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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:

- Warren Agatston, husband of Janice Agatston
- Howard Egelberg, father of Adam Egelberg
- Arnold Weinstein, father of Jessica Weinstein
- Jennifer Nabi, daughter of Judith Osten
- Lisa Ellen Rutkovsky, sister of Karen Balik
- Adele Wasko, Temple Member
- Judith Kosak, Temple Member
- Joseph Handelman, husband of Susan Handelman
- Doris Hecht Gordon, mother of Nanette Gordon Sachs
- Barbara Fozdor, sister of Richard Marx

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

### **Mazel Tov**

- The engagement of Rabbi Jesse Gallop & Recieire Carbelim
- Joan & Hank Goldsmith, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Ruth & Sid Lapidus, on the birth of their great-granddaughter
- Robert & Debra Herschenfeld on the birth of their grandson, Jettson (Jett) Miller Herschenfeld
- Maci Zeman, Isaac Held, Stella Kowalski, Sage Proudian, and Ellie Rosenbluth, on being called to the Torah. *Read their bios on p. 15.*

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

### New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Deidre & H. Jason Kahn, with their children, Brayden (1st grade) and Ember (Kehillah)
- Sophia (Pogoff) & Sean Wiener, with their children, May (Kehillah) and Leo (Kehillah)
- Jessica Berenyi & Brendan Cohen, with their daughter, Gabrielle (Kehillah)
- Gregory & Liza Levin, with their children, Eva (Kehillah) and Noa (Kehillah)
- Bianca & Benjamin Schuman, with their children Spencer (Kehillah) and Ethan (Kehillah)
- Madeline Scheffler & Matthew Stern, with their daughter, Eloise (Kehillah)

Please say hello when you see them in the Temple.

# From the President

### **What Makes a Community?**



We are blessed to be part of a terrific Temple community. I keep touting this, but it's true. Rabbi Jesse was recently scheduled to take a trip to Florida to spend time with roughly two dozen of our members who now reside full- or part-time there. Being together in the "diaspora" is a reminder of how strong and wonderful our TINR community is - no matter where! It is so important and appreciated that our leaders promote and participate in activities that bring us and keep us together.

All of us should be seeing the increased attendance at Temple events. This includes dinners and services, participation of our youth in BBYO, more well-received activities by Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and speakers that continue to draw interested listeners.

But, being happy with who we are and what we're doing is, somehow, never enough. We should not be complacent. The Board of Trustees, along with our professional leaders, have established a group to look at "strategic engagement." What does that mean? This group, on an on-going basis, is charged with looking at many things and developing plans and activities to help us maintain and grow our community. Together, we look at what makes people want to be involved, and, we're not just looking inside the Temple community, but at our community as a whole.

Under Anita's guidance, this group began to look at ourselves with a few basic questions:

- What do we have in common?
- How long have we been members?
- What created those enduring bonds?
- What is the definition of success when it comes to membership?

One of the interesting results was the word cloud generated by the Committee's responses. (For those unfamiliar with word clouds, larger words reflect more consistent answers.):

See the word cloud on the Cover!

Beyond the word "Community," which we tout, "Friends" and "Events" stand out as the most common themes, and, why not? One of the most important components of a community is friends. And, when do friends interact? At events. Building a community brings more friends together where, together, we care for each other and the world around us.

So, at the next Temple event (and the one after that and the one after that...), reach out and grab a friend by the hand and invite them to become a more integral part of the community. Join us for a dinner, join us for a talent show, and join us as we have fun at our Purim Spiel. You and I are what build our community.

Let's celebrate our community!

Brian Heaps Temple President

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

The meeting began with good and welfare. We are delighted to celebrate Toni Brackis' 80th birthday! In addition, Anita shared a letter sent from a family to the Kehillah leadership. The family is moving out of state and shared their delight with their Kehillah experience.

Notwithstanding being sick at home, Rabbi Gallop started out the meeting with a thoughtful commentary about transition, new beginnings, and developing an identity as a congregation.

Treasurer's Report: Lloyd Robinson reported an anticipated \$15K shortfall in congregant support. Nonetheless, TINR's overall revenue stream is robust and keeps us well in line with financial projections. Lloyd indicated current projections for the fiscal year anticipate a \$5K differential to the bottom line, and, as such, no recommendation is being made to alter overall projections. Lloyd provided an update about the current state of our investment funds.

**Executive Director's Report:** Anita Aronoff reported that enrollment at Camp Pinebrook is ahead of last year. 177 campers have registered for summer 2023 so far. In the future, expansion of the camp may be limited by capacity of the pools. We are still awaiting a final bid for the sound system improvements.

**President's Report:** Brian Heaps encouraged use of the *tzedakah* box. There is now a Zelle link to the virtual *tzedakah* box. The objective is to have a Venmo link as well. (see page 18 in this Temple Topics for details). The board discussed ways to engage kids in developing a poster or other eye-catching way to call attention to the *tzedakah* box. The possibility of engaging families in home *tzedakah* boxes at home was discussed. Rabbi Gallop is planning a visit to Florida to engage with congregrants over President's Day week.

**Committee Reports:** Michael Goldberg has assumed the chair of the Social Action Committee. Michael encouraged engagement of the board at the Refugee Shabbat on 2/3/23.

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## Rabbi's **Note**

### **Kiddushin - Sanctifying Love**



In Judaism, we view love as being holy. The Jewish wedding is seen as a sacred act that is covenantal, similar to that of the relationship between God and the Jewish people. Therefore, the two beloveds consecrate their lives to one another stating the oath, "Behold, you are set apart for me with this ring according to the law of Moses and Israel." Personally, I have adapted the language to be more inclusive by adding the words "ever-evolving law of Moses

and Israel." This is because I believe modern Jewish marriages include spouses who are of a religious background outside the Jewish faith, while invested in partnering to build a Jewish home and family. This includes other groups that may not have traditionally fit within Jewish law, like gay and lesbians, gender fluid, trans identifying, and those of patrilineal descent. I believe Judaism should be inclusive and supportive of the array of Jewish families that are in our community.

Another aspect of the sanctification is that marriage takes place within the community. Our morning prayer, *Elu D'varim*, shares that we are commanded for the sake of heaven to rejoice when the community provides for the wedding couple. For the sharing of love and building a family heals the world, inspiring us to live the ideal of fidelity, respect, love, and compromise. That is why we have the Jewish tradition of *Aufruf*, a special wedding blessing that takes place before the marriage ceremony.

I am blessed to have found my beloved, Recieire (he also goes by Marcos). And I am also in awe of how my entire family has been welcomed into our temple-community. The love and support of congregants, board members, and staff have strengthened the holiness of my work and my life. **That is why we would like to invite you to be present at our** *Aufruf* **on Friday, April 21st.** We will be blessed by the congregation as part of the Shabbat service (at the Community Shabbat, 6pm). Family and friends will be joining as well, as we will be married later in the weekend.

This is a special way for me to share my blessings with our synagogue. As I have the privilege in sharing your life blessings, I am so glad that you can partake in mine. May our joys strengthen one another and heal our fractured world.

Your blessings of love and friendship mean so much to both me and Marcos.

L'shalom, Rabbi Jesse Gallop

#### **Service Times**

Shabbat Evening Services on Fridays will be at 6 pm on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of each month and 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

### 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, or reach out to us with questions or requests.

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The board discussed opportunities to involve the board in publicizing events like Refugee Shabbat and other events. The Strategic Engagement committee will continue to meet and generate ideas to encourage relationship-building. The role of honorary trustees in TINR leadership remains under discussion. A list of ideas under discussion was circulated to honorary and active trustees. All involved are encouraged to contribute thoughts and suggestions. The taskforce will engage with the governance committee to begin to discuss how recommendations could be integrated into our bylaws. Brotherhood co-presidents reported upcoming events, including an event at the New York Historical Society on 1/29, and "Jewpardy" on 2/11.

New Business: The board proposes a renaming of the newly refurbished "Rosen Hall" to "Handelman Hall" in recognition of the substantial contributions of the Handelman family in the support of TINR and most recently, in the renovation of the space. The Rosen family endorses the updated name but requests that we be sure there continues to be recognition of the Rosen family contributions. Plans are underway for a grand opening event to celebrate the new hall. In the longer term, the board will consider refurbishing the lobby area outside of Handelman Hall.

Please note that congregants are always welcome to attend TINR board meetings. Meetings are held at TINR on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 pm. Zoom links are also available on the Temple website calendar (www.tinr.org).

## Cantor's Corner

### **A Journey to Remember**



A new documentary, *The Secrets of the Great Synagogue of Vilna*, tells the story of the six year-long excavation of what was considered the greatest and most venerable synagogue of Lithuania before the Holocaust. The Great Synagogue-an awe-inspiring, architectural jewel, fashioned in the Italian Baroque style was, in essence, a grand cathedral of worship and study for a great majority of the Jews of Vilna. The Great Synagogue was at the center of Jewish life in Vilna

since its original wooden structure was completed in the 1600's (it was later rebuilt in stone and brick after a fire). The city of Vilnius is celebrating its 700th year and a good part of that history includes the Great Synagogue of Vilna, which was in existence for over four hundred years.

Before the Shoah, Jews made up 40% of the population in Vilna (some 100,000 Jews) and to say that Jewish life was bustling and thriving in that time is truly an understatement. There were hundreds of Yiddish Theatre groups, political groups, institutions of learning, and even a very popular vegetarian Kosher gourmet restaurant in Vilna (I have the cookbook). Many renowned Rabbis and Jewish scholars including the great "Gaon of Vilna" could easily quote by heart any section of the Talmud in the original Aramaic. The Jewish scholarship of Vilna was, you could say, "off the charts" and soon Vilna became recognized throughout Europe and in the Holy Land as a place of robust and advanced Jewish learning.

The Great Synagogue was made up of a complex of buildings, including study houses (*Kloyzn*) and a courtyard (*Shulhoyf*) where people congregated and had access to two Mikvahspurification baths. If someone came from outside of Vilna and needed a place to stay over Shabbat or a hot meal, one could easily find assistance and hospitality among the throngs of Jews gathered in the courtyard of the Great Synagogue. The synagogue complex also included the renowned Strashun library with over 20,000 publications. The Strashun Library on any given day of the week, could accommodate up to 100 visitors, and was often standing room only. The library was egalitarian (women were welcome) and there was a diversity of reading materials from commentaries on the Talmud to modern plays and poetry in different languages.

My father was born and lived in Vilna until 1944 when the Russian army liberated the city from the Nazis. He managed to escape from the Vilna Ghetto only one day before the entire ghetto was liquidated and afterwards went into hiding with nine members of the family. His story and letters that he wrote about his experience in the Holocaust were published in the Yiddish Daily Forward newspaper in February, 1945. The Glazmans on my father's side were in Vilna for at least



three centuries going back to the 1700s. Before the war, my father and grandmother's residences were directly across the street from the Great Synagogue and the family business-the largest building supplies/hardware store in town, was located just one block away from the synagogue on what is now the fashionable Stykliu Street (Glass Street) with its many quaint shops and restaurants.

I can easily imagine how my dad would have stopped in at the Great Synagogue on his way to work to offer the morning prayers (*Shacharit*), then return at the end of the day on his way home to pray the evening prayers (*Maariv*). I was always proud of my heritage-as Vilna was known as the *Jerusalem of the North*, or the *Jerusalem of Lithuania*, and was a place of intellectual pursuit, cultural innovation and progressive ideas. The 18th century Vilna Gaon stressed the importance, not only of being well versed in the Torah and Talmud, but also being knowledgeable in math and the sciences. My own father was religious and learned, but was also a highly intelligent, successful businessman who travelled all over Europe for business and spoke seven languages. He was firmly rooted in the Jewish community of Vilna but also had connections to many non-Jews in the city.

So why am I telling you about all of this? It is because by some twist of fate, I came to meet the gifted French filmmaker, Loic, who was working on the documentary about the Great Synagogue of Vilna when I flew from California to New York to attend an off-Broadway play called "Vilna" that I had heard about. Because of this serendipitous meeting, and due to my longtime interest in visiting my father's native city, I ended up in Vilna in the summer of 2019 in the midst of the excavation of the Great Synagogue, which had already yielded some incredible treasures. The Great Synagogue complex, I should

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### Temple Israel is Grateful

#### **Temple Fund**

Carolyn Dudek, Mark and Benjamin Nowak, in memory of Anita Aronoff's father Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Brian Heaps; in memory of Judith Kosak; in memory of Adele Wasko Richard S. Hollender, in memory of his father, Herbert Nancy & David Gavrin, in memory of Judith Shankman Kosak

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Joan & Hank Goldsmith, thank you Orietta Schneider, for sharing your talents; in memory of Judith Kosak

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### Todah Rabah – Thank You!

**Anna & Dan Weiser**, in appreciation

Bette Schultz & Paul Payton, in memory of Bernard & Lillian Payton

Sandy & Dave Peretz, in memory of Warren Agatston Mike Weiss & Dalia Levine, We thank Warren for all of his work with the oral history project. And for the years of dedication to a community that we had the privilege to join. Baruch dayan ha'emet.

Zita Flam, Terri Goldberg, Julie Aronowitz, Beth Gottesman and families, in memory of Warren Agatston Stacy & Jeffrey Sandler, in memory of Warren Agatston Richard & Marjorie Lewis, in memory of Warren Agatston Mary Ann DeRosa, in memory of Warren Agatston

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Ellen, Jeffrey, Robert, and Barbara, in honor of Sylvia Fields' plaque unveiling Anna & Dan Weiser, in appreciation Robert & Debra Herschenfeld, in appreciation Richard & Karen Balik, and Family, in honor of Rabbi Jesse for his support during a very difficult time; in memory of Lisa Rutkovsky. We are very grateful to you and Temple Israel.

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Welcome Jeremy!



Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg is the new Clergy Assistant / Lifecycle Coordinator.

Originally from West Hartford, CT, he lived in Boston for several years where he earned degrees from Brandeis University and Boston University. Recently, he relocated to Westchester after spending five years in Columbus, Ohio. Throughout his professional career, he has held several Jewish programming positions at the Boston Jewish Federation (CJP) and the Columbus ICC. Outside of work, he enjoys playing tabletop games, creating Lego sculptures, and tending to his kitchen garden. Jeremy resides in White Plains with his wife and two elementary schoolaged children.

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note, was damaged but still standing at the end of WWII, but then was sadly razed to the ground in 1957 by the Lithuanian Soviet authorities. Today a rectangular, concrete and brick elementary school building sits on top of the site where the main part of the Great Synagogue once stood.

The day I arrived in Vilna, in the summer of 2019, the Bimah of the Great Synagogue had just been discovered by the archaeological team. I stood in that spot, imagining my father and grandmother praying there, and asked the head of the excavation team if I could sing the Mourner's Prayer (*El Maleh Rachamim*). He said "of course" and I began to sing. The filmmaker captured it on film. I could not save the lives of my grandmother and so many others who perished in the Vilna Ghetto. All I had to offer was a prayer. Somehow, I hoped that my words and voice would reach and bring peace to the thousands of souls whose lives were cut short just seventy years earlier.

The filming continued as I located my grandmother's hardware store-one block away from the Great Synagogue (now a Ukrainian restaurant) and shared about my own personal connection to Moshe Koussevitzky, the Cantor who served the Great Synagogue of Vilna in the 1920s when my father was a young man. Remarkably, since the Koussevitzky family emigrated to the United States in 1938, Cantor Koussevitzky was my childhood Cantor as well- in Brooklyn, New York at the synagogue in Borough Park that our family attended.

So now, it was just several months ago that the filmmaker from Vilna contacted me and let me know that his documentary was completed and would have its premiere on February 4th. in Vilnius. I had promised him that I would return to Vilna when the film was finished. This time I took my daughter with me so that she could experience some of what I had experienced during my first visit to Vilna and connect in some way to her grandfather's life before the war. Ours was an incredibly moving experience, as you might imagine. I can only say that I am so very grateful and honored to have contributed something to this wonderful film and hope that its powerful story and message will make its way soon to Jews and non-Jews alike all around the world. While it will take a little while for the distribution of the film and my ability to show it to all of you, in the meantime, you will find below, the link to a 4 ½ minute trailer of the film, which can be found on the TINR website.\* I do not appear in this abridged version-you'll see and hear me in the next full and completed version.

As the non-Jewish Lithuanian gentleman who funded part of this film project said to me at the Premiere in Vilna, "we must tell this story of the Great Synagogue, to honor all that it was, and so that what happened to the Jews of Vilna never happens again." How true. I promise to keep you posted as to when the film will be available to us at TINR.

In song, Cantor Rita Glassman

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<sup>\*</sup> Visit www.tinr.org/Vilna to view the 4 1/2 minute trailer of the film " The Secrets of the Great Synagogue of Vilna"





#### **Purim is Here!**

Purim Spiel for ADULTS / TEENS! See Esther as the "Dancing Queen!"

#### Tuesday, March 7th

6:00 pm Pasta Dinner preceding Purim Spiel.

*Visit www.tinr.org/Purim2023 to RSVP for the pasta dinner by Friday, March 3rd.* **7:00 pm** Purim Spiel 2023 "The Mamma Mia Megillah" based on the music of Abba. *Don't forget, bring a box of macaroni to use as a grogger, to donate later!* 



#### **Mishloach Manot BAGS for Congregants!**

This year Mishloach Manot bags, full of treats, will be provided for every member of the community!

#### Bags can be picked up on:

Friday, March 3rd (after 5:30 pm) at Community Shabbat

Monday, March 6th (10am – 3pm)

Tuesday, March 7th (10 am – 8 pm) or at the Purim Spiel

Please consider supporting this NEW Mishloach Manot program, and your name will be included on the "Sponsorship List." *Visit www.tinr.org/Passover* 2023

(Please note that the bags are ONLY being prepared for members of the Temple Israel community. This year, there is no option to purchase bags.)

## **Passover**



#### **Passover is Coming!**

#### Sunday, March 26th

10 am - 12 pm Family Passover Palooza! We'll be making Chocolate Matzah and Charoset; Seder plate decorating, and MORE! Take home your own bag of Passover plagues to share at your Seder!

#### Purim Begins at Sundown

Wednesday, April 5th, Temple Office & Kehillah closing early at 3 pm.

#### Wednesday, April 12th

10:30 am Passover Festival Service with Yizkor

More details to follow, so check www.tinr.org, the weekly eblast, and shabbat leaflet.



Wednesday, March 1st 7 - 9 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 ...

Upcoming date: May 3rd

RSVP to www.tinr.org/events/sisterhood-game-event



Friday, March 3rd 6:00 pm Community Shabbat / Purim Service followed by dinner and Purim festivities

This Community Shabbat will include Purim songs, and a special Purim Lion King skit featuring our Chavaya students. Don't forget, bring a box of macaroni to use as groggers, and to donate later!

Let's Pray • Eat • Enjoy • Together again

Upcoming dates: April 21st (w/ Yom Ha'atzmaut), May 5th

RSVP for dinner at: www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbats



Sunday, March 12th, 10 am - 1 pm at Temple Israel

Spot Interviews and Contracts for:

- Group Counselors and LifeGuards
- Water Safety Instructors
- Athletes and Artists

MUST BE AVAILABLE TO WORK JUNE 26 – AUGUST 18!

Questions? Contact Allie, Camp Director at allison@camppinebrook.com or call (914) 813-8700



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) **March 12th April 16th** 

Visit www.CampPinebrook.com to find out about the three options for summer fun:

- General Camp
- Pinebrook Summer Arts (PSA)
- Leaders in Training (LIT)

RSVP is required for a tour at: www.tinr.org/events/camp-pinebrook-tours



Friday, March 17th 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 date: May 19th (w/Shavuot) RSVP for FREE pizza dinner at: www.tinr.org/events/family-shabbats



**Passover Dessert Baking Event!** 

Thursday, March 23rd 6:30 - 9 pm

We will bake scrumptious macaroons and brownies, plus there will be a flourless chocolate cake demonstration with Debra Cohen.

Cost: \$36 which includes wine and refreshments.

RSVP to www.tinr.org/events/macaroons-merlot



Come See Israel ... Virtually! March 26th, April 16th, and a date TBD 10:00 am breakfast; 10:30 am viewing

Three separate morning virtual tours of Israel, run by Israeli tour guides from "Israel is Beautiful" will be offered.

At Temple Israel, viewing fee: \$36 "At home" viewing fee: \$25

Register at www.tinr.org/events/israel-virtual-tours

### Brotherhood Nosh with New Rochelle Officials



Adam Salgado

Kathleen Gill

### Thursday, March 30th 7 - 9 pm

Meet Kathleen Gill (City Manager) and Adam Salgado (Deputy City Manger/Development Commissioner), New Rochelle officials, to discuss the state of New Rochelle, your neighborhood and community.

This event is FREE, but we ask you to RSVP to Mitchell Tarnopal at LOLG4@aol.com, to accommodate for seating and food.



### TINR's Got Talent?

A Night of Comedy, Cocktails, and Characters

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Saturday, April 15th

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

NEW THIS YEAR: CELEBRITY JUDGES! OPEN BAR and DESSERT!

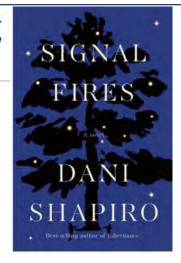
\$45 paid in advance; \$50 at the door

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/

#### COMMON READ

SISTERHOOD & LIBRARY



Sistermood

Sunday, April 23rd 9:30 - 11 am

If you are interested in the next **Common Read: Sisterhood** & **Library** book "Signal Fires" by Dani Shapiro, *email* Sisterhood@tinr.org

The Common Read is a chance for everyone to get together to discuss a book and enjoy breakfast!

"Division Street is full of secrets. An impulsive lie begets a secret—one which will forever haunt the Wilf family. And the Shenkmans, who move into the neighborhood many years later, bring secrets of their own." - Penguin Random House



#### Sunday, April 30th 11 am - 2:10 pm

begin at Bialystoker Synagogue (7 Willett St, New York, NY 10002)

The Brotherhood Tour of the Lower East Side begins at Bialystoker Synagogue, stopping at Moishe's Kosher Bakery, continuing through historic East Broadway, while eating, experiencing, and sharing along the way.

Yes. It's a three hour tour! Cost: \$26 per person

RSVP at www.tinr.org/LES-Private-Tour,

## Save the Dates

Put these events in your calendar! And, get ready to share experiences and community with Temple Israel!

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Wednesday, March 15th

Wednesday, April 19th

**Shabbat HaKavod**: Friday, April 28th **Lag Ba'omer BBQ**: Tuesday, May 9th

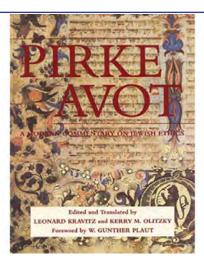
Brotherhood Poker Night: Saturday, May 13th

Israel's 75th Birthday: Sunday, May 21st

Annual Fundraiser Celebration: Saturday, June 3rd

Camp Pinebrook Begins: Monday, June 26th

Adar/Nisan/Iyyar 5783



#### On-Going Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Rabbi Jesse's Adult Education Class. Weekly study of Jewish values and ethics through the text Pirkei Avot.

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.

Open to all in person and via ZOOM (information to connect digitally can be found in the weekly eblast)



#### "Stepping Stones"

We're looking for members who are Jewish by choice, (and who went through a 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 supportive friend.

Want to join, or have questions? Contact Rabbi Jesse at RabbiJesseGallop@tinr.org

We cordially invite you to join our congregation at the 11th Annual Shabbat HaKavod on Friday, April 28, 2023. Service at 7pm – Special oneg following the service

Please join us and the clergy as we celebrate the membership of the following members:

#### 50+ Years of Membership

Janice Agatston, Elaine & Alan Ascher, Muriel Balik, Marjorie Bliss, Toni Brackis, Leroy Fadem, Helene Fishman, Miriam & David Fridovich, Mary & Thomas Garten, Nancy & David Gavrin, Barbara Gordon, Nancy Greenberg, Natalie & Donald Handelman, Susan Handelman, Marion & Harold Kaiser, Penny Kaplan, Henry Kaufmann, Mona Kunen, Carol & Robert Kurzman, Ruth & Sidney Lapidus, Ruth Laudor, Leonard Lauren, Lenore Levine, Beatrice Mark, Barbara Nissim, Judith Osten, Carol & Arthur Ostrove, Judith & Donald Pinals, Susan Germaine & Edward Pinals, Blanche Presberg, Marian Reiner, Gerald Rosen, Bonnie & Donald Rosenfeld, Constance & Gerald Sanders, Elaine Satuloff, Diane & Elliot Senderoff, Barbara & Jerry Shefsky, Isabel & Sheldon Sklar, Sandra & Michael Tannenbaum, Sophia & Peter Tolk, Marjorie Waterman, Elaine Weiss & William Weil

#### 36 Years of Membership

Arlene & Steven Levy, Rona & Gordon Perkel, Nancy & Stephen Sohn

#### 18 Years of Membership

Anne Epstein & Joel Barad, Brandy & Mitchell Benson, Marci & Joseph DeBenedictis, Jamie & Derek Deutsch, Rachel & David Long, Mara & David Roberge, Jackie & Steven Saril, Leah & Christopher Tahbaz, Erika & Arthur Tobia

#### 1 Year of Membership

Stacey & Boris Bernstein, Kate & Bryan Black, Jennifer & Doug Camhi, Brooke & Adam Cohan,
Berenyi & Brendan Cohen, Jaclyn & David Cooper, Beth Levy & Michael Ecker, Dana & Kevin Khani,
Julie & Adam Kraus, Liza & Gregory Levin, Jessica & Ryan Mainhardt, Sarah & Frank Martin, Leah & Zachary Moore,
Sarah & Mwaniki Mwangi, Sarah & Eric Prager, Bianca & Benjamin Schuman

\*\*\* If you feel your name may have been left off any listing in error, please contact Anita Aronoff\*\*\*
\*\*\*Submit photos of your TINR years to mararoberge@hotmail.com or drop at temple. Photos will be returned\*\*\*



## **Journey**





I would like to reflect on how Kehillah has evolved in the last few years, and to share the strengths of our program.

A little over three years ago, the Kehillah School was under the management of Bright Horizons. Then a new chapter began. We would rescind the relationship with Bright Horizons and become a stand-alone school within the Temple Israel community. As part of that communication; goals and

objectives were written for that next chapter of Kehillah.

Those goals and objectives included; a strong leadership team, skilled, and educated teaching staff, systems for strong communication, a solid relationship with Camp Pinebrook and Chavaya, and a blended and integrated curriculum focused on child development, to name a few.

I am proud to say that as a community we have more than achieved those objectives. Our leadership team comprises of three strong administrators who lead with heart and commitment to children and families first. Our teaching staff is complete with early childhood educators who are highly skilled and educated, and have a great love for the children for whom they care for. Our curriculum balances the individual needs of each child, in a warm and nurturing school environment. Our days are filled with a focus on practicing the Judaic values from the teachings of the Torah. We have an established community of teachers and parents working together.

Each day, our school is growing and evolving in ways we feel could not have been possible without the generous leap of faith of this community three years ago.

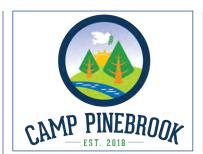
Thank you to all who had that faith!

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









### **Soul of** Camp



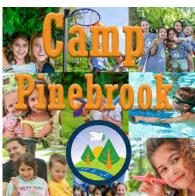
Culture ... the Soul of Camp! Who Are We?

When people ask me what I do for a living, I'm often met with the question, "What do you do the other 10 months of the year?" It's a great opportunity to explain to those who don't know, that camp is a multi billion-dollar industry. Yes, I said a BILLION! After school ends and the weather starts to get warm, summer camp seems to magically

appear as if from nowhere. The truth is, it takes more than the prior year to prepare for those short eight weeks. From budgets to hiring, and so many other aspects, the business side of camp plays a huge part. As complicated as it can be, it's the most tangible piece of the puzzle. Creating CAMP CULTURE takes more work and pays the greatest dividends.

All camps have a culture. It's not an object, like a pool, or an event, like Color War. It's the "vibe" that's created from the collective immersion in and enjoyment of, the camp experience. It's how the staff approach their work, how the campers embrace activities, and how the leadership cultivates these emotions and lets them grow and flourish inside all of us. Culture is intangible. It's the SOUL of the camp. It can't be bought on Amazon or created during an Arts & Crafts period. Culture is developed over time through collective and perpetual input from every member of the camp community, campers, parents, staff, and beyond, to nurture and protect the feeling we get when we're deep in the Camp Pinebrook experience together. Camp culture isn't mathematical or scientific. It comes from within.

So, who are we? We're warm, loving, safe, and "yummy." We're child-centered, nurturing, inclusive, and FUN! We are structured and professionally run. We're a community that celebrates Jewish values with friends who, though perhaps not Jewish, share our desire to spread love and respect to those around us. We are a relaxed, anxiety-free, eight-week warm hug. That's who we are. That's Camp Pinebrook.



Allie Horn, Camp Pinebrook Director

Register today for summer fun at www.CampPinebrook.com



### **Purim, Passover, and ...Pictures!**



While it may be cold outside, there's so much happening at Temple Israel in March and April!

#### **Purim**

**Purim** is the happy holiday filled with singing, dressing up, hearing Megilat Esther (the scroll of Esther), booing Haman and eating Hamentashen! Purim is a holiday for every age and we have something for everyone to enjoy!

Friday, March 3rd: Community Shabbat / Purim Service

6 pm: We'll sing Purim songs and our very own Chavaya students will tell us the story through a Purim Lion King skit!

7pm: Delicious dinner followed by PURIM FUN for children!

• Face painting!

Donut eating contests!

Crafts!

• 3 on 3 basketball tournament in our brand new gym!

Winng prizes and MORE!

Be sure to register your family!

Tuesday, March 7th: The Purim Celebration Continues!

6pm: Pasta dinner

7pm: Mamma Mia Purim Spiel

Be sure to register for dinner!

#### **Passover is Around the Corner!**

The holiday of Passover brings so many opportunities to celebrate as a family! Join us on Sunday, March 26th, from 10 am - 12 pm, for Passover Palooza!

Get ready for Passover by joining us for Chocolate Matzah and Charoset making (not together!), Seder plate decorating, and MORE! Take home your own bag of Passover plagues to share at your Seder!

### Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, DC - Memories!

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst and Rabbi Jesse Gallop led the teen group to the Religious Action Center (RAC) to be a part of L'Taken (a teen social justice seminar with the URJ). Temple Israel teens learned about advocacy issues, met other teens from across the country through various interactive programming, and spent Shabbat together. *See photos on right*.

The 16 Temple Israel teens sharing in this experience were: 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.

We are all proud of them!

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

#### **Religious Action Center (RAC)**



#### A "Better Together" Thought

Better Together is amazing, that's true, We meet and we talk and have great things to do.

My pals Vivian and Layla are bright and so sweet. Each time we're together it's really a treat.

What a fantastic encounter for sharing thoughts and dreams. I will always remember and cherish these outstanding teens! - Toni Brackis, with Vivian and Layla!

For more information about the "Better Together" program that connects older congregants and teens, please contact Rebecca Elkus-Ferst at relkusferst@tinr.org



### B'nei Mitzvah

### **Mazel Toy!**



My name is **Maci Zeman**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 11th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Ki Tisa* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Dana & Jason, and my sister, Quinn. I am in the seventh grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I love to dance, spend time with my friends from home and

sleepaway camp, and enjoy time laughing with my sister. My favorite cake flavor is funfetti.

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



My name is **Isaac Held**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 18th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Vayak'hel* in the Book of Exodus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Mi Jin & Kevin, and my brothers, Benjamin and David. I am in the seventh grade at Blind Brook Middle School.

Outside of school, I practice Taekwondo, play the flute, and go to Korean school on the weekend. My favorite cake flavor is funfetti.

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



My name is **Stella Kowalski**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 25th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Tzav* in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Walter & Leslie, and my sister, Mallory. I am in the seventh grade at Eastchester Middle School.

Outside of school, I like to hang out with my friends and play soccer and

softball. For my Mitzvah Project, I am helping the Chavaya staff by contributing my time at the school with the younger kids. This project is important to me because I like to help my community and make it stronger. My favorite cake flavor is vanilla with chocolate frosting.

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







My name is **Sage Proudian**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 22nd. I will be chanting from *Parashat Tazria* in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Lara & Tommy, and my siblings, Hudson and Ryder. I am in the seventh grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I play softball, basketball, soccer, and dance. My favorite cake flavor is strawberry shortcake.

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



My name is **Ellie Rosenbluth**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 29th. I will be chanting from *Parashat Emor* in the Book of Leviticus. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Julie & David, and my sister, Annabelle. I am in the seventh grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I love to play soccer, spend time with friends and my dog

Bo. For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering at HOPE Community Services. This project is important to me because many people are not as fortunate as I am. I like helping out in the soup kitchen where I get to serve people food that need it. My favorite cake flavor is chocolate.

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



### Make a Difference at Temple Israel... Join a Committee!

Do you have ideas about making Temple Israel greater, more engaging, more spiritual, fun ... then reach out!

#### We want to hear from YOU!

Reach out to any board member, or a committee member, Anita Aronoff (*AnitaAronoff@tinr.org*) or Brian Heaps (*president@tinr.org*).

Share your skills and opinions on a committee. From rituals to financials, and more. You can be a leader in our growing community!

See the list of committees at: www.tinr.org/meet-us/our-committees

### Sisterhood Happy...

### **Brotherhood**

### **ALL This Energy!**

Happy Spring! Happy Passover!

Happy Mahjong & Canasta Game Night!

Happy Macaroons & Merlot! Happy TINR's Got Talent? Happy Common Read!

So many wonderful and fun opportunities for you to join us!

Our Mat Pilates & Salad evening was so enjoyable we're thinking of making it a regular happening. Thanks very much to our very own Jackie Saril for getting us physical and Robin Werner for the deliciously healthy salads.

Our monthly Game Nights are a great success! All levels of mah jongg and canasta players are invited to play. Plan on joining us for the next ones in Lapidus on March 1 and May **3 from 7-9 pm**. If you'd like a ride, please RSVP and we'll be happy to provide you a ride.

Macaroons & Merlot - A Passover Dessert Baking Event on March 23 at 6:30 pm. Our popular Debra Cohen will teach us to bake kosher for Passover macaroons, brownies, and flourless chocolate cake. Bring home your baked goodies for the holiday but RSVP to: www.tinr.org/events/macaroons-merlot Space is limited.

If you haven't already, buy your tickets for TINR's Got Talent? - A Night of Comedy, Cocktails and Characters on Saturday, **April 15th.** Commentary and judging by our own clergy and Brian Heaps promises to be a fabulously entertaining evening you'll not soon forget!

Author Dani Shapiro's latest novel **Signal Fires** is a terrific read. We'd love to schedule a Common Read with breakfast to discuss it Sunday, April 23rd – would you be interested in joining fellow readers? Please let Greta or Berdie know and we'll put it on the calendar!

Greta and Berdie



Greta Berenbaum Sisterhood@tinr.org Sisterhood Co-President



**Berdie Stein** Sisterhood@tinr.org Sisterhood Co-President

Brotherhood had fun events in January and February. On January 29th, nineteen Temple members were at our NY Historical Society Tour. "I'll have what she's having" Deli **Exhibit.** We saw an amazing and fun exhibit showing the history of delicatessens and how they evolved with the wave of Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe beginning in the 1880's. We followed that up with a fantastic lunch at Pastrami Queen, where we got to satisfy those cravings built up during the deli exhibit!

On February 11th, we had our first **Jewpardy** tournament. Twenty-seven Temple members and their friends competed over four rounds to see which of our five teams would win. Everyone had fun, the experimental technology worked – mostly – and everyone learned something. Who knew that Paula Abdul was Jewish?! We hope to have at least one more tournament this year.

We have a few other Brotherhood events planned in the coming months. We are participating in the **Kugelfest** on March 26th (along with Sisterhood), where we will compete for best Kugel in Westchester. Give us courage and luck from afar, and we'll let you know how we do! Perhaps we can share our Kugel recipes!

- On **March 30th**, we are hosting city manager Kathleen Gill and commissioner of development Adam Salgado at our nighttime **Brotherhood Nosh**.
- On Sunday, April 30th, we will have an off campus Lower East Side Food and Temple Tour.
- On Tuesday, May 9th we will have a Lag B'Omer BBQ.
- On **Saturday**, **May 13th** we will have **Poker Night**, a Texas Hold'em tournament.
- And, we will have a Brotherhood Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, June 9th (tentative)

Details for all events can be found at www.tinr.org!

With restrictions behind us, Brotherhood wants to continue to make TINR an event destination. If you have ideas for events, please let us know by contacting us directly.

Allen and Gary



Allen Fishbein Brotherhood@tinr.org **Brotherhood Co-President** 



**Gary Frey** Brotherhood@tinr.org **Brotherhood Co-President** 



Mah J

Sisterhood Game Night

Mah Jongg in Assisted Living

Mah Jongg with Mara



Israel Action Committee Event with Peter Beinart (Editor-at-Large for Jewish Currents) and Adina Vogel Ayalon (J Street Chief of Staff)



Jonah and Harper playing Basketball in the Gym



Brotherhood Jewpardy



Camp Pinebrook's Show "Celebrate Being a Kid!"



Kehillah Art



Brotherhood Deli Exhibit at the NY Historical Society

### Social Action

### **Helping Local Refugees**

Temple Israel, led by the Social Action Committee, hosted a wonderful **Refugee Shabbat** on February 3rd.

Rabbi Jesse Gallop wove the story of the Afghan refugees into his dvar Torah. The service and dinner afterwards were well attended. There were over 100 congregants who signed up for dinner and 4 Afghan families were in attendance. A big shout out goes to Howard Horowitz and Amy Ecker for the tremendous effort they put in to make the evening a success.

On January 31st, the SAC arranged for two young Afghan adults to speak to our Temple youth. It was great seeing how engaged our young people were in hearing the refugees' story.

The next ZOOM meeting is on Wednesday, March 14th, 7:30 pm.

If you are interested in joining the ZOOM meeting, or want to do good work with the Social Action Committee, please join us!

Contact Michael Goldberg, Howard Horowitz, or Amy Ecker at SAC@tinr.org. WE NEED YOU!

Adar/Nisan/Iyyar 5783

### Temple Isr**∨el** Cares

### **Passover Lasagna!**

#### **A Passover Poem**

The Jews were slaves in Egypt Till Moses led them out It's absolutely remarkable That's what Passover's all about

But if you're not a big fan of matzo TIC has a suggestion A delicious Passover lasagna Is sure to aid digestion!

#### **Passover Lasagna**

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 matzo sheets
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 24-oz. carton cottage cheese
- 18-oz. package shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 28-oz. jar marinara sauce

#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
   Soak matzo sheets in a large bowl of hot water until tender, about 30 seconds.

  Drain.
- 3. Combine eggs, cottage cheese, and 1/2 of the mozzarella cheese in a bowl.
- 4. Pour 1/2 of a cup of marinara sauce on the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking pan. Place 2 matzo sheets over the sauce, then pour another layer of sauce over the sheets. Spread 1/2 of the cheese mixture on top, then another layer of sauce. Continue layering until all the matzo sheets are used, finishing with a layer of sauce. Sprinkle the remaining mozzarella cheese over the top.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly, 30 to 40 minutes.

#### **Tzedakah Goes Digital @ TINR!**

The *tzedakah* box has been the hallmark of the Jewish community, where people can deposit money earmarked for those in need.

TINR's *tzedakah* box is located in our lobby outside of the Sanctuary. Each month, 100% of the contributions are sent to a local charities, such as Hope Community Services and Feeding Westchester, or put toward global efforts to support Ukrainian refugees and victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake.

We appreciate all who contribute and want to make it easier for more people to do so.

If you don't have cash on you at the Temple, no problem!

You now have the option to Zelle *tzedakah* to TINR! See below!

### **Send Money With**

Search for Temple Israel of New Rochelle or

#### 9142351800

in your banking or Zelle app to be able to donate!





**Zelle** 

You will be asked to input your bank. Continue to follow directions on your phone...and THANK YOU!





Toni Brackis
TIC@tinr.org
Temple Israel Cares
Co-President



Marjorie Mangot TIC@tinr.org Temple Israel Cares Co-President

# Edith H. Handelman Library

### **Purim & Passover at the Library!**

### First Comes Purim...

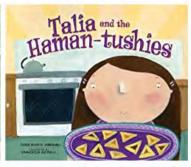








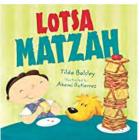






### ... then it's Passover!

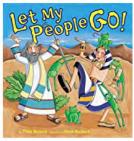














Come visit our library! New adult and children's books arrive weekly.

All our library books can be found and reserved on our library website: www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR

#### Need help?

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian can be reached at: <a href="mailto:stephkras11@gmail.com">stephkras11@gmail.com</a>







#### The Kehillah School...Right Here at Temple Israel!

**The Kehillah School** promotes child development (6 weeks–kindergarten preparation) in a nurturing and stimulating play-based program: encouraging creativity, decision-making, problem-solving, spiritual growth, joy of learning, infusion of Jewish values, and community, using an emergent, Reggio Emilia approach to education.



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### List of Funds

### **Support Temple Israel**

#### Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

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!

#### 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: Janney Montgomery Scott LLC #0374 Janney Montgomery Scott LLC

Physical Certificates: Janney Montgomery Scott LLC 26 Broadway 9th Floor Mezzanine New York, NY 10004 Account Registration: Temple Israel of New Rochelle (Operations) Account Number: 6286-6155

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











#### **List of Funds**

**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.

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

**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

**Israel Action Committee Fund** – sponsors educational, social, and cultural programming with the goal of enhancing our congregants' relationship with Israel.

**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

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

**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.

Youth Involvement Fund – Enhances youth programs



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Social Action Committee of Temple Israel of New Rochelle

and the

Fempowerment Club of New Rochelle High School

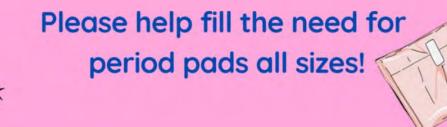
## Period Product Collection 2/15-3/31

To benefit the clients of local organizations:

The Sharing Shelf WestCop Providence House

Did you know?

Public assistance programs that are designed to help low income families exclude period products, which leads to inadequate access to menstrual hygiene.



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