Associate Director of Gadol (campers ages 6-12). Jo is a nursery school teacher and camp veteran. She's been at Camp Pinebrook from the start!

**Jana Rockoff** is our Associate Director of Ktan (campers ages 3-5). Jana is a nursery school teacher and has been working with young campers for many years. Jana is amazing with our littlest ones!

**Diane Boekman** is our Camper Care Manager; the person in charge of any challenges campers might be having throughout the summer. Diane is a special education teacher with years of experience working with children in school and camp.

**Stan Friedmann** is our Associate Director of Programming. Stan comes to Camp Pinebrook with over 50 years of camp administrative experience. His expertise and love of children make him an invaluable member of the team.

**Mallory Chinn** is our Associate Director of Special Events. A teacher for many years with tons of camp experience being silly and whimsical, there is no better person on earth to provide us with a summer of hilarious programs.

**Jerry Weis** is our Counselor Coordinator. Jerry is a former NYC public school teacher and a decades-long camp professional. Jerry is a revered mentor and the perfect person to oversee our staff of counselors.

**Patrick Kenny** is our Sports Coordinator. Pat is a teacher and coach who has years of camp athletic experience. He will oversee all camp athletic programs with his kind and gentle approach.

**Chris Graham** is our Aquatics Director. He is a NYC public school teacher, with many years of experience running aquatics programs. His staff loves him, and he is dedicated to making the pool not only the very safest, but tons of fun.

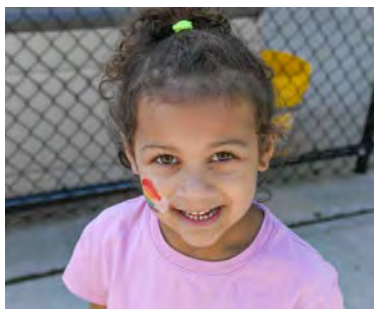
**Diandra D'Amico** is our Head Counselor of Ktan. Diandra is a NYC public school teacher and a camp veteran. She brings her warmth and kindness to the job and will be an amazing mentor to our staff.

**Pass this to someone looking for a Summer Camp this year! Registration is happening RIGHT NOW! Check out tour dates on p. 10, and NEW programs at Camp on p. 11.**

Allie Horn, Camp Pinebrook Director



*"WonderWoods" will be an area FULL of activity during the Summer!*



**Family & Friends Event 2022**



# Family Shabbat ... Check it Out!



It's getting colder outside, so come in to Temple Israel!

**NEW Shabbat program beginning Friday, January 20th: Family Shabbat!**  
This service and dinner is geared towards our families with children.

6-6:40 pm Musical Shabbat Service  
6:40-7:30 pm Pizza Dinner

**Cost: FREE! RSVP via [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org).**



## Teen Happenings



For the third year, Temple Israel is a proud participant in the **Intergenerational Better Together** program. This program brings together teens and older adults in our community for meals and activities.

On Sunday, November 20th, our teens and adults made chicken soup and corn bread for 100 people at HOPE Community Services. Last month, the group gathered for a "Paint Night" and created their own Chanukah themed art. The group will continue to meet monthly through May.

**Adult participants:** Janice & Warren Agatston, Barbara Coleman, Hank & Joan Goldsmith, and Toni Brackis.

**Teen participants:** Layla and Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher, Jax Ciscone, Olivia Feinblum, Devin and Lila Ferrucci, Vivian Goldman, Ellie Roberge, and Sienna Rubin.



*Better Together making sandwiches during Mitzvah Day! ... and doing a Chanukah project (on right)*

## L'Taken Returns!

We are excited to return to the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, DC in February. L'Taken is a teen social justice seminar with the URJ. Temple Israel teens will learn about advocacy issues, meet other teens from across the country through various interactive programming, and spend Shabbat together.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst and Rabbi Jesse Gallop will lead the teen group. **We are excited to bring 16 Temple Israel teens!** Sam Benson, Sophie Dingee, Ben Feinblum, Lila Ferrucci, Charlotte Fields, Gabrielle Fishbein, Louis Fernandez, Milo Freedenberg, Danica Frey, Eli Kassoff, Charlie Mangot, Henry Meisner, Nate Morris, Serena Richmond, Andrew Rittenberg, and Anna Rosenbluth.

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





# Sisterhood

# Got Talent?

# Brotherhood

# Deli Fun!

Hi Everyone,

Our first Sisterhood Game Night on Wednesday, November 30th was a great success. Thank You to Jamie Deutsch for chairing the night. 20 players joined us for Canasta and Mah Jongg in Lapidus. We shared wine, cheese, and munchies with old and new friends. This fun event will be a regular on the Sisterhood calendar. In fact, **a new Game date will be on Sunday, January 8th.** Check [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) for details. And, look for other new dates coming soon, below!

**Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for our biggest FUNdraiser since Comedy Night. On Saturday, January 21st, Sisterhood will present: TINR's Got Talent? – A Night of Comedy, Cocktails, and Characters.** The show will feature many TINR members that you know and love, with commentary by our own Clergy as well as Anita Aronoff and Brian Heaps. *If you would like to participate, please reach out ASAP to Jackie Saril at [JackieSaril@gmail.com](mailto:JackieSaril@gmail.com) for details.*

**Mark your calendar for other upcoming events:**

- February 9th, 6:00 pm – Mat Pilates & Salad
- March 12th, 9:30 am – Author Breakfast with Ari Mittleman
- March 23rd, 7:30pm – Passover Baking with Debra Cohen
- April TBD – TINR Common Read

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Greta and Berdie



**Greta Berenbaum**  
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Sisterhood Co-President



**Berdie Stein**  
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Sisterhood Co-President

Brotherhood's Bourbon and Bible event on November 8th was a fun and informative evening. Rabbi Jesse led us in a discussion about Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael. The bourbon flowed and Allen's bourbon chicken and bourbon brisket rounded out the noshes for the evening.

Latkes & Vodkas on December 15th was, as usual, a well-attended, fun, and productive evening yielding almost one thousand latkes.

Brotherhood agreed to support TINR High Schoolers who will be attending the BBYO International Convention in Dallas this February. We are thrilled to be doing this for our youth!

Looking forward! **On Sunday, January 29th, come join us at the New York Historical Society for a private guided tour of the Jewish Deli Exhibit, "I'll have what she's having."** Details to follow.

**On Saturday, February 11th, Brotherhood will have its first annual Jewpardy tournament.** Join us for Jewish Trivia plus competition, prizes, and refreshments. Details coming!

Poker night, the Texas Holdem tournament, will be scheduled for early in the new year.

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 Holiday Season!

Allen and Gary



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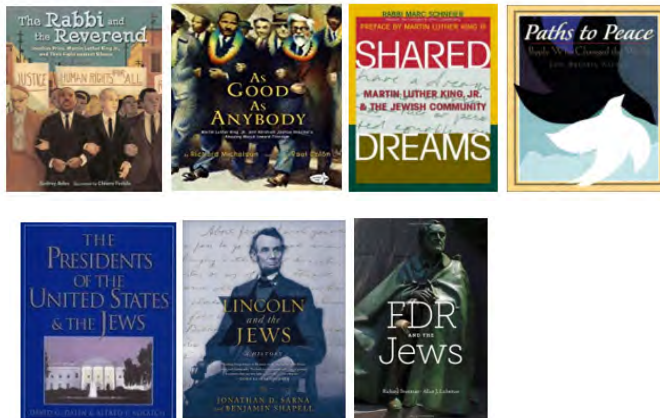
## New Books for the New Year!

Arriving in January and February:



Watch for these and many more arriving each week!

And don't forget to check out our books for MLK Day and President's Day with a Jewish perspective::



For the kids:



Come visit our library! New adult and children's books arrive weekly.

All our library books can be found and reserved on our library website:  
[www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR](http://www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR)

### Need help?

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian  
 can be reached at: [stephkras11@gmail.com](mailto:stephkras11@gmail.com)

## Are You Interested?

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

**On Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am**, Rabbi Jesse teaches congregants, in person, and on ZOOM

Pirkei Avot is among the most well known of all writings in Rabbinic Judaism. Pirkei Avot is so-named, according to the great commentator Rashi (11th century France), because it contains the "sayings" of the first "fathers" of Judaism.

Come to learn how Judaism is able to bring deeper meaning in daily living. Questions? Call (914) 235-1800 or email [TempleIsrael@tinr.org](mailto:TempleIsrael@tinr.org).

### "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.

Want to join, or have questions?  
 Contact Rabbi Jesse at [RabbiJesseGallop@tinr.org](mailto:RabbiJesseGallop@tinr.org)

*So winter's here,  
and the days grow cold*

*A cure for that,  
is hot soup I'm told.*

*This is a recipe  
from an old Sisterhood book  
We think you'll enjoy it  
and it's so easy to cook.*

*Hope the New Year  
is joyful and light  
with all good things  
to make it so bright!*

- Toni Brackis

## Hale and Hearty Soup

3 to 4 pounds lean short ribs, additional bones  
1 can of tomatoes  
4 carrots  
4 stalks of celery, cubed  
3 to 4 quarts of water  
Parsley, chopped fine  
2 large potatoes, cubed  
1 package of dried vegetable mix  
Salt, to taste

Put all ingredients into a pot and cook slowly on low heat until meat is tender (about 2-3 hours).

When cool, the unused portion can be put into the freezer. Meat may be used for boiled beef to be served with horseradish sauce.

This recipe is from the kitchen of Mrs. George J. Hirsch and was excerpted from Temple Israel of New Rochelle's "The Blessings of Food and Flowers"—a collection of "the most prized recipes of members of the Sisterhood" circa the 1950s-60s.



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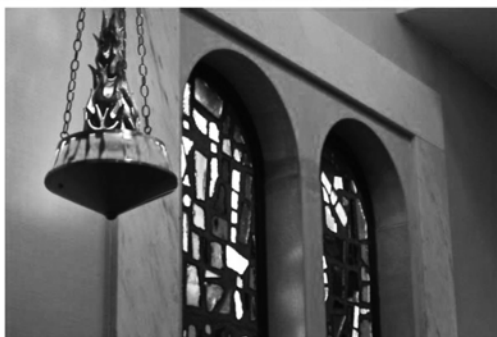
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To facilitate the act of *Tzedakah* (charitable giving, typically seen as a moral obligation) Temple Israel provides an on-line form to make giving easy. Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org), and click on "Donate."

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. We accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express, as well as ACH.

### Thank you!

**Temple Operating Fund** – To support Temple Israel programs, Jewish education, social activities and operations

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**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

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**Gladys & Murray Goldstein Cultural Center Fund** – Enables the Temple to present exhibits and improve the Cultural Center

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**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 Shivah baskets, to give blankets for new babies born, to acknowledge milestone birthday, and to welcome new members.

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**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.

# New a Year!

### Did You Know?

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