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The deadline for the  
September/October Temple  
Topics will be **Sunday,**  
**August 13, 2023**

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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:

- Marian Broder, mother of Molly Broder
- Beatrice Mark
- Jerry Cohen, father of Bruce Cohen
- Louise Weisbord, mother of Lisa Rosenberg
- Marion Kaiser
- Marjorie Bliss

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

# Mazel Tov

- Dan Pomerantz & Jacalyn Bitterman's daughter has successfully completed two years at HUC and recently won a rugulah baking contest to boot!
- Rich Alter noted that his youngest son has been accepted to Columbia University's school of engineering.
- A special birthday for Toni Brackis
- Helen & Bernie Miller celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary

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



# Welcome Kristen!

**Kristen Dassler** is the new Bookkeeper here at Temple Israel, haven taken over the helm from Ellen Egan after 25 years!

Kristen is excited to be a part of this Temple Israel Office Staff Family, and we're excited to welcome her!

Kristen and her family have been here in New Rochelle since the early 1900s. She left briefly to attend SUNY

Buffalo and then attended Concordia College in Eastchester where she earned her bachelors.

Kristen's 4 year old son's name is Mason, and they live in downtown New Rochelle with their dog Remy.

Welcome Kristen!

# Rabbi's Note

## Amazing Temple Israel Summers!



My sons, Parker and Holden, share that overnight camp is their favorite space. They come back from the Reform Movement's camps (Crane Lake and Eisner) singing prayers, living Jewish values, and feeling authentic in their connection to Judaism. One might think that since both their dads are rabbis, that they would always enjoy Jewish life. This is not always true. However, camp has always been a special place where I believe kids develop a love

for Judaism and stronger sense of self. This has been true for my children, especially here at Temple Israel. Their love for Judaism started with both Kehillah and Camp Pinebrook, which gave them very positive early encounters into Jewish life. And Jewish camp, both day camp and overnight, have strengthened their connection to the synagogue and community.

As rabbi, I get the best of all worlds. This summer, I will be on the faculty at Crane Lake. This allows me to know what innovations are taking place within the Reform Movement. As well as engage Temple Israel campers who are in attendance. Then I get to come back and spend the summer playing with Camp Pinebrook and Kehillah campers. It is vital that our youth see their rabbi as someone who is relatable, safe, caring, and fun to be around. Building genuine connections builds a sense of safety and community for our children and their families.

Personally, it also recharges my soul. Seeing children feeling loved, while also helping them go out of their comfort zone as they grow and develop is sacred. Summers at Temple Israel are amazing. There are kids everywhere singing, playing, and making friends. This energy reminds us how vital youth are to the future of our community. And they remind me that a synagogue should be an emotionally safe second home for all who enter.

Thank you to all our staff, counselors, and volunteers who nurture these campers and students. And may we all remember to love, laugh, and play. May we live our values of kindness, community, respect, and remember that everyone is *B't elem Elohim* (created in the image of God). As the wedding blessing states, "Oh God, may there always be heard in the cities of Israel and in the streets of Jerusalem the sounds of joy and happiness, [...] the shouts of young people celebrating, and the songs of children at play." May this be our blessing, where our hallways, classrooms, pools, playgrounds, and fields are filled with these wonderful sounds, Amen!

Rabbi Jesse Gallop

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

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

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### Service Times

We will be enjoying summer Fridays for services in the Courtyard. Stay tuned if there is rainy weather, and we'll move everyone indoors in the Sanctuary. Decisions will be made in the late afternoon.

Also, service times on Fridays will be slightly different in the summer.

July 7th:	6:00 pm
July 14th:	7:00 pm
July 21st:	6:00 pm
July 28th:	6:00 pm, Shabbat ShaBeach (see p. 12)

August 4th:	6:00 pm
August 11th:	7:00 pm
August 18th:	6:00 pm
August 25th:	6:00 pm

Write down these summer service times, or visit [www.tinr.org/tinr-calendar/](http://www.tinr.org/tinr-calendar/) for the latest information!

Temple Office and Kehillah School will be closed for Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4th.



# From the President

## New Temple President: Margie Ostrove



*"Years end is neither a beginning nor an ending but a going on" Hal Borland*

Over the past few years the Board of Trustees established a "chain of command" structure. This allows the Executive Vice President to work hand in hand with the President, so when the time comes for transition, it can be effected seamlessly and the work of the Board, and other temple committees, can carry on with their

missions. The goal of running successful businesses (TINR, Camp Pinebrook, Kehillah, and Chavaya) while providing a welcoming and meaningful spiritual experience through our services and lifecycle events with our wonderful Clergy, is paramount. Our Board approaches these goals with respect for one another, respect for the community, and respect for the past while always looking forward.

I have been fortunate to work closely with Brian Heaps as he steered our ship towards happier times. His leadership has taught me the value of collaboration and a reminder that no man is an island. This experience has reinforced my commitment to bringing our community into its next stage of growth. I am humbled and honored to step into the role of President of our Board of Trustees. As we continue our good works, continue our policy of inclusivity, continue to enhance every individual's personal experience and relationship with Temple Israel, we strive to ensure Temple Israel be thought of as a second home for every person who walks through our doors.

The work to make Temple Israel exceptional takes a village. I want to thank the following Board Members who served our community with love and dedication and have now fulfilled their terms of service or are retiring from the Board: Rich Alter, Adam Egelberg, Beth Feldman, Jennifer Goldman, Jamie Deutsch, and Sharon Gorman. We are all grateful to each of you for your years of service.

As terms expire, new ones begin. It is my honor to welcome the following new members to the Board of Trustees: Allen Fishbein, Lee Jagoda, David Soberman, Michael Goldberg, and Rebecca Lippel. I am very excited to work with each of you and I thank you for taking on this commitment. I look forward to the new perspectives and ideas you will bring to our community.

As for me, well, I believe I am in a unique position. I have literally grown up here at TINR. I went through Sunday School, Confirmation, was President of the Youth Group,

played "the Bee" in Cantor Crockett's production of "King Solomon and the Bee", sang in the choir, and Graduated from TINR. I consulted with Rabbi Wohl when I was trying to figure out direction in my life in college and wound up with a degree in Judaic Studies. I even taught second grade here on Sunday mornings when I was in my 20's. Moving back to New Rochelle and having my son be the first baby enrolled in our Kehillah School was very special to me. My dad and I came and built some of the cribs that are still in use today. We've painted the playground, built Sukkahs, mourned our relatives and have consoled many at the loss of theirs. This community provided support exactly when I needed it. As it continues to be there for me, it will also be there for you.

Many of you have known me since my birth. I look to you all for your continued support, suggestions, and honest feedback, as my love and respect for you is immeasurable. You have each led by example, and taught me the importance of being a part of this incredible community. Even though in the past year we have lost many whose perspectives I valued, I know others will rise to the occasion. And to my "newer" friends whom I have met through Kehillah and Chavaya over the past 12 years: Thank You. Thank you for embracing me as a friend so late in life. It's rare we make such connections with new people as adults and the fact that I have a whole new community of people that I call friends touches my heart. I am so grateful for all of you and look forward to engaging you and making YOUR experiences at TINR lifelong.

I have to give a special "shout out" to my parents - Mitchell & Carole Ostrove. *Tikkun Olam* is not just a concept but a rule to live by in our house. Growing up I was taught by example to roll up my shirtsleeves and get my hands dirty. It takes work and effort but giving of yourself is rewarding in its own right and that is what I was raised to do. So here I am!

Our new director of Camp Pinebrook, Allie Horn, has worked tirelessly all year growing the number of campers to a record 220! She has also been adding features to our grounds to enhance the camping experience. We are excited for these campers and their families as we know they will start to make lifelong friends, learn to swim and other important skills, and experience it all within a Jewish framework, celebrating shabbat and singing songs.

Kehillah continues to grow as well; in students, in staff, and family experiences alike. Kehillah is also where lifelong friendships are made, but uniquely brings young parents together as well. Everyone is welcome to attend Shabbat anytime with this deliciously adorable group of children! When you hear their voices raised in song, memories as sweet as the honey on Rosh Hashanah are triggered and a vision for



the future of our Jewish people is reaffirmed.

Rebecca Elkus-First continues to educate our children through our Chavaya program and provide them with inventive ways to learn and become part of the greater Jewish community. No one is more dedicated to finding ways to help make Reform Judaism, TINR, and the friends made here, lifelong.

The construction of Handelman Hall has also given us a wonderful new community builder and potential revenue stream. The gym is beautiful and I am hopeful that you all will utilize the space! In addition to Basketball, we envision the space be used for Pickleball, Yoga, Pick-Up games, and many other assorted activities!

I'm particularly encouraged by the efforts our clergy have made over the past year. In just one year, Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita have worked diligently to reach out and connect with everyone in our community. If you have not yet met, or spoken with them, I strongly encourage you to do so. Our worship services are inclusive and engaging, musical and warm. I am grateful for all the work they have done in their first year of our spiritual leadership and I look forward to the days to come!

I'm pleased to share with you the members of your Executive Committee. To each of them I say a tremendous thank you for your dedication to this community. I am truly excited to be working with you!

#### **Executive Committee 2023-2024:**

Margie Ostrove ( <i>mostrove@gmail.com</i> )	President
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Lloyd Robinson ( <i>lloyd@awisco.net</i> )	Treasurer
Marilyn Morris ( <i>marilynmorris123@gmail.com</i> )	Secretary

I have to make a point to say how fortunate we are to have our strong staff - Anita Aronoff (ED), Orietta Schneider (marketing), and we welcome Kristen Dassler, our new bookkeeper. To Ellen Egan, who retired this past May after 25 years of service to our community, again, thank you. Our staff is dedicated to this community and work tirelessly, with lay leadership, year after year, ensuring our experiences here are meaningful.

Lastly, I remind you all that we recently invested in upgrading our internal sound and video systems. Services and lifecycle events remain available, with a better picture and sound, streaming via the temple's website ([tinr.org](http://tinr.org)).

I want to encourage everyone to feel comfortable reaching out to me. I cannot promise action on everything but I truly want to hear from you. I am open to your suggestions.

*You can reach me via email at [President@tinr.org](mailto:President@tinr.org), or by phone / text at (201) 452-0166.*

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Margie Ostrove  
President, Temple Israel of New Rochelle

## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

Rabbi Gallop began our meeting with a commentary on this week's Torah portion. As the Jews entered the wilderness, they grew as a people. Similarly, while uncertainty and change challenge us, they provide us with an opportunity for reflection and growth. As the Jewish people took a census in the desert, we also need to reflect on who we count, and how we invest in our community, planning for our future as a congregation.

Lloyd Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report. We remain very close to on-budget with an operating surplus that, as planned, will be used to repay funds borrowed from the endowment to finance the building of Camp Pinebrook. Details of the upcoming 2023-2024 TINR budget were reviewed during a recent board of trustees Zoom meeting. While the line-item budget was not included in the board packet, Anita is readily available to review the temple budget with board members or congregants.

The board voted in favor of moving the budget forward for a congregational vote at the June congregational meeting

Anita highlighted the following from her executive director's report: 1: There is a leak in a return heating pipe underneath our Kehillah classrooms. The Land Building and Capital committee will meet to discuss how to best repair the heating system. 2: Membership: Pledge commitments are currently at 94% of anticipated revenue. There were no new members or resignations this month. 3: The sound system and video updates in the sanctuary are complete and operating as hoped.

Highlights from the President's Report: 1: Brian Heaps presented a wedding gift from the board to Rabbi Jesse. 2: Tzedakah Box: The receipts from this month's Tzedakah box will be donated to The American Heart Association.

The nominating committee recommends the following congregational members to join the board of trustees: Alan Fishbein, Lee Jagoda, David Soberman, Rebecca Lippel, and Michael Goldberg. They recommend that the following members constitute the 2023-2024 executive committee: President: Margie Ostrove; EVP: Kenneth Handelman; VP: Michael Goldberg; Secretary: Marilyn Morris. The Nominating committee recommends the following individuals to serve on the nominating committee: Sarah Fernandez, Hank Goldsmith.

Michael Goldberg encouraged board members to participate in the Celebrating Israel Parade. On June 4. Transportation from TINR will be available.

Jeffrey Stier presented a summary of proposed changes to the TINR bylaws, as outlined in the board packet. The changes were developed by a by-laws task force and the governance task-force, with iterative opportunities for input by the board. The overriding intent of the changes was to improve flexibility and encourage congregant participation. The board voted to move the proposed changes forward for a vote at the congregational meeting, with two abstentions, ten in favor.

We are extremely grateful to the Yakas family, who has offered to substantially subsidize a teen trip to Amsterdam in the upcoming year. Details and informational meetings will be upcoming.

Good and Welfare: The grand opening of Handelman Hall was a wonderful event. Thank you again to the Handelman family and to the organizers of the event. The board appreciated the warmth and joy in the graduation service this past Friday night.

Dan Pomerantz' daughter has successfully completed two years at HUC and recently won a rugulah baking contest to boot! Rich Alter noted that his youngest son has been accepted to Columbia University's school of engineering.

**See Annual Meeting Minutes on p. 17**

# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah – Thank You!

### Temple Fund

**Linda Capozzola**, in memory of Leroy Fadem; in memory of Helene Winston; congratulations to Ellen Egan on her well deserved retirement; in honor of Sandy & Gerry's grandson, Joseph; in honor of Julia Ecker being named validictorian; congratulations to Joanie & Hank Goldsmith's 50th Anniversary  
**Ilissa Herskowitz**, in memory of Leroy Fadem; in memory of beloved sister, Jennifer Loren Herskowitz and grandfather, Irving P Fisher  
**Val Etra**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Carol & Art Ostrove**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Bernie & Helen Miller**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Mary Ann DeRosa**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Jeff & Mady Stier**, in honor of Rabbi Jesse & Recieire Carbelim's wedding  
**Janice Agatston**, in memory of Leroy Fadem; **Janice Agatston**, a "speedy recovery" for Brian Heaps  
**Daniel Glassman**, in honor of Brian & Dianne Heaps being honored at the Annual Event  
**Hank & Joan Goldsmith**, in honor of Dianne & Brian Heaps  
**Nancy Ostrover**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Thelma Fixler**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Carolyn Bronstein**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Charles & Estelle Pein**, in memory of our dear friends, Helene & Samuel Winston  
**Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich**, in memory of Lee Fadem  
**Dean Cutler**, in memory of Leroy Fadem

**Michael & May Goldberg**, in honor of Herb Smith, Sharon Blinkoff; in memory of Marjorie Bliss  
**Martha Barton**, the yahrzeit of David Barton  
**David & Penny Klein**, in honor of Marjorie Ostrove becoming President; in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Judith & Don Pinals**, in memory of Warren, Janice's beloved husband  
**Mark Nowak & Carolyn Dudek**, in honor of Brian & Dianne Heaps being honored at TempleFest  
**Alan & Elaine Ascher**, in appreciation  
**Joseph W Handelman's Family Charitable Trust Philip & Diane Stein**, in memory of Grace L. Goldstein  
**Mark & Susan Alcott**, in honor of Lauren Mandelbaum  
**Sally & Steve Meisner**, in appreciation of the clergy and Rebecca Elkus-Ferst for Confirmation  
**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in honor of Lloyd Robinson  
**Kenneth & Annette Stier**, in memory of Warren Agatston  
**Beverly & Howard Hoffmann**, on the retirement of Ellen Egan  
**Deborah Blatt & Shmuel Vasser**, in appreciation  
**Donna & Nathan Devore**, in memory of Ina Rich  
**Brian & Dianne Heaps**, in appreciation of all the love and hard work from Lauren Mandelbaum and Melissa Esposito-Liebowitz  
**Diane Goldstein**, in memory of Grace L. Goldstein's yahrzeit  
**Lenore Levine**, in memory of Lee Fadem  
**Neal Freeling**, in memory of Nathan Freeling's yahrzeit

### Brotherhood Fund

**Susan & Reid Sperber**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Michael Goldberg**, in honor of Brotherhood Lower East Side Tour

### Camp Pinebrook Fund

**Janice Agatston**, in honor of Rabbi Jesse & Recieire Carbelim's wedding

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in appreciation of the Yom HaShoah program  
**Val Etra**, an honor to know Brian & Dianne Heaps over the years.  
**Richard & Debby Rubin-Marx**, in honor of the Festive Purim Spiel and Cantor's beautiful voice  
**Judy & Don Pinals**, Thank you to Cantor for the amazing things she does  
**Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich**, in memory of Lee Fadem

### Chavaya Program Fund

**Joan & Hank Goldsmith**, in appreciation for the Yom HaShoah Program; in honor of Jonas Krasner becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
**Val Etra**, in honor of of Joan & Hank Goldsmith's 50th Wedding Anniversary  
**Janice Agatston**, in honor of of Joan & Hank Goldsmith's 50th Anniversary  
**Anna & Dan Weiser**, in memory of Marian Broder  
**Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina**, in appreciation  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, congratulations on Ellen Egan's retirement  
**Beverly & Howard Hoffmann**, in memory of Judy Kosak

### Endowment Fund

**Beverly & Howard Hoffmann**, in memory of Warren Agatston  
**Daniel Pomerantz & Jackie Bitterman**, in memory of Leroy Fadem  
**Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff**, in memory of Leroy Fadem

### Music Fund

**Jeff & Mady Stier**, in memory of our dear friend, Warren Agatston; in honor of Carol & Arthur Ostrove's 60th wedding anniversary, Mazel Tov!; in honor of Toni Brackis' 80th Birthday; in memory of Jack Meisner, father of Steven Meisner  
**Janice Agatston**, in honor of the bar mitzvah of Tyler Wladis, nephew of Sally & Steve Meisner, grandson of Marjie & Richard Lewis

### Prayer Book Fund

**Beverly & Howard Hoffmann**, in memory of Lee Fadem

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Dan Pomerantz & Jackie Bitterman**, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Jesse Gallop and Recieire Carbelim  
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Jeff Meyer & Trish Gilbert, in memory of Lee Fadem

Richard Marx & Debby Rubin-Marx, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Jesse Gallop & Recieire Carbelim, and appreciation of his thoughtfulness

Matthew & Jennifer Kates, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Jesse Gallop & Recieire Carbelim  
Lenore Sempert, in memory of Lillian Podell  
Beverly & Howard Hoffmann, in celebration of the marriage of Rabbi Jesse Gallop

Robert Morgan & Nicole Roselli, in honor of the naming of Milo Tzvi  
Donna Devore, in memory of Ina Rich  
Diane Boekman, in honor of Rabbi Jesse & Marco's marriage  
Elizabeth Getter, in memory of David Groff's

### Sisterhood Fund

Thelma Fixler, in appreciation  
Jodie Sadovsky & Phillis Marcieri, in appreciation

### Social Action Fund

Richard Marx & Debby Rubin-Marx, in memory of Bea Mark

### TempleFest 2023

Donna & Nathan Devore, in honor of Brian & Dianne Heaps becoming honorees at TempleFest

### Temple Israel Cares Fund

Kenneth Keenan, in memory of Lee Fadem  
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in memory of Louise Gratz Weisbord  
Ellen & Jon Steckler, in honor of the wonderful work of Temple Israel Cares  
Jodie Sadovsky & Phillis Marcieri, in appreciation

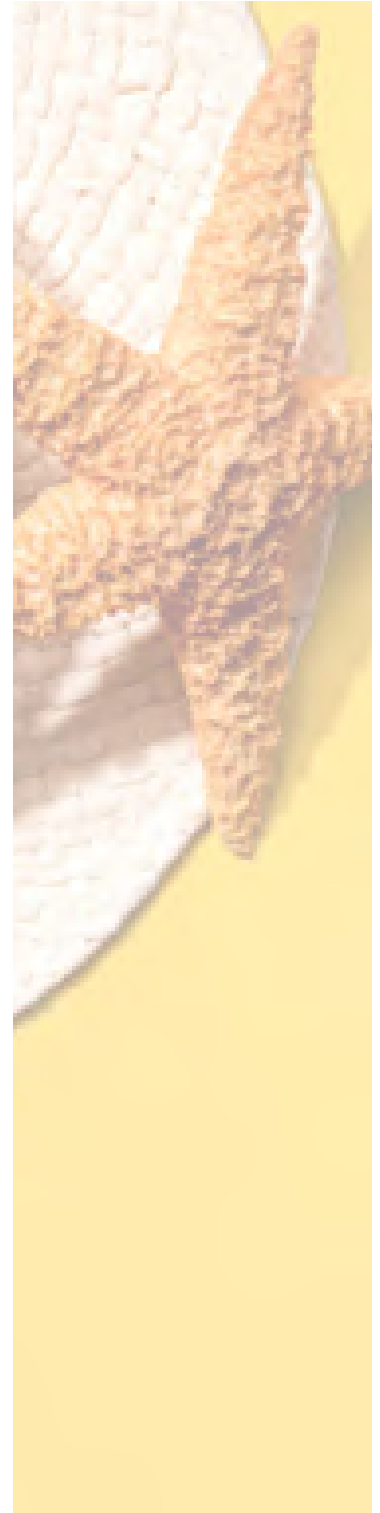
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Jennifer & Matthew Kates, in memory of Adele Bagg  
Sally Anne Meisner, in honor of Ellen Egan  
Linda Capozzola, *refuah shleima* "a hasty recovery" for Brian Heaps  
Dianne & Brian Heaps, in appreciation of everyone who reached out to us during Brian's recuperation  
Neil & Marilyn Altabet, thank you for their granddaughter's, Noa McKenzie, blanket received by TIC; mazel tov to Joan & Hank Goldsmith on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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# And, Camp Begins!



When I became Camp Pinebrook Director, we hit the ground running in Fall 2022 in hopes of expanding enrollment, programming, and the physical campus. We started by creating a leadership team of 12 camp professionals (which includes three Camp Pinebrook veterans) ensuring that both campers and staff are properly supervised and supported.

We currently have 233 campers enrolled, up from 190 last season.

By expanding camper enrollment to rising sixth graders, and creating programs specific to “tweens”, we tap into the older population of kids who prefer the day camp experience to overnight camp. This will be a jumping off point for us next year when we hope to incorporate a travel program in our offerings. We have also introduced ON THE RISE, a supervised program for rising 7th through 9th graders looking for a volunteer experience working with children. Led by Camp Pinebrook leadership, these campers take part in daily training sessions before working at the camp activity area of their choice. Our hope is these young leaders will become

tomorrow’s Camp Pinebrook staff. We currently have 15 ON THE RISERs enrolled.

Another big focus this year was on expanding the physical grounds. Many new activity areas have been created, including permanent pavilions, an expanded amphitheatre, a baseball field with an outfield fence and backstop, Pinebrook Speedway, Nature Nook, The Clubhouse, Gan Chavirim, and so much more. We’ve adorned the campus with big, colorful signage that adds whimsy and a sense of permanence to the grounds.

Our staff is an amazing array of teachers, college students, and talented high schoolers, all dedicated to making the summer a memorable and loving experience for the kids. We also have four Leaders in Training (15-year-old staff) who will assist in our younger groups.

The current Camp Pinebrook is building upon the strong foundation that’s been laid for the past five summers. There’s excitement in the air as new programs, activity areas, special events, and leadership set the tone for what promises to be an incredible new era for our camp.

Allison Horn  
Camp Director



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# Celebrations and Summertime!



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

## **Chavaya, Temple Israel's Religious School**

Registration is open via Shulcloud! If you need to register a new or returning Chavaya participant, please contact Rebecca so that she can send you the information.

### **Opening Days:**

#### Tuesday, September 12th:

- All Zera'eem (K)-Aytzeem (7th Grade) @ 4-6pm
- 8th-12th grade @ 6:15-8pm

#### Thursday, September 14th:

All Nitzaneem (3rd & 4th) and Ahleem (5th & 6th) @ 4-6pm

**Returning this year: Thursday afternoons In-Person Small Group Hebrew Tutoring & Electives.**

**New this year: Prayer workshops!**

Chavaya participants in 3rd-6th grade will continue receiving small group Hebrew tutoring sessions and choosing an elective such as Cooking, Sports, and Art. Families will receive class information at the beginning of September. New to this year will be our Prayer Workshops which will focus on exploring the themes of different prayers as well as teaching the mechanics (how to sing and read).

## **Temple Israel ♥'s Camp!**

The clergy and Rebecca love sending letters to kids at camp so if you have not sent us your child's address, please do so!

## **Better Together is Back for its 4th Year!**

### **What is Better Together?**

For the fourth year in a row, we are pleased to be able to bring the Better Together™: An Intergenerational Program with our teen and adult population. The goal of the program is to sensitize students to the challenges of growing older and incorporate Jewish learning and values in their interactions with the older members of their community. The Better Together™ program, now an integral part of our 7th-12th grade curriculum, includes the opportunity to create meaningful relationships between our adult and teen community. Activities will include art projects, music, text study, and documenting our shared memories. At the end of the year, we look forward to a celebration of all that we have accomplished.

The program will take place at Temple Israel. **If you are an older adult looking forward to sharing your experiences**

**and wisdom with our younger teens while engaging in meaningful interactions and learning opportunities, then this program is for you!**

If you are in 7th-12th grade and looking to build a relationship with older adults in our community, while having fun, then this is the program for you! Teens will also receive community service credit for their participation.

## **Teen Trip to Amsterdam in March 2024, open to all rising 9th-12th grade Temple Israel teens!**

Join Rabbi Jesse, Rebecca and Temple Israel teens on a life-changing trip to Amsterdam, Sunday, March 24th-Saturday, March 30th. The trip is being generously subsidized by a Temple Israel family. The cost is \$2500/teen. A formal registration will be available in August but you can reserve your spot with a deposit. Please contact Rebecca with questions and to reserve your spot!

We look forward to seeing you soon and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst  
Director of Education: Youth & Family

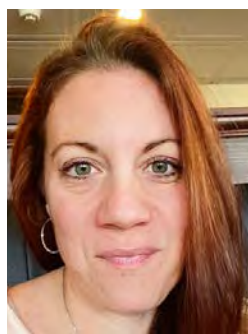




## Continuing Excellence in Kehillah!

We are sad to share that Jen Pennucci will be leaving her position as Director of the Kehillah School, when our academic school year transitions into Kamp Kehillah on June 26th. Jen has accepted a director position within the Jewish community, but closer to her family in Connecticut. We wish her much success in her future ventures. She will be missed.

Kehillah had built a strong administrative team that included Marie Maseo and Gia Levene, so we are delighted to share that Marie will assume the role of Director of the Kehillah School with Gia stepping into the role of Assistant Director. We have come to rely upon the gifts and skills that Marie and Gia have brought to our community, children and staff. Together they bring decades worth of early childcare experience and have been directly involved in ensuring a nurturing environment and developmentally appropriate curriculum for our children. **Thank you to Marie and Gia for continuing your excellence!**



This last year at Kehillah has gone by very quickly, and we are happy to report that we have grown immensely as a school and as a community since we last reported.

We began our year with a little over 80 children and we head into our next school year at a little over 100 children registered full time. We are projecting a waitlist of around 30 children which extends into the Spring of 2024. With

the increase in children there has been an increase in teachers. We now employ over 30 teachers including four NY state certified teachers for our Preschool/K-prep program.

We were very fortunate over the summer to have a visit from the New Rochelle police and fire department among other local vendors. Many the ice cream truck came more than once to provide us with sweet treats. Our in-house artist; Samantha, one of our preschool teachers, provided face painting for children and teachers. We had a visit from the Marine Education Center at Harbor Island park to learn about native sea creatures to our area.

The PACK (Parents and Caregivers of Kehillah) carried on by Rebecca Lippel and many Kehillah parents; worked diligently this year to show our teachers appreciation and gratitude for all of their hard work. They provided, breakfast, candy, snacks, ice cream, and a generous gift during teacher appreciation week. We are forever grateful for their commitment to the Kehillah school community.

We offered a robust Preschool/K-prep program focusing heavily on the Reggio Emilia approach to learning which focuses on children as the drivers of their education. They are encouraged by educators to ask questions, explore, and wonder about the world/environment around them. This approach focuses heavily on the individual growth of the whole child. Some topics of study this year were, circuits and electricity, colors and patterns, the human body, and we successfully incubated and hatched 3 chicken eggs!

We continue to build upon our Judaic knowledge working closely with Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, our Jewish curriculum coordinator. Rebecca has worked tirelessly to educate the teachers while aligning the Judaic curriculum with that of our teaching philosophies. She has provided endless resources of information; including songs, books, art, and activities supporting the Jewish holidays studied throughout the school. As the school year ends; we say goodbye to 20 Kehillah graduates moving on to Camp and Kindergarten. Many friends have been with Kehillah for the last two years, and we are so grateful to have watched as they grew along with Kehillah!

Jen Pennucci  
Past Kehillah School Director





# Congratulations to Marie Maseo and Giavonna (Gia) Levene!



*"Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water." - Loris Malaguzzi, Educator/Reggio Emilia Approach*

We look forward to our new roles at Kehillah. Presently, I have been honored to serve our community as Assistant Director. **I'm moving into my new role this June as Kehillah's Director.**

I have been an Early Childhood educator for over 35 years. I earned a Bachelor in Communication Arts in 1985 from The College of New Rochelle and my Masters in Early Childhood Education from CNR in 1992.

I began my career by originating preschool programs in Dobbs Ferry and Ossining. Then moving to Weekday Nursery School in New Rochelle, where I was Head Teacher and Assistant Director for 17 years. Prior to joining Kehillah at Temple Israel, I was the Curriculum Director at Huguenot Nursery School in Pelham Manor, New York.

I believe teachers and children have an opportunity to create reciprocal relationships in the classroom that foster respect, creativity, and a love of learning. As an Early Childhood Administrator, I will work to support and nurture relationships between families, children, and teachers to create purposeful experiences in classrooms and outdoors with nature.

**Giavonna Levene, presently our Office Manager will be stepping into her new role as Assistant Director at Kehillah.** Gia has called Kehillah home since 2016 working as a Toddler Teacher, then as Office Manager. She holds a BA in English from Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University. We are so happy that Gia has accepted this new position.



Together, we look forward to continue to strengthen our relationships with children, parents, and teachers of Kehillah.

Marie Maseo  
Kehillah School Director







# Brotherhood Lower East Side Tour

**Sunday, July 9th**  
9:30 am, meet at Temple Israel to carpool into NYC

The day begins with a tour of Bialystoker Synagogue (7-11 Bialystoker Place/Willett St., between Grand St. & Delancey Streets), stopping at Moishe's Kosher Bakery, and a walking tour of Historic East Broadway...and MORE! Open to ALL!

Fees: \$25 per person, \$36 per couple, FREE for teens/children under 18. RSVP at [www.tinr.org/events/les-tour](http://www.tinr.org/events/les-tour)

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# Shabbat ShaBeach!

## 2023

**Friday, July 28th**  
**at Five Islands Park**  
(99 Le Fevres Lane, New Rochelle, NY 10801)

5:30 pm Playground Fun!  
6:00 pm Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres for ALL!  
7:00 pm Sunset service

Visit [www.tinr.org/events/shabbat-shabeach](http://www.tinr.org/events/shabbat-shabeach) for more details.  
RSVP is not necessary, but please carpool as parking is limited.




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# High Holy Days Preview

# Be Ready for Reflection and Celebration

## Preparing for the High Holy Days: 2023 • 5784

During the month of Elul: Friday, August 18th - Friday, September 15th, Jewish tradition instructs us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the High Holy Days and begin the work of repentance. In order to enable our entire community to take part in the spiritual work of Elul, we will be sending out the “e-lul” daily emails with a text, prayer, or a poem to help us get in the right frame of mind for the holidays.

Hope you find them inspirational and thoughtful!

Upcoming top-line High Holy Dates, Events, and Celebrations for your reference.

**S'lichot**  
Saturday, September 9

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
Friday, September 15

**Rosh Hashanah**  
Saturday, September 16 -  
Sunday, September 17

**Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)**  
Sunday, September 24

**Yom Kippur**  
Monday, September 25

*More details in the September/October Temple Topics, weekly eblasts, and printed High Holy Days brochure due to be released in the beginning of August.*

**Erev Sukkot**  
Friday, September 29

**Sukkot**  
Saturday, September 30

**Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**  
Saturday, October 7





# Sisterhood SUMMER...

# Brotherhood ...TIME!



We hope that you are enjoying the summer with all the activities it has to offer. By now, your purchases from our Sisterhood Plant Sale in May should be in full bloom! We want to thank you for your participation and want to extend a special thanks to our volunteers and to Lisa Eichler for all their hard work in making this event a success.

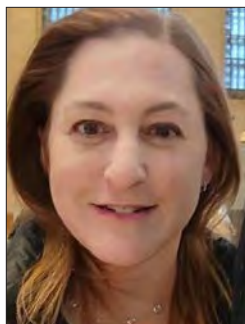
We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Brotherhood and Sisterhood service in early June. We were thrilled that so many of you were able to share this night with us and the community dinner that followed.

Summer is a good time to look at the past season events to see what was most popular and well attended by our Temple's members. In planning for the coming year, we, along with our Sisterhood board, will continue two popular programs, Mahjong Game Nights and Pilates Class. Mahjong will be held the first Wednesday of the month. Pilates, led by our very own Jackie Saril as instructor, will have a Pilates schedule beginning in September.

Also, back by popular demand, we will have another baking event with Debra Cohen. We hope to do a 'Break the Fast - Desserts' theme. Another museum trip is planned as well as more instructional events. As always, we look to you our fellow TINR members for ideas of what you'd like to do so please email us. Book discussions are always great so share your summer reads so we can plan some dates.

Meanwhile, enjoy those BBQs, trips to the beach and vacations! See in you in September!

Greta and Berdie  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



**Greta Berenbaum**  
*Sisterhood@tinr.org*  
Sisterhood Co-President



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

On May 5, we brought back the Blood Drive to TINR. In total, we were able to collect 30 lifesaving donations. That's 90 lives that our blood drive will be able to help throughout the community and in our area hospitals.

Brotherhood sponsored the Lag B'Omer BBQ on May 9th with over 100 attendees. Our BBQ team of Mark Nowak, Charlie Reitman, Gary Frey, and Allen Fishbein cranked out the burgers and hot dogs with a special shout out to Carolyn Dudek for helping us with the vegan burgers.

We co-sponsored the paid member Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat Service and dinner on Friday, June 9th. It was a wonderful event with Brotherhood and Sisterhood doing readings throughout the service. A big shout out to Bob Hirsh for writing the service with help from Rabbi Gallop and Cantor Glassman. It was a meaningful service, and everyone enjoyed the dinner.

**On July 9th the Lower East Side Food and Temple tour is back on.** Please register for this event if you would like to join us at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org).

We are hoping to plan a fishing trip this summer. We will keep you posted!

We have a bunch of events that we are finalizing for the coming year. More information to come soon. If you have any suggestions for events, please contact us as we would love to make it happen.

We would like to thank the Clergy and Staff for all their help throughout the year.

Big Kudos to our Brotherhood leaders Jeff Berenbaum, Scott Ornstein, Todd Pekats, and Mitch Tarnopol for all your support, we couldn't do it without you!

Allen and Gary  
Brotherhood Co-Presidents



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



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



# Summertime Reading is Easy!

**There are books for kids this Summer!**



**And, great summer reads for the grown-ups too!**



**Watch for these new books arriving this summer.**

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Questions or suggestions? Contact our librarian: Stephanie Krasner, [stephkras11@gmail.com](mailto:stephkras11@gmail.com)

*(Please don't forget to return the books so others can enjoy them)*



# Summertime Rugelach!

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to each and everyone!  
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for sad times or for FUN!*

## Rugelach Recipe, by Hannah Pomerantz

### Ingredients

1/2 lb unsalted butter  
1/2 lb cream cheese  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/8 tsp fine sea salt  
1/2 cup cinnamon sugar  
1 1/2 cups finely chopped walnuts  
2 cups raspberry jam,  
reduced and thickened with a  
cornstarch slurry  
Egg wash  
Demerara sugar (optional)

### Directions

Combine cream cheese,  
butter, flour and salt into  
ball of dough. Divide into  
four smaller dough balls and  
place in refrigerator to chill  
overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.  
Thoroughly grease 4 cookie  
sheets. Lightly flour work  
surface and roll out each  
dough ball into a 1/8" thick  
circle. Spread a layer of  
the reduced jam over the  
dough and then cover with a  
sprinkling of the cinnamon  
sugar finely and chopped  
walnuts. Cut the circle into 12  
slices and then roll each slice  
from the outside towards the  
center to form 12 cookies and  
place cookies on prepared  
sheets. Repeat with each  
circle. Brush the tops of each  
cookie with an egg wash and  
a sprinkle of Demerara sugar  
if desired. Should make 48  
cookies. Bake for 25 mins and  
then place on wire rack to  
cool.



## Tzedakah Is Still 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.

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**Marjorie Mangot**  
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### June 14, 2023 115th Annual Congregational Meeting of Temple Israel of New Rochelle

1. Call to order 7:55 PM
2. **Welcome and Invocation:** Cantor Glassman provided a warm, spiritual prayer to open out meeting.
3. Roll Call: Margie Ostrove moved that Brian Heaps would preside and Marilyn Morris would take minutes. Carolyn Dudak moved to dispense with calling of the roll. Both motions passed unanimously
4. Reading of the Minutes 6/21/22 Brian Feinblum moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
5. Nominating Committee Report: Jamie Deutsch, chair of the nominating committee, provided the nominating committee report.

*(Nominating Report following)*

#### Nominating Committee Report

Jamie Deutsch, chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the following remarks

Thank you all so much for being here tonight. I'm delighted to be able to share the work of the nominating committee, which I've had the pleasure of chairing for the last year.

The nominating committee is a tremendous group of people: Marji Karlin, Richard Stroeger, Amy Ecker, Randy Zerman, Russell Handleman, and Sondra Lavin. It has been such a pleasure to work with you all. Russell and Sondra have completed their allotted terms, so I really want to give them special thanks.

To fill these big shoes, the nominating committee nominates Sarah Fernandez and Hank Goldsmith as new members, to serve two-year terms.

Before announcing the new board members, we would like to thank five individuals who have performed yeomans' service for the board of trustees in recent years.

Richard Alter, who served two years as president during some the toughest times this Temple has experienced. From guiding the Temple through two clergy changes, to leading the temple, kehillah and camp through covid, Rich poured his heart and soul into this community.

Adam Egelberg, our fearless, fiscal hawk of a treasurer, who, with Rich, turned our deficits into surpluses with his fiscal belt tightening and revenue maximizing strategies.

Jennifer Goldman, who served 2 years on the EC, headed the Chavaya Committee for years and was an integral member of the Governance Committee

Sharon Gorman who was only on the board for a short time, but her role as head of the cantorial search brought us Cantor Glassman and for that we are eternally grateful

Beth Feldman, who was a member and co-chair of the Gala committee and also organized congregant outreach efforts for the board

Jamie Deutsch, who is coming off the board after completing three, three-year terms.

We thank them all for their service and commitment to this congregation

With these departures, the NC had the opportunity to invite five new members to join the board of trustees. They are:

Allen Fishbein  
Michael Goldberg  
Lee Jagoda  
Rebecca Lippel  
David Soberman

#### ALLEN FISHBEIN

Allen Fishbein and his wife, Jennifer Herbst and daughter Gabrielle, have been members of Temple Israel for 10 years. Allen is a real estate investor and owns several properties around the country. He also has a background in food production and facilities management. Allen is currently Brotherhood co-president, a role that he enjoys. Allen has loved getting to know Temple Israel's members as well as the amazing staff. In his spare time, Allen likes to cook, try new restaurants and travel, learn new things, and watch his daughter grow.

#### MICHAEL GOLDBERG

Michael has been a member of TINR since 1987. Rabbi Wohl officiated at his daughter Rachel's naming ceremony, her bat mitzvah and her wedding. Rachel and her brother, Joshua, went to TINR starting with pre-school. Josh was confirmed, and Rachel completed Hebrew high school and was a member of TIFTY. Michael previously served on the TINR board and has been an active member of Brotherhood and served as Brotherhood treasurer for around 10 years. Michael attends TINR services almost every Friday night and brings his grandson, Ruben Goldberg, to children's services. Michael is a semi-retired tax accountant and plans to fully retire at some point this year. In the past, Michael enjoyed TINR trips to Israel with Rabbi Cahana, Rabbi Goodman and Rabbi Weiner (twice). Michael is an amateur baseball historian who enjoys spending time with his four grandsons.

#### LEE JAGODA

Lee is a lifelong New Rochelle resident. He attended NR public schools and grew up a member of Beth El Synagogue. After graduating Lehigh University, Lee returned to New Rochelle and currently lives in Bonnie Crest with his wife Erin, and their two kids, Jack (5) and Bowie (2). Both boys attend Kehillah, with Jack heading into his third year at Camp Pinebrook this summer. Lee is

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a Partner at CJS Securities, a boutique brokerage firm specializing in small and mid-cap equity research. Lee is looking forward to working with the Board to help make the Temple, Kehillah and Camp Pinebrook a place our children will enjoy for years to come. In his free time (in between t-ball, swim lessons and the birthday party circuit) Lee is an avid saltwater fisherman and can usually be found somewhere between City Island and Norwalk CT in search of his next big catch.

#### REBECCA LIPPEL

Rebecca and her family joined the TINR community in 2016 when her eldest son, Benjamin, started at Kehillah at 11 weeks. Ben is a student in Chavaya and enjoyed several summers at Camp Pinebrook. In 2021, Rebecca's twins, Sabrina and Alexander, joined their brother at Kehillah. Since becoming a member of TINR, Rebecca has become very involved in Kehillah and had the honor of serving on the rabbi search committee, where she met some of TINR's amazing members. Rebecca is a social gerontologist and dementia educator currently overseeing two geriatric care management groups in Westchester and New York City. It is Rebecca's passion to support older adults and their loved ones through the aging process and provide education to our larger community. In her spare time, Rebecca chases her 2 year-old twins, but when they settle, she works on her side business, My Sweet Addiction - a word of mouth baking business, reads, takes long walks and volunteers with Kehillah and Davis Elementary School. Rebecca and her husband, Steven, have always enjoyed bringing their children to family Shabbat get togethers, holiday celebrations and social events at TINR, which has become an extension of their home and a place where her children feel comfortable and for that, she is grateful.

#### DAVID SOBERMAN

David Soberman lives in New Rochelle with his wife Jennifer and sons Jonah (10) and Drew (7). The family has been part of Temple Israel since 2014, when Jonah started at Kehillah. Both boys are enrolled in Chavaya and Jonah just got his Bar Mitzvah date in 2025! David has in the past participated in TINR events such as bringing Farmigo to the Temple with the support of Kehillah and the SAC committee, engaging in community service, attending shabbat services and coaching in the JBL league for 5th and 6th graders. David has a strong background in community service and engagement and is excited to join the board.

Finally, my last order of business is to present the new slate for the executive committee for the upcoming year. We nominate the following:

President: Margie Ostrove  
EVP: Ken Handelman  
Treasurer: Lloyd Robinson  
VP: Kenny Michael Goldberg  
Recording Secretary: Marilyn Morris

Russel Handelman and Rebecca Lippel have completed their two-year terms and will rotate off the Nominating Committee. Five board trustees are also completing their terms of service. Jamie thanked Richard Alter, Adam Egelberg, Jennifer Goldman, Sharon Goldman, and Beth Feldman, for their service and noted that she will also be completing her term.

- a. The nominating committee recommends the following congregational members to join the Board of Trustees: Alan Fishbein, Lee Jagoda, David Soberman, Rebecca Lippel, and Michael Goldberg.
- b. They recommend the following members for the EC: President: Margie Ostrove; EVP: Kenneth Handelman; VP: Michael Goldsmith; Secretary: Marilyn Morris, Treasurer: Lloyd Robinson
- c. The Nominating committee recommends the following individuals to serve on the nominating committee: Sarah Fernandez, Hank Goldsmith
- d. All of the above nominations were unanimously approved.

6. Report of the Rabbi: Rabbi Gallop reviewed his experience as the Rabbi of TINR since he started in this role one year ago. He emphasized the strength and warmth of the TINR community and inspired our work as we move forward together as a congregation.

*(Rabbi's Report Following)*

## Rabbi's Report

Dear Members and Leaders of the Congregation,

One year ago, I was stuck at the Atlanta International Airport with a group of Temple Israel teenagers, unable to attend our congregational meeting. While it was disappointing, the experience was filled with lasting relationships and profound experiences. And in a way, this was a great metaphor for the sacred work that I was embarking on as Temple Israel's rabbi. Life takes us in many directions, and we, mere mortals, have important choices to make. Often, when making a decision, we are not fully sure of the implications and outcomes. Yet, when we step forward with good intentions, dedication, and bringing forth our divine talents we have the opportunity to create holy moments.

I am honored to share that this year has been the most profound of my rabbinate. Being your rabbi has been spiritually nurturing by connecting with you and together building authentic and emotional trusting relationships. And, I appreciate how the community has welcomed me and my family with open arms. I am not naïve, our community still has challenges. And yet, it is clear that we are doing holy work together. It has been a year of relationship building, getting to know one another, and experiencing the divinity that we share. The staff and members of Temple Israel are highly invested in keeping this congregation alive. And I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their dedication, openness to having chesbone hanefesh, accounting of the soul, and being true partners with the clergy. I feel respected, appreciated, and loved by the entire community.

One of biggest challenges, this year, has been to create organizational structure with a new rabbi and cantor, post Covid-19. Life has changed so much in a few years. And so many have been patient. Allowing us to figure out and explore how to authentically lead worship, lifecycle events, adult education, teen programming, and b'nei mitzvah studies. Cantor Glassman and I are blessed to have Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg (our clergy assistant), Anita Aronoff, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Orietta Schneider, and Ellen Egan who have been tremendous resources and guides.

This synagogue is blessed to have members who are talented and generous with their time. Thank you to Jason Morris, Judy Siegel, Melissa Leibowitz, Paul Warhit, Lloyd Robinson, Bob Hirsch, and Brian Heaps, who stepped forward to lead adult education, worship, and work with students, Supporting the clergy team. It is beautiful to see members share their love for Judaism and community. Thank you for all of your dedication, preparation, and spirituality that you share.

Temple Israel is being reinvigorated! We are seeing our congregational community come back to life. Please remember that success is counted one soul at a time. Let us not worry about numbers but rather feel the blessings and excitement of those who are active and present. One area that I am most proud of has been the reengagement of worship at Temple Israel. Under the leadership of Cantor Glassman, and support of Miho Sasaki and Chris Creegan, worship at Shabbat services, holidays, and throughout the year are filled with awe, beauty, and spirituality.

This year, we introduced a family Shabbat experience for our youngest members. And each month the sanctuary is jammin' with joy and wonderful energy.

It is my hope that we continue to be a multi-generational

congregation that is inclusive of all people. Where our sanctuary is home to everyone. That our vibrancy and health is seen through not only our programming, worship, and life cycle celebrations, but also by how we share daily life with one another and treat each other with respect, kindness, and care.

Thank you to you, all of our members, who have been patient. Thank you for welcoming me into your lives. Thank you for not giving up on Temple Israel. And thank you for your willingness to help make sure our synagogue continues to strengthen and grow. It is an honor to be your rabbi, and I look forward to building on our successes, and creating a strong vision that continues to invigorate our sense of holiness and devotion to God and community. Where our health is seen by nurturing, supporting, engaging, and partnering with all members of community, including families connected through Kehillah and Camp Pinebrook. May Temple Israel always be a home of safety, respect, and inclusion for all who are in our midst.

Lshalom,  
Rabbi Jesse

## 7. Report of the President

*(President's Report Following)*

### **President' Report**

Brian Heaps presented the following remarks:  
Good Evening, and welcome to Temple Israel of New Rochelle's 115th Annual Congregational Meeting.

Before we get into the business of tonight's meeting, I'd like to say a few things.

These past two years that I've been your President have only served to make me appreciate the tireless love and commitment that so many - both lay individuals and our professional staff - have shown to our community. Without all of you, we would not be who we are. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Our community is unique in so many ways; from the businesses we run to the campus we support, without the leadership team we have, it just would not be possible.

This past year has seen our attendance at Camp Pinebrook grow to a record 220 campers, with an outlook to the future that indicates even more growth. We have, with generous donations from the Handelman family, converted Rosen Hall into The Bill and Helene Handelman Hall featuring an inviting space for basketball, pickleball, and a range of other activities.

COVID is no longer the threat it was, and we are not planning to do this year's High Holiday services in a tent. Rather, with enhanced sound and video, we will return to our beautiful sanctuary. As the concern that once existed relative to COVID has subsided, our Kehillah School is not only seeing growth again but, as planned, we are also enhancing the level of our educators.

Temple Israel is continuing to increase programming for both our school-age children and adults, alike. Whether the insights come from Chavaya, lay participants, our hoods, or our clergy, there are more activities, discussion groups, and Judaic studies, being afforded to all.

We are just now completing the first year with our clergy team. The warmth, knowledge, and understanding that exudes from Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita is amazing. I look forward to a long future with them on our pulpit.

Many of you know that Ellen Egan retired as our Bookkeeper at the end of last month, but will continue to be a vibrant part of our community. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce to you

Kristen Dassler who has now assumed that role. Please introduce yourself to Kristen when you have a moment and make her feel welcome in her new position.

As my term as President ends, I am so pleased to present to you Temple Israel's new President: Margie Ostrove. Margie and I have worked as a solid team these past two years alongside the Clergy, professional staff, led by Anita Aronoff, and the rest of the Board. This community is in terrific hands.

Helen Keller once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope". I fervently hope that all of us, together, will continue to see the potential of our community and help make it a reality.

In closing... Thank you for the privilege of being your President. I could not be more proud of this community.

## 8. Report of the Treasurer

*(Treasurer's Report Following)*

### **Treasurer's Report**

The FY 2024 budget was presented to the congregation. The highlights include:

1. The creation of a new position in the administration to help the team handle all the new initiatives that have been added over the last few years. Kehillah school being handled in house, the growth of camp and the addition of Handleman Hall to name a few.
2. For FY 2024 a Rabbinic intern is being added to help with teen engagement among other things.
3. Funding for a speaker series has also been added to enhance our already robust programming.
4. A few maintenance issues have also been added to the budget. They include:
  - a. An upgraded server as our current server is obsolete.
  - b. The heating coils in the kehillah wing will be replaced.
  - c. The exit driveway will be repaved.

All of these enhancements for FY 2024 and the projection is that we will still have a surplus of 180K that will be used to repay the camp loan.

The proposed budget was included in a handout for review. Lloyd Robinson reviewed the proposed budget and TINR's current financial situation (see attached summary) Margie Mangot moved to approve the budget as presented. Liz Weingast asked for a recap of the current endowment. At the end of this fiscal year, our endowment is anticipated to be just over 7 million dollars.

The motion to approve the budget was approved unanimously.

## 9. New Business

- a. Jeffrey Stier presented a summary of the proposed revisions to the TINR bylaws, which were also included as a handout at the meeting.

*(Governance and Honorary Trustee Taskforce report following)*

### **Governance and Honorary Trustee Taskforce**

Jeffrey Stier presented the following information

Brian Heaps appointed the Governance and Honorary Board Member Taskforces during his presidency. Each Taskforce was to review the current Bylaws and suggest changes and/or additions. The taskforce members included Jeff Berenbaum, Brian Feinblum, Jennifer Goldman, Brian Heaps, Marilyn Morris, Mitchell Ostrove, Jeff Stier and Anita Aronoff.

The taskforces had multiple meetings via Zoom over the preceding



18 months.

The product of their meetings led to the following suggestions which address the current needs of TINR. They were presented to the Board for consideration and discussion at their meetings in April and May 2023. A brief summary of some of the changes:

1. Board of Trustee (BOT) members can be elected by the Congregation for two, three-year terms; after serving six years, there must be at least a two-year hiatus before being considered for reelection to the Board.
2. Honorary Trustees will participate in Board discussions following active Trustee discussions.
3. The BOT are responsible for the oversight, management and administration of TINR; the Board may delegate management and/or administrative functions to the Executive Director or other administrator.
4. References to personal pronouns were redefined.
5. The process of filling "open trustee positions" by the Nominating Committee was redefined.
6. In December and January, TINR communications will inform members of the congregation that they may submit recommendations for open trustee positions to the Nominating Committee for its consideration.

Jeff Stier presented the proposed changes and additions. The attendees at the meeting unanimously accepted all of the proposed changes and additions.

Note: The Bylaws of TINR is a very detailed document. The above is brief summary; any congregant may obtain a PDF version of the complete, current Bylaws by contacting Anita Aronoff.

b. Art Ostrove moved to accept the changes to the bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. Adjournment 8:55 PM



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**Brotherhood Fund** – Brotherhood of Temple Israel of New Rochelle, also known as the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ), is a group of dedicated Temple members, spanning all ages, who volunteer their time and effort on behalf of Temple members and the New Rochelle community

**Camp Pinebrook Program Fund** – To enhance programs associated with Camp Pinebrook.

**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

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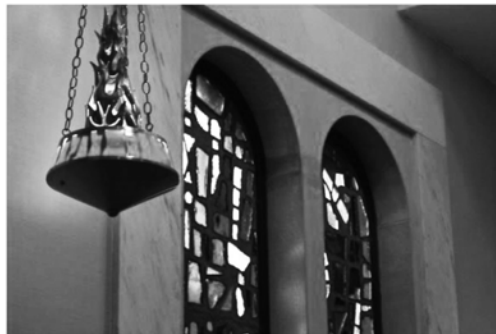
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