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The deadline for the
March/April 2024
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:

- Jay Kaufman, husband of Elaine Kaufman
- Philip Goldberg, grandfather of Alana Davis
- Thomas Garten, husband of Mary Garten
- Sharon Pincus, mother of Anne Casey

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

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to...

- Dr. Jill Ostrager Cohen being honored by the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence, at their 23rd Annual Foundation Awards Gala on Thursday, February 1st.
- Richard & Birgitte Stoerger, on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Preben Richard, born on Thanksgiving morning to parents Victoria & Kevin.
- Paul & Ilissa Warhit on the marriage of their daughter, Natalie.
- The Sharing Shelf, led by Deborah Blatt, being honored by the Port Chester Youth Bureau and Grandpa's United 2023 Community Agency Award.

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

- Joanna & James Lacy, with their children Taylor and Henry.

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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Rabbi's Note

Out of Tragedy...



As the year 2024 begins, Israel is challenged to assess its security situation beyond its immediate need of border security. After months of war, Israel will need to decide what long-term objectives it has with the Palestinian people and Arab neighbors. The attacks of October 7th broke the status quo. And so now, Israel must decide how to move forward. This is true also internally for Israel, looking at its national leadership regarding

intelligence, military, and politics.

First and foremost, there are still over 100 hostages held in Gaza. Any hope for tranquility will require many of these victims to be freed. This will likely require a cease-fire, as well as freeing hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. Second, the fighting is not just between Hamas in Gaza and the Israelis. Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthi rebels in Yemen are also launching rockets. For these attacks to stop, Iran needs to get involved in the negotiation, because they control and have heavy influence on these militias.

It is hard to predict what will take place in the next year. This could be like another Lebanon-Israeli war where intermittent fighting continues until the next aggression leads to war. And yet, I hope, out of tragedy comes new possibilities. For example, one outcome of the Yom Kippur War (1973) was the Israeli-Egypt Peace Treaty (1979) between Anwar Sedat and Menachem Begin. The challenge for peace is both internal and external. Both Israeli and Palestinian society are highly fractured. Israel was near civil war before October 7th. The majority of Israelis distrust Prime Minister Netanyahu. In addition, there are very strong nationalistic parties who do not believe in giving land for peace. This means that Israeli society is likely not ready for any long-term solutions. In addition, Israel does not have a peace partner. The Palestinian Authority is inept in its role of leadership. Israel will need to find a Palestinian partner who will rebuild Gaza and bring stability into the region. It is likely that the Palestinian leadership will only have the bandwidth to rebuild homes and infrastructure for over 2 million displaced people in Gaza. It seems like the immediate humanitarian needs will dominate any agenda of a Palestinian government.

With all these complexities the Israel Action Committee is offering a winter series regarding the difficult topics. Please join us as we discuss on Sunday, January 28th at 10am, "Hamas Terror-How the World Forces Israel to Respond." It will be a discussion limited to 30 people (breakfast included). Paul Warhit will engage participants to think deeply on how Israel is responsible for keeping the terrorist organization in check. On Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm, Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer from the Shalom Hartman Institute will be joining

Israel Action Committee *3-Part Series*

The Israel Action Committee invites you to a 3-Part Series "Understanding Israel"

Sunday, January 28th, 10:00 am

Hamas Terror - How the World Forces Israel to Respond

Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00 pm

Where Do We Go From Here? Israel's Next Chapter
Temple Israel in cooperation with...

Monday, March 4th, 7:00 pm

The Obstacles to a Two-State Solution Between Israel and Palestinians

*For more details and to RSVP visit
www.tinr.org/understanding-israel*

us to discuss "Where Do We Go from Here? Israel's Next Chapter". His scholarship and insight will be a very insightful conversation dissecting the challenges within Israeli society facing the multiple challenges the country faces after the war with Hamas. And lastly, on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 pm, "The Obstacles to a Two-State Solution." I will present an in-depth look at why this goal has remained so elusive for generations. The Israel Action Committee invites you to join these wonderful programs to better understand what is happening in Israel.

I am also excited to share that our Chavaya children and their families helped local artist, Michael Alpert, make an art piece that represents the beauty and diversity of Israel. During these difficult times, it is important for our students to learn how special and beautiful Israel is. The mural reads "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh- All Jews are Responsible for One Another." It will be a permanent reminder in our lobby that we stand in love and support of Israel.

As a community, we will continue to pray for Israel and all victims of this war, we hope for a true and lasting peace. And we will continue to support Israel through acts of education, advocacy, and charity throughout the year.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Jesse

Support Israel!

We Stand With Israel ...

We Stand With Israel...Come and Stand With Us!

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, all Israel, and all inhabitants of this earth.
"Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei teyvel."

TRIP TO ISRAEL

We are still moving forward with planning the Trip to Israel for 2025, for Thursday, February 13th – Sunday, February 23rd. Will you join us? On September 12th we had a meeting with resounding interest. If you are interested and want to start planning, please let Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg, Clergy Assistant, know at jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org.

EVENTS

- In cooperation with the Israel Action Committee, on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Rabbi Jesse shared the details and background of the Israeli struggle. Visit www.tinr.org/we-stand-with-israel for the presentation.
- The Bourbon & Bible event (with Brotherhood), facilitated by Rabbi Jesse on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, explored using the Bible to better understand the complexities of Jerusalem. If you were not able to attend, please visit www.tinr.org/we-stand-with-israel for the presentation.
- Join adult "Brunch & Learns" so that we can further connect with our Judaism. They will be given in January and February 2024. Please open weekly eblasts, review the Shabbat Leaflet when attending services, and visit www.tinr.org for up and coming educational opportunities.
- Sisterhood is supporting Israel! On Monday, November 27th, Sisterhood sponsored a Pilates & Salad. The suggested donation is \$18 to support Magen David Adom's 33,000 paramedics, EMTs, first responders, and first-aid providers, have the training, equipment, and medical supplies they need to treat all injured and ill people in Israel. Contact Sisterhood@tinr.org to make a donation. There is also another Pilates & Salad on Monday, January 22nd. See p. 16 for details.

SUPPORT CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Listed below are charities and organizations that will be supporting Israel and displaced Gazans. Hamas' terrorist acts have hurt so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with Israel. We pray for peace and safety, and the return of those kidnapped. We also mourn for the many losses of life. Our hearts are broken and we want all Israelis to know that we love and support them. Visit www.tinr.org/we-stand-with-israel for active links for the groups below.

- UJA Federation of NY Israel Emergency Fund
- American Friends of Magen David Adom
- Doctors Without Borders
- FIDF – Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces
- International Committee of the Red Cross
- Jewish Agency for Israel
- Sheba Medical Center– Tel Aviv
- Soroka Hospital – Be'er Sheva
- Tzofim Garin Tzabar – Lone Soldiers (Americans serving in the Israeli Defense Forces)
- UNICEF – United Nations Children's Fund
- United Hatzalah – Emergency Medical Response

WELCOME ARTIST, MICHAEL ALBERT

Michael Albert, American Pop Artist, who has visited Kehillah and Chavaya already a few time sharing his artistic talents, will be coming back to Temple Israel to share in a project showing our support and strength towards Israel. Working in collaboration with Chavaya students, their original masterpiece will hang in the lobby of the Temple. We are looking forward to their creativity and talents to shine for us all!



This is the work Michael Albert created with the "Better Together" team in 2023.

Support Israel

... and this is how!

DONATE CHALLAH TO THE IDF – Israel Defense Forces

Sponsored by Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Israel Action Committee, and Social Action Committee. Our committees have joined together to collect funds to provide challah to IDF members and their families. Your suggested donation of \$9.95 pays for small local bakeries in Israel to make and deliver challah to both IDF soldiers at army bases as well as their families. This program benefits both local businesses in Israel as well as the soldiers and their loved ones during this very difficult time. *Please visit www.tinr.org/events/donate-challah to donate!*

THE LIGHT WILL SHINE – OR HADASH NEEDS YOU

The light will shine

As we face these dark days, we reflect on the challenges and triumphs that have shaped our lives and community. This year has tested our resilience, but it has also underscored the strength that emerges when we stand united and act upon our shared values.

Or Hadash has played a vital role in supporting the larger community, providing essential equipment for IDF soldiers and evacuees, strengthening resilience and offering a stable beacon of compassion, solidarity and hope. We helped thousands of people, with more than 400 volunteers, and we will continue to do so.

We couldn't have done it without your friendship, solidarity and support.



Or Hadash's collection center provided thousands of tons of equipment to IDF soldiers and evacuees.



Providing love, support and care to our 38 soldiers in active duty.



As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to consider making a special year-end contribution to Or Hadash. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in sustaining our shared mission. *Visit <https://en.or-hadash-haifa.org.il/donate> to donate.*

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE

The annual Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC will take place on Sunday June 2, 2024 and the Westchester Jewish Council will again be organizing the Westchester marching group. This year more than ever, it is important for Westchester to unite in support of Israel. We hope your organization/synagogue is able to join us at what is always a special day as our community unites to celebrate Israel. We will send more information as the parade gets closer.

*Visit www.tinr.org/we-stand-with-israel for even more opportunities to **SUPPORT ISRAEL!***



From the President

"Israel's right to exist and protect itself"



This time of year we've usually found ourselves full of excitement as, once again, we celebrated the survival of our people by acknowledging the efforts of the Maccabees. Long ago, they fought to ensure our right to practice our Judaism openly. As we lit our Chanukah candles and gave gifts to one another, we've been saddened to be reminded that over thousands of years, little has changed. Still, we find ourselves fighting for our right to exist and practice the tenets of

our faith in peace. Although we are going through a difficult time, it is our obligation, and our right, to share in the joy that our holidays bring, and to spread that joy by making our world a safe and celebratory place for our children to grow according to the values and traditions of our Judaism.

As many of you may have noticed, we have a sign on the Temple declaring our support for Israel. We believe strongly in Israel's right to exist and protect itself. We, as a Temple, have been promoting our unwavering support through contributions to Magen David as well as through educational programming. Additionally, an art piece has been commissioned that will be given permanent residence in our lobby, which will have, at its heart, the flag of Israel. While there is no way we, as a civilized community, can wrap our heads around the senseless acts of terrorism perpetrated by Hamas, we can come together to support one another, educate our children, and protect individuals and our campus.

Thank you to those of you who have supported our Special Security Fund. These are trying times and the rise of antisemitism in our country is not happening "out there" but within our own community here in Westchester. It is our desire to ensure the safety of all who come to our doors, both to the stranger, to those who work in our building, and to the children who spend their days with us. Ours must be a safe space and we are doing all we can to continue to be as welcoming and as secure as possible.

Amidst the turbulence in the world, TINR remains optimistic and is continuing to provide incredible opportunities for our community to come together to share in activities! Our Community Shabbats continue to provide worship and social opportunities while being delicious and joyous. Our Sisterhood and Brotherhood continue to offer multitudes of events that are exciting and engaging. We hope more of you will choose to join in these activities. Our new gym is bringing people to our campus and is helping to foster the feeling of belonging and desire, and to be a part of this great community.

I wish every member of our TINR community, and the Jewish community as a whole, a happy and peaceful New Year. May

Israel continue to be a beacon of hope and a place of refuge not only for Jews, but for all peoples throughout the world.

As always, I am at your disposal. I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts and ideas in the spirit of respect, thoughtfulness, and the betterment of our community. *Please feel free to email me at: mostrove@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you.*

Am Yisroel Chai,
Margie Ostrove
Temple President

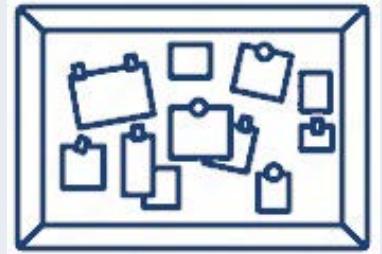


Join Margie Ostrove, Temple Israel President, for a "President's Breakfast!"

Sunday, January 21st, 10:00 am
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Come with questions, come to listen, come and share! *RSVPs not necessary, just join us!*

"Board" Bulletin



The TINR Board of Trustees met on November 15, 2023 for its regular monthly meeting. Highlights of the meeting included:

- **Good and Welfare:** 1) Brian Feinblum described his trip and his 15 year-old daughter's to Washington DC to participate in the 11/14 rally in support of Israel, as supportive, safe, impressive, and meaningful. 2) Mazel tov to Paul & Ilissa Warhit on their daughter Natalie's marriage! 3) Margie Ostrove reported that despite a recent scare, her mother's physicians have declared her fully healthy! 4) Anita reported on an email received from Lloyd Robinson's brother, who lives in Israel. The family recently spent several months here, with their daughter enrolled in Kehillah. The family is now returning to Israel. He wrote to very warmly thank all of the Kehillah staff and the TINR family. 5) Jeff Berenbaum reported that Zachary was accepted to two colleges of arts and design. Additionally, he gratefully reported that Greta is home and doing well after several recent hospitalizations. 6) Mazal tov to Margie and Marc Mangot whose son will become bar mitzvah early in December!

- **Rabbi's Commentary:** The rabbi commented on the extreme difficulty of recent events in Israel and Gaza. The Israel Action Committee met to discuss the needs of our congregation during this crisis. The rabbi is focused on attempting to ensure that the war against Hamas does not split our community. The temple will concentrate efforts on adult education, and on spiritual support for all of our congregants. TINR is cooperating with other Westchester Jewish institutions in developing programming to explore in depth some of the issues driving the current crisis. Rabbi Jesse encouraged us all to commit to remaining in community together, especially as people with different opinions meet for conversation. On 12/3, there will be a family education program celebrating the diversity inherent to the country of Israel. The Rabbi celebrated the fact that Shabbat service attendance continues to be extremely robust, as is participation in temple events. He applauded the engagement and investment of the TINR community. He particularly emphasized the increasingly active participation of young families.

- **Standing Reports/Ongoing Business:** As of the end of October, our spending and revenue remain on or very near budget projections. The total amount of congregational support (voluntary dues) received to date is ahead of where we were last year, and the number of families who have made a commitment are similar to last year. We anticipate that receipts will meet the budgeted value. The board discussed whether congregants consistently understand the use of the pledge card. There was discussion of possibly sending a donation reminder letter to congregants who have not yet submitted a pledge commitment. Anita described the new temple portal, which should facilitate donations and payments compared to the "PayQuik" system that we had been using.

Anita updated the board on an ongoing engineering study being done to determine how to best renovate the HVAC system (which is original to the TINR building). We hope that an estimate for necessary repairs will be available by the end of December. The board will embark on a larger conversation about needed capital improvements after the estimate for the HVAC repairs is available.

Margie Ostrove then led a discussion about ways to continue to increase congregant engagement with TINR. She thanked Jamie Deutsch for spearheading outreach to former TINR members to encourage their reengagement. Brian Feinblum proposed that each board member "adopt" a slate of temple members to reach out to, possibly setting up Zoom meetings to allow congregants to ask questions and learn more about temple events and leadership. The board expressed enthusiasm for the idea. TINR Cares is working toward delivering welcome packages to new members.

The board then returned to an ongoing discussion about use of TINR land. The northernmost part of the property owned by TINR is undeveloped, hilly, and rocky. There have been several proposals in years past to sell or lease the land for development. Given the protracted, complicated nature of such proposals, the board aims first to understand the market value of the land and to explore the pros and cons of selling the land, leasing the land, or maintaining the property as-is. Several entities have approached TINR with proposals to use or develop the land, but none of the proposals has been accepted by the board. The creation of a land-use task force was proposed.

Thank you very much to the many congregants who generously contributed to the TINR security fund appeal. We have hired a second full-time security guard, and we expect to continue with two full-time security guards for the foreseeable future.

Planning has begun for the next TINR Gala! Berdie Stein and Miki Gerblich have generously volunteered to co-chair the event. Any congregants who would like to be involved in planning or assisting with the event are strongly encouraged to reach out to either one of them.

(Formerly known as "Board Minutes")

The December 20th BOT Meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, January 4th.

The "Midway" Journey



Over the years, I have gotten in the habit of checking in with myself at the midway point of the Jewish calendar year to see how I am doing with all those promises and resolutions I made back on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The sages of old tell us that during the High Holy Day season each person must do a complete "*cheshbon ha-ne-fesh, chesh-bon ha-guf*" - a total assessment/examination of body and soul to determine what adjustments or improvements might be needed. Some time ago it occurred to me that it was too long a wait from one High

Holy Days to another to do such an assessment. Therefore, I usually try to do this spiritual "check in" somewhere around January or February-where we are right now.

Looking back on our journey as a Temple community from the last High Holy Days until now, it is hard to believe that this is the same world we are living in as we were before the 7th of October. So much in our world has changed since we celebrated the Jewish New Year and unrolled our sacred Torahs in our sanctuary on *Simchat Torah*. The Baal Shem Tov, the renowned Jewish mystic of the 18th century said that life can turn in an instant for either good or bad. There we were, full of excitement and celebration on the final day of *Sukkot*-taking in the glorious music of Klezmer, singing, dancing, chanting the first lines of *B'rey-sheet* (Genesis) and then, in a terrible instant, our joy and jubilation turned into shock, heartbreak, pain and sorrow.

Truth is, we have been here before. Sadly, we know this story. And it is also true that we are a resilient Jewish people. "*Or Lagoyim*"- being a "light to the nations" has never been and will never be easy. Still, we must forge ahead, speak out against antisemitism and false claims about Israel and the Jewish people, remain strong and united. We must carry on with hope in our hearts, stand up for what we believe in, and continue to do our best to affect positive change in our world.

Looking back at the events of this past half year, I hope we will remember and reflect upon, not only the sadness, worry and loss that has befallen us, but also the ways that our community has been strong through it all, providing a place for meaningful connection, hope, joy, love and support. Let us be proud of the ways we have stood up for Israel. And let us imagine and pray for a better day, a better reality for our beloved State of Israel, for our country, and for the entire world.

Cantor Rita

The Journey of These Days

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah
With sacred chant, apples and honey, Klezmer delights
We travelled far, we soared to the heights
Returned with awe to the holy days of our lives
Feeling connection, feeling pride, feeling joy
Torahs in the arms of every girl and boy
And then, in one instant, a dark wind blew
Intent on doing harm, aiming to destroy
Gone now the gentle farmers, the peacemakers, the dancers
And here we are again-
teaching the world
that hate is never the answer

When will we know, when will we see
There is no "other", just you and me
What affects one, affects us all
There is no other reality
Separation is an illusion
Dividing walls of metal or stone
Just add to the confusion

These days I want to stay
In the glow of Chanukah candles
Believe with all my heart in hope
and in miracles-
That all who are imprisoned will be freed
That all who are at war will know peace
That the light of our collective prayers
and our love
will be enough
to overcome the dark and all we've lost
that God's grace will shine upon us
May it be-
That we will sit close
under the vine and under the fig tree
in perfect, splendid harmony
And none shall make us afraid
Can you imagine such a world?
Can you imagine such a day?

Cantor Rita Glassman



NEW!

"Temple Topics Poetry Corner" ... a space for Temple members of all ages who love to write poetry.
Check the first submission on the next page!



Welcome to our new Temple Topics Poetry Corner- a space for Temple members of all ages who love to write poetry on Jewish themed subjects to share their work.

We are grateful to Bob Hirsch for starting us off with a poem he wrote during the Days of Awe.

Please make all submissions to Cantor Rita Glassman via e-mail (CantorRitaGlassman@tinr.org).

Not So Simple Not So Clear

by Robert Hirsch

GOD gave us water to cleanse our bodies
GOD gave us the Day of Atonement to cleanse our soul

When the Temple stood it was so simple
Self-denial
A sacrifice
No Temple today
What does one do?
I read
I study
Not so simple not so clear

The words of Leviticus the words of Numbers
Not so clear for a modern Jew
Words written a millennium ago
Practices no longer performed
What is their meaning today?
Not so simple not so clear

Tablets broken, second chances
The Lord spoke
Moses, Torah, ancient sages echo back from the distant past
The tenth day of the seventh month
Why this day and not another?
Forgiveness, repentance
A second chance
Not so simple not so clear

Judgment
Eight days to make our case
No High Priest to guide our way
Not so simple not so clear

A gift
To stand alone before GOD
Prayer, repentance, inner change
Sacrifice would be who we were
Repentance who we become
Our fate is sealed
Not so simple not so clear

Confidence, accomplishment, goal achieved
The Kol Nidre comes
Reality's truth
The shadows of the past
The weakness of mankind
The weakness of self
Failed promises, broken vows
Success and failure
Not so simple not so clear

The moving tale of human change
Jonah
Do not despair
Faith, transformation, new beginnings, possibilities
Not so simple not so clear

How many days do I have left?
Begin today
Progress
A new tomorrow for us all
Not so simple not so clear

Words of Deuteronomy
Written so long ago
"Return to the Lord your God
Listen to his voice
Not so simple not so clear

The path was always there
To lead the way
Commandment or advice
It is not too wondrous for you
It is not in the heavens
Nor beyond the sea
It is very near to you
In your mouth
In your heart to do
Not so simple not so clear

A simple promise
To smile
To face each day
To do deeds the best I can
Awe, respect, compassion
To fulfill my vows
Not so simple not so clear
The Prophet's call
For self and community
Our choice
Free will is there
Repeat the past
Create a new tomorrow
Not by word but by deed
Not so simple not so clear

Too many vows
Is there one
The Shofar calls
Abraham's vow "Hineni"
Not so simple not so clear

To be a Jew
Be commanded
Say "Hineni"
To the One who commands
Be there for the other
Not so simple not so clear

The strength of our Jewish Faith
Torah
Tradition
Day by day
A better tomorrow
A better self
A better world
Tikkun Olam
Not so simple not so clear

And God said
"See I have set
Before you
Today
Life and good
Death and evil
Chose life"
So clear so simple

From the beginning
The power was in our hands
The Lord said to Cain
"Why are you angry
Why is your face downcast
If you do what is right
Will you not be accepted"
So So Clear
So So Simple

Temple Israel Cares

also includes poems as part of their submissions in every Temple Topics!

Check out this month on p. 21!

Temple Israel is Grateful

Todah Rabah

Temple Fund

Elaine Kaufman, in memory of Joshua Jay Kaufman
Michael & May Goldberg, in memory of Michael's grandfather, Morris Goldberg
Miki Gerblich & Lloyd Robinson

Linda Capozzola, in honor of Lloyd Robinson & Miki Gerblich; in memory of Ellen Sandler

Ilissa Herskowitz, in memory of her parents, Marion & Allen Herskowitz

Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in honor of Miki Gerblich & Lloyd Robinson on their engagement

Phyllis Rifas, in memory of Ellen Sandler

Ruth Metzger, in honor of the Dreyfuss Family, on their son Noah's Bar Mitzvah

Brotherhood Fund

Hank & Joan Goldsmith, congratulations to Dana Tarnopal & James Fleming on their engagement

Camp Pinebrook Fund

American Camp Association of NY and NJ, in appreciation of Allison Horn, Temple Israel, and Camp Pinebrook Staff

Jordan & Kimberly Bronstein

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Neil & Marilyn Altabet
Linda Capozzola
Rachel Freeman
Jeff Monheit
Steven & Sally Meisner
Richard & Marjorie Lewis

Chavaya Fund

Daniel & Anna Weiser
Hank & Joan Goldsmith, Better Together is better because of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Lawrence & Jennifer Goldman

Endowment Fund

Gerald & Constance Sanders, in memory of Joshua Jay Kaufman

Alan & Elaine Ascher
Fadem Family Foundation

Israel Action Committee

Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of the wedding of Natalie Warhit & Elijah Ackerman

Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in honor of the wedding of Natalie Warhit & Elijah Ackerman

Kehillah School Fund

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Social Action Fund

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Toni Brackis
Jonathan & Jill Frey
Jacalyn Bitterman & Daniel Pomerantz
Sharon Blinkoff & Herb Smith
Michael & May Goldberg

Temple Israel Cares

Toni Brackis, in honor of the marriage of Natalie & Elijah; for the speedy recovery of Carole Ostrove

End of Year Contribution

Brian & Dianne Heaps
Moses Feldman Family Foundation

IDF Donation

Michael & Monica DiLorenzo

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Linda Capozzola
Paul & Ilissa Warhit
Jennifer Herbst & Allen Fishbein
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Service Times / Closures

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

January 5th:	6:00 pm	
January 12th:	7:00 pm	<i>(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm)</i>
January 19th:	6:00 pm	<i>(Family Shabbat followed by pizza)</i>
January 26th:	7:00 pm	
February 2nd:	6:00 pm	<i>(Community Shabbat /Refugee Shabbat Service followed by dinner)</i>
February 9th:	7:00 pm	<i>(with Torah Reading)</i>
February 16th:	6:00 pm	<i>(Family Shabbat followed by pizza)</i>
February 23rd:	7:00 pm	
March 1st:	6:00 pm	<i>(Community Shabbat Service followed by dinner)</i>

The Temple Office and Kehillah School will be closed:

Monday, January 1, 2024: *New Year's Day*
 Monday, January 15th: *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
 Monday, February 19th: *Presidents' Day*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER?

Every year, a portion of the Board completes their service and it is the Nominating Committee's responsibility to present individuals to fill the positions and enhance the Temple's leadership.

The Temple's Nominating Committee is looking to you, our congregation, for recommendations of possible candidates to The Board of Trustees. We're looking for involved individuals who work well with others, embrace leadership roles, and have areas of expertise and experience that can benefit Temple Israel and our Board of Trustees.

If you have questions, are interested, or know someone whom you believe would be a good candidate, please contemplate being considered and reach out to us at TINR.Nominate@gmail.com.

Temple Israel of New Rochelle's Code of Ethics



Over the past few years, the URJ and many temples have had problems due to the behavior of various individuals. The URJ hired an outside concern to review their practices and make recommendations. A copy of the URJ Investigation Report can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/URJ-Investigation-Report>

One of the outcomes of this was a request from the URJ to member temples to establish a Code of Ethics, applicable to themselves, that they suggested would apply not only to clergy, professional staff, and lay leadership but to the entire congregation as well as guests and visitors. The Rabbi and I have molded a document into what we believe is representative of our community with a commitment to behave and require others to behave in a manner befitting our institution.

The Board of Trustees adopted the Ethics Code at its September meeting. The Code of Ethics as adopted can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/TINR-Ethics-Code-adopted-9-20-2023> or



It is our most sincere hope that we will never need to utilize the provisions of the Code. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

Brian Heaps
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 email) blheaps@gmail.com



"We Give Thanks"



A Celebration of Thanks-

On Wednesday, November 22nd, our children, families, and teachers met in Forbes to celebrate a Thanksgiving meal together. Our children prepared festive centerpieces for the tables and decorated a "Thankful" turkey with their words of thankfulness. It was so wonderful to bring everyone together here at Kehillah before the Thanksgiving holiday.

PACK News- Parents and Caregivers of Kehillah-

Our thanks to Katie & Joe Gorman (Sophia) for organizing a Kehillah Family Gathering at Growlers Beer Bistro in Tuckahoe- a great time was had by all- please look out for the planning of a Spring Family event! Kehillah gives thanks to PACK for providing a Holiday Dinner for the Faculty, along with special sweet treats prepared by Rebecca Lippel.

In Our Classrooms-

We hope everyone had a wonderful Chanukah...here at Kehillah a favorite activity during Chanukah is the creating of Menorahs. Each child is given a variety of materials from tiles to tissue to collage with, and to create a keepsake to remember Chanukah at Kehillah. The delicious smell of latkes filled the air as the children grated potatoes to participate in cooking up a yummy snack.

Looking Ahead-

January brings a special training for our Teachers on the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) code of Ethical Conduct given by Jami Flynn from the Westchester Childcare Council.

Our Statement of Commitment

As an individual who works with young children, I commit myself to furthering the values of early childhood education as they are reflected in the ideals and principles of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

To the best of my ability I will

- Never harm children.
- Ensure that programs for young children are based on current knowledge and research of child development and early childhood education.
- Respect and support families in their task of nurturing children.
- Respect colleagues in early childhood care and education and support them in maintaining the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.
- Serve as an advocate for children, their families, and their teachers in community and society.
- Stay informed of and maintain high standards of professional conduct.

- Engage in an ongoing process of self-reflection, realizing that personal characteristics, biases, and beliefs have an impact on children and families.
- Be open to new ideas and be willing to learn from the suggestions of others.
- Continue to learn, grow, and contribute as a professional.
- Honor the ideals and principles of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct

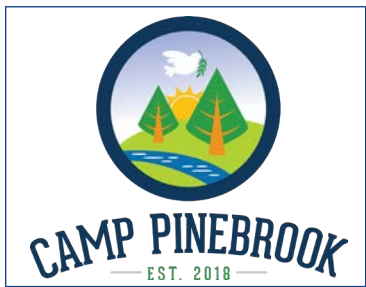
We take great pride in the trainings that are available to our faculty and the partnership we have with the Westchester Childcare Council in supporting Kehillah to continue to grow as an exemplary school for the community.

Our continued gratitude 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.

Please reach out to Marie Masseo, Kehillah School Director for more information at (914) 637-3808 ext. 247.

Marie Masseo
Kehillah School Director





Why CPB?



The Camp Pinebrook off-season is filled with phone calls, emails, and in-person meetings with families wanting to learn more about our program. There are always questions about swimming, staff to camper ratios, and the lunch menu. Always! Having sent my own two kids to camp for many years, I know firsthand that these questions are critical to ask, and the answers are straight forward and fact-based. There's an even more important

question however, even before the "nuts and bolts" of camp are discussed, a question that parents rarely ask, but the one I always answer first. What makes Camp Pinebrook different than other camps?

Let's face it, CPB sits smack-dab in the middle of the Westchester day camp scene. With so many options to choose from, shopping for camp can be an overwhelming undertaking when many programs look alike. What sets us apart from all the others? I describe Camp Pinebrook using a "bottom up" approach. Our strengths lie in our foundation; the roots that we're built upon that hold our philosophy and Jewish values solidly beneath us. We're different because we're built on LOVE.

Every family and camper that enrolls in CPB immediately becomes wrapped in the warmth of our community. We are a kind, gentle, and loving place for campers to explore and grow within. We are a hug, a safety net, a cheerleader, and a home away from home. We build upon the foundation of loving every child, and making sure, through our actions and words, that they feel it. Camp is Love. It's our tenet. Without it as the foundation of our camp, we wouldn't have the footing with which to grow.

I never use a "top-down" approach in describing Camp Pinebrook. I never begin with all our great activities, our 15-acres, two pools, and vast indoor space. These are AMAZING features and of course, should be highlighted to prospective families, and they are. Just not at first. Any camp can have the fancy bells and whistles that are pleasing to the eye, and that campers will be drawn to. But is that enough? As a mom, it never mattered to me how many art projects my kids brought home or how many homeruns they hit. What mattered was how they were treated, were they safe, and did they get every possible opportunity to smile and laugh throughout the day. Were they cared for, loved, comforted, supported? These are the building blocks of a great camp. These are the foundation of Camp Pinebrook. We start with the most important thing any camp can give a child, LOVE. From there, it's nothing but up, up, up!

Allison Horn
Camp Director



Delicious



Challah is delicious. This is a fact. Whether it's raisin (my family's favorite), plain, cinnamon sugar, chocolate chip, or plain, we bless it each week during Shabbat and take comfort and joy in its existence.

Challah is so special that we are bringing the **Challah Fairy to Temple Israel for a Chavaya Family Challah Bake on Sunday, February 4th at 9:30 am.** This event is sure to fill up quickly,

so visit www.tinr.org to register your family. The cost is \$20/challah or \$40/two.

Speaking of Challah, we bless it each Friday night and Saturday morning so be sure to **join us for our upcoming Friday Shabbat worship opportunities!**

Friday, January 19th: Family Shabbat at 6:00 pm. This is a musical, child-centered, 30-minute worship experience for youth ages 8 and under. A FREE pizza dinner and activities follow so please register by Wednesday, January 17th.

Friday, February 2nd: Community Shabbat at 6:00 pm. Our previous Community Shabbat filled up quickly so please register as soon as possible! A buffet dinner and childrens' activities follow services at 7pm.

Friday, February 16th: Family Shabbat at 6:00 pm. Register by Wednesday, February 14th.

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP for these events.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of Shabbat (and eating challah) with you,

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Director of Education: Youth & Family



**Registration
NOW OPEN
for Summer
2024!**



Wednesdays

January 3rd, February 7th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st
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



Sisterhood
TINR

Thursday, January 11th
7:00 - 9:00 pm

We're welcoming back chef Nancy Wolfson-Moche to our kitchen to teach us to prepare a fabulously delicious meal of Kugel, salad, and dessert.

Cost: \$36 per person. Wine and refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP early, and no later than Friday, January 5th, as space will be limited. All are invited

Visit www.tinr.org/events/cooking-manna-from-heaven to RSVP.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner/Service

The Inter-Religious Coalition Of New Rochelle invites you to a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner / Service

Friday, January 12th
Dinner 6:00 pm followed by the Service at 7:00 pm

Rev. Dr. H. Lee Jordan, Jr. of Shiloh Baptist Church will deliver the sermon

Visit www.tinr.org/events/mlk2024 for details and to RSVP via the Inter-Religious Coalition

Community Shabbat / Refugee Shabbat

Friday, February 2nd
Service 6:00 pm followed by the Dinner at 7:00 pm

Join us for our annual HIAS Refugee Shabbat, to celebrate our membership in ICNAW, the Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester.

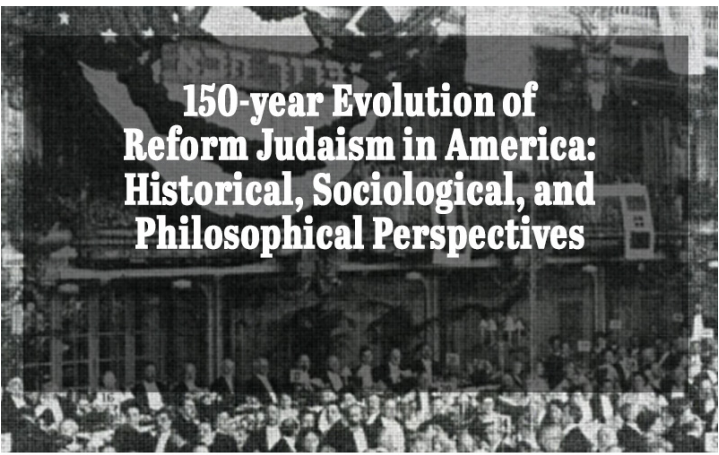
Details / RSVP for dinner, visit www.tinr.org/eventsmunity-shabbats



Tuesday, January 16th, 11:30am
at The Club at Ibis
(8225 Ibis Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33412)

Rabbi Jesse invites you to a luncheon to be together with Temple Israel "South" at The Club at Ibis while he is visiting Florida.

Visit www.tinr.org/events/rabbi-visit-to-florida to RSVP



150-year Evolution of Reform Judaism in America: Historical, Sociological, and Philosophical Perspectives

Adult Education



2023 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Union for American Hebrew Congregations. Explore the 150-year Evolution of Reform Judaism in America: Historical, Sociological, and Philosophical Perspectives

Tuesdays 7:30 pm
January 16th, January 30th, March 5th, April 2nd

Notes on November 14th, November 28th, and December 12th sessions are available at www.tinr.org/events/adult-education-150years



TINR 'Neighborhood': A Social Group for the 30s/40s Crowd!

Come enjoy a relaxing night out, food, drink, and some competitive (or at least semi-competitive) TRIVIA at Wolf & Warrior Brewing Co. (195 E. Post Road, White Plains)

Thursday, January 18th, 7:00–10:00 pm
 This is a 21+ event

Visit www.tinr.org/events/30s40s-trivianight for more details and to RSVP



BROTHERHOOD VIRTUAL GOLF

Virtual Fairway Frenzy with Brotherhood, ALL INVITED!

Thursday, January 18th, 7:00–9:00 pm
 Golf Lounge 18 at the Westchester Mall

There will be food and laughs and mulligans.

Cost of \$18 includes food and golf. There is a bar as well. Everyone buys their own drinks.

Visit www.tinr.org/Virtual-Golf to RSVP



Friday, January 19th, February 16th, March 15th, April 19th, May 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.



Monday, January 22nd, 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.

FREE event, with a suggested \$18 donation to Magen David Adom's 33,000 paramedics, EMTs, first responders, and first-aid providers to treat all injured and ill people in Israel.

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



**Thursday, January 25th
6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Let's get together, savor the delights of some wine, and relax with Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Visit www.tinr.org/wine-tasting for more details and to RSVP



The Israel Action Committee invites you to a 3-Part Series "Understanding Israel"

Sunday, January 28th, 10:00 am
 Hamas Terror - How the World Forces Israel to Respond

Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00 pm
 Where Do We Go From Here? Israel's Next Chapter
 Temple Israel in cooperation with...

Monday, March 4th, 7:00 pm
 The Obstacles to a Two-State Solution Between Israel and Palestinians

For more details and to RSVP visit www.tinr.org/understanding-israel

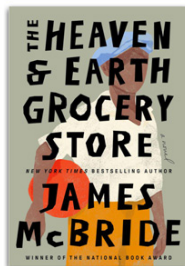


Saturday, February 10th, 7-9 pm

Jewpardy is based on the popular game show Jeopardy. ANYONE can play! ALL are welcome! Learn fun facts about Jewish Life, history, and other trivia with co-hosts Gary Frey and Allen Fishbein and of course Brotherhood!

Visit www.tinr.org/events/jewpardy for details and to RSVP!

Bagels & BOOKS



Start Reading!

Sunday, March 3rd, 9:30 - 11:00 am
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride
Sisterhood & Library Collaboration!

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.**



Pickleball League

Pickleball isn't just the rage now, it's how you stay in shape, have fun, and connect. Do it with others, and play in the amazing Handelman Gym!

Check out Open Play opportunities or Instructor Led sessions in 2024! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

Download the TeamReach app, or scan the QR Code here to set up sessions. For more details and to pay for Pickleball, visit www.tinr.org/events/pickleball-league



It has been found that Ping Pong, when used as a form of Physical Therapy, can help those with Parkinsons.

To be a Participant or Volunteer, Please Contact: Dr. Elliot Senderoff at 914-961-5720

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JEWISH STUDIES LECTURE SERIES

FEB 7		David Bashevkin "Fail Better: The Idea of Sin in Jewish Thought" Durst Humanities Theater 7 PM
MAR 12		Christine Hayes "Humor and Play in Ancient Rabbinic Literature" Durst Humanities Theatre 7 PM
APR 3		Tiger Within Film Screening co-sponsored by the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center Durst Humanities Theater 6:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
WWW.PURCHASE.EDU/ACADEMICS/JEWISH-STUDIES/EVENTS

These programs are presented in collaboration with the Westchester Jewish Council.
www.wjccouncil.org

Sisterhood



Greta Berenbaum
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Berdie Stein
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Sisterhood Co-President

Happy 2024 everyone!

At this difficult time in Israel, we are all eager to support Israel in every way we can, so please give to the **Donate Challah to the IDF** program sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Israel Action Committee, and Social Action Committee.

Here at Temple, we hope you're enjoying the programs we're creating just for you. Our recent **Floral Arranging Workshop** was a sold-out event producing gorgeous centerpieces for our holiday tables. Kudos to all those who attended and many thanks to Robert Sloop for helping us learn about flower arranging.

Coming up on Thursday, January 11th, we are so excited to welcome back celebrated chef and cookbook author, Nancy Wolfson-Moche, for another great cooking program "Cooking Manna From Heaven." This time we will be preparing a menu featuring kugel, salad, and dessert. Please join us and RSVP early to reserve your spot.

There are upcoming **Game Nights** on the first Wednesday evening of every month - we're all becoming good mah jongg players! To get in shape, join us for **Pilates & Salad** with Jackie Monday, January 22nd. Please remember to RSVP by 4:00 pm Friday the 19th so we have enough space and food.

Last but not least, we're excited to join Brotherhood for a fantastic new **Wine Tasting** event on Thursday, January 25th. You don't want to miss it!

See you soon!
Berdie and Greta



Flower Arranging Event

Brotherhood



Allen Fishbein
Brotherhood@tinr.org
Brotherhood Co-President



Gary Frey
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Brotherhood Co-President

Hope everyone had a Happy Chanukah! We are looking forward to 2024!

Unfortunately, conflict continues in Israel. We are praying for all the hostages to be released and peace to be restored to the region. On October 18th, Brotherhood and Sisterhood hosted Beer Mitzvah. We tasted and learned about IPAs, and a good time was had by all.

Brotherhood's annual **Latkes & Vodkas** was a big success. The guys (and ladies) peeled potatoes chopped onions and fried the latkes to create the traditional Chanukah delicacies. Of course, vodka was consumed as well. Brotherhood would like to thank everyone who showed up to make this happen! Special shout out to the late crew including Brian Heaps, Bob Hirsch, Charlie Reitman, and Paul Betts. The latkes were served at the community dinner.

We had our first Brotherhood game night in November. Participants played basketball, ping pong, and poker. Everyone had a good time. We are planning more game nights.

On January 18th, Brotherhood will be playing **Virtual Golf** at Golf Lounge 18 at the Westchester Mall. There will be food and laughs and mulligans.

Brotherhood is partnering with Sisterhood to sponsor a **Wine Tasting** event at Temple Israel. Participants will sample several different wines and of course we will be serving snacks. *Details to follow soon.*

On February 10th, **Jewpardy** is back! Everyone who played last year had a great time. We are looking forward to another fun and challenging evening.

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



Latkes & Vodkas Event

"Wrapping" Up 2023 With Gratitude

Social Action Committee Updates

- Your generous donations brought joy and happiness to children and families across the Bronx, including PS 140 where children were surprised with their gifts. From Thanksgiving turkeys to holiday gifts and gift cards, many enjoyed the holidays because of Temple Israel's generosity. Thank you to congregant Erika Tobia for coordinating and delivering!
- Over 40 meals were picked up from Shaaray Tefilah in Bedford Corners and delivered to The Guidance Center in New Rochelle.
- This season's Giving Tree was a success! For the first time we partnered with The Sharing Shelf. In total, the Sharing Shelf distributed 600 gifts to local organizations in New Rochelle and White Plains. Temple Israel collected over 200 gifts and purchased the remaining with the generous monetary donations received. In total we contributed 250 gifts!
- Money was raised for HOPE Community Services, Community Service Associates (CSA) and ICNAW (Interfaith Council for New Americans in Westchester), and the Sharing Shelf. Over \$1,000 was distributed across the organizations.
- ICNAW is excited to be working with a new family from Afghanistan. The family of three, with one on the way, will be moving as soon as ICNAW finds them an apartment. *Please contact Amy Ecker, amybrose@gmail.com or Howard Horowitz, howard@horowitzassociates.com to learn more about ICNAW and ways to help.*

Ongoing Collections (drop off in the Giving Corner)

-Food for HOPE – nonperishable items. Remember to check the expiration date please!

-Children's new and gently used clothing for The Sharing Shelf.

Fun Ideas for Giving Back

- Having friends or family over? Instead of flowers or dessert, ask them to bring nonperishable food or new hats/gloves to donate.
- Team up with a group of friends! Each year Anita, Amy, Stephanie, and Stephanie's mom Sherri, along with their kids, join together to purchase 25-30 gifts from the Giving Tree. It has become their "thing." *Do you, your family or friends have a fun way of giving back? Let us know at sac@tinr.org or amybrose@gmail.com*

Interested in learning more about the Social Action Committee? Contact Michael Goldberg at sac@tinr.org

Community / Refugee Shabbat Friday, February 2nd

Service at 6:00 pm, followed by Dinner (RSVP only)

Celebrate our membership in ICNAW, the Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester, and its role in resettling refugee families in our community. In one of our finest traditions, we welcome the stranger, and we heed HIAS's clarion call for Refugee Shabbat.

Visit www.tinr.org/events/community-shabbats for details and to RSVP for dinner.



Our Most Popular Books of 2023

Just in case you missed these:

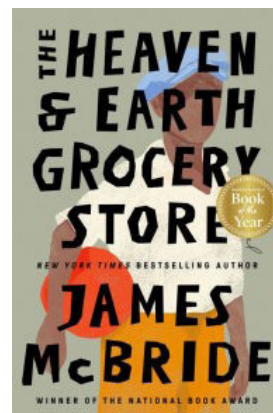


Arriving soon!



For "Bagels & Books" on Sunday, March 3rd, 9:30 am! ... see p. 17 for details!

The best for the kids:



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)

Winter's Here ... Try Tasty Stew!

Tasty Stew!

Winter's here
and you need to stay warm.
Something hot to eat,
to endure any storm.

We recommend a real tasty stew.
It's nutritious and delicious
and quite easy to do!

Eat it at once ...
or save for another day,
It will fill you up
as you go on your way!

Classic Cholent

A hearty, flavorful stew, cholent is a traditional hot dish that is typically served on Shabbat day and always guaranteed to leave you satisfied.

Ingredients

1/2 cup kidney beans
1/2 cup lima beans
1/2 cup navy beans
6 small potatoes, peeled and cut into 1.5-inch chunks
1 pound boneless beef short ribs, cut into 1.5-inch chunks
1/2 cup fine or medium barley
1 onion, peeled and cut into 1.5-inch chunks
1.5 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. garlic powder or 3 cloves garlic, minced

Use: 6-quart pot
Yields: 4 to 6 servings

How to?

The night before you prepare this dish, put all the beans in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Allow to soak overnight. Before cooking, drain beans and discard any stones or dried-out beans.

Place all ingredients in a 6-quart pot and add water until pot is three-quarters full. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce heat. Cook on low for 12-15 hours, stirring occasionally (except during Shabbat for those who observe it), adding more water if necessary. The longer the cholent cooks, the better it will be.

Enjoy!

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!

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to be able to donate!



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



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List of Funds

Support Temple Israel

Please support Temple Israel!

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

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

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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 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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