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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:

- Leroy Fadem
- Henry F. Kaufmann, father of Nancy Kaufmann
- Sieglinde Karpf, wife of Michael Karpf
- Helene Winston, mother of Amy Winston
- Harold Kaiser, husband of Marion Kaiser
- Jack Meisner, father of Steven Meisner

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

## **Mazel Tov**

- To our own, Ellen Egan, on her retirement from Temple Israel after 25 years of exemplary dedication to Temple Israel, to the congregants, and to her colleagues. We wish her many happy days with husband Jack – and on their daughter Sara's work promotion at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.
- Rabbi Jessse & Recieire "Marcos" Carbelim on their wedding on Sunday, April 23rd.
- Anita Aronoff, on becoming Assistant Treasurer of NATA (National Association for Temple Administration).
- Carol & Arthur Ostrove, on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Sandy & Gerry Hyman, on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Hyman.
- Marilyn & Neil Altabet, on the birth of their granddaughter, Noa Mckenzie Altabet.
- Congregant Julia Ecker, on being named valedictorian of New Rochelle High School class of 2023.
- Lila Ferrucci, Marni Winston, Milo Freedenberg, and Leah Horowitz for making signifiant contributions at New Rochelle High School.
- Allen Fishbein, Brotherhood President, for placing third at the JCC Kugel-Fest held on March 26th.
- Lisa Rosenberg, on being honored with the PR Week award for best global campaign for Corona's Plastic Fishing Tournament.
- Charlotte Manasse and Jonas Krasner, on becoming b'nei mitzvah. *You can 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!

• Hal & Ellen Mendel. Hal is Joan Goldsmith's cousin!

Please say hello when you see them in the Temple.

## From the President

## **My Last Temple Topics**



This is my last Temple Topics column as the Temple's President. That makes me both happy and sad. I'm proud to have been the lay leader of our Temple for the past two years but I know we will all be in the very capable hands of Margie Ostrove beginning July 1st. Having worked not just with her, but the rest of our Executive Committee and the Board has been a privilege and an honor. And, the cooperation that has existed amongst us, as well as with our Clergy and Temple staff led by Anita Aronoff,

has brought me more satisfaction than you can ever imagine.

Before I hand the reins over to Margie, though, I have a very important favor to ask of you, our members. This favor comes with an explanation. The favor I ask of you is that you renew your membership in this community with enthusiasm and commitment. These past several years have seen a significant transition occur here at Temple Israel. It is very, very much for the better.

(1) We have a camp program that is growing. (2) Our Kehillah program receives accolades from our parents and the outside community. (3) Our youth program has been re-envisioned and is now a new chapter of BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). (4) Our religious school and teen programs (Chavaya) bring a group of students who, along with their parents, want to partake in enriching their cultural education and understanding.

That's only the beginning, though. We are blessed to have clergy that relate to our congregation. They make us feel comfortable and welcome and make us want to participate in our greater Temple community. Whether it be at celebratory simchas or needing comfort at times of loss, they are here for us.

So why is it so important that you renew your membership this summer with a feeling of knowing its importance? When we commit ourselves to our community, we are not just doing it for the here and now. Temple Israel of New Rochelle exists today because of those who came before us and made their commitment to assuring that our Temple (both the community and the physical building) would be here for us. They knew that without their stepping up to the plate financially this community might not have been here to serve our needs and desires. We need to do the same thing. We have a responsibility and must ensure that our community exists not just for us here and now, but for future generations

There are several ways you can help. The first is showing your support with your membership. We want you to be involved beyond that and we want you to always feel as if this is your second home. We want you to want to be here with your family. And, if you are blessed to be able to support substantially beyond the basics, we won't complain.

The 50-plus years I've been a member here are significant to me. I hope your years past, present, and future will be just as important to you. I'm not planning on going anywhere. Even as Margie steps up as President, I'll be there as a Past President getting my 2 cents in. I sincerely hope you'll join me in renewing and strengthening your commitment. I look forward to spending many more years here with you.

Brian Heaps Temple President

#### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The board of trustees met on March 15, 2023. Kehillah School Director Jen Penucci updated the board about the robust success of the Kehillah school, including taking the board on an inspiring tour of the facility. If congregants are interested in visiting the school, please feel free to contact Jen

The Rabbi noted that we are actively working on recruiting a rabbinic intern. The intern will participate in teaching 7th graders and the Tuesday night teens. They will also lead efforts to engage in BBYO and will help Hebrew learning in students who require extra help. We also anticipate that the intern will participate in Torah study, services, etc. The intern will be engaged for 10 hours/week

TINR Treasurer Lloyd Robinson reviewed the YTD budget. He drew the board's attention to the information in the board packet, including some reallocation of endowment funds in accordance with recommendations from the finance committee and the investment sub-committee. The board also discussed an unplanned expense for a boiler replacement as an emergency repair, to be paid out of Land, Building, and Capital. Lloyd noted that the 2024 budget process for next year begins in the next few weeks. Lloyd will meet with Anita and Rabbi Jesse to begin this process in the coming weeks.

The board discussed the upcoming Grand Opening event for The Bill & Helene Handelman Hall (formerly Rosen Hall). The event will take place on May 7th, from 12:00-2:00 PM. The Harlem Wizards will entertain, and there will be food, games, etc. A Brotherhood Blood Drive will be taking place the same day, which may provide opportunities for synergy.

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## Rabbi's

### **Confirmation and Graduation**



Temple Israel's Confirmation and Graduation Services are a special time for our community to come together and honor the achievements of our **teens.** The temple has a long history of youth involvement. However, nationally, adolescents today are less likely to be active in religion and continuing education. Teen engagement has been not only a challenge for most synagogues, but at the national level, the URI (the reform movement umbrella organization)

disbanded its youth program, NFTY (formerly the North American Federation for Temple Youth), during COVID. NFTY existed to supplement and support Reform youth groups at the synagogue level. Disbanding the group at this time, created a void that had to be filled. This was a hard challenge. No longer is success counted in numbers. Rather we are called to support L'Shalom, each teen who wants to be connected to Judaism and Temple Israel, by creating a personal and meaningful path where they develop identity and tools that they will take with them into their adult lives.

Thanks to the hard work of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Mara Roberge, and our teens, we have built an active and strong temple youth group called, Signon under the umbrella of BBYO-(formerly B'nai B'rith Youth organization) BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement that aspires to involve Jewish teens in more meaningful experiences. This effort has strengthened our Tuesday night teen educational program and kept our 8th-12th grades connected to our community. We have also adapted the high school curriculum to better engage our youth, including yearly trips to help our teens explore their connection to Judaism and the Jewish world. Recent trips have explored Civil Rights in the South, and political action in Washington, D.C. Next year's trip to Amsterdam is a special opportunity, thanks due to the generosity of Lisa Keller & Saky Yakas. Opportunities like this excite our youth and help to keep them engaged and active at Temple Israel.

While it's amazing seeing our building active year-round with children in Chavaya, Kehillah and Camp Pinebrook, its vital that we provide a safe space for our teens to engage in as well. That is why it is important to celebrate and honor the achievements of our youth. I would like to personally invite you to both our High School Graduation service on Friday, May 12th at 7:00 pm and Temple Israel's 111th Confirmation Shavuot Service on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 pm. These services are a celebration for our entire community. A time when we are able to see how the love and support at Temple Israel have helped to nurture another generation of smart, caring, and engaged Jews, and to celebrate with their families on their accomplishments.

May we keep the chain of tradition strong; L'Dor VaDor, from generation to generation.

Rabbi Jesse

#### 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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#### **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.

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This year's Gala ("TempleFest!") is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd. There will likely be two pricing options, \$180 per person for drinks/dinner/dessert. A lower priced option will allow people to come after dinner and enjoy dancing, etc. Honorees will be Brian and Dianne Heaps. Donations of high-end auction items are encouraged!

The meeting closed with Good and Welfare. Jamie noted that TINR congregant Julia Ecker was named valedictorian of NRHS class of 2023! Michael Goldberg encouraged board members and congregants to join the supporting Israel parade on Sunday, June 4th. Rabbi Jesse reminded us that he and his fiancée will be married next month. Their aufruff will be at the Friday, April 21st shabbat service. Allen Fishbein noted that Brotherhood will represent TINR at the JCC Kugel Fest on Sunday, March 26th.

## Cantor's Corner

### **The Festival of Shavuot**



SHAVUOT is known by several names, among them the Feast of Weeks and the Festival of the First Fruits. It is one of the three major Jewish festivals that we celebrate. In ancient days, Shavuot was the time of pilgrimage when Jews would journey to Jerusalem carrying the choicest first fruits of their harvest as a gift offering to God. Shavuot is also Z'man Matan Torateinu, the time of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Here is some of the Torah reading from the Book

of Exodus for the first day of Shavuot -

"Now Mt. Sinai was all in smoke for God had come down upon it in fire, the smoke rose and the whole mountain trembled. The blare of the Shofar grew louder and louder. God came down upon Mt. Sinai, on the top of the mountain and God called Moses to the top of the mountain, so Moses went up."

This dramatic description of God, Moses, and a mountaintop in the middle of the Sinai desert sets the stage for the giving of the Ten Commandments and the entire Torah to the Jewish people. One can only imagine what it must have been like to be there, in the midst of all that fanfare, receiving the Torah and entering a brand new state of consciousness as a holy nation before God. I have often wondered if it would have been different - less impactful or less holy, if the Torah had been given to the Jewish people by a lake, in a forest, by the ocean, and not on a mountaintop.

The best and most memorable *Shavuot* I ever had was when, as a college student finishing up my junior year in Israel, I climbed, what those in the know believe, is the actual Mt. Sinai. It is a 7,500 foot high mountain in the city of Saint Catherine in the Sinai Peninsula. I was attending the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and was on one of four busloads of college students that made the journey to the foot of Mt. Sinai just before the arrival of Shavuot. Each bus had an Israeli guide who would take us up the mountain in the early dawn hours before the intense heat of the desert sun would set in.

The sun however, to our dismay, did not rise and shine that morning. Instead, the sky turned dark and grey and it began to pour rain - lots and lots of rain. The temperatures began to drop and within minutes the rain beating down on our bus's windows turned into large chunks of hail making a distinctive, loud, rather unsettling rapping sound. Even after all these years, I still remember it vividly. Apparently, this kind of thing, according to our counselor guide, was not uncommon in the desert, even in the summer months of the year. It seemed that our plan and our hopes for climbing Mt. Sinai that day were about to be dashed.



Then, as fate or fortune would have it, despite the fact that three of the buses carrying students from our group began to turn around and head back to Jerusalem, the Israeli guide on *my* bus stood up and said that the rain and hail would soon stop. If we were willing, he told us he would gladly take us up the mountain. Yes, he said, it would be a little cold and uncomfortable for a while, but once we started on our trek, he assured us that we would soon forget about the cold and our discomfort. We were young and strong, our enthusiastic guide reminded us, and he challenged us saying that we could do it, and it was just too great an opportunity to pass up. "How often, he asked, will you have the chance to climb the mountain where Moses stood and the children of Israel received the original tablets of the law?"

Out of about thirty kids on the bus I was on, eight of us (maybe a little *meshugeh* when I think of it now) decided to head up the mountain for a rather unusual climb that would take several hours during which we would be pelted, on and off, by heavy rain and icy balls of hail. I remember this well because I was wearing a very stylish brown felt hat with a green and blue feather that was gifted to me by college friends before I took off for Tel Aviv at the start of my year abroad. That hat lasted me throughout my year in Israel until that moment in the Sinai desert when, under the lashing, merciless rain and hail, that hat simply had no chance.

After what seemed like endless hours, my college friends and I, along with our guide, soaking wet with muscle ache and exhaustion, finally made it to the top of the mountain. We were beyond jubilant. It was the oddest thing though, because when we reached the spot where that precious covenant was made between God and the Jewish people, there stood a little

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## Temple Israel is Grateful

#### **Temple Fund**

Stacy & Jeffrey Sandler, in memory of Warren Agatston Bonnie & Don Rosenfeld, in memory of Warren Agatston; in memory of Judith Kosak; in memory of Sieglinde Karpf; congratulations to Joanie & Hank Goldsmith on their 50th Anniversary; congratulations to Toni Brackis on her 80th Birthday; in memory of Ethel Perlman

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Nancy & Morton Hodin, in memory of Warren Agatston Dr. Myra Strober Family Fund, in memory of Warren Agatston

Kenneth & Elizabeth Altschul, in memory of their brother-in-law, Warren. We know how much the temple meant to him.

Rosalyn Mintz, in memory of Warren Agatston

Florence & Lewis Tannenbaum, in memory of

Warren Agatston Barbara Coleman, in memory

of Warren Agatston Val Etra, in memory of Warren Agatston; in memory of Jack Meisner, father of Steven Meisner; in memory of Helene Winston

## Todah Rabah – Thank You!

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Howard Pein & Rabbi Wendy Rein, in memory of

Helene Winston Sherry Salzman, in memory

of Warren Agatston Michael & May Goldberg, in appreciation

Susan Germaine & Edward Pinals, in memory of Warren Agatston

David & Penny Klein, in memory of Warren Agatston; in memory of Adele Wasko; in memory of Judy Kosak

Michael Karpf, in memory of Sieglinde Karpf

Judy & Bernie Robinson, congratulation on Joan & Hank Goldsmith's 50 Wedding Anniversary

Thelma Fixler, in memory of Warren Agatston

Ruth Metzger, in memory of Warren Agatston

Myra Strober, in memory of Warren Agatston

#### **Brotherhood Fund**

Kenneth Keenan, in memory of Warren Agatston, a long time supporter of Brotherhood Joan & Hank Goldsmith, with appreciation

#### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Janice Agatston, in loving memory of Warren **Judy & Bernie Robinson**, in memory of Warren Agatston Bernard & Helen Miller, in memory of Warren Agatston Sally & Steve Meisner, in memory of Warren Agatston Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of the fabulous 2023 Purim

Sari Bedevian, with gratitude Michael & May Goldberg, in appreciation of the TINR Holocaust Remembrance Day Program

#### Chavaya Program Fund

John Reiches, in memory of Warren Agatston Jennifer & Lawrence Goldman, Warren was a wonderful man and leader of our community at TINR. Marian & Michael Rhein, in honor of Stella Kowalski Anna & Daniel Weiser, in honor of Rabbi Jesse's engagement; in memory of Warren Agatston Joan & Hank Goldsmith, with appreciation Orietta Schneider, in honor of Joan & Hank Goldsmith's 50th Wedding Anniversary, and their enthusiasm of the Better Together program!

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#### **Israel Action Committee Fund**

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of Sandy & Gerry Hyman welcoming their grandson, Joseph Hyman, to the world

#### **Library Fund**

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#### **Music Fund**

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Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Mitch and Marjorie Ostrove, on their Father/ Daughter Dance at "TINR's Got Talent?"

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Arthur & Carol Ostrove, in memory of our dear friend, Warren Agatston Elise Sosnow & Steven Cohen, in memory of Helene Winston

#### **Temple Israel Cares**

Lynne Wilson, in loving memory of Warren Agatston **Toni Brackis**, in memory of Steven Meisner's father; in honor of Julia Ecker being chosen Valedictorian of her NRHS graduating class; in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Jesse Gallop & Recieire Carbelim; congratulations on Carol & Arthur Ostrove 60th wedding anniversary Dianne & Brian Heaps, most sincere condolences to Steven & Sally Meisner, on the loss of Steven Meisner's father **Lenore Levine**, in memory of Warren Agatston; in memory of Marlyn Manin Lois & Mark Scheffler, in memory of Warren Agatston **Richard Grayson**, in memory of Warren Agatston Sari Bedevian, continue all of your wonderful work! Melanie Krieger, Andrew and Jon Yudin, in memory of Warren Agatston **Val Etra**, in memory of Helene Winston

#### **Youth Involvement**

Nancy & Dick Rossman, in honor of Stella Kowalski becoming Bat Mitzvah

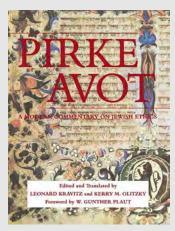
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The last day of Rabbi Jesse's Pirkei Avot class is **Thursday**, **May 18th!** Reach out to Rabbi Jesse with ideas, requests for next year's study topics!



If You Lost It, We May Have Found It!

Check with Stu at the front desk. There is a plethora of items that need to go home!

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hut with a big cross on it. Seems that mountain was holy, not just for us Jewish kids, but for others as well.

No matter - the eight of us together with our fearless leader, with hearts full of joy, spontaneously began to sing and dance a hora. I cannot recall exactly what we sang, but we were loud and we were proud - to be Jewish, to have taken up our leader's challenge, to have overcome all obstacles and make that formidable climb in the wilds of the Sinai (just like our friend Moses did). Needless to say, up on that mountain we realized we were part of something greater than ourselves and quickly forgot about our aching limbs and exhaustion (and for a moment my poor hat!). I guess there really is something unique and compelling about mountains -maybe it's that they remind us of our Divinity and at the same time our humble humanity.

I remember one more thing from that whole event. As we began to descend the mountain, the sun suddenly, gently appeared on the horizon casting a warm, orange glow upon the earth. I remember that I and others began to skip down the mountain as though the light had infused us with new energy, a new sense of purpose, freedom and possibility. Looking back on this experience, I am grateful for having made the choice to join my peers that day, to venture into the unknown, despite any discomfort I may have felt, and thankfully, with a very skilled and able guide to lead us.

Maybe this is what Shavuot is meant to be - a time to climb a mountain (whether real or metaphorical), be inspired and awakened by the beauty and awe that surrounds us, the knowledge that we have been given a precious gift - the Torah - to guide and inform our lives. Maybe this is the time of year when we can reflect on those moments when we rose to the occasion (no pun intended), overcame challenges, learned something new and became better, more resilient human beings. Furthermore, isn't it so that when we work together, encourage and support one another with open hearts and a positive attitude, there are no heights we cannot reach?

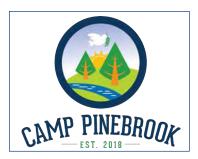
And of course, let's not forget the blintzes! What would Shavuot be without those yummy Jewish crepes reminding us of the moment when our suddenly freed Jewish ancestors missed the mark in their wanderings after Egypt -worshipping a golden calf instead of trusting and believing in God's great love, protection and goodness.

The Festival of Shavuot begins at sundown on Thursday, May 25th. *Chag Sameach*! And if it happens to rain, do carry an umbrella and maybe leave your nice hat at home.

Warmly,

Cantor Rita Glassman

Check out Shavuot details on p. 11.



## Pinebrook Summer Arts: Art Every Day!



When my two kids were young (they're 15 and 13 now!), I loved that they went to the same day camp year after year. From grade school to middle school, they knew just what to expect on Day 1. They saw old friends, made new ones, and were part of a family that celebrated fun for eight weeks each summer.

As the kids got older, they slowly became interested in more focused

activities, rather than the many that their camp had to offer. By sixth grade, my son wanted to explore different summer soccer programs, so we enrolled him in a few two-week sessions here and there. Some were overnight, others were not. My daughter wanted to play lacrosse and volleyball, but also liked the idea of day trips to fun places. We cobbled together a summer filled with all those things, a couple of weeks at a time.

I'm not going to lie; it was logistically so much easier when they were both in the same place for the full summer, but as our kids grow, so do their interests. This is why the camping industry has seen such a huge increase in specialty camps. These days you can find all kinds of summer programs for your camper, from sports, to music, arts to academics. It's out there. You just have to find it!

Pinebrook Summer Arts is the perfect camp for young artists and actors in grades five through nine who are looking to hone their crafts. We offer 10 different fine arts classes each week, and afternoons filled with theatre games, improv, and mini productions. Our classes are taught by local professionals who are not only immensely talented but committed to sharing their knowledge and expertise with our campers. I can't think of a better summer program for middle schoolers who want to paint, act, draw, sing, create, and express their talents, all while enjoying the friendships, fun, and family that is Camp Pinebrook.

For more information about Pinebrook Summer Arts, please contact Allie Horn, Director, at 914-813-8700, or via email, allison@camppinebrook.com.

Check out Pinebrook Summer Arts, the General Camp at Camp Pinebrook, or the Leaders In Training Program at www.CampPinebrook.com.

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Tuesday, May 9th - Friday, May 12th, in the Courtyard Hours: Tuesday, May 9th: 3-7:30 pm Wednesday, May 10th – Friday, May 12th: 2-6 pm

Give a plant to Mom, and don't forget your landscaping at home! Make Temple Israel the place to purchase beautiful plants this year!

Our member Lisa Eicher, from Legarden Designs (LegardenDesigns.com), will be available on Tuesday, May 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm to give advice!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/sisterhood-plant-sale for more details.

Iyyar/Sivan/Tamuz 5783





Tuesday, May 9th 6 - 7 pm, in the Courtyard at Temple Israel

You are invited to celebrate Lag Ba'omer with family, old friends, and NEW friends with a BBQ. \$18 per family/couple, \$10 per individual, Chavaya High School students, 7-12th are FREE

Celebrate hot dogs, burgers (veggie also), and all the "fixins" of a BBQ, and more!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/lag-baomer-bbq to RSVP



Saturday, May 13th 7 - 10 pm

This event is open to everyone, so come and enjoy some Texas Hold'em. Prizes awarded to top players!

Calling all experienced players, novices, and those that have never played – we will teach those that want to learn! It's not that difficult!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/poker-night for details and to RSVP!



Friday, May 19th - Last Family Shabbat for the Season! **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

RSVP for FREE pizza dinner at: www.tinr.org/events/family-shabbats



Monday, May 22nd 6 - 7 pm, at Temple Israel

Taught by Pilates instructor and Temple Israel congregant Jackie Saril.

Please bring a mat.

All are Welcome. Reservations are a MUST! FREE for Sisterhood Members | \$10 for non-members Want to become a Sisterhood member? Contact Sisterhood

Visit www.tinr.org/events/disco-pilates to RSVP

Shavuot—or the Feast of Weeks—is celebrated between May 25-27 and has both an agricultural and biblical significance. Agriculturally, it marks the wheat harvest in Israel. It is the holiday when the Jews received the Torah at Mt. Sinai.



Thursday, May 25th - Shavuot Begins at Sundown 7:00 – 9:00 pm Confirmation / Shavuot Service with Yizkor The Chavaya 10th grade Confirmation class will lead the service.

Mazel Tov to the following Confirmands and their families: Sam Benson, Andrew Cohen, Sophie Dingee, Louis Fernandez, Gabby Fishbein, Danica Frey, Eli Kassoff, Andy Krasner, Charlie Mangot, Henry Meisner, Anna Rosenbluth, and Remy Walker.

Friday, May 26th Temple Office and Kehillah School Closed 7:00 pm Shabbat Services



Saturday, June 3rd 6:30 - 11 pm

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## 115th **Annual** Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 14th 7:45 - 9:15 pm, at Temple Israel

Join us as we go back through the 2022-2023 fiscal year together as a congregation discussing finances, events, and other items that bind us as a community.

You are invited to join the Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th, and the last BOT Meeting after the Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, June 21st.



Come See Israel ... Virtually! May Date, to be Announced! 10:00 am breakfast; 10:30 am viewing

Morning virtual tour of Israel, run by Israeli tour guides from "Israel is Beautiful" offered.

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

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



## **Summer is Coming!**



When I look out onto the Preschool playground of Kehillah and see the cherry blossoms in bloom; it is a visual reminder that all things transition with time. We celebrate the growth of children and their transitions during their time here. As we look ahead into the next few months, our children will transition to new classrooms, head over to Camp Pinebrook for the summer, and many off to Kindergarten in the fall. It is exciting but can also be a scary time

for some. Our work here is to prepare our little ones for the next giant leap with confidence and the skills to succeed. The 'work' our teachers do with children is endless. The teachers at Kehillah are the heart of the school; loving the children as their own, putting in countless hours of planning and preparation, and providing an enriched learning environment. It is because of this dedication Kehillah continues to grow and thrive. We celebrate teachers during teacher appreciation week and honor their commitment to our children's success!

We are beginning to plan and think about Camp Kehillah and the fun activities we will offer this Summer. Camp Kehillah is a time for children and teachers to step out of their classrooms and immerse themselves in the beauty of nature. We invite fun and exciting community members to visit our school, play sports, splash around in water play, dress up for silly spirit days, and so much more!

We will close out our year with the traditional Seeyoom celebration in June. Families, teachers, administration, and clergy come together to celebrate the growth of our oldest friends moving on to Kindergarten.







## **Celebrations and Summertime!**



This year all of our Chavaya participant have fulfilled the words of Pirkei Avot 1:6 to "find yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend, and give everyone the benefit of the doubt." They have learned so much from our wonderful educators...everything from Jewish values and holidays to Hebrew and prayer – and from one another as well! Our *Manheegeem* (teen facilitators) and teen Homework Helpers brought their energy and skills to our groups, not

only assisting our teachers and students, but presenting our students with role models for continued Jewish engagement post-b'nei mitzvah! We will honor our Chavaya teaching staff on the final Tuesday, May 23rd at 5pm. Please join us as we say *Todah Rabah*, thank you!

#### **Graduation**

On Friday, May 12th please join us in recognizing our seniors who are graduating from Chavaya. The graduates will lead us in a service at 7 pm. Mazel Tov to the following seniors and their families: Julia Ecker, Ben Feinblum, Lila Ferrucci, Charlotte Fields, Milo Freedenberg, Nate Morris, Serena Richmond, Andrew Rittenberg, and Ryan Topol. See our graduates on the right!

#### **Last Family Shabbat**

Last Family Shabbat of the year, Friday, May 19th at 6pm. Join us for Shabbat songs, dancing, and pizza! New for this Month: there will be activities for parents and children to do together during dinner. Please register your family by Wednesday, May 17th. Visit the temple website (www.tinr.org) or click on the link in the weekly Chavaya email.

#### **Camp Blessing**

Is your child attending sleepaway camp this summer? Join us at our final Tuesday Chavaya session on May 23rd at 5:30 pm for our Camp Blessing. Children attending sleepaway camp will also receive special Temple Israel swag! Rebecca and the clergy LOVE sending letters to children at camp so please also give us your child's address. To submit your child's address, please refer to the weekly Chavaya email for the submission link.

#### **Confirmation / Shavuot**

Our 10th grade Confirmation class will lead the congregation in our Shavuot service on Thursday, May 25th at 7pm. Shavuot is the holiday when the Jews received the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Mazel Tov to the following Confirmands and their families: Sam Benson, Andrew Cohen, Sophie Dingee, Louis Fernandez, Gabby Fishbein, Danica Frey, Eli Kassoff, Andy Krasner, Charlie Mangot, Henry Meisner, Anna Rosenbluth, and Remy Walker.

#### **Chavaya Comes Back in September!**

Finally, please note opening dates for the 2023-2024 programming year:

Tuesday, September 12th K-7th grade: 4 - 6 pm, 8th-12th grade: 6:15 - 8 pm

**Thursday, September 14th** 3rd-6th grade: 4 - 6pm

If your child attends school in New Rochelle, please also connect with the New Rochelle Transportation department to register your child for the afterschool bus to Temple Israel.

#### Thank vou!

As I close out my 11th programming year at Temple Israel, I am honored to continue my work as the Director of Education. During my tenure I have been blessed to work with a committed group of lay leaders on the Chavaya K7 & Teen Engagement committee. After serving our community for many years, Mara Roberge, Jen Goldman, and Julie Rosenbluth will be stepping down as co-chairs of our committee. I have truly valued my partnership with Mara, Jen and Julie and the transition is bittersweet. These three leaders have been my right hand for so long and Chavaya and Temple Israel have truly benefited from their leadership.

Please join me in honoring Mara, Jen, and Julie on **Tuesday**, **May 23rd**. These women will be passing the baton to our next co-chairs, Sarah Fernandez and Leslie Horowitz. Our community is fortunate to have both women as our next leaders and I look forward to our partnership.

I hope to see you and your family throughout the month of May at our many events. Wishing you an enjoyable and safe summer.

*B'chavod* (with respect and friendship). Rebecca

#### "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, and be a supportive friend.

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



Top Row (*l to r*) Ryan Topol, Andrew Rittenberg, Nate Morris, Milo Freedenberg, Ben Feinblum Bottom Row (*l to r*) Lila Ferrucci, Charlotte Fields, Serena Richmond, not pictured Julia Ecker

## B'nei Mitzvah

## **Mazel Tov!**



My name is Charlotte Manasse and I celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 6th. The Torah portion I am chanting from is *Behar* from the Book of Leviticus. I am a 7th grader at ESH and I live with my parents, my sister Hannah who is in 9th grade, and my Australian Labradoodle Freddie.

Outside of school, I love to create stories, work on digital art, act, and

spend time with my friends. My favorite ice cream flavor is mint chocolate chip.

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



My name is Jonas Krasner and I celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 20th. The Torah portion I am chanting from is Bemidbar from the Book of Numbers. I am a 7th grader at Albert Leonard Middle School. I live with my parents, Jason & Sylvana, and my sibling Anderson.

Outside of school, I enjoy plaing baseball, tennis, golf, running, and

video games. For my Mitzvah Project, I delivered meals to outpatients and the elderly in New Rochelle. This project is important to me because I like helping those less fortunate than me, and it reminds me to be grateful for what I have. And, my favorite cake flavor is chocolate ice cream cake.

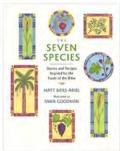
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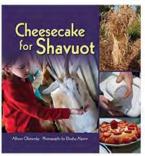
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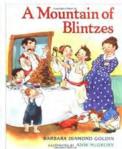
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#### **Celebrating Shavuot!**

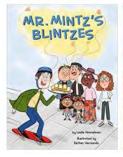
Celebrate the harvest, make some cheesecake, eat some blintzes, and get ready for Shavuot!







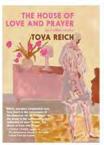
#### Have lots of laughs with these fun reads:







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### Come visit the library to find all our newest books on display!

All our library books can be found and reserved on our library website:

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#### **Need help?**

Stephanie Krasner, Temple Israel Librarian can be reached at: stephkras11@gmail.com

## **Sisterhood**

## Flowers & Plants!

Brotherhood

## Still Going STRONG!

Greta and I want to thank our wonderful Sisterhood Board and attendees for making our talent night "TINR's Got Talent?" a fun filled evening! A special thank you to Jackie Saril and Judy Siegel for their countless hours of inspiration and coordination in making "our talent" succeed in this annual fundraising event. Kudos to our talent and judges!

Another great baking event with Debra Cohen, "Macaroons & Merlot" proved to be a delicious success! Not only did we all get to fill our freezers with Passover macaroons and brownies, but we had a blast learning how to bake them with all our fellow aprons while having laughs and sipping wine! Keep an eye out for our next baking event in the Fall!

Our monthly "Sisterhood Game Nights" playing Mah Jongg and Canasta continue - join us on Wednesday, May 3rd for our next play. All levels of players are welcome so please RSVP.

Don't miss an opportunity to get in shape for swimsuit season - sign up for "Disco Pilates" with Jackie on Monday, May 22nd.

To welcome Spring and Summer, we're really excited about our "Sisterhood Plant Sale!"

The Temple courtyard will be brimming with great choices **Tuesday, May 9th through Friday, May 12th** ready to purchase as gifts for parents, teachers and Mothers Day festive wrapping available too. Our own Lisa Eichler from Legarden Designs will be available Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 pm for advice on putting together beautiful containers for your garden.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Greta and Berdie



Brotherhood was busy during March! Allen Fishbein represented Temple Israel at "Kugel Fest" held at the JCC in Scarsdale. I've never been around that much Kugel before! Our submission, "Oye brother, that's a Kugel!" earned a top ten finish in the voting for best kugel!

On March 30th, nearly 100 attendees showed up for our "Brotherhood Nosh" to hear City Manager Kathleen Gill, and Commissioner of Development Adam Salgado, present future development goals for New Rochelle, and to answer questions about those goals. It was a very interesting and informative evening. Special thanks to former Brotherhood Co-President Mitchell Tarnopal for organizing the event.

We have a lot of events coming up during April, May, and June. On Sunday, April 30th, we will have an off campus "Lower East Side Tour | Food and Temple Tour." On Tuesday, May 9th we will have a "Lag Ba'omer BBQ." On Saturday, May 13th we will have "Poker Night," a Texas Hold'em tournament.

On **Sunday, May 7th**, from **10:30 am-3:00 pm**, the "**Blood Drive**" will be back at TINR. This is a relatively painless way to help people! Please join us in Forbes. It will be at the same time as the "Handelman Hall Opening" upstairs, so you can do both! Thank you!

Finally, we will co-sponsor the paid member "Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Shabbat Service & Dinner" on Friday, June 9th. Details for all events to follow at www.tinr.org.

If you have questions about any upcoming events, or ideas that you want to discuss, please let us know by contacting us directly or attending our next meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd, 7 - 9 pm.

Thank you, Allen and Gary



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## **Shavuot, Spring, and Israeli Salad**

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We hope you had a lovely Pesach With Matzo family and fun. Now we're onto Shavuot As Spring has just begun.

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#### Israeli Salad

A refreshing recipe to welcome the warmer weather Wash tomatoes and cut and honor Israel's National Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut.

#### **Ingredients**

2 large tomatoes 2 cucumbers 1 red or green pepper 1 scallion 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley 1/2 tsp. salt Pepper to taste 1/4 cup oil 2-3 Tbsps. lemon juice Mint (optional)

#### Directions

into 1/3-inch cubes. Peel cucumbers and dice into 1/3-inch cubes. Wash pepper and dice into 1/3-inch cubes. Chop scallions fine.

Place all vegetables in a bowl. Add all remaining ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Yields: 6 servings

Excerpted from "Spice and Spirit: The Complete Kosher Jewish Cookbook"



#### 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

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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, 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!

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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

**Hospitality Fund** – For the holding of Kiddush and Oneg Shabbat receptions

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**Kehillah School Childhood Program Fund** – To support Kehillah programs

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**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

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