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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:

- Frances Levine Epstein, sister of Carol Ostrove
- Barry Gold, father of Adam Gold
- Jeanne Hyman Lewis, sister of Gerald Hyman
- Susan Handelman
- Muriel Balik

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

Mazel Tov

- Carole Ostrove's special birthday
- Dee & John Valvano's newest grandchild (#6!): Louie Hamilton Valvano, born to Jeff & Nicki Valvano, and little sister Hazel, on July 8th
- Cantor Glassman, in being included in the URJ's "High Holidays Anthology." *See p. 6 for more details.*
- Jacob Hirschl and Nina Neumann, on becoming b'nei mitzvah. *You can read their bios on p. 20.*

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Daniel & Sara Lange, with Benjamin Lange
- Zachary Rowen & Melissa Brumer, with Theodore and Reese Rowen
- Timothy & Jacqueline Diiulio, with Jessie Diiulio
- Charlie Cohen & Christyn Budzyna, with Tobias Cohen
- Roberta & Ashley Geveda, with Andrew and Isabel Geveda
- Robert Morgan & Nicole Roselli, with Milo Morgan
- Brad & Darya Schwartz, with Coby and Remy Schwartz
- Theodore & Maryna Muhlfelder, with Alana and Stella Muhlfelder
- Michael Schwartz & Samantha Buchalter, with Tatum Schwartz
- Kenneth & Lily Sommer, with Henry and Zachary Sommer
- Avi Schwartz & Dahna Cohen, with Orli and Adina Schwartz
- Keith Lubell & Serena Scott-Ram, with Adeline Lubell

Please say hello when you see them in the Temple.

High Holy Days

Services / Activities Schedule

Elul: Preparing for the Days of Awe

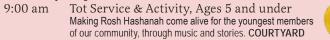
Friday, A	August 18th – Friday, September 15th Jewish tradition instructs us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the High Holy Days and begin the work of repentance. In order to enable our entire community to take part in the spiritual work of Elul, we will be sending out the "e-lul" daily emails with a text, prayer, or poem to help us get in the right frame of mind for the holidays.
S'lichot	
Saturday	7, September 9th
7:00 pm	Service and Reception with Westchester Reform Temple Temple Israel is delighted to partner with WRT to share in the beauty, awe, and mystery of the season. AT WESTCHESTER REFORM TEMPLE / LIVESTREAM

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15th

7:00 pm Evening Service Beautiful and majestic, begin a 10-day period of reflection and repentance known as the "Days of Awe." SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM

Saturday, September 16th



- 10:00 am Traditional Morning Service Usher in the beginning of the Jewish New Year immersed in both community and family with prayer, melodies of the High Holy Days, and the sound of the Shofar. SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM
- 2:30 pm Family Service, Ages 6 and above Families are invited for this musical, engaging, family-friendly Rosh Hashanah service. The program will include songs, a story, and opportunities for creation and reflection. SANCTUARY
- 4:00 pm Tashlich & Shofar Service Come hear the shofar call and symbolically throw away your sins by tossing them into the brook at Temple Israel. TEMPLE ISRAEL CAMPUS

Rosh Hashanah - 2nd Day Sunday, September 17th

- 10:00 am Family Apple Picking for Religious School and Kehillah, appropriate for all ages Join your Temple Israel friends for apple picking. Check www.tinr.org/HHD2023 for details! OFFSITE
- 10:30 am Morning Service For the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the clergy will lead a joyful and reflective service. SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24th

7:00 pm Kol Nidrei Service Yom Kippur observance begins with the beautiful sound of the cello and moving refrain of "Kol Nidrei" as we engage in contemplation and prayer. SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM

Monday, September 25th

9:00 am Tot Service & Activity, Ages 5 and under Connecting to Yom Kippur for the youngest members of our community, through music and stories.



- 10:00 am Traditional Morning Service Prayer, music, repentance, and fasting contribute to the personal introspection of Yom Kippur and the "Day of Atonement." SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM
- 12:30 pm "Ask the Rabbi" SANCTUARY
- 1:30 pm Adult Study, led by Jason Morris

2:30 pm Family Service, Ages 6 and above Families are invited for this musical, engaging, family-friendly Yom Kippur service. The program will include songs, the Jonah Story, and opportunities for creation and reflection. SANCTUARY

- 4:00 pm Reflective Healing Service
- 5:00 pm Yizkor & N'ilah Service Four times a year we come together to recite prayers for our loved ones who have passed. On Yom Kippur, before sundown, we will light a yahrzeit candle in memory of those we have lost. During our concluding service of Yom Kippur, we will share in a final Shofar blast and Havdalah before we break the fast. SANCTUARY / LIVESTREAM

COMING UP!



SukkotSaturday, September 30th10:30 amSukkot Festival ServiceTuesday, October 3rd6:00 pmPizza in the Hut: Chavaya & Community



Simchat Torah Friday, October 6th 6:00 pm Community Shabbat with Simchat Torah. Saturday, October 7th 9:00 am Torah Study followed by Yizkor

SERVICES/EVENTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

SOME NOTES!

Please visit: www.tinr.org/HHD2023 to REGISTER.

All onsite services and programs REQUIRE ADVANCE REGISTRATION.

LiveStream does not require registration.

Nametags for all (ages 13+) which includes guests, will be mailed in the beginning of September. *Questions? Email TempleIsrael@tinr.org or call (914) 235-1800.*

EXTENDED Deadline for online registration is through the Labor Day Weekend! End of day MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH!

Rabbi's Note

Let's Visit Israel Together...in 2025!



Have you ever been to Israel? Do you think about if visiting holy sites would feel like a pilgrimage? Have you seen how high-tech Tel Aviv has become? I think most Jews (and loved ones) consider their connection to the land, people, and country of Israel. I know that at different stages in my life, Israel has meant different things for me, at times vitally important and at other moments bringing me frustration.

That is why I think it is vital for every Jewish person to explore, learn, and navigate Israeli society, politics, and culture. If you are curious about Israel and what a trip might look like, please join me for an Israel trip Interest meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 8pm. This meeting is to learn who might want to participate, review different options of experiences, get a feel for what kind of hotels people would like to stay at, and gain vital information about the trip.

I am organizing a trip to Israel in 2025: Thursday, February 13 – Sunday, February 23. In some ways this meeting seems early. But my hope is that by being proactive, this allows individuals to save up money and for us to custom tailor the trip for Temple Israel members. So please come with me whether this is your first time, fifth trip, and everything inbetween. We can focus on food and culture, peace and safety, multi-generational experiences, supporting progressive Jewish causes, and so much more.

Personally, each time I go to Israel, I find a new way to connect and build a true love that is both critical and supportive. Even in these difficult times, we know that it is vital for us to show our love and support; a time to build and strengthen our relationship with the Israeli Reform community and all Israelis. May our actions bring hope, healing, and renewal to our lives and theirs. And may we always remember that Am Yisrael (the Jewish people) are interconnected with each other and all humanity.

Hope to see you at our meeting on Tuesday, September 12th at 8pm

L'shalom, 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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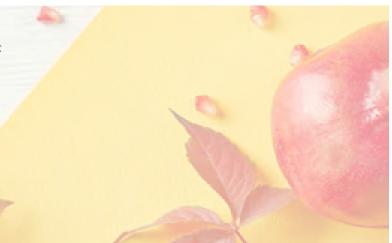
Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg, Clergy Assistant/Lifecycle Coordinator x211, jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org

Service Times / Closures

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

September 1st:	6:00 pm
September 8th:	6:00 pm
September 15th:	7:00 pm (Rosh Hashanah Eve)
September 22nd:	6:00 pm
September 29th:	7:00 pm
October 6th:	6:00 pm (Community Shabbat Service with Simchat Torah & Consecration)
October 13th:	7:00 pm
October 20th:	6:00 pm (Family Shabbat followed by pizza dinner)
October 27th:	7:00 pm

Temple Office and Kehillah School will be closed: Monday, September 4th: Labor Day Monday, September 25th: Yom Kippur Monday, October 9th: Indigenous Peoples' Day



From the President

My Vision for TINR – "Teyn Ner"



Warm greetings and Shanah Tovah to each and every one of you! I hope this message finds everyone in good health and high spirits. As we prepare for the High Holy Days and start our "year", I want to share with you my vision for TINR.

We are fortunate to be in a better fiscal position than we have been in years. We are able to address many of the facilities repairs that are so desperately

needed and are able to turn our focus towards religious, social, and educational experiences through TINR. We plan on trying new ideas and providing more opportunities that will offer something for everyone. The experiences may be deeply meaningful, pure fun, or flops, but we are going to keep at it because the key is that these moments together are shared naturally developing and strengthening our community and our commitment.

Taking advantage of the programming TINR offers throughout the year is of course, up to you. However, it's our presence that enriches gatherings, events, and celebrations, making them all the more special. Together, we create an environment where everyone can be themselves, connecting with others, and generating a true sense of belonging. My goal is to increase these opportunities and bring more of us together with each event.

Please, reach out to me if you have an idea for an event! I can't promise action for every idea but I'll always listen and implement when possible.

One of the beautiful aspects of our congregation is how we support one another during times of need. The kindness, compassion, and willingness to lend a helping hand that this community displays truly defines who we are as a family. As Cantor Glassman eloquently laid out recently, when referring to the mitzvah of a kidney donation, "We are the TINR - "*Teyn Ner*" community - adding our individual light to the collective as we can. So much to be proud of, so much to be grateful for, being part of this vibrant, caring and life-giving community".

About two months ago the annual pledge commitment request was sent to everyone. Completion and return of this pledge card is extremely helpful to us (payment is even more helpful!). Please take a moment to consider what membership means to us all and give from the heart. Maintaining a space where we can all gather, worship, and connect is essential, and we rely on your generosity to make that possible.

Thank you for being an integral part of our congregation. I look forward to the many moments we'll share, the memories we'll create, and the positive impact we'll continue to make – together.

Wishing you a very sweet and happy New Year,

Margie Ostrove Temple President

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Cantor's Corner

Elul / Renewing • Selichot / Forgiving



If I was going to climb a mountain, I would want to have some time to prepare. I would want to get myself into the best physical shape possible, train with the experts, build up my stamina, be in the best of health, so that I could have the capacity to endure the challenging moments along with being able to be fully present as I made my ascent.

Observing and celebrating the High

Holy Days is, for me, a bit like climbing a mountain. I think of the *Ten Days of Awe* as an opportunity to do some serious "soul-cycling" or "soul-lifting" and in order to be ready, it seems a good idea to start early and prepare. If, ultimately, the goal of our gathering in community over the High Holy Days is to become better humans, better guardians of this earth and more engaged Jews working together to repair this world, well then, the preparation seems well worth it.

Luckily, the Torah and our wise Jewish sages of old gave us the perfect vehicle for getting ready for the Jewish New Year. Firstly, we have the entire lunar month of *Elul* which begins on August 18th when we are instructed to blow the shofar, awaken and return to the Source of all creation, and renew ourselves as in days gone by. Secondly, the month of Elul offers us the beautiful, contemplative service known as *"Selichot."* It is in many ways a kind of distilled version of all the liturgy of the High Holy Days. All the basic building blocks are there for the work of *"teshuvah"*-of expressing our human vulnerability, returning to the One and beginning again. I often think of Selichot as the best kept secret in town, although actually, we want everyone **to know about it** and to attend this important Jewish worship service so they can reap the many benefits of it.

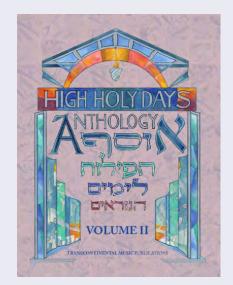
On *Selichot*, we begin to ask forgiveness for ourselves, from each other and from God- for words spoken and actions taken over the last year. I remember as a child seeing my father slip out of the house on the night of *Selichot*, after my siblings and I were supposed to have gone to bed, in order to attend this service at the synagogue across the street. Peeking out of my bedroom door upon his return, I recall seeing my father appearing rather radiant and seeming to be in a much quieter, reflective mood. I knew that something important was happening. What I later understood is that we were about to enter the holiest time of the year when we would hopefully be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life. After my dad's visit to the synagogue on *Selichot*, there was no turning back, it was full speed ahead.

Every year, the Cantors and Rabbis in Westchester County come together to offer a joint *Selichot* service at Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale. Members of all the Reform Temples in the County are invited to attend. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to consider coming to *Selichot* at WRT (just a hop and a skip away from TINR) on Saturday evening, September 9th. Along with connecting with people you know and some you may not yet know, you will be able to get a spiritual jumpstart and begin to tune your ears to both the traditional and contemporary sounds of the High Holy Days. Most importantly, you will be able to prepare your hearts for the ascent up the holy mountain that is the Days of Awe.

I hope to see you at WRT on the 9th, 7:00 pm, and throughout the High Holy Days at our Temple as we usher in what I pray will be a year of sweetness, health, healing, wholeness and peace.

L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu, May you all be inscribed for a good year!

Cantor Rita Glassman



This summer, an anthology of new music for the High Holy Days was published by the Union for Reform Judaism's Transcontinental Music Publications.

Our very own Cantor Rita Glassman was honored to have her original piece *"Hashiveinu/Turning"* included in this beautiful anthology. In fact, hers is the first selection in the book!

Mazal Tov Cantor Glassman!

We are blessed that Cantor Glassman will be sharing her song with us on Rosh Hashanah evening, Friday, September 15th, right after the candle lighting.

Temple Israel is Grateful

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Paul & Ilissa Warhit, in memory of Muriel Balik; in memory of Jeanne Hyman Lewis

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A New Religous School Year Begins!



As I sit in the warmth of August, it's really hard to believe that in just a few weeks the seasons will change and the start of a new year begins. As an educator and parent, I feel both the excitement and nerves of the calendar turning. Whether it's preparing to welcome families and staff to Temple Israel, or making sure I have secured all the school supplies my own children need, the start of the year brings so many different emotions. As I've been

mentally and physically preparing, one piece that I've been thinking about a lot lately is how do I communicate values. Specifically, what are the values that I want my own children, and the children I work with, to have?

According to the Talmud (the fourth-century rabbinic legal code), parents are required to teach their children Torah (the five books of Moses), a trade/skill, and to swim. While most Jewish families today are not Talmud-based families, this idea resonates with us as we raise our children.

"Torah" is more than a series of biblical books because it refers to moral and ethical ideas presented in Jewish text and our history. Torah is about teaching how we act towards others and ourselves. The stories can teach us a lot about how we should strive to be, and also provides us with examples of humans, our biblical characters, who didn't always "get it right" in how they acted. The beauty of Torah and Judaism is that certain basic values are core to who we are. Take for example the story of the Exodus and the Israelites leaving Egypt. We are constantly reminded that we were once strangers in the land and that we must do our part in welcoming everyone into our community, our classes, and our friend groups. In the first Book in the Torah, Genesis, we read that God created the first human as Betzelem Elohim, in God's image. The idea of being created in Betzelem Elohim is that we all have a special spark inside us. We have the choice to use our spark in helping lift each other up and being "our best selves." We also have the capacity to blow out the spark in others and make them feel poorly or less than.

My hope this year is that our children not only learn about holidays, history, Hebrew, prayers, and stories in the Torah, but they also learn how to use the Betzelem Elohim within them. Each morning when I send my oldest son on the school bus, I say to him, "Remember to be your best self." May we work together to help our children remember to include others, even when that person might look or act different than us. May we help them learn empathy and patience as they develop relationships and learn to navigate difficult situations.

Teaching our children values is not an easy task. It requires us to communicate the message on a regular basis, and be both an active teacher and learner. This year our K-7th groups will be focusing on specific values that relate to their core curriculum. We look forward to sharing and modeling them with you throughout the year. To check them out, see the K-7th Values Curriculum Chart below. Please also check out all of our events and programs on the next page! It's going to be a wonderful Fall!

Wishing us a sweet year filled with learning and growth,

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst Director of Education: Youth & Family

K - 7th VALUES CURRICULUM

GRADES	VALUES	CURRICULUM	PRAYERS
— K & 1st	Kedushah - Spirituality Wonder, Love, Joy, Peace, and Gratitude	<i>Beresheet</i> , Holidays, and Shabbat	Shema
— 2nd	Mensch - A righteous person Doing the right thing, Kindness, Making Peace, Honesty, and Compassion	<i>Beresheet</i> , Holidays, and Intro to Israel	Barchu
- 3rd	Din - Justice Social Responsibility, Community, Compassionate Criticism, Righteous, and Forgiveness	Shemot, Tikkun Olam, and Holidays	Shabbat Blessings and Lecha Dodi
— 4th	Ometz Lev - Courage Standing up for what you believe, Perseverance, Confidence, Integrity, and Bravery	<i>Vayikrah</i> , Ethics, Holidays, and Prophets	Mi Chamocha, Shalom Rav, and Oseh Shalom
— 5th	Chochma - Knowledge Wisdom, Understanding, Curiosity, Creativity, Love of Learning, and Perspectives	Bamidbar, Life Cycles, and Holidays	V'Ahavta
— 6th	B'tzelim Elohim - In God's image Calm, Self-Control, Patience, Contentment, Humility, Modesty, and Love of Self	Devarim, God, Establishment of Land of Israel, and Holidays	Avot / Imahot and Gevurot
[_] 7th	If I am only for myself, if I am only for others, if not now when? Rabbinical Tradition, Mitzvot, Sacred Choices, and Self-Esteem	Rabbinical Tradition, Mitzvot, Sacred Choices, and Self-Esteem	Hashkivienu and V'Shamru

Basketball Season is Coming!

Get Ready for the First Season on the Brand New Court in Handelman Hall!

Look for the TINR Basketball registration link on www.tinr.org beginning in the Fall! Boys and girls from 5th to 12th grade are welcome to sign up.

Interested? Contact Jeff Berenbaum (jberenbaum@optonline.net) or David Soberman (davidsoberman@gmail.com) with questions!

EVENTS

Tuesday, September 12th 4:00 - 6:00 pm 6:15 - 8:00 pm	Welcome to Chavaya! Opening Tuesday K-7th grade 8th-12th grade	
Thursday, September 14th 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Opening Thursday 3rd-6th grade	
Saturday, September 16th 9:00 am 2:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Rosh Hashanah Tot service, ages 5 and under Rosh Hashanah Family Service, ages 6 and older	
Sunday, September 17th 10 am at Orchard	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Apple Picking Join us at Maskers Orchard in Warwick, NY for a morning of apple picking. BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). More details to follow for families who have registered.	
Monday, September 25th 9am 2:30pm	Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Tot service, ages 5 and under Yom Kippur Family Service, ages 6 and older	
Tuesday, October 3rd 6-7pm	Sukkot Sukkot Pizza in the Hut and activities Join us for pizza, salad, and Sukkot fun with crafts and more!	
Friday, October 6th 6-8:30pm	Simchat Torah Simchat Torah Service and Consecration of new Chavaya participants. Join us as we celebrate Simchat Torah, the holiday when we complete one cycle of reading and immediately begin again. Our musical service will run from 6-6:45pm followed by dinner and activities for children.	
Tuesday, October 31st	Chavaya closed for Professional Development	

Better Together is Back!

What is Better Together?

For the fourth year in a row, we are pleased to be able to bring the Better TogetherTM: 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 TogetherTM 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 meaning-ful interactions and learning opportunities, then this program is for you!





Karen Robinson is excited to join Temple Israel of New Rochelle's Chavaya / Religious School, as Office Administrator.

Growing up in Eastchester, Karen has made Westchester her home for many years. She earned her B.S at NYU and worked at Camp Hillard in Scarsdale for 25 years.

Karen has two grown children who live in

See p. 20 for the B'nei Mitzvah profiles

Welcome Karen!

Brooklyn and NYC. She and her husband are moving back to Eastchester.

You can reach Karen at Chavaya@tinr.org

Welcome Karen!



Building Kehillah, Giving Gratitude



The Kehillah Community continues to build programming to elevate our curriculum and enhance our connections to each other and the tenets of our we hold dear ~ kindness, grace, and harmony.

Summer at Kehillah delivered many experiences from old friends at the New Rochelle Police & Fire Departments to new programs featuring Kehillah's educator Morah Jackie , owner of

Sensory on Wheels providing dynamic sensory experiences through art and science, Margie Nugent from Making Faces Parties sharing her artistry in Face Painting and a storytelling visit from Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk, who is renowned for entertaining, educating, and enchanting young children for over 30 years.

Our Kehillah Teachers look forward to a special training from Temple Israel's Director of Education: Youth and Families, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst who will outline our Judaic benchmarks and brings understanding of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to our educators. The children of Kehillah look forward to visits from Morah Rebecca as she enhances the High Holidays with her storytelling and cooking experiences throughout our classrooms. As we build, we are happy to add Judaic educators "Mark the Music Man" visiting weekly and "Emily the Yoga Lady" to enrich our Judaic curriculum through music and movement.

We are building a Haven for our children with the addition of our own "Materials Center." A beautiful space that will be used as an environment to contain natural and found materials. Our teachers will curate this room with the intention of displaying and incorporating loose parts and sensory materials to elevate children's creative expression, problem solving, and symbolic development. All of this supports the growth of our child centered Reggio Inspired Emergent Curriculum.

We give gratitude to be a part of The Temple Israel community as we keep Jewish ethics at the foundation of our learning and build the spirit of nurturing our Kehillah community through kindness, grace, and harmony.

Marie Masseo Kehillah School Director







... and that's a wrap for Summer 2023!





Do you believe in magic? I'm not talking about feats of amazing prestidigitation or pulling rabbits out of hats. I'm talking about REAL magic; the kind that's unquantifiable, definitely recognizable, but impossible to define. The type of magic that transforms the soul and changes lives, but for which there is no formula or instruction manual. It just happens, naturally, with no warning. What I'm describing is CPB magic... the culture and vibe of Camp Pinebrook!

We live in an area filled with day camps, and many share the tangibles: swim, sports, specialties, but not all of us share the same "feel." At Camp Pinebrook, we start with a basic tenet; CAMP IS LOVE. It's a place to nurture our campers, to wrap them in the warmth of comfort and support in order for them to feel safe so they can learn and grow. Whether it's learning how to swim, hit a ball, sing, or make a new friend, at CPB everything we do, we do with love. That's why it's so easy to try new things, because there is always the safety net of our family waiting beneath. Always.

I want to thank the parents, the campers, and the congregants at Temple Israel (who showed patience during dismissal time). All of you opened your hearts and minds to a new director, especially one who came in and changed many of the processes and procedures, that you had grown so comfortable with. As a parent, I've lived through the same scenario and it can be scary. Trust isn't a given when it comes to our kids, and it shouldn't be. I knew I would work under a powerful microscope this summer, as I should have. I had big shoes to fill and a beautiful camp to nurture and protect. Not everything was perfect. But, measure Camp Pinebrook 2023 using the same barometer that I do... the happiness of our campers.

Day in and day out, we were a camp filled with love. You couldn't walk around campus without seeing the hugs, feeling the warmth, sensing the vibe. We are a tight knit community and a loving family. We all know each other and couldn't wait to be with one another each day. I heard my name being shouted clear across campus, only to see a 3 year old waving excitedly to me when I turned around. Kids love Camp Pinebrook because they can be themselves, because we love them without agenda, no matter what, always. The culture that we've created, where we measure our success by how happy our camp family is, and how much love is being given to our camp community, will never change. It is the essence of a great camp.

Let's continue our partnership of creating a beautiful space in which all of us kids and adults can thrive, not just in the summer, but as a camp community all year long. I cannot thank everyone enough for making my first year absolutely magical. I do believe in magic... I just lived eight weeks of it. It's real, it's extraordinary, it's us... It's Camp Pinebrook.

Allison Horn Camp Director





Wednesdays September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th 7 - 9 pm, at Temple Israel

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

This event is FREE, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

RSVP to Jamie Deutsch at derekandjamie@gmail.com

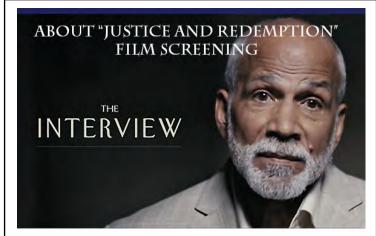


Sunday, September 10th

11:00 am Discussion on plant-based options for the holiday meal12:00 pm FREE lunch sponsored by the Social Action Committee!

Build an eco-kosher world that uplifts the Jewish values of health, compassion, sustainability, and social justice. Begin the new year with new and exciting plant based options for our holiday meals! Recipes will be provided.

Questions, and RSVP to Ilissa Warhit at iwarhit@gmail.com



T'Shuva Action Program Film Screening and Discussion: "The Interview"

Sunday, September 10th

12:00 pm FREE lunch sponsored by the Social Action Committee!1:00 pm Movie Screening



Please join us for a screening of the documentary "The Interview" which asks viewers to confront their feelings about justice and redemption.



Visit www.tinr.org/events/film-screening to register for the film screening/panel discussion.



Calling All Travelers! Thinking about a Trip? How about a Trip to Israel in 2025 with Rabbi Jesse!

We are planning a congregational trip to Israel scheduled for Thursday, February 13th – Sunday, February 23rd.

Whether you are "first-timer" ... or have gone to Israel before, come share your interest, and share your "wish list."

An Interest Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 12th, 8 pm** ALL INVITED, all ages, all friends.

RSVP to Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg at jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org. Reservations are not required, but appreciated.



Join Brotherhood in viewing the movie that everyone wants to see! Golda!

Monday, September 11th

5:40 pm showing, meet at Mamaroneck Theatre (243 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck, NY 10543)

Special admittance price of \$12 per person FIRM deadline, end of day Friday, September 8th

This movie focuses on the intensely dramatic and highstakes responsibilities and decisions that Golda Meir, also known as the 'Iron Lady of Israel,' faced during the Yom Kippur War.

Visit www.tinr.org/events/GoldaMovie to RSVP

Nusakh Vilne Memorial: The Secrets of the Great Synagogue of VilnaFilm Screening & Concert



Wednesday, September 27th 6:30 - 9 pm, at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research (15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011)

Join YIVO for a premiere screening of the documentary "The Secrets of the Great Synagogue of Vilna" followed by a Q&A with director Salfati. As a part of the evening, Rita Glassman, Maria Krupoves, and Zalmen Mlotek will perform a selection of music.

For more details, and to RSVP, visit www.tinr.org/events/movie_screening_vilna Registration is NOW OPEN!



Sweet & Savory Scroll-Ups Cooking Event for Sukkot & Simchat Torah

Thursday, September 28th 6:30 - 9:00 pm Cost: \$36

Let's learn to make Rugelach and Napa Cabbage Scroll-ups with Nancy Wolfson CHHC, RYT.

Event is open to all but advance registration is required as space is limited. Visit www.tinr.org/events/sweetandsavory for more details and to RSVP.



Friday, October 6th
6:00 pm Community Shabbat Service followed by dinner for a Simchat Torah & Consecration Celebration!

Let's Pray • Eat • Enjoy • Together again

More Community Shabbats / Dinner to follow! November 3rd, December 8th (w/Chanukah), (2024 dates) February 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, and May 10th (w/Confirmation & Graduation)

Visit www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbat to RSVP!



Brotherhood Poker Event

Saturday, October 14th and January 20th 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!



Monday, October 16th 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Taught by Pilates instructor and Temple Israel congregant Jackie Saril. Healthy salad dinner will be served after the class. Please bring a mat.

All Are Welcome – Event is FREE, but reservations are a MUST!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/pilates with questions, and to RSVP!



Friday, October 20th Service: 6:00 - 6:40 pm **FREE Pizza Dinner**: 6:40 - 7:30 pm

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

Other dates are November 17th, (2024 dates) January 19th, February 16th, March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th

Visit www.tinr.org/events/family-shabbats for details, and to RSVP!



Mondays, Beginning October 23rd

Are you a beginner, or would you be interested in an intermediate open play league? We got you!

Beginners will have an instructor leading interested players.

Other details are forthcoming, so stay tuned to the craze coming to Temple Israel in the NEW Handelman Hall Gym!

... and MANY MORE EVENTS TO COME at Temple Israel!

Save the Dates for ...

Friday, November 10th Shabbat Service with Veterans' Blessing

Beginning Saturday, November 11th NEW Adult Learning / Brunch after Torah

Thursday, November 16th Flower Arranging with Sisterhood

Saturday, November 18th Night of Jewish Learning (*Rabbi Jesse teaching!*) at Beth El Synagogue

Sunday, November 19th Mitzvah Day

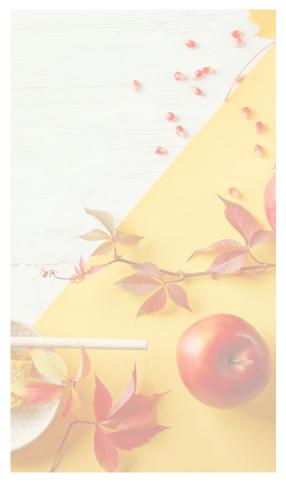
Thursday, December 7th Latkes & Vodkas

Saturday, February 10, 2024 JewPardy with Brotherhood

... throughout the year, **we'll be sharing MORE events and activities**. Open your digital eblasts on Thursdays, check the Temple Website at www.tinr.org, follow Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn for NEW information, and more details!

Join us at Temple Israel!





Sisterhood

Happy Autumn!

As the Jewish New Year approaches, the Sisterhood Board wants to wish you a year filled with health and happiness. We look forward to celebrating the New Year with you at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

Sisterhood has many terrific upcoming events planned. We are happy to continue Mahjong Game Night with most evenings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm; the first game night will be on Wednesday, September 6th! Come for the games, stay for the camaraderie, wine, and snacks!

We are also planning cooking and baking classes around the holidays. Our first class, Sweet & Savory for Sukkot / Simchat Torah, is on Thursday, September 28th, 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

For those of you who have participated in our Pilates & Salad in the past, we are happy to continue this popular event as well on Monday, October 16th. For those who haven't joined us, please do! The class is for all levels from beginners to advanced.



Greta Berenbaum Sisterhood@tinr.org Sisterhood Co-President

Berdie Stein Sisterhood@tinr.org Sisterhood Co-President

Pilates is so much fun, and the class is a great way to make new friends too!

More fun learning together upcoming is a Flower Arranging class on November 16th with Robert Sloop of Colonial Village Flowers. Make a fabulous centerpiece for the holidays!

Sisterhood is a great group of women of all ages and interests so please join us. Everyone is welcome!

Greta and Berdie!

Brotherhood

... an "event destination!"

Allen Fishbein

Brotherhood@tinr.org



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



Hope everyone had a great summer. It's hard to believe we are already starting to plan for the High Holidays.

This summer, Brotherhood sponsored a very successful tour of the Lower East Side. The group enjoyed it, and we hope to plan several more tours in the coming year.

Some other programs we are working on include a Poker Night, an encore of our popular JewPardy game, Bourbon & Bible, Latkes & Vodkas, a Fishing Trip, and a Tour of Jewish Harlem. A few Brotherhood noshes with different speakers like the new superintendent and topics like Jewish Origins in the Marvel Universe are in the works. Also, some joint events are being planned with Sisterhood!

Allen has been carefully monitoring the progress of the creation of the "new" Sammy's Roumanian. Updates will be provided. We are hoping to bring back an old tradition!

Brotherhood wants to continue to make TINR an event destination. If you have ideas for events, please let us know by contacting us directly or attending a meeting.

Happy & Healthy New Year to all!

Allen and Gary!







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Shabbat Service















Edith H. Handelman Library

Rosh Hashanah Reading!



Time to get ready for the High Holy Days! ... Read somthing yummy!



And, get ready for Yom Kippur! Lots more in our library. Come explore!



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Questions or suggestions? Contact our librarian: Stephanie Krasner, stephkras11@gmail.com

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

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Sweet Noodle Kugel for the High Holy Days

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The New Year Holidays, Will they be early or late? Whatever they are, We've got a recipe that's great.

Entertain your family, Fill them with delight. The following creation, Will enhance your holiday might.

This Kuggle is amazing. It really can't be beat. Behold a delicious offering, It's a sumptious dinner treat!

Sweet Noodle Kugel

Ingredients Kugel

8 ounces medium noodles 1/4 cup margarine, cut into small pieces 4 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup raisings 4 apples, grated 1 tsp. cinnamon 1 tsp. salt

Topping

1 tsp. cinnamon 1/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup corn flake crumbs

Directions

Use: 4-quart pot 8x8-inch baking pan Yields: 9 servings

Cook noodles in 4-quart pot of boiling salted water for 10 minutes. Rinse. Drain and put into large bowl. While noodles are still hot, add margarine and mix until all the margarine is melted. Allow to cool 5 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Add eggs, sugar, raisings, apples, cinnamon, and salt to noodles and mix well. Pour into a greased 8x8-inch baking pan.

Topping: Combine cinnamon, sugar, and corn flake crumbs. Sprinkle over top of kugel, cover, and bake for 50 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes longer until golden brown.

Serve warm or cold.



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

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



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

B'nei Mitzvah

Mazel Tov!



My name is **Jacob Hirschl** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 14th. The Torah portion I am chanting from is *Breisheet* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents Rachel & David Hirschl, and my sister, Lily. I am in the 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I enjoy baseball,

skiing, fishing, and spending time with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project, I helped the kindergartners learn about the Jewish religion by reading and doing activities. The project is important to me because it helped me remember how great the staff was when I was in kindergarten and how fun of an experience it was. It helped me understand the importance of passing on Jewish traditions to the next generation. My favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla.

I look forward to connecting with you at my Bar Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.



My name is **Nina Neumann** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 21st. The Torah portion I am chanting from is *Noach* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents Tracee & Adam Neumann, and my brother, Jakub. I am in the 8th grade at Pelham Middle School.

Outside of school, I enjoy making art. For my Mitzvah Project, I helped to teach younger grades. The project is important to me because I enjoy helping the younger generation learn about their heritage. My favorite cake flavor is chocolate.

I look forward to connecting with you at my Bat Mitzvah service when I am called to the Torah.





Thank you for supporting OUR community!

Temple Israel of New Rochelle 2022-2023 Support/Pledge Packets are being mailed next week to your households.

Now is the time to join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Israel as best you can for the 2023-2024 year.

If you would like to support and pledge online right now, please visit www.tinr.org/SupportTINR

Thank you for your consideration and support!



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Support Temple Israel

Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

Simply choose the amount you want to give and for what purpose. If you wish to give to several funds, we will apportion your donation as you wish: evenly to multiple funds or you may type in a specific amount for each fund in the space provided. A list of funds is found below, and to the right. Of course, you may include a dedication(s) for each fund. When making a donation "in honor" or "in memory" of someone, those honored will be promptly informed of your thoughtfulness. Donations "in honor" or "in memory" of someone are also acknowledged right here in Temple Topics. We are happy to facilitate anonymous donations at your request.

Once you have completed the on-line donation form, please click the "submit" button. We accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express, as well as ACH.

Thank you!

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List of Funds

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

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreting Fund – To provide funding for ASL interpreting and to build the bridge between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the general Jewish Community

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

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

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

Chavaya Program Fund – To support Chavaya programs **Endowment Fund** – Used to maintain and expand religious, educational, cultural, social, and philanthropic activities of the Temple

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

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

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

Kehillah School Childhood Program Fund – To support Kehillah programs

Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Fund – For adult education.

Music Fund – To support musical programs and the cultural life of the Temple

Prayer Book Fund – To enable the Temple to purchase prayer books

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

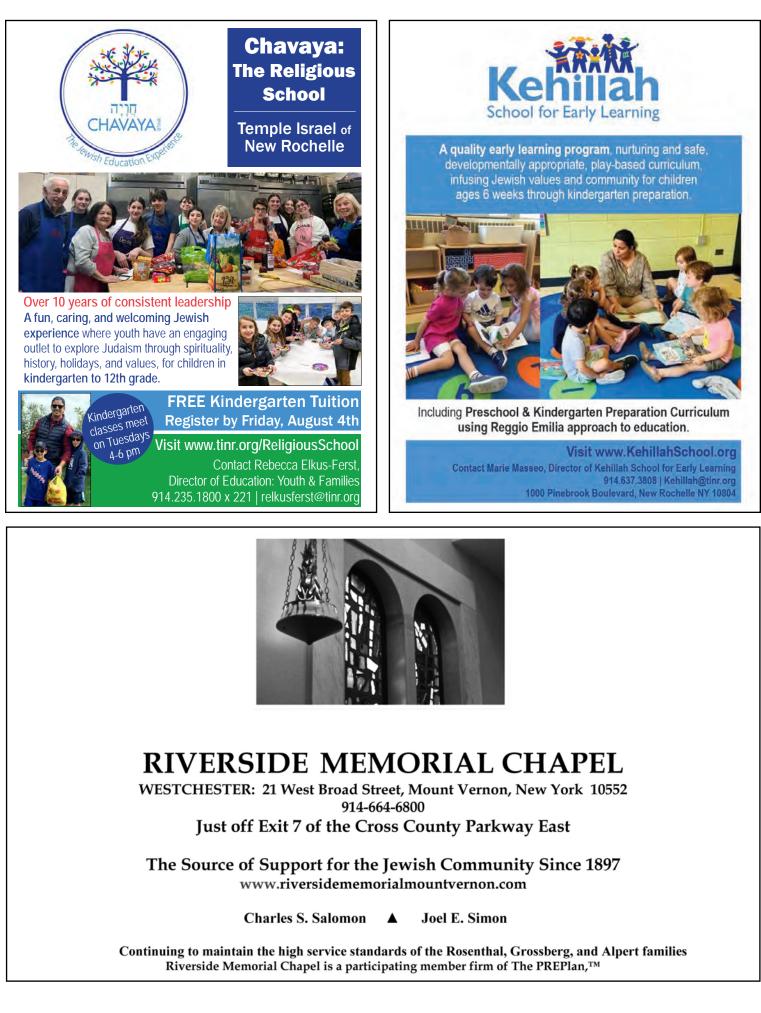
Joan Sanders Transportation Fund – To enable congregants who do not drive to get to services

Sisterhood Fund – Temple Israel of New Rochelle Sisterhood brings together all generations of women within our synagogue to serve our congregation. Our Sisterhood sponsors a variety of social, religious, and community activities throughout the year.

Social Action Fund – To support social action projects in our synagogue and neighborhood communities

Temple Israel Cares – Enables the committee to provide meals for congregants who have been hospitalized or are recovering from illness, to provide Shivah baskets, to give blankets for new babies born, to acknowledge milestone birthday, and to welcome new members

Youth Involvement Fund – Enhances youth programs



Why Temple Israel?

Chavaya: Religious School (K-12)

Kehillah Early Childhood

Camp Pinebrook

Inclusive and Fun







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