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Temple Topics will be
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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:

- Ellen Sandler, sister of Nancy Gavrin

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

Mazel Tov

- Thelma Fixler had her 104th birthday
- Beverly Hoffmann's mom had her 100th birthday
- Marilyn & Jason Morris celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary
- Jeremy & Rebecca Sigel celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary
- Britt & Marc Stier celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary
- Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich' on their engagement
- Sue & Mitchell Tarnopal on their daughter Dana's engagement
- David & Nancy Gavrin, on the birth of their great-grandson, William Gavrin-Davidoff
- Kenneth & Annette Stier, on the birth of their grandson, Jack Tucker Stier, born on August 29th
- Alexander Edwards and Zach Mangot, on becoming b'nei mitzvah. *You can read their bios on p. 10*

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Joseph & Carrie Goldberg, with Levi Goldberg
- Jeremy & Kelly Cotliar, with Noah, Benjamin, and Jacob Cotliar

Please say hello when you see them in the Temple.

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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A Few Notes About Chanukah

Cantor Rita Glassman

Chanukah 2023

Thursday, December 7th: 1st Candle First Night of Chanukah

5:30 pm Chanukah Candle Lighting

6:00 pm Latkes & Vodkas (with Brotherhood). Visit www.tinr.org/events/latkes-and-vodkas for more details.

Friday, December 8th: 2nd Candle

6:00 pm Community Shabbat & Chanukah Celebration with Consecration.

Cost: \$30 per adult • \$10 per child • Tots are FREE.

RSVP link coming soon!

Monday, December 11th: 5th Candle

5:30 pm Chanukah Candle Lighting

Tuesday, December 12th: 6th Candle

5:30 pm Chanukah Candle Lighting

6:15 pm Chavaya & Congregational Dinner for Chanukah with Chinese Food.

Cost: \$18 per family/couple, \$10 per individual. Visit www.tinr.org/events/chanukah-2023 to RSVP for this dinner.

Wednesday, December 13th: 7th Candle

5:30 pm Chanukah Candle Lighting

Thursday, December 14th: 8th Candle

5:30 pm Chanukah Candle Lighting

Friday, December 15th: Last Day of Chanukah

Visit www.tinr.org/Chanukah-2023 with the latest!

In the darkest and often coldest time of year, we celebrate the **Festival of Lights** known as **Chanukah**. It is a joyous eight-day celebration bringing light, joy and yummy foods such as “latkes” (potato pancakes) into our homes. In Israel and many other places, “sufganiyot” (donuts) are the celebrated Chanukah food. Basically, foods that are fried in oil remind us of the miracle of a single flask of oil found in the Temple in Jerusalem—desecrated by the Syrian armies in 165 B.C.E. and later reclaimed by a brave band of brothers known as “the Maccabees”. The little flask of oil was only supposed to last for one day, but miraculously, the oil, according to legend, burned brightly for eight whole days and nights.

Once back in Jewish hands after a three-year battle, the Maccabees “rededicated” their beloved Temple and in fact “Chanukah” means “rededication.” Our modern celebration of this Festival of Lights includes the lighting of a “menorah” or “chanukiah” each of the eight nights of the holiday, adding one candle each night until all eight candles are lit. With a “shamash” (the additional helper candle), we light and then recite blessings, sing special songs, and play games such as “dreidel” with a spinning top and letters on each side spelling “*Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*” meaning “**a great miracle happened there.**” The true miracle (in addition to the one associated with the little flask of oil) is that a small band of Jewish warriors overcame the formidable Syrian army, that the Jews survived and managed to maintain their faith and traditions despite the forces, including the Greek King Antiochus, who would have preferred that the Jews either convert or give up their beliefs, their culture, and their very lives.

Chanukah reminds us that while there is darkness in this world, there is also goodness, light, and hope, and as the late, great Jewish songstress Debbie Friedman put it—*“Not by might, nor by power, but by spirit alone shall we all live in peace...”*

Thanks to the strength of the Jewish spirit and indomitable faith of our people over the centuries, we celebrate this joyous holiday every year on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, filling our world with light and remembering the miracles bestowed upon us in ancient days and in these modern times as well.

Chanukah begins on Thursday, December 7th through Friday, December 15th.



From the President

Our Temple Israel Community ...Being Better Together



This year's celebration of the High Holy days, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah were exceedingly meaningful experiences. They have left me feeling full of purpose and belonging, and enhanced my eagerness to actively participate in what Temple Israel has to offer! I absolutely love being together with all of you, and want to thank you for the incredible support that I receive from this community.

Unfortunately, in just hours after Simchat Torah celebrations, a dark cloud hovered over Israel and the entire Jewish Community throughout the world. The shocking attack on Israel by Hamas has left us all heartbroken and stupefied. The unspeakable crimes against humanity committed by Hamas are impossible for decent human beings to make sense of. There is not a Jew in America who isn't affected by this act of barbarism. TINR stands in solidarity with Israel and mourns the loss of our brothers and sisters whose lives were senselessly taken, and our thoughts continue to be with those who have been kidnapped, and their families waiting with baited breath for word of their loved ones.

Our Clergy and lay leaders are here for us all to lean on for support or to pray and mourn together. Please reach out if you feel the need to talk. I always speak of us being better together, and sadly it often takes a time of crisis for us to truly feel what it means to be part of this great community, Temple Israel of New Rochelle.

Over the past month, we have put a special emphasis on our community's safety. We have been in regular contact with the New Rochelle police and other law enforcement including our local FBI. We have hired additional security, and have arranged for additional police presence at our campus.

While the focus is on Israel, we are still bringing programming and services to our TINR community. Being forward thinking with our programming, fixing the problems facing our aging facility, and enhancing our security takes financing. I hope you, too, feel moved and energized by everything you felt over these High Holy days and all you see happening within these walls and within the Jewish world, and ask that you consider supporting us, both financially and through your participation. The expenses are real and we continue to rely on our community for support.

Our Temple has many funds available that support a multitude of programs. Did you know that we have funds that support our building and grounds, music, Chavaya, Kehillah, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Torah repair, discretionary funds for the clergy - just to name a few! You can find a more complete list of funds on p. 21 of this Temple Topics. You can

make a donation in honor of a birthday, a birth, someone's passing...whatever choice you make, and as generous you are able to be, please know how grateful we are as a community. We all benefit from our ability to do more, provide more, and participate more. To those of you who continue to make Temple Israel a priority among your charitable contributions, I offer an extra special thank you.

Our next Community Shabbat is Friday, November 17th. If you have not yet joined us for one of these fun and delicious evenings, I encourage you to do so! Additionally... Chanukah is coming. What do you usually do for Chanukah? Why not get the season started with the Brotherhood for their annual Latkes and Vodkas on Thursday, December 7th (mark your calendars now).

Am Yisrael Chai – "The Nation of Israel Lives"

As always, if you have an idea - about anything (well, anything to do with TINR), please let me hear it! *You can email me: MOstrove@gmail.com or call or text: (201) 452-0166.*

Margie Ostrove
Temple President



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Headed South for the Winter?

Are you leaving soon? Give us a call, or or send an email to TempleIsrael@tinr.org to let us know so that "Temple Topics" can find you! We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings!

Learn Together with Adult Education



Jewish education is a lifelong obligation and pleasure. With millennia of text, traditions, history, and customs to learn, one is never finished learning. Adult study is an opportunity to grow, acquire knowledge, and wrestle with our texts and traditions. One of the areas that I would like to focus on over the next couple of years is developing a stronger adult Jewish education program at Temple Israel. While we have a wonderful Torah study program (every

Saturday at 9:00 am), Jewish study also includes liturgy and worship, theology and Jewish thought, biblical and rabbinic texts, Jewish culture, history, food, music, and so much more.

This year, we honor 150 years of Reform Judaism in America. Over that long period of time, Reform Jewish life has evolved greatly, especially when it comes to worship, religious practices, Israel, marriage, Hebrew, and the role of women. I will be teaching a series of classes about these subjects. This course will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm over 7 sessions during the year: November 14th and 28th, December 12th, January 16th and 30th, February 27th, March 12th. Each week will have a stand-alone topic that looks at the history, sociology, and theology in Reform American Jewish life. We will be able to use the living history of Temple Israel of New Rochelle as a case-study of these evolving trends.

Many of us wrestle with our understanding of a higher power. Some believe in God, while others are not sure. What is beautiful about Judaism is that there is a spectrum of understandings related to God and the divine relationship with humanity. There are many famous theological thinkers of the 20th century that offer relatable insight on how we can connect with the Divine in our lives. Therefore, Temple Israel would like to introduce "Brunch and Learn" this year. Brunch and Learn will take place on Saturday mornings starting at 10:30 am (after Torah study). Come have a nosh and join us for a conversation starting at 11:00 am. The first session will be November 11th, where we will be discussing Martin Buber's theology of "I and Thou", which teaches how God is the connection between people. The series continues on December 16th when the topic will be Abraham Joshua Heschel's teaching of "Sabbath," and about spirituality that goes beyond time and space. I look forward to offering more opportunities to explore modern Jewish thought in the winter and spring.

According to the Reform Rabbinate there are three pillars of Judaism: God, Torah, and Israel. In partnership with the Israel Action Committee, there will be multiple opportunities

to learn more about Zionism and Israel this year. We will be offering introductory courses that explore the idea of Jewish homeland and the early history of a modern Jewish homeland. We will also look at the relationship between Israel and its Arab neighbors. And we will be grappling with hard issues to gain a better understanding about Israeli society, culture, and politics. This will include learning about the current situation in Israel, amid these difficult times.

As people are more inclined to attend learning opportunities, Temple Israel will be offering a more robust adult education program. Next year we will be focusing on more practical tools for our families and the community. Jewish education is best when it leads to Jewish living and at home practices. Therefore, we will offer Jewish food and cooking classes. In addition, we will be developing supportive learning environments and groups for parents, especially those of other faith backgrounds. And there will be more opportunities for those who want to learn, or get reacquainted, with the basics including courses teaching Judaism 101, adult Hebrew, and adult b'nei mitzvah (for those who never had a bar or bat mitzvah as a child). I hope that you will take the opportunity this year, and in the future, to explore these courses and conversations. If there is something that you are inclined to learn about, please contact me.

L' Shalom,
Rabbi Jesse

Service Times / Closures

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

November 3rd: 6:00 pm (*Community Shabbat followed by dinner*)
November 10th: 7:00 pm (*Veterans' Blessings*)
November 17th: 6:00 pm (*Family Shabbat followed by Pizza*)
November 24th: 6:00 pm

December 1st: 6:00 pm
December 8th: 6:00 pm (*Chanukah/Consecration Celebration*)
December 15th: 6:00 pm
December 22nd: 7:00 pm (*with Torah Reading*)
December 29th: 6:00 pm

Temple Office and Kehillah School will be closed:

Thursday, November 23rd: *Thanksgiving*
Friday, November 24th: *Day After Thanksgiving*
Monday, December 25th: *Christmas / Federal Holiday*
Monday, January 1, 2024: *New Year's Day*

Cantor's Corner

The Joy of Chanukah in Song

Reflecting on the Terrorist Acts in Israel



As you may already have guessed, we are a Temple of innovation, inspiration and inclusiveness **WHO LOVE TO SING!** They say that singing is good for the liver, good for the soul and good, in general, for one's spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health. What then could be better than singing in your very own Jewish congregational choir?! On that note (no pun intended), I am enthusiastically inviting all Temple members who love to sing to join me for three rehearsals to prepare some wonderful and engaging Chanukah

music for our Community Shabbat and Chanukah Celebration service on Friday evening, December 8th at 6 pm. Our three rehearsals will take place on the following Wednesday evenings-November 15th, November 29th, and December 6th from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in our sanctuary. We will also be warming up vocally at 5:15 pm before the service on December 8th. Since we only have three rehearsals, I am requesting that interested singers make an extra effort to attend all three rehearsals. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

It has taken quite a while for TINR and most synagogues to return to choral singing after the pandemic woes and so we are especially grateful and excited to finally seize the moment and bring back the joy of choral singing to TINR this Chanukah.

These are the items you, who are interested in joining me, will need to bring to rehearsal-a pair of sunglasses and a sunhat if you have one (will explain later), a water bottle for good hydration, and mostly your joie de vivre, good humor, energy and passion for singing. For the moment I am taking the liberty of calling our little singing group- **SHIR CHADASH**-meaning **"A NEW SONG."**

So come one, come all, it's going to be great fun and I promise you a most de-**Light**-ful Chanukah experience in beautiful song and prayer. Chanukah begins on Thursday, December 7th and continues until Friday, December 15th.

Chag Urim Sameach!
"Happy Festival of Lights."

Cantor Rita

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It is hard to believe how fast life can change. Our congregation celebrated a beautiful Simchat Torah with joyous music, an aufruff blessing of an upcoming wedding couple, Cantor Glassman chanting the end and beginning of the Torah, children and adults dancing with the scrolls, and a wonderful Community Shabbat dinner! It was such a beautiful end to the High Holy Days season. And then on the morning of Saturday, October 7th, that sense of joy, peace, and beauty was destroyed.

At 6:30 am, Israeli time, 2000 rockets and mortar shells fired from Gaza, followed by 1500 terrorists breaching Israel's border from Gaza. They brought with them disgusting carnage of extermination, destruction, and hate. Over 200 civilians were taken hostage, and more than 1,300 Israelis were murdered. The callous actions of Hamas on October 7th will haunt Israel and the Jewish world for generations. This level of violence and Jewish hate has not been seen in decades.

How do we make sense of such despicable acts? We first need to own the sadness that is in our hearts. For our Israeli brethren who were slaughtered by those who hate Jews and hope to annihilate Israel. This action, as most terrorism acts, strived to create fear and instability. While our hearts are broken, we love Israel by standing up for it. We proudly say "I am a Zionist," and clearly articulate for Israel's right to exist in safety with its neighbors.

In these difficult times, it is vital that we support Israel. This can be done emotionally, politically, or financially. Too often the world sympathizes when Israel is attacked and chastises the country when it defends itself. America is one of the few true allies and partners with the state of Israel. Please continue to reach out to family and friends who are living through this pogrom of anti-Semitic hate, offering our love and concern.

We also empathize with the Palestinian victims of this war. Hamas does not represent all Gazans. Under this terrorist regime, there is a lack of freedom, including a life of poverty, danger, and hopelessness. While Israel has the full right to defend and protect itself, we hope that Israel will also protect civilians on both side of the border. As the Talmud says, "The one who destroys a life, it is as if he has destroyed the whole world; and the one who saves a life, it is as if he has saved the entire world."

God, we pray for peace and healing. Please bring wholeness to our broken world, where the divinity of humanity is respected and cherished. May we live in a world where hate is destroyed. Am Yisrael Chai – May Israel live with strength, health, and in peace. And God please be with us in our time of need, and heal our hearts as well.

L' Shalom,
Rabbi Jesse

To learn about our Cantor's activities supporting Israel in another time of need, visit <https://shorturl.at/anxXY>

Temple Israel is Grateful

Todah Rabah

Temple Fund

Hank & Joan Goldsmith
Janice Agatston, for Richard Lewis' speedy recovery
Valerie Etra, in appreciation of the High Holy Days
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of the engagement of Miki Gerblisch and Lloyd Robinson
Barbara Balik
Sari Bedevian, in appreciation of her Bimah honor

The Community Impact Benevity Fund

Toni Brackis, in memory of Frederick Brackis
Allen & Doris Chodock, in honor of Janice Agatston
Joseph & Marci DeBenedictis
Alan & Yvonne Epstein, in honor of Alan Ascher
Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Anita Aronoff; in honor of Liz Weingast
Roanne Gotthelf, in memory of Herbert & Beulah Danciger, and Leslie Wander
The Estate of Evelyn Jacobs
David & Penny Klein
Marc & Marjorie Mangot, in honor of their Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah
Ruth Metzger, in memory of Claude Metzger
Ronnie & David Parker, in memory of Peggy Weiss
Shmuel Vasser & Deborah Blatt
James & Elizabeth Weingast, in honor of Marilyn & Jason Morris
Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblisch, in honor of Miki's Torah Reading
Alan & Elaine Ascher

Brotherhood Fund

Alan & Elaine Ascher
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in honor of the engagement of Dana Tarnopal

Camp Pinebrook Fund

Alan & Elaine Ascher
Barbara & Butch Carlton

Barbara & Charles Coleman, in memory of Gigi Savelukes in honor of and appreciation of Allison Horn, in appreciation of Temple Clergy, administration, and maintenance staff

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Richard & Karen Balik, in honor of Cantor Rita and high holiday services
Valerie Etra, in honor of the High Holidays
Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Cantor Glassman's moderating the Social Action Committee event
Adele Ostrager, in honor of Rosh Hashanah
Alan & Elaine Ascher

Chavaya Program Fund

Valerie Etra, in appreciation
Joan & Hank Goldsmith, in honor of Jax Ciscone & Andy Krasner, High Holy Days torah reading, and in celebration of Hank's birthday in the Sukkah

Endowment

Alan & Elaine Ascher

Hospitality

David & Rachel Hirschl, in the honor of Hirschl's Bar Mitzvah

Kehillah Program Fund

Alan & Elaine Ascher

Music Fund

Janice Agatston, for the speedy recoveries of Bernie Miller and Richard Lewis

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Kenneth & Elizabeth Altschul
Richard & Karen Balik, in honor of Rabbi Jesse and High Holy Days services
Valerie Etra, in honor of the High Holy Days
Thelma Fixler
David & Miriam Fridovich

Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Rabbi Jesse
Gerald & Sandra Hyman
Michael & Michelle Klein
Chester Moss, in memory of Florence & Tobias Moss'
Arthur & Carol Ostrove, in memory of Ellen Sandler, sister of Nancy Gavrin
Alan & Elaine Ascher

Social Action Fund

John Reiches & June Streisand

Temple Israel Cares

David & Nancy Gavrin, in honor of the birth of their great grandson, William Gavrin-Davidoff
Toni Brackis, in honor of Lloyd & Miki's engagement; in honor of Thelma Fixler's 104th Birthday

Families Who Donated to Social Action with Membership Pledge

Janice Agatston
Mitchell & Brandy Benson
Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum
Derek & Jamie Deutsch
Gerald & Sandra Hyman,
Morris & Amy Marcus
Richard Marx & Deborah Rubin-Marx
Helene Reps
Heidi Siesfeld
Herbert Smith & Sharon Blinkoff
Jeffrey & Madeline Stier
Michael Weiss & Dalia Levine

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Jeffrey & Greta Berenbaum
Derek & Jamie Deutsch
Michael & Monica DiLorenzo
Gerald & Sandra Hyman,
Richard Marx & Deborah Rubin-Marx
Edward Pinals & Susan Germaine
Heidi Siesfeld
Herbert Smith & Sharon Blinkoff
Jeffrey & Madeline Stier
Michael Weiss & Dalia Levine

Community Shabbat Sponsorships

Brendan Cohen & Jessica Berenyi
Michael & May Goldberg
Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina
Jeremy & Rebecca Sigel
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

High Holy Days Contributions

(High Holy Days Donations, Scroll of Remembrance)
Janice Agatston
Mark & Susan Alcott
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Barbara Balik
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Beth Feldman
Saul & Lynn Fleer
Lawrence Fruchtman
Juliet Gobler
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Daniel & Nancy Rothenberg
Elaine Satuloff
Jeffrey & Madeline Stier
Bruce Turkle & Marcia Nackenson
John & Deniese Valvano
William Weil & Elaine Weiss
Michael Weiss & Dalia Levine
Alexander & Karen White

The TINR Board of Trustees meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30pm. All TINR members are warmly welcome to attend the meetings (and there are snacks!).

Our September 20 meeting began with review and approval of past meeting minutes, followed by Good & Welfare. Val Etra thanked the clergy, musicians, and all the others who worked together to make a profoundly lovely Rosh Hashanah service. The board strongly endorsed her gratitude. Brian Heaps noted that our long-term member Thelma Fixler noted her 104th birthday this past weekend. Happy upcoming birthday also to Cantor Emeritus Reps!

Next, Allie Horn, our Camp Director, reported on the success of Camp Pinebrook this past summer. 262 children attended! Allie reported that she focused on strengthening the programming of the older children in our camp (beyond the pre-schoolers who started Camp). Camp Pinebrook focused a good deal this past year on the physical facilities, and moving toward to 2024. We anticipate focusing also on fine-tuning the programming. 106 children are already registered! We are so grateful to Allie for all her hard work in making her first year at Camp Pinebrook such a wonderful success.

Rabbi Jesse commented on the end of his first year as Rabbi at TINR. He expressed gratitude to the board and congregants who have done so much to move TINR forward into its new phase. He noted particularly that he is looking forward to Simchat Torah, when we embark on another cycle, as each cycle moves us forward together.

TINR Treasurer Lloyd Robinson reported that our 2022-2023 fiscal year ended with a budget surplus \$231,000, close to the anticipated surplus. Of note, member support came in \$50,000 over budget. As previously decided, the budget surplus is used to repay to the endowment, which was used to establish a loan for Camp Pinebrook.

In her Executive Director's Report, Anita reported that we currently have 348 active member families. Our pace of new membership is at a notably high level compared to recent years. The board unanimously approved the new members, deaths, and resignations with corrections.

In her (first!) President's Report, Margie Ostrove particularly thanked Brian Heaps (Immediate Past President) and Rabbi Jesse on developing our proposed code of Ethics. She additionally thanked Lee Jagoda for taking up leadership of the 30's and 40's Club. A congregant family donated \$2,500 toward 30's and 40's programming. The board unanimously voted to accept the donation. She also reported that David Soberman has developed a TINR Pickleball program, beginning in late October, in our new gym. There will be instructor-led and open-play options.

In Committee Reports, Alan Fishbein noted upcoming Brotherhood events. October will feature a "Beer Mitzvah" – IPA testing event. Toni Brackis reported on the meaningful gratitude the congregation has expressed for Temple Israel Cares.

The air conditioning system in TINR is original to the building, and thus is older than many people reading this post. Last year, we renovated 1/3 of our cooling system, but major renovation is needed to bring the remaining system into the modern age. The board discussed the engineering evaluation necessary to determine the full scope of the work. The board approved enlisting Johnson Control (with whom we have a longstanding existing relationship) for a preliminary evaluation. The project will include a study of air flow, and energy use, as well as the design of a new system, including mechanical engineer.

We continue to have intermittent leaks in our roofs. We have three remaining flat roofs that are also original to the building. The board approved moving forward with obtaining quotes and choosing a vendor to repair the roof.

The board discussed and approved a TINR Code of Ethics. The motivation and draft document arose from the URJ, and the TINR strongly supports the endeavor. The draft was unanimously approved.

Committee Chairs: the new nominated committee chairs were unanimously approved. Thank you to all of them for their incredibly valuable contributions to TINR!

Finance: Lloyd Robinson, Nominating: Brian Heaps, Compensation: Margie Ostrove, Ritual: Dianne Heaps and Dan Weiser, Social Action: Michael Goldberg, Israel Action: Paul Warhit, Cemetery: Herb Smith, House & Grounds: Jeff Berenbaum, Security: Ken Handelman, Temple Israel Cares: Toni Brackis, Marjorie Mangot

The board met on October 18 for its usual monthly meeting. The meeting began with approval of the minutes from prior meetings, then good and welfare. Toni wished Marilyn & Jason Morris a happy 25th wedding anniversary. The board then joined in congratulating Lloyd & Miki on their engagement!

Cantor Glassman described the process of developing high holy days services and services in general, emphasizing the importance of the clergy relationship in crafting services that are specifically meaningful to this congregation. She expressed gratitude for Rabbi Jesse as a clergy partner. The Cantor also described some of the many community activities that our clergy are involved with as representatives of TINR in New Rochelle, in Westchester County, and beyond. The Cantor recently participated in a NYC event with the first US screening of the movie *The Great Synagogue of Vilna*. The Cantor also recommended that congregants looking for a smile consider attending Kehillah Shabbat on Fridays at 10:30 am.

The Rabbi led the board in a prayer and a moment of silence for those who have been injured or killed in Israel and Gaza in this past week. He then reflected on the past year and a half, reinforcing Cantor Glassman's message about how much he enjoys being part of this clergy team. He praised the work of the board and congregation in expanding the programming at TINR and expressed great optimism that TINR is moving forward in a beautiful way.

Lloyd Robinson presented his Treasurer's Report. Member donations remain strong. With the inclusion of one large donation in October, we have exceeded our FY 23-24 anticipated member contributions. Budget details are available from Anita upon request.

Anita Aronoff presented her Executive Director's report, and the board voted unanimously to accept two new TINR member families.

The board then had an extensive discussion of security measures at TINR. With hostilities in Israel and Gaza, the City of New Rochelle has markedly increased rounds through New Rochelle synagogues. The board also discussed the longer-term need for an increased security presence at TINR and how to pay for such a presence. The board supported making a special appeal to congregants to make a voluntary contribution to the security costs.

Ken Handelman chairs the TINR Security Committee. Any congregants interested in participating in that committee are strongly encouraged to reach out to him at (203) 506-3362. In addition, if you are interested in volunteering as part of our security team during Chavaya or other high-traffic times, please reach out to Ken.

Berdie Stein reported on the robust schedule of Sisterhood events. She encouraged board participation in their programming. Allen Fishbein reported on upcoming Brotherhood events and similarly encouraged participation. David Soberman reported on the launch of TINR Pickleball in November. The current roster is fully booked. One session is instructor-led, and two are without instruction. David thanked Orietta for her outstanding marketing.

Land Usage discussion. TINR owns a large parcel of land, including a three-acre, hilly, wooded section. This land was designated "Parcel B" in a land-use evaluation that TINR performed many decades ago. The board has on several occasions in the past considered the pros and cons of leasing or selling this parcel of land, vs. the value of retaining the land or possibly developing it ourselves. The board is working to develop a shared mental model about the use of "Parcel B."

Brian Feinblum questioned whether TINR plans to make a donation in support of Israel. Donations from the *tzedakah* box for this month will be forwarded to Magan David Adom. In addition, the Rabbi is directing funds from the Rabbi's fund to support Israel. Sisterhood is also considering a fundraiser to support Israel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.





Our Chavaya HIGHLIGHTS!

B'nei Mitzvah

Mazel Tov!



Since opening day on September 12th, we have had many highlights within our Chavaya community.

1. As part of our Sukkot learning experience, we made over 200 lunches for HOPE Community Services. Our children learned that Sukkot is a harvest holiday and we give thanks for the food we have while providing for those who are food insecure.

2. Our Ahleem (5th & 6th grade) began their Lifecycle curriculum and learning about Brit Milah ceremony with Dr. Barry Meisel, a trained physician and mohel.

3. The Intergenerational Better Together program that matches tweens/teens with an adult buddy in the community kicked off its programming in October and enjoyed getting to know each other through "Cupcake Wars." This year's Teen Participants are: Layla Arbetter, Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher, Jax Ciscone, Olivia Feinblum, Devin Ferrucci, Layla Grabel, Vivian Goldman, Ellie Roberge and Elliot Weiser. This year's Adult Participants are: Janice Agatston, Toni Brackis, Barbara Coleman, Hank Goldsmith and Joan Goldsmith, and Morris Marcus.

4. Our teen trip to Amsterdam is set to take place during the Spring break, Sunday, March 24th-Saturday, March 30th. The trip will be led by Rabbi Jesse and Rebecca Elkus-Ferst. The following teens will be participating: Layla Arbetter, Sasha Arbetter, Samara Brecher, Sophie Dingee, Olivia Feinblum, Bella Fernandez, Louis Fernandez, Devin Ferrucci, Danica Frey, Vivian Goldman, Andy Krasner, Talya Langer, Charlie Mangot, Henry Meisner, and Ellie Roberge.

On Friday, December 8th we will celebrate Chanukah with our Community Shabbat service and Chanukah programming for kids of all ages. We will also recognize our new Chavaya students: Oliver Bren, Isabel Gevada, Jack Jagoda, Noah Levy, Stella Muhlfelder, Alexandra Robertson, Greta Sigel, Piper Sommer, Maya Wiener, Ella Zampolin, Noah Cotliar, Charlie Kesten, Remy Schwartz, Orli Schwartz, Alana Muhlfelder, Gemma Sommer, Georgia Mwangi, Miriam Kaufman, Maxie Camhi, Andrew Gevada, Adeline Lubell, Vera Robertson, Coby Schwartz, Dylan Sommer and Avery Goldstein. Please mark your calendars because this is an event not to be missed!

Wishing you and your family a meaningful Thanksgiving and Happy Chanukah,

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Director of Education: Youth & Family



My name is **Alexander Edwards** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 4th. I will be chanting from *Vayera* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents Marisa & Brian Edwards, and my siblings, Sienna and Avery. I am in the 8th grade at Eastchester Middle School.

Outside of school, I do Taekwondo at Hiawatha Martial Arts. I love drawing and playing video games.

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered by helping 2nd and 3rd graders doing activities with them, and helping them practice their Hebrew. This project is important to me because I like sharing the Jewish religion with kids.

My favorite cake flavor is tiramisu.

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



My name is **Zach Mangot**, and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 9th. I will be chanting from *Vayeshev* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Isarel with my parents, Marjorie & Marc, and my brother Charlie.

Outside of school, I play travel baseball, enjoy cooking, and spending time with my friends.

For my Mitzvah Project, I volunteered as a teacher's assistant in the 1st and 2nd grades at Chavaya. I chose this project because being a role model and passing along Jewish traditions to the younger kids is important to me. It made me feel good to give back to the Temple community.

My favorite cake flavor is vanilla.

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

Chavaya & Congregational Dinner for Chanukah with Chinese Food on Tuesday December 12th. See p. 3 for details.



So Much Behind ... So Much Ahead!



It was with great joy that ... Kehillah celebrated High Holy Days filled with stories from Rabbi Jesse and Morah Rebecca, encouraging our children to think about ways to be kind to each other and our families while song filled our hearts with spirit from Cantor Glassman.

Welcome Back to Shabbat... On Friday, September 29th, for the first time since COVID, Kehillah

welcomed back parents and grandparents to *Morning Shabbat*. In the midst of a storm, we greeted our parents and grandparents to the Sanctuary to share in Shabbat, a Challah snack and a Sukkot activity.

We were blessed to have so many families venture to the temple on such a rainy day. We are so happy to have you back.

Parents Connecting...

Our Parents Committee – PACK Parents & Caregivers of Kehillah welcomes Katie Gorman leading the way in connecting our parents- whether it's supporting the faculty with monthly treats to planning an event for this December for parents and children to attend – we are grateful to our Kehillah parents for their support & service.

In Our Classrooms...

Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, and K-Prep started enrichment activities in music with *Marc the Music Man*, *Mary from Gym on Wheels*, and *Yoga with Emily* for the school year.

In November, Preschool, and K-Prep look forward to a visit from the *Materials Trailer* sponsored *Teaching Beyond the Square* bringing loose parts donated by NYC companies to be reused and repurposed supporting our *Emergent Reggio Inspired Curriculum*. We are so pleased to bring this experience back for our children.

Looking Ahead...

We look forward to the Chanukah tradition of meeting in the Temple lobby to light the Menorah and sing songs. Our children will create their own menorahs and share in *sufganiyot* (Israeli Donuts) and *latkes*. We have invited a special guest, Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk to share stories of Chanukah.

We continue to be grateful to the Temple Community for supporting Kehillah's mission to provide an enriching, safe environment for children to learn and grow in while providing hours to support families.

Kehillah currently offers a waiting list for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers – with some available spaces remaining in K-Prep.

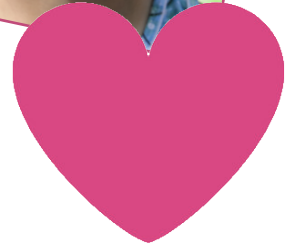
Please feel free to reach out to Marie Masseo at (914) 637-3808 ext 247 for more information about Kehillah.

Marie Masseo
Kehillah School Director





Carrying Gigi Forward



In the fall of 2021, I was starting another school year and I remember the principal telling us that circumstances surrounding COVID were getting better, and we were “moving on.” I was struck in that moment with a terrible feeling of sadness, having nothing to do with his positive outlook, but rather with my own turmoil. I had lost my father the previous January to COVID. It was an agonizing three months during which I was powerless to help. I’m a problem

solver by nature, and always the one in my family to right the ship in rough waters. My attempts to ease his situation were futile, the seas were too rough. I struggled mightily with the idea that things were continuing on without him here. How does the captain of a ship continue to sail when one of its crew has perished on their watch? “Moving On” felt like I was leaving him behind. Months later I shared my story with a friend who said, “You’re not leaving him behind, you’re carrying him forward.” Carry him forward. His spirit is here, with me every day, in everything I do and everything I am. Those three words changed my life.

Last summer, Camp Pinebrook was graced with the presence of a very special little girl; someone who changed all our lives. Gigi came to camp with her two younger siblings, on the condition that she might miss some time because she was receiving cancer treatment. I had met her when she and her beautiful family toured camp in the spring. Gigi was upbeat, had a twinkle in her eye, and was excited about the prospect of a summer filled with fun beside her best friend, Ella. From day one, she loved camp and participated in whatever activities her body allowed her to, always with the biggest smile and an incredibly positive spirit. As summer wore on, it became more difficult for Gigi to be at camp. Her last day was Friday, August 4th, the day of our Camp Talent Show. We knew Gigi wasn’t feeling well, but she and Ella brought the house down with their rendition of Katy Perry’s *Firework*. It was a magical moment that will forever be etched in our memories and hearts.

Several weeks after camp ended, Gigi passed. Our camp family continues to grieve with her parents, siblings, and friends. Her loss is unthinkable, and yet we are tasked with creating another summer of fun, laughter, and magic without her. Gigi’s spirit lives in the deepest part of our collective souls and our hearts are broken. How can we move forward when there is so much sadness?

We carry her forward.

We will honor Gigi’s spirit of positivity and courage by ensuring that our campers receive everything she gave to us: laughter, fun, faith, and love. Her memory will be present in

everything we do, and in every piece of camp, and we will never leave her behind. She’ll be with us, always.

We dedicate Summer 2024 to Genevieve Christine Favelukes, with love and gratitude for lessons taught and received.

Carry her forward, we shall.

Allison Horn
Camp Director

Some Camp Memories





Wednesdays
November 1st, December 6th
7:00 - 9:00 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



Friday, November 3rd
6:00 pm Community Shabbat Service followed by dinner

Let's Pray • Eat • Enjoy • Together again

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

Visit www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbat for details, and to RSVP!



Tuesday, November 7th
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join Rabbi Jesse in sharing worship reflections, a little brown liquor, along with other refreshments and food.

All adults (18+) are welcome! This is a FREE event!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/bourbon-bible to RSVP!



Friday, November 10th
7:00 pm

Join us in blessing our Veterans during this special Shabbat Service. No RSVP, just join us in the Sanctuary.

Adult Education

Two Opportunities!

1. Explore the 150-year Evolution of Reform Judaism in America: Historical, Sociological, and Philosophical Perspectives on **Tuesdays 7:30 pm**, beginning on November 14th.
2. "Brunch & Learns" are being offered on these **Saturdays 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**:
November 11th – Martin Buber - "I and Thou – Sacred Relationships"
December 16th – Abraham Joshua Herschel - "Sabbath – Holiness in Time & Space"

More details at www.tinr.org/events/adult-education.

RSVP to Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg at jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org for these two opportunities, which is not required, but is appreciated.

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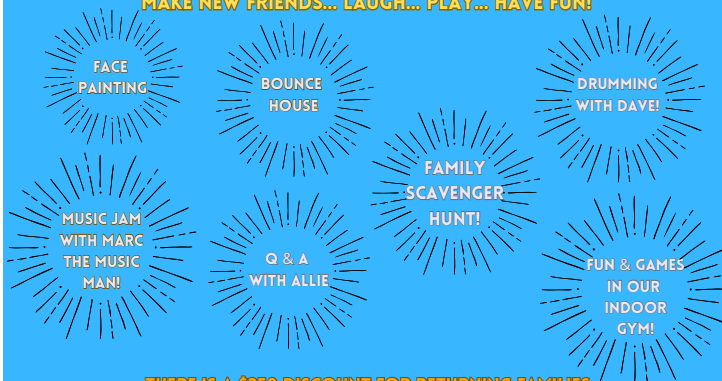


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**Thursday, November 16th,
7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Learn to create a beautiful holiday arrangement with master florist Robert Sloop of Colonial Village Flowers Scarsdale. Flowers and vases provided. Just bring your clippers! Get ready for the holiday decorating!

Cost: \$36 per person (includes flowers, vases, and refreshments)
 Deadline: Monday, November 13th. Space is limited.

Visit www.tinr.org/events/flower-arranging for details, and to RSVP!



**Friday, November 17th,
Service: 6:00 - 6:40 pm
FREE Pizza Dinner: 6:40 - 7:30 pm**

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

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!

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For more information contact: Donna Bartell at donna@wjcouncil.org
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**Thursday, December 7th,
6:00 pm - 12:00 am**

A Temple favorite, Latkes & Vodkas! "Work" will begin with frying latkes, drinking of vodka, all to support the Chanukah celebration!

More details to follow, so stay tuned to eblast mentions, and
Visit www.tinr.org/events/flower-arranging for details, and to RSVP!



**Pickleball
League**

If you missed it this time around, check out MORE Instructor Led sessions and MORE Open Play opportunities in the coming Winter months!

Questions? Contact David Soberman at davidsoberman@gmail.com or download the TeamReach app to sign up for sessions.

Visit www.tinr.org/events/pickleball-league for more information, open up the weekly eblasts on Thursday, or scan here!




**Monday, November 27th
6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Taught by Pilates instructor and Temple Israel congregant Jackie Saril.

Healthy salad dinner will be served after the class. Please bring a mat.


Visit www.tinr.org/events/pilates

Just In!

**Brotherhood /
Sisterhood
Wine Tasting**
Thursday, January 25th

Brotherhood JewPardy
Saturday, February 10th

**Sisterhood/
Brotherhood/Library
Bagels & Books**
Sunday, March 3rd



Sisterhood

More & More!

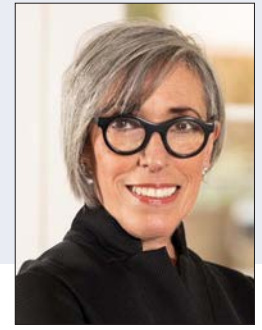
What a fabulous Fall it has been at our Temple! Celebrating the High Holy Days together in worship with Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Glassman was such a joyful and meaningful way to bring in the New Year.

What a fun *Savory & Sweet Cooking* event with expert chef and cookbook author Nancy Wolfson-Moche! Well attended by our Temple cooks and bakers. We made and ate our Napa Cabbage Scroll-Ups and baked delicious Chocolate Rugalech which barely lasted the evening! A shout out of thanks to all who came – we’re having another class soon so keep your eyes peeled for the date and plan on joining us.

Be sure to mark your calendars and RSVP to an exciting and new learning event on November 16th at 7:00 pm. In time for the holidays, Robert Sloop of Colonial Village Flowers will help us learn to create fresh flower centerpieces. Be sure to sign up early as space will be limited!



Greta Berenbaum
Sisterhood@tinr.org
Sisterhood Co-President



Berdie Stein
Sisterhood@tinr.org
Sisterhood Co-President

Of course, our very popular *Mah Jongg & Canasta Game Night* continues on Wednesdays: November 1st and December 6th. Please sign up no matter what your level of play. Watch for future Pilates & Salad nights also!

And following the very successful *Beer Mitzvah* beer tasting event with our Brotherhood, save the date for our joint wine tasting event Thursday, January 25th. Details will follow.

Greta and I wish you a very Happy Holiday season and hope to see you soon!

**Just In! Pilates & Salad, Monday November 27th!
RSVP today on www.tinr.org**

Brotherhood

Latkes Coming!

Hope everyone had meaningful and happy, Holy Days.

At the time that we are writing this, Israel has been attacked by Hamas terrorists. Many people have been killed, injured, and taken hostage. Everyone at TINR has connections to Israel. We stand with Israel at this time and peace can be restored to the region.

On a happier note, we had 29 attendees who took over the Mamaroneck Movie Theater to view the film, *Golda!*

Coming up on November 7th will be *Bourbon & Bible* which has been a fun evening of sampling bourbons and the Rabbi leading us in discussion.

On December 7th we will work towards our goal of 1000 latkes being made for the Temple Community Shabbat and Chanukah celebration at Latkes & Vodkas!

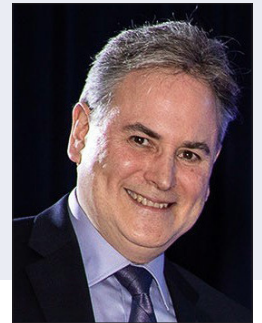
Some other programs being planned and coming up in the next year are a wine event co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Of course, we will have our encore of *Jewpardy* in February and a tour of Jewish Harlem in May.

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.

Gary and Allen



Allen Fishbein
Brotherhood@tinr.org
Brotherhood Co-President



Gary Frey
Brotherhood@tinr.org
Brotherhood Co-President



Savory & Sweet Cooking Event, with Sisterhood!



Rugelach

Ingredients to make about 30

For the dough:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) Myoko's European style cultured vegan butter (unsalted)
- 8 ounces Crystal Farms Neufchahtel Cheese, at room temperature for 30 mins
- 2 cups + 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tablespoon confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

For the fillings:

- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup chopped pistachio nuts
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup dark or semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 apple (any variety good for baking, like Granny Smith or Gala)

Process

Make the dough.

1. In a glass or stainless steel bowl (or with a paddle mixer), combine the vegan butter, cheese, flour, confectioners' sugar, and vanilla until the dough just comes together.
2. Divide the dough in half, dust each ball in flour, wrap each piece in parchment paper, and flatten into two discs. Refrigerate overnight (ideally) or for 6 hours.

Make the fillings.

1. In a small bowl, mix the pistachios, walnuts, sugar and cinnamon, combining it well. Set aside.
3. Peel the apple and shave it into paper-thin pieces; set aside.

Assemble the rugelach.

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.
3. Remove the dough from the refrigerator and immediately roll it out by spreading some flour on the rolling pin and on a hard surface.
4. Place one disc of the dough on the surface, sprinkling it with a bit more flour. Roll out the dough into a large circle, about ¼"-thick.
5. Use a paring knife to cut the circle into about 12 equal triangular sections.
6. Place desired filling (either cinnamon-nut mixture with or without apple shavings, chocolate chips, or everything) along the wider part of each triangle, extending it about halfway up the triangle.
Roll the rugelach from the wide bottom up to the point of the triangle. Pastry will resemble a croissant. Place it on a parchment-lined cookie sheet.
7. Repeat with the second dough disc until you've made 24 rugelach. Note: if desired, you may whisk an egg to make an egg wash to brush onto the tops of each pastry.
8. Bake in the upper third of the oven for about 20 minutes, until light brown.
9. Cool. Serve within 2 days. Note: rugelach freeze well.

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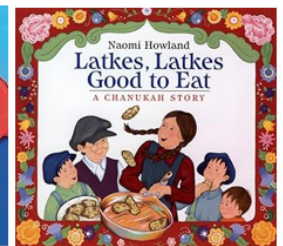
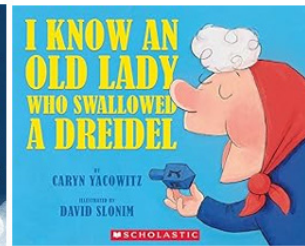
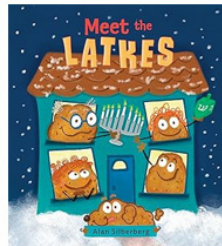
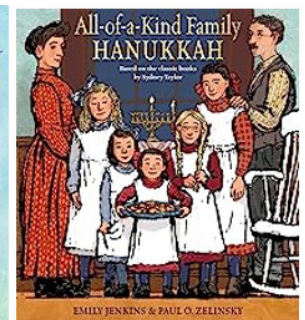
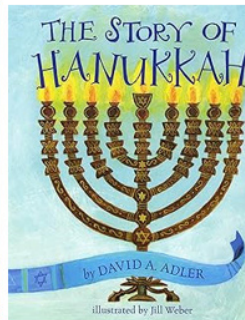
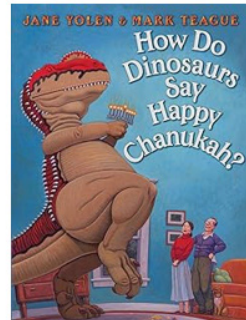
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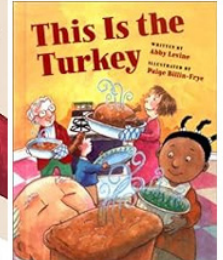
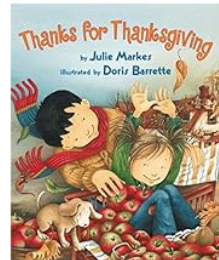
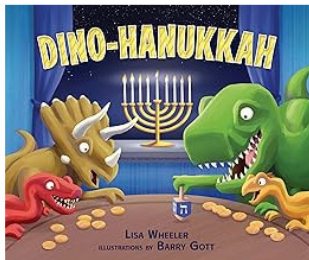
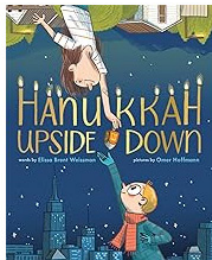
"Beer Mitzvah" with Brotherhood!

Celebrate Chanukah With Reading

Celebrate the 8 Nights of Chanukah with some old favorites ...



... and NEW ones!



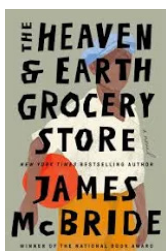
And, don't forget Thanksgiving!

Lots more on display! New adult books added weekly! The library doors are always open!
Request books on our website at: www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibrary/TINR

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

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

Just In! The "Bagels & Book" Event with Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and the Library!



Sunday, March 3rd, 9:30 am
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride

In this bestselling novel, McBride, exposes long-held secrets from a dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side, sharing ambitions and sorrows. They support one another and struggle to survive at the margins of damaging bigotry, hypocrisy, and deceit. When the past is revealed, McBride shows that it is love and community – heaven and earth- that ultimately sustains us.
Read it now! Copies can be reserved on our library website.

Chanukah Candles & Latkes

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*Polish your menorahs
Line your candles up as well.
We're offering a recipe
That you'll surely think is swell.*

*Fry up your potatoes
And create a beautiful sight.
Let us join together
To celebrate the Holidays of Lights!*

Cajun Sweet Potato Latkes

Don't wait for Chanukah to make these fabulous funky latkes!

Ingredients

- 2 pounds (about 3 large) sweet potatoes, peeled
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon Cajun spice
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- peanut oil
- sour cream or non-dairy sour cream (optional)

Directions

- Using the coarse grating disc of a food processor, grate the sweet potatoes. Transfer to a large bowl.
- In a small bowl, whisk the eggs. Add the Cajun spice into the eggs and whisk. Mix in the cilantro.
- Add egg mixture to the grated potatoes.
- In a large skillet, heat the peanut oil until very hot but not smoking.
- Add the sweet potato mixture 1/4 cup at a time. Fry each side until golden. Drain on paper towels. Repeat until all potatoes are used.
- Serve with sour cream, if desired.



Tzedakah Is Digital @ TINR!

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

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

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

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

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

Send Money With

Search for
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*in your banking or Zelle app
to be able to donate!*



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



Toni Brackis
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Temple Israel Cares
Co-President



Marjorie Mangot
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Temple Israel Cares
Co-President



Welcome Michele!

Michele Birnbaum is the newest member of the Administrative team and holds the position of Program and Office Administrator.

Originally from Queens, NY, Michele moved to New Rochelle in 1999 to raise her family. She became a member of Temple Israel in 2004, where both of her sons attended preschool, religious instruction, and had their bar mitzvahs. Prior to working at Temple Israel, Michele

taught nursery, pre-k, and kindergarten at Mount Tom Day School for seventeen years. For the last four years she has been part of the leadership team at Camp Pinebrook.

Michele is married with two grown children and is excited to be on staff at TINR!

You can reach Michele at MicheleBirnbaum@tinr.org

Welcome Michele!



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!



Welcome Gabi Cohn!

For those who have not yet met me, my name is Gabi Cohn, and I am the Rabbinic Intern serving with the Clergy. Some of you may have already met me!

In the past couple of weeks, I have been in California at Guide Dogs for the Blind training on how to use a guide dog. I am legally blind, meaning I have some useable vision, but am considered blind by the United States definition of blindness. I have been learning how

to care for the dog, the commands to use, and how to navigate different types of environments. My dog's name is Josie and she is a black lab. She is very sweet and friendly and does a great job helping guide me around. Josie will be working while at TINR and if you want to pet her, please ask me first. I am excited to take this new step in my life with the TINR community and look forward to my dog becoming an equal part of such a wonderful community.

Cantor Glassman at the Annual Nusakh Vilne Memorial Program: Film Screening & Concert at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in NYC

YIVO featured the American premiere of *The Secrets of the Great Synagogue of Vilna*, a new documentary by Loïc Salfati, on Wednesday, September 27th.



List of Funds

Support Temple Israel

Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

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

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Thank you!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chavaya Program Fund – To support Chavaya programs

Endowment Fund – Used to maintain and expand religious, educational, cultural, social, and philanthropic activities of the Temple

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

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

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

Kehillah School Childhood Program Fund – To support Kehillah programs

Sidney & Ruth Lapidus Fund – For adult education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Involvement Fund – Enhances youth programs





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