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**WE STAND** WITH ISRAEL

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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:

Phil Elkus - Grandfather of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst  
Donald Handelman - Husband of Natalie Handelman,  
Uncle of Russell and Kenneth Handelman  
Mona Kunen  
Charles Soberman - Father of David Soberman

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

# New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

Theodore & Joanne Goldman  
Alexandra Cukier & Brian Grone  
Diana (Deanie) & Gary Levine  
Danielle & Rony Cohen  
Heath & Adaria Gurinsky

*Please say hello to them when you see them at the Temple!*

# Mazel Tov to ...

- Sue Tarnopal, and her husband Mitchell, on the wedding of their daughter, Dana, to James Fleming in December
- Coby Boyum, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 11th. You can read his bio on p. 8 in this Temple Topics.

*Send all your good news to [OriettaSchneider@tmr.org](mailto:OriettaSchneider@tmr.org)*

# Closings

Please note the following Temple Office and Kehillah School closures:

**Tuesday, December 31st:** New Year's Eve. Early closing at 3pm.  
**Wednesday, January 1st:** New Year's Day. Closed.  
**Monday, January 20th:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Closed.  
**Monday, February 17th:** President's Day. Closed

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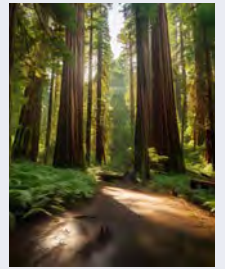
The deadline for the  
March/April 2025  
Temple Topics is  
Sunday, February 9, 2025

We would like to thank Judy Rosenberger of White Plains, a former Kehillah grandmother, for making a "Wimple" (which is the cloth that keeps the Torah sealed tightly) for one of our Torahs.



# Rabbi's Note

## Keeping Our Eyes Open, Even When We Want to Look Away



Last November, as I toured Israel, time and time again, my heart broke for the loved ones whose lives were cut short by terrorists. Hearing the graphic details of the atrocities that Hamas and Islamic Jihad performed, was incredibly painful. Sitting in the bunkers where young people were murdered, being told about the terrorist throwing grenades into the shelter as the young men up front would throw them back was horrifying. Hearing the story of American youth such as Hersh Goldberg-Polin and Edan Alexander who were brutalized and abducted, as well as physically going to the site of the Nova Music Festival, overwhelmed me with a sense of loss, hurt, and deep sadness. All I could think about was the pain that their parents must be feeling. Beautiful, wonderful young people whose lives were taken too soon, and their potential destroyed.

As I stood amongst the memorials and poppies of the field at Nova, I was overwhelmed by the thought that hate has brought so much destruction. As a parent, there is nothing worse than the loss of young innocent lives. While I stood there, my thoughts also turned to the children in Gaza. Every day, I hurt thinking about the death of all the children on both sides. I deeply wish that Hamas had never been successful in crossing the border and the resulting war never occurred. Even with this grief, I stand with Israel and its right to defend itself. I am still very aware, and my heart mourns for those who are most impacted, for all the people who have no freedom or choices, who are suffering.

I wish for the day when children across the globe can live in safety and Israel does not need to defend itself. But I am realistic enough to know that this is not likely. Even while I empathize with the plight of the Palestinians, my mind reminds me that those Israelis who were murdered were the people who volunteered and helped Gazans get medical help, were peace activists, and were deeply trying to improve the situation between Israelis and Palestinians. And they were targeted first.

But I also know that war is not a long-term solution. That no matter who the Israeli Defense Forces neutralize, that thousands more step forward to commit acts of terrorism and hate. That each war which Israel participates in, usually buffers some level of safety for only a few years. It pains me that there are no solutions, there is no fixing the dynamics making an option for long-term peace. For the most part, Palestinian society does not want to recognize Israel as a Zionist state with the legitimate rights to the land. And Israeli society has abandoned the hope of a two-state

solution, where Palestinians would live as their neighbors with the same full rights and freedoms that Israelis experience.

Courage is the willingness to sit in this pain, to refrain from giving advice, not succumbing to anger and desire for revenge. Courage is the willingness to sit with those in mourning, hear about their loss, the stories of their loved ones, and give witness to their pain. I will continue to mourn for all the innocent lives, especially those of the children. Empathizing and grieving does not condone or legitimize acts of terror. And I pray that the truce continues to hold, so that all children can play in the streets, study in their schools, make friendships, and hopefully find a better path forward for our world.

Rabbi Jesse



# Cantor's Corner

## The New Year of the Trees! Tu Bishvat Coming in February!



**May the New Year of the Trees begin a year of growth, a year of renewal for the trees and for us.**

**May our blessings give strength to the trees and may our eyes be opened to the wonders of creation and may we nurture the world that so generously nurtures us.**

– A Blessing for Tu Bishvat

Tu Bishvat falls this year as it does every year on the 15th (TU is made up of the Hebrew letters Tet and Vav with

their numerical equivalents 9 + 6) of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat which, on the secular calendar of 2025 is Wednesday, February 12th. The Kabbalists called it Rosh Hashanah La-i-la-not- the New Year of the Trees. Contemporary Jewish philosophers and those active in social justice issues say that Tu Bishvat is a time to consider the environment, to reflect on the relationship between humans (*Adam* in Hebrew) and the earth (*Adamah* in Hebrew) and take action on environmental protection. The thinking is that trees are vital to the health of the planet and can help mitigate climate change. In Israel, Tu Bishvat is celebrated as an ecological awareness day and many trees are planted.

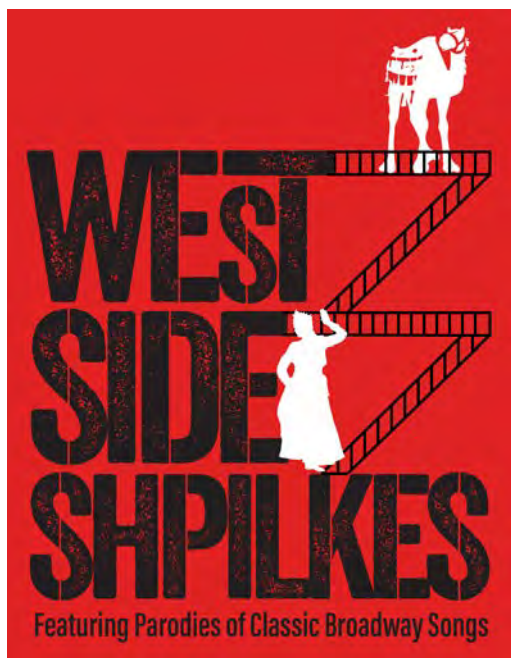
I love the fact that going back all the way to Biblical times there was this deep reverence for trees and the natural world among the Jewish people. In fact, the Jewish mystics of the middle ages began a practice of having a Tu Bishvat Seder

modelled on the Passover Seder. The seder ritual includes the drinking of four cups of different colored wines to symbolize the changing seasons of the year, and the eating of 15 different kinds of tree fruits, plus what is known as the Seven Species (*Shivat Haminim*) that one finds in Israel-figs, dates, pomegranates, wheat, barley, grapes, and olives. These were the only fruit offerings accepted at the ancient Temple during the three pilgrimage festivals.

From ancient days, the Jewish people have been taught that we are not owners of the land and the trees, but stewards, and it is our job to protect and preserve our precious environment and all that it contains. Tu Bishvat is a time to remember that while there may be snow on the ground in February, the sap is already beginning to flow in the trees around us, daylight is slowly but steadily increasing and spring blossoms are not so far away.

This year, may this minor but very significant Jewish holiday inspire us to support the planting of trees in Israel or at home, join an organization that is working to protect and preserve the environment, take a moment to appreciate the beauty of this earth and the miraculous creation that trees are, especially ones that bear fruit, nuts, and flowers each year. May we commit ourselves to taking some action to assure that trees continue to live and thrive on our beloved planet, as they remind us of the cycles of life and renewal and how interconnected and interdependent we are with them and all of nature.

Warmly, Cantor Rita Glassman



## HEAR YE, HEAR YE Calling all Purim Spielers / Performers!

**Announcing our exciting Purim Spiel for March, 2025: West Side Shpielkis!**

Featuring some of the most beloved Broadway tunes with a Purim twist!

### Rehearsal Dates:

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	2/5	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday	2/12	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday	2/19	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday	2/26	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday	3/5	6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday	3/12	6:30-8:30 pm

### Day of Performance:

Thursday	3/13	5:30 pm Warm-Up / Sound Check
Thursday	3/13	7 pm Spiel Begins!

Contact Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg, [jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org](mailto:jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org), to be involved!





## Service Times

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

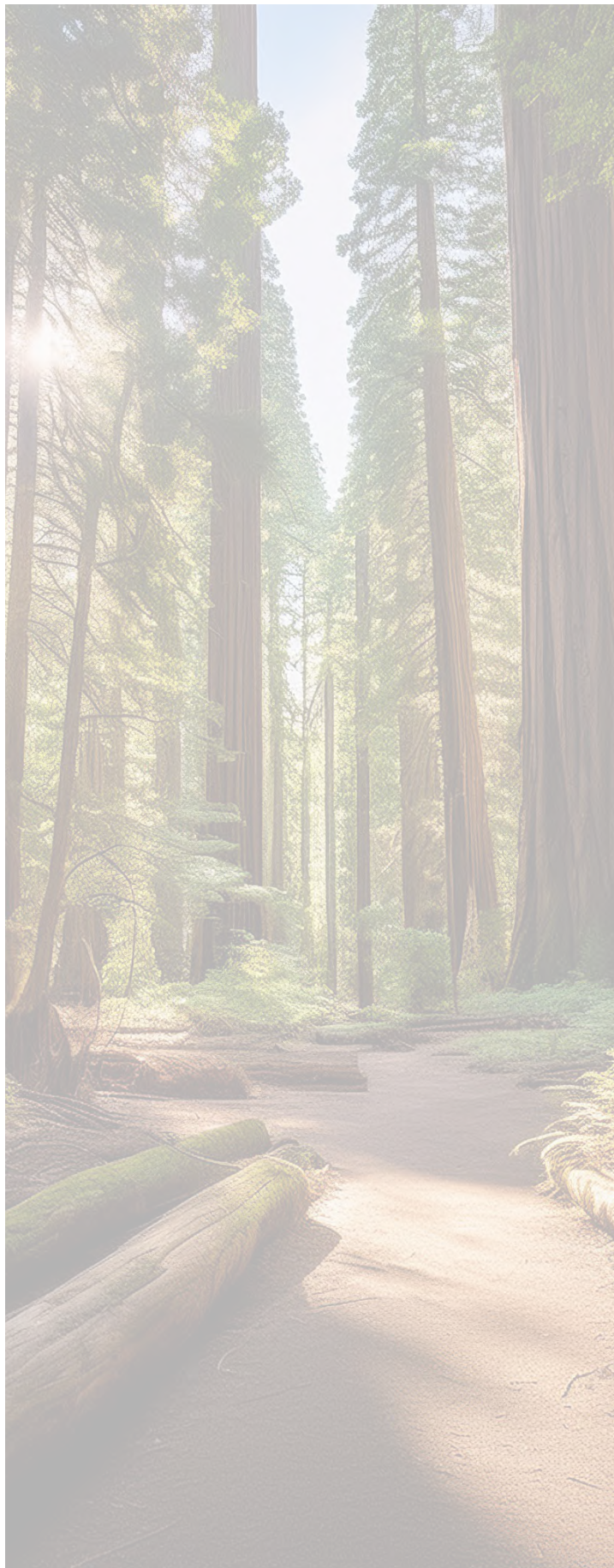
January 3rd	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services
January 10th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat / Dinner
January 17th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner followed by the Service
January 24th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat followed by Pizza
January 31st	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services
February 7th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat / Dinner
February 14th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services
February 21st	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Services
February 28th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat followed by Pizza
March 7th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services

Please join us for "Pre-Neg" Noshing & Schmoozing on **Fridays, 6:30 pm, when there are 7:00 pm Shabbat Services** (see above, and below). Wine, refreshments, and a variety of hors d'oeuvres will be offered for:

- February 21st      - May 16th
- March 21st        - June 20th
- April 11th

## Headed South for the Winter?

Are you down South already? Give us a call, or or send an email to [TempleIsrael@tinr.org](mailto:TempleIsrael@tinr.org) to let us know so that "Temple Topics" can find you! We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings!





# From the President

## Lean on Community



The Holiday season and the approach of a new year bring a special kind of magic - a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and dream about what lies ahead. Yet, alongside the joy and togetherness, this time of year can also bring stress, whether it's from the hustle of preparations, managing expectations, or navigating the complexities of relationships and personal goals. We all make new year's resolutions with the best of intentions

but most of the time struggle to keep them and make them a reality. And that my dear friends is absolutely okay!

It's important to remember that we don't have to carry the weight of the season alone. Leaning into our community - our family, friends, neighbors, and TINR community - can make all the difference. Sharing laughter over a meal, reminiscing about fond memories, simply sitting together in comfortable silence, or singing together at services, can uplift your spirit in ways that no gift ever could.

This season, make space for connection. Whether it's a heartfelt conversation, inviting someone over to your home, lending a hand to someone in need, or attending a TINR gathering, these moments of togetherness remind us of what truly matters. Community is a source of love, comfort, and

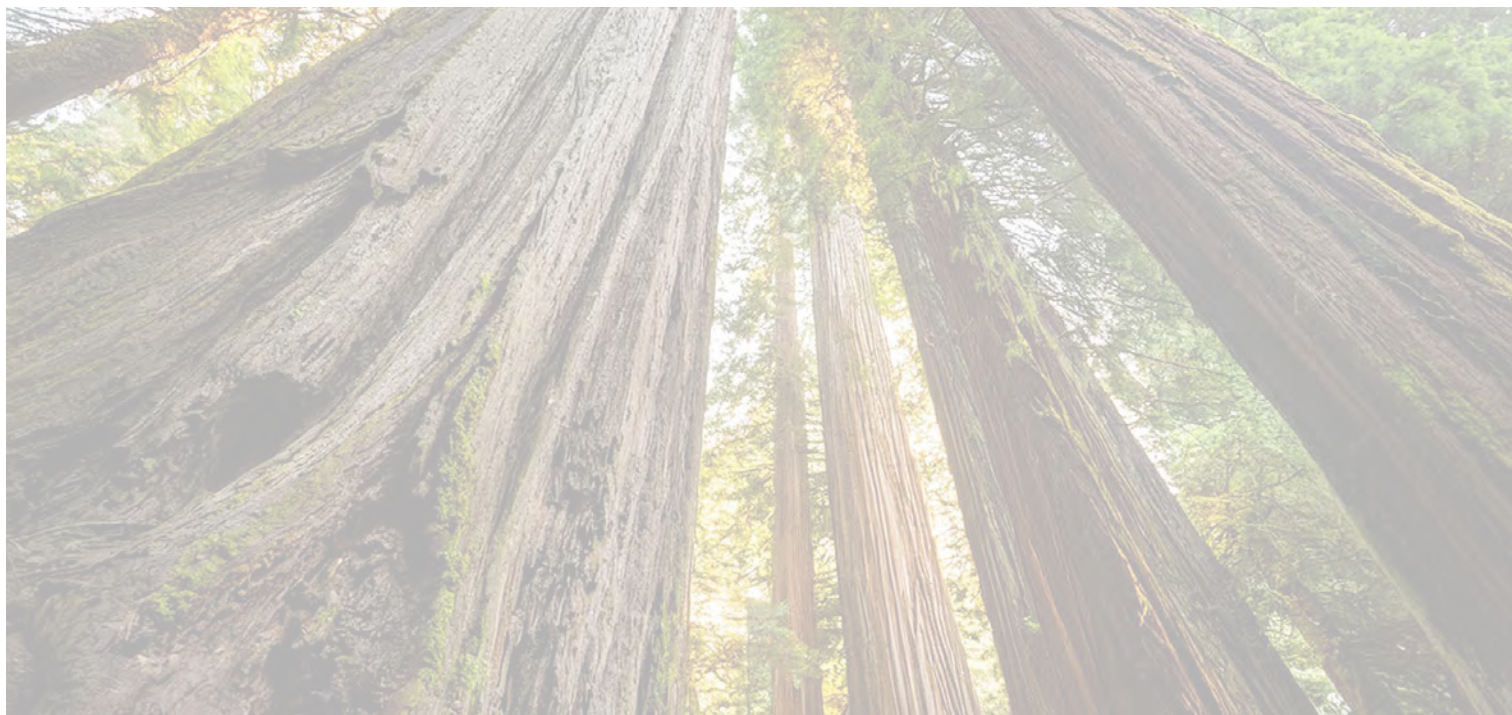
strength, and it's there for us not only to celebrate the highs but also to help ease the pressures of the season.

As Jews we carry the burden of allowing ourselves the grace to smile and laugh while conflicted with the knowledge that many of our brothers and sisters are still held hostage in Gaza and while our family in Israel is still living under the threat of bombs. We wish 2025 brings with it a renewed resolve for peace and strength to live our lives in accordance with the principle of *Tikkun Olam*.

And remember, when we lean on our community, we find that we are never truly alone.

Wishing you all a Happy Chanukah and Healthy New Year.

With Love and Gratitude,  
Margie Ostrove  
Temple President



# "Board" Bulletin



## **The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, November 20th for its regular monthly meeting.**

The Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting on November 20. The meeting began with an invocation from Rabbi Gallop. The Rabbi recently returned from a week-long trip to Israel. He reflected that his experience reminded him of what it means to live in a society that is actively under attack from terrorists. He shared with the board thoughts about the privilege of living in a society and a community in which our neighbors and our law enforcement agencies do welcome Jewish communities and work to protect them.

After the review and approval of recent minutes and membership updates, the board underwent CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooting Events) Training. Two members of the New Rochelle Police Department facilitated the training, which has previously been provided to Temple and Kehillah staff. The video shared with the board *"Avoid, Deny, Defend,"* is available on the website: [alertrt.org/course\\_types/CRASE](http://alertrt.org/course_types/CRASE).

In Good and Welfare, Val Etra welcomed the Rabbi home from Israel. She also shared that Cantor Glassman's original work at the community Jewish Music Celebration was beautiful, and so wonderfully received. Marilyn shared that Ilissa and Paul Warhit have a new healthy grandson.

The board concluded the meeting with the routine, required annual resolution for signing authority for Executive Director. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

## **The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, December 18th for its regular monthly meeting.**

The Board of Trustees met for its routine monthly meeting at 7pm on December 18th. Please note, congregants are welcome to attend board meetings, which take place on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7pm, at TINR.

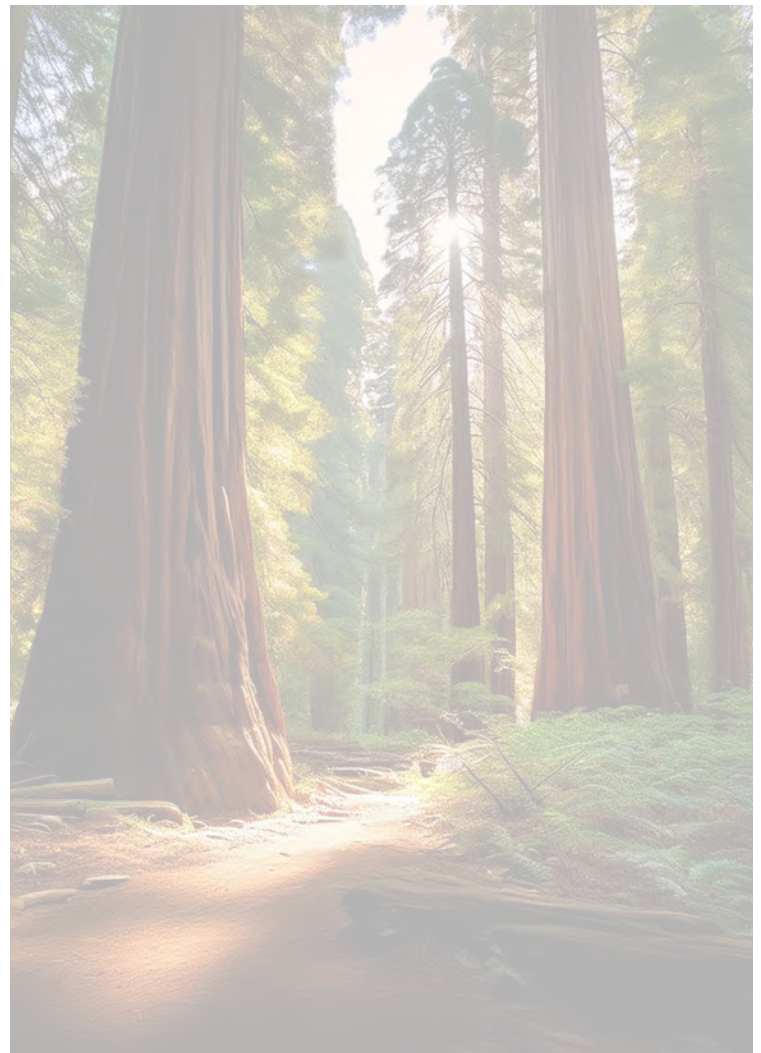
The Rabbi opened our meeting with an invocation and a reminder of the importance of courage in this season of light. He emphasized the value of rising above daily challenges, of being here together, in a place of safety and love! The board then approved the consent agenda, which included approval of the November minutes, the new members, and resignations, and the approval of reported parsonage declarations for the Rabbi and the Cantor.

The president's report, executive director's report, and the treasurer's report were included in the board packet and are available for review upon request. The board was delighted to learn that the Cantor and the compensation committee have reached an agreement for her to continue at TINR for another

two years.

The board then undertook a long conversation about the state of our heating and air conditioning system, much of which is original to the building, and well past its anticipated life-span. A replacement of our system will require a massive and expensive endeavor, given the sixty-plus-year-old state of our systems. Details are available from Anita upon request.

Good and Welfare: Margie Ostrove offered condolences to David Soberman on the loss of his father. Rabbi Jesse thanked the group for the constructive work of the board. Margie noted that a number of spam emails have been circulating from false email addresses. Please know that **no** emails requesting financial assistance from TINR leadership or TINR staff to our members are legitimate. This is what is called phishing. Of note, numerous congregants have reached out to Margie offering to help.





# YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



As we enter the new year, we are looking forward to two NEW programs for our youth and families!

## Friday, January 31st-Sunday, February 2nd: Family Camp

Temple Israel is heading to Great Barrington, MA to spend Shabbat at Camp Eisner! This special weekend is designed for families with children ages 5 and up and will include meals, lodging, and programs. Families will enjoy musical and interactive Shabbat services, Movie Night, Havdalah around

the campfire with smores, parent social time/kid time, and MORE! There are still a few spots remaining so please reach out to Rebecca if your family would like to attend.

Cost: \$100/child

\$150/adult

*In order to make this program financially accessible to families, a portion of this program is being subsidized by Temple Israel.*

## Sunday, February 9th: 8th-12th Graders @ Midnight Run

Our teens are headed to Manhattan to provide breakfast, clothing and toiletries for people impacted by homelessness. The group will be working with Midnight Run, an organization dedicated to helping improve the lives of those impacted by homelessness and create bonds with volunteers like ourselves.

Please help us with our efforts by donating the following items.

**Items for Men & Women:** Items should be gently used without holes or stains.

1. Jeans/pants
2. Sweatshirts
3. Sweaters
4. Socks
5. Shoes

**Toiletries:** Items should be brand new and not expired.

1. Toothbrushes
2. Toothpaste
3. Dental floss
4. Body soap
5. Shampoo/conditioner
6. Hand sanitizer
7. Face soap

*B'chavod* (with respect and friendship),

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst  
Director of Education: Youth & Families



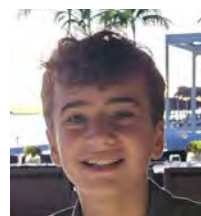
## Mitzvah Day

Guiding Eyes Westchester Region to benefit future guide dog puppies.

*See more pictures on the next page!*

## Bar Mitzvah

## Mazel Tov!



My name is **Coby Boyum** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

I will be chanting from *Vayechi* in the Book of Genesis.

I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Ori & Michele, and my sisters, Lily and Romy.

I am in the 7th grade at Edgemont Junior/Senior High School.

Outside of school, I am a 2nd degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. I also play soccer, basketball, and wrestle.

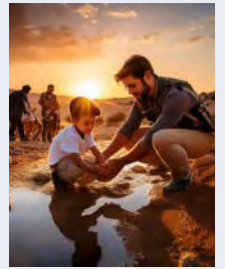
My favorite cake flavor is probably Red Velvet, but I'm not picky.

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



# Social Action

## TINR Helping Others ...



### Thank you to all who participated in this year's Mitzvah Day and The Giving Tree!

This year's recipients, across Mitzvah Day and The Giving Tree, appreciated all our donations. The following organizations benefited from our community's generosity:

- The Sharing Shelf
- Urban Health
- Sunday Funday @ the JCC
- HOPE Community Services
- Firehouse Station 5
- Westchester Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Community Service Associates
- ICNAW (Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester) – of which we are congregational members
- Kindness of Strangers Program
- Yeled v' Yalda

We had over 200 volunteers, from 2 years and up, helping out! Thank you!

### Social Action News!

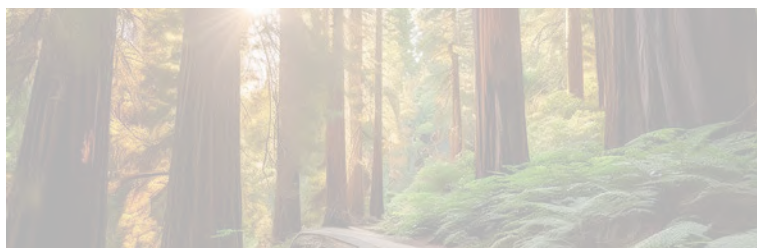
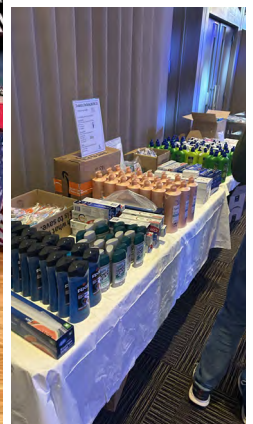
#### ICNAW – Interfaith Council for New Americans Westchester Update

Two of our most recent families are settled and are supporting themselves. While they are working, ICNAW continues to provide guidance, advice, and sometimes promote their jobs. Sohaila Maihandost is a tailor and is doing alterations. She can also make table linens (runners, tablecloths, napkins) which are great holiday or hostess gifts.

She is currently working out of her home but if there is interest, we can set up a time for her to come to the temple and people can meet her there. Please reach out to Amy Ecker if you would like Sohaila's contact information and more details.

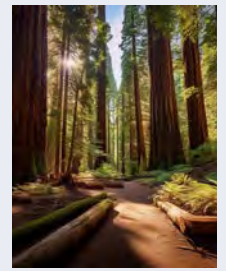
You may reach Amy at [amybrose@gmail.com](mailto:amybrose@gmail.com) or (917) 348-2301. Contact Amy if you are interested in volunteering with ICNAW as well.

Contact Michael Goldberg with any Social Action questions at [SAC@tinr.org](mailto:SAC@tinr.org).



# Temple Israel is Grateful

## Todah Rabah – Thank You



### Temple Fund

**Michael Goldberg**, in memory of Charles Alan Soberman; in honor of Paul & Ilissa's grandson Isaac Avery Korman; in memory of Donald Handelman; in memory of Phil Elkus  
**James & Elizabeth Weingast**, in honor of Margie Ostrove  
**Barbara & Charles Coleman**, in memory of their parents: Beverly Coleman, and Lew & Helen Gleekman  
**Bernard & Helen Miller**, in memory of Lyn Bakalor's daughter  
**Ilissa Herskowitz**, in memory of beloved parents, Marion & Allen Herskowitz  
**Daniel Pomerantz**  
**& Jacalyn Bitterman**, in honor of the marriage of Hannah Leonore & Allyssa Brooke Karpel-Pomerantz  
**Bernard & Judy Robinson**, in memory of the daughter of Marilyn Bakalor

### Camp Pinebrook Fund

**Gwen Greene**, in memory of Fay Meltzer Ricklin & Morris Meltzer

### Cantor Emerita Helene S. Reps Music Fund

**Barbara & Charles Coleman**, in honor of Cantor Reps; in memory of David Gleekman and Evelyn Wilensky  
**Jeffrey & Madeline Stier**, in honor of Chloe Axel's Bat Mitzvah  
**Franklin & Barbara Axel**, in honor of Cantor Reps' birthday  
**Saky Yakas & Lisa Keller**  
**Daniel Pomerantz**  
**& Jacalyn Bitterman**, in honor of Cantor Reps, for her service to us and the congregation

### High Holy Day Appeal

**Gerald & Constance Sanders**  
**Franklin & Barbara Axel**  
**John & Deniese Valvano**  
**Mark Rosen**  
**& Dolores Malaspina**  
**Saky Yakas & Lisa Keller**  
**Robert & Carol Kurzman**  
**Scott & Joanne Ornstein**  
**Robert**  
**& Debra Herschenfeld**  
**Michael & Michelle Klein**  
**Arthur & Erika Tobia**  
**Michael**  
**& Sandra Tannenbaum**  
**Harold & Deborah Kahn**  
**Martin**  
**& Pamela Rosenberg**  
**Elliot & Diane Senderoff**  
**Sari Bedevian**

### Hospitality

**Kevin Held & Mi Jin Nam**  
**Andrew & Sarah Grabel**  
**Daniel & Anna Weiser**

### IDF Donation

**Mark Rosen**  
**& Dolores Malaspina**  
**Zoya & Leonard Lipsky**

### Mitzvah Day Monetary Donation

**Marjorie Ostrove**  
**Mark Nowak**  
**& Carolyn Dudek**  
**Matthew & Jennifer Kates**  
**Michael Weiss**  
**& Dalia Levine**  
**Robert**  
**& Debra Herschenfeld**  
**Monica**  
**& Michael DiLorenzo**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Saky Yakas & Lisa Keller**

### Religious School Program Fund

**Amy & Paul Schottland**, in honor of Hudson Mwangi  
**Barbara & Charles Coleman**, in memory of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst's grandfather; in honor of Better Together and Temple Support Staff

**Valerie Etra**, in memory of Rebecca Elkus-Ferst's grandfather  
**Franklin & Barbara Axel**, in honor of Elliot Weiser's Bar Mitzvah

### Social Action Fund

**Richard Marx & Deborah Rubin-Marx**, in honor of the birth of Paul & Ilissa Warhit's grandchild, Isaac, and Aly's full recovery  
**Ellen David**

### Temple Israel Cares

**Ilissa & Paul Warhit**, in memory of Charles Soberman  
**Michael Goldberg**, in honor of Marjorie Ostrove  
**Ellen David**

### Community Shabbat and Family Shabbat Sponsors

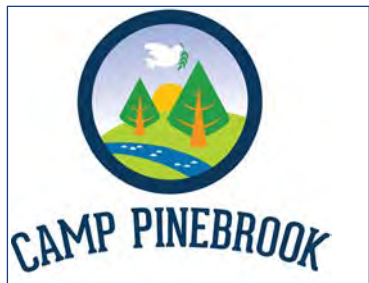
**Anonymous**  
**Kevin Held & Mi Jin Nam**  
**Jason & Marilyn Morris**  
**Franklin & Barbara Axel**  
**Lee Jagoda**  
**& Erin Anthony-Jagoda**

### List of Funds

**Temple Operating Fund** – To support Temple Israel programs, Jewish education, social activities and operations  
**Alan & Elaine Ascher Israel Fund** – To provide financial support to the Reform Movement in Israel, including specific congregations, as well as other social justice causes within Israel.  
**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's Discretionary Fund** – This fund allows the Cantor to support a wide variety of music / worship projects and charitable causes  
**Cantor Emerita Helene S. Reps Music Fund** – To support musical programs and the cultural life of the Temple  
**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  
**Prayer Book Fund** – To enable the Temple to purchase prayer books  
**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – This fund allows the Rabbi to support a wide variety of projects and charitable causes.  
**Religious School Program Fund** – To support Religious School programs  
**Joan Sanders Transportation Fund** – To enable congregants who do not drive to get to services and events at Temple Israel  
**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 Shiva baskets, to give blankets for new babies born, to acknowledge milestone birthday, and to welcome new members.





# We're Working Hard ... to Make Summer 2025 the BEST!



I get asked all the time what I do for the 10 months out of the year when camp is not in session. The assumption is that being a camp director is a part-time job, but that's for sure not the case. It takes the entire off-season (and then some!) to plan and execute the summer ahead with the help of our incredibly talented leadership team.

## Look what we're busy planning for Summer 2025!

- Building a brand-new pool and pump house.
- Developing and introducing our new DOOR-TO-DOOR Transportation service!
- Expanding our amphitheatre to meet the demands of a growing camp.
- Building a new Art/STEAM deck so more campers can enjoy these amazing activities each day.
- Adding to our Sports program to include even more age-appropriate skills-building.
- Planning another amazing Theatre Intensive (what show do you think we should do?).
- Hiring the best, most caring, and loving staff ANYWHERE...

And that's just for starters!

Directing Camp Pinebrook with my team of camp professionals is a labor of love. It takes a village to create the magic that happens throughout the summer, and to continue the vibe and excitement as we look ahead to the next. There are so many fantastic and exciting things ahead for Summer 2025, and we can't wait to share it all with you in June!

Check us out at [www.CampPinebrook.com](http://www.CampPinebrook.com), come and take a tour (you can contact me at [allison@camppinebrook.com](mailto:allison@camppinebrook.com), or call me at (914) 813-8700), then REGISTER ... it will be the best summer ever for your rising camper!

Allison Horn  
Camp Pinebrook Director







# Family, Thanks, and Kindness ...



## Family & Thanks:

We are grateful to our families who gathered in Forbes Auditorium to share a Thanksgiving Lunch with our **Kehillah Kids**.

The families were greeted by a lovely poem by Cantor Rita to celebrate the day and giving thanks for each other.

We are so thankful for our wonderful families at **Kehillah**!

## Kindness:

Weaved into our everyday at **Kehillah** is Kindness!!

As thoughtful educators, we think about how we speak and care for our children.

Respectful caring is key to growing trusting relationships and inventive learning. Hence, the art of caring for our children reflects both how we care for their hearts and minds.

We value our educational practices to create trusting connections and peaceful pathways for educational growth and development.

At **Kehillah**, we continue to build a partnership with the Childcare Council of Westchester. Our teachers will attend an in-house workshop in January 2025 on the NAEYC: National Association for the Education of Young Children Position Statement Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education. The understanding of this position statement supports Kehillah's beliefs in respecting diversity and communicating with kindness.

The Educators from Teaching Beyond the Square visited Kehillah this Fall with a program "*The Materialized Classroom*" and will return in April 2025 with the Materials trailer. The TBS Educators bring lessons for our teachers and children in how to appreciate and care for "*Loose Parts*" as part of learning experiences. We support the TBS mantra:

**"Be Kind to Each Other and  
Be Kind to the Materials"**

Our Judaic Education Director, Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, brings to light the principles of our Judaic culture through workshops for the teachers, Havdalah, and Shabbat celebrations, and classroom visits with the children.

Morah Rebecca's Judaic culture is shared throughout her story-telling and love for the **Kehillah** children.

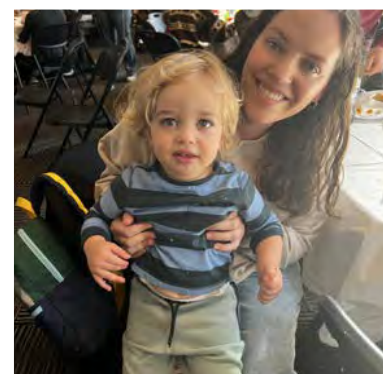
We value building knowledge on a continuing basis to support our pedagogy of care. Knowing we bring love, kindness, and caring into our classrooms each day. Knowing that we support all children's developmental ages and stages. Knowing that Temple Israel supports Kehillah's pedagogy of care as we continue to grow to serve the Community. Please take a tour of Kehillah and join the waitlist into the new year!

Marie Masseo  
Kehillah School Director

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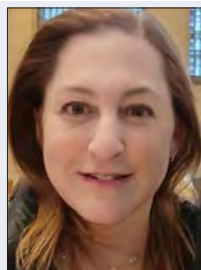




# Sisterhood



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Happy New Year Everyone!

We hope you have enjoyed this beautiful Chanukah season with all the activities it brings. Sisterhood will keep the excitement going this winter.

Sisterhood was proud to co-sponsor the Pre-Oneg Latke Bar at the Shabbat Chanukah Service on Friday, December 20th. Everyone enjoyed the celebration with festive music and a joyous service.

Our popular *Game Nights* continue with our next night on Wednesday, January 8th followed by Wednesday, February 5th. Please RSVP through the new link included in the TINR weekly eblast so that we have sufficient tables, snacks, and wine ready to make it a great evening.

It is time to start reading the newly acclaimed novel *Long Island Compromise* by Taffy Brodesser-Akner for our *Bagels & Books* event which is scheduled for Sunday, January 12th. Copies are available in our own library. Come for breakfast. Stay to discuss the novel. This novel should make for a lively discussion!

Mark your calendars for our next cultural field trip. Sisterhood will lead a trip to see *Anne Frank – The Exhibition* on Sunday, March 2nd. *Anne Frank – The Exhibition* includes a first-of-its-kind, full-scale recreation of the complete Annex, furnished as it would have been when Anne and her family were forced into hiding. Moving through the exhibition, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in the context that shaped Anne's life.

Then, join us on Sunday, June 1st, for a guided tour of *Untermyer Gardens*. This 43-acre public garden was created in 1917 by Samuel & Minnie Untermyer. The Park and Gardens, combines exceptional horticulture, monumental architecture, and multicultural design in a majestic natural setting overlooking the Hudson River.

Sisterhood is always looking for new programming ideas and volunteers who would like to make a difference within TINR. Please reach out if you would like to participate with Sisterhood in any way.

Warm regards,  
Greta & Berdie

# Brotherhood



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**Gary Frey**  
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Brotherhood Co-President



We hope everyone has a happy holiday season and a great start to the new year

In November, we had a wonderful outing to *Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse*. Everyone sang and danced while the vodka flowed.

Brotherhood sponsored and provided breakfast for another successful *Mitzvah Day*.

Here are some events we have planned for the first few months of 2025

Thursday, January 16th - *Virtual Golf* from 7-9 pm. Come by for a fun night of virtual golf and food. It was such fun last year. This will be at a new location this year: X-Golf Scarsdale.

Saturday, February 8th - *JewPardy* from 7-9 pm. Its back baby! Come compete, laugh and test your Jewish knowledge. Of course, there will be food and drink.

Wednesday, March 12th - *Hoodentashcen* from 7-10 pm. Come join us and Sisterhood in making Hamantaschen for the Purim Spiel.

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.

Allen Fishbein and Gary Frey  
Brotherhood Co-Presidents



# Brotherhood "Lots of Latkes"

# Events



## Temple Israel Family Camp



Friday, January 31st - Sunday, February 2nd

Temple Israel's FIRST FAMILY CAMP!

This special weekend is programmed for families with children ages 4 and up. Please note that families are welcome to bring children under 4 years however, parents will need to supervise these youth during activities. Programming includes musical and interactive Shabbat services, Movie Night, Havdalah around the campfire with smores, Parent social time/kid time, and MORE! Register today!

<b>Cost:</b>	Youth	\$100 / children 4-12 years old	<i>In order to make this program financially accessible to families, a portion of this program is being subsidized by Temple Israel.</i>
		FREE / children 3 or less years old	
	Adult	\$150	

**Arrival:** after 4 pm on Friday  
**Departure:** 11 am on Sunday

**Location:** Camp Eisner  
53 Brookside Road,  
Great Barrington, MA 01230  
Phone: (413) 528-1652

**EXTENDED DEADLINE TO REGISTER!**  
**Monday, January 6th!**



**Wednesday, January 8th & February 5th**  
**7-9 pm**

Canasta or Mah Jongg ... your choice. Play with old friends, and new! Invite a friend! This event is FREE, EVERYONE IS WELCOME! RSVP at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org)

*Other Dates: March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th*





**Friday, January 10th & February 7th**  
Service 6:00 pm / Dinner by RSVP 7:00 pm

We invite the congregation and guests, friends, and family, to celebrate being together!

Prices/dinner  
Adults-\$30 • Child (Grades K-6)-\$10 • Tots-Pre-K-FREE  
Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to RSVP for dinner while capacity is available.  
All welcome for the service without reservations.

Other dates! April 4th, and May 2nd

# Long Island Compromise

**Sisterhood / Library: "Bagels & Books"**  
**Sunday, January 12th, 9:30 - 11 am**

"Long Island Compromise" by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

In this exhilarating novel about one "Long Island" Jewish family, a dark moment shatters their suburban paradise and the wild legacy of trauma and inheritance.

If you haven't RSVP'd for this FREE event, please do so today at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org).



**Israel Update: Rebuilding Lives and Communities via Trauma Focused Education**

## DRORISRAEL

Educating for a Just and Equal Society

**Monday, January 13th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Temple Israel New Rochelle and the New Rochelle Jewish Coalition present ... Mirit Sulema, Dror Israel's International Engagement Director, and Inbal Ron, Dror Israel's Executive Director of the Dror Israel Educational Centers School Network. They will be sharing Dror Israel's emergency response work over the past year, especially their incredible initiatives to create schools amidst the challenges of war.

*This event is FREE, but we ask that you RSVP for seating purposes, at [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org). This event will also be available via LiveStream.*



## BROTHERHOOD VIRTUAL GOLF

Get your swing ready ... and let's play Virtual Golf!  
EVERYONE is WELCOME to join ...

**Thursday, January 16th, 7-9 pm**

at X-Golf Scarsdale (870 Central Park Ave, Scarsdale, NY 10583)

Please join Brotherhood for the second annual Virtual Golf Night at X-Golf Scarsdale. Food is included and golfers can purchase their own drinks. \$30 per person.

Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to RSVP.





## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner/ Service

The Inter-Religious Coalition Of New Rochelle invites you on ...

**Friday, January 17th**

Dinner 6:00 pm followed by the Service at 7:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Lancelot Waldron from The Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle will be delivering the sermon.

Cost for Dinner: \$40, Sponsor a Youth to Attend: \$40  
RSVP to [ircofnewrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:ircofnewrochelle@gmail.com)



**Tuesday, January 21st, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
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](http://www.tinr.org) to make reservations!

See you in Florida!



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

**Friday, January 24th & February 28th**

Service: 6:00 - 6:30 pm • FREE Pizza Dinner: 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to RSVP by the Wednesday prior, by midnight, to accommodate for food and seating.

**Mark Your Calendars!** March 28th, April 25th, and May 30th



**Sunday, February 2nd, 9:30 - 11 am**

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Come with questions, come to listen, come and share, come and have the FREE breakfast ... with Margie Ostrove, Temple President.  
RSVPs not necessary, just join us!



# Hebrew 101

**8 Sessions ... Beginning Tuesday, February 4th, 7 - 8 pm**

**Hebrew 101** - Learn the basics of greetings, introductions, everyday phrases, and how to sound out every word in the prayer book. This class is designed to start from the very beginning. Instead of A, B, C – it will be Aleph, Bet, Gimel.

Fee: \$36. Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to RSVP ... and you'll be ending with Resh, Shin, Tav!

Other dates: February 11th, February 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, April 1st

## Brunch & Learn



**Saturday, February 8th, 10:30 am**

Join us for some FREE Brunch, and a lot of Learning!  
Brunch & Learn Topic: Surrealism in Jewish Literature

Examine works by Franz Kafka and Isaac Babel, and explore the symbolism and themes in the writing of these two authors.

Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) to reserve your spot. RSVP not necessary, but appreciated. Last minute? Just walk in! Other Dates: March 8th, and May 10th

## BROTHERHOOD JEW PARDY!

PEOPLE	ENTERTAINMENT	FOOD	WORD TO THE WISE	ISRAEL	SCORE
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**Saturday, February 8th, 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](http://www.tinr.org) for details and to RSVP!

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**Thursday, February 27th, 7 pm**

Israel Matters is an interactive program designed to improve the quality of Israel conversation at TINR. A safe place where people can express themselves and ask questions without being judged

There is no cost associated with participating. However, space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend.

Please register with Israel Action Committee chairperson, Paul Warhit, at [paulwarhit@gmail.com](mailto:paulwarhit@gmail.com). Visit [www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org) for more details.

Other Dates: March 27th, April 24th, and May 8th





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## It's Chanukah – Eight Happy Nights!

Candles are lit, the dreidel spins,  
Chocolate gelt means everyone wins.  
Gifts are swapped, and treats abound,  
Latkes sizzle, joy all around.  
The spirit of giving makes hearts glow,  
A holiday dance in the firelight's show.

Darkness falls, but have no fear,  
Chanukah's light is shining near.  
One small flame, a miracle bright,  
Chasing away the cold of night.  
We feast, we laugh, we play, we sing,  
Eight happy nights of our favorite things!



## Chanukah Gelt Cookies

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk (whichever kind you enjoy or can tolerate)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup white sugar (1/2 cup and 1/4 cup divided)
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar (packed)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter, other nut butter, or tahini (spreadable, not gritty)



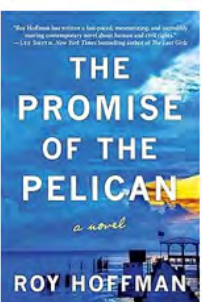
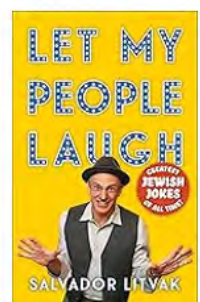
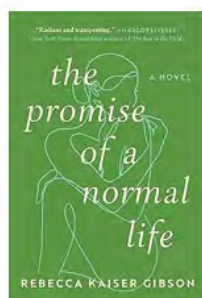
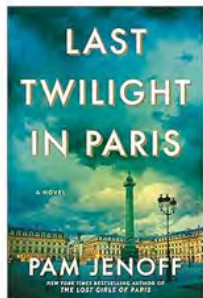
### Instructions

1. Whisk the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a small bowl and set aside.
2. Mix the egg, milk, and vanilla together in another small bowl and set aside.
3. Combine the 1/2 cup of white sugar, brown sugar, butter, and peanut butter in a bowl and beat with a hand or stand mixer until the mixture is light and fluffy (approximately 3-5 minutes). Start on a low setting and move up to medium-high.
4. Add the egg, milk, and vanilla mixture.
5. Add the dry ingredients in 3-4 batches, mixing on low each time, just until combined.
6. Form the dough into one-inch balls and roll them in the reserved 1/4 cup sugar. If the dough is too soft, refrigerate it for 20-40 minutes. Place the dough balls on a plate and chill them in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes, longer if necessary until they are well chilled and easily taken off the plate without losing their shape.
7. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F. and unwrap the Chanukah gelt. If the coins are more than one inch in circumference, cut them in half.
8. Place the cookie balls on two parchment or silicone mat-lined cookie sheets. Bake the cookies for 8-10 minutes, rotating the pans halfway through.
9. Once the cookies are done, let them cool for one minute then gently insert the coins, one or one-half into each cookie. Cool completely before enjoying!

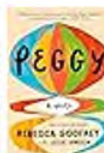
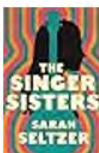




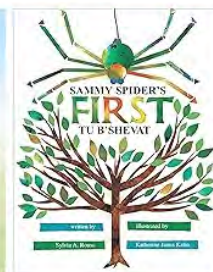
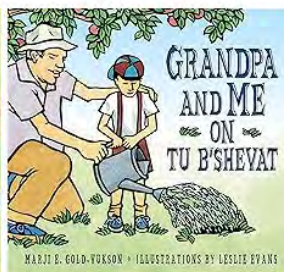
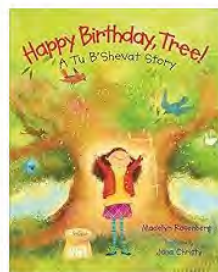
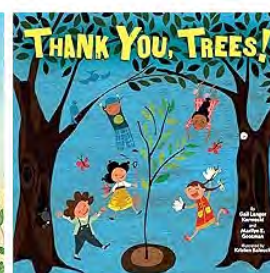
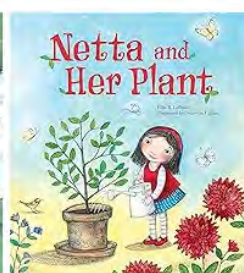
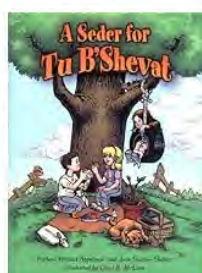
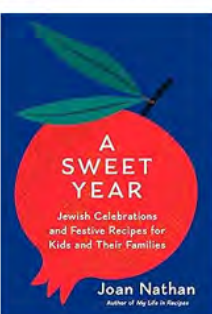
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## Did you miss these great reads in 2024?



## Don't forget Tu Bishvat!

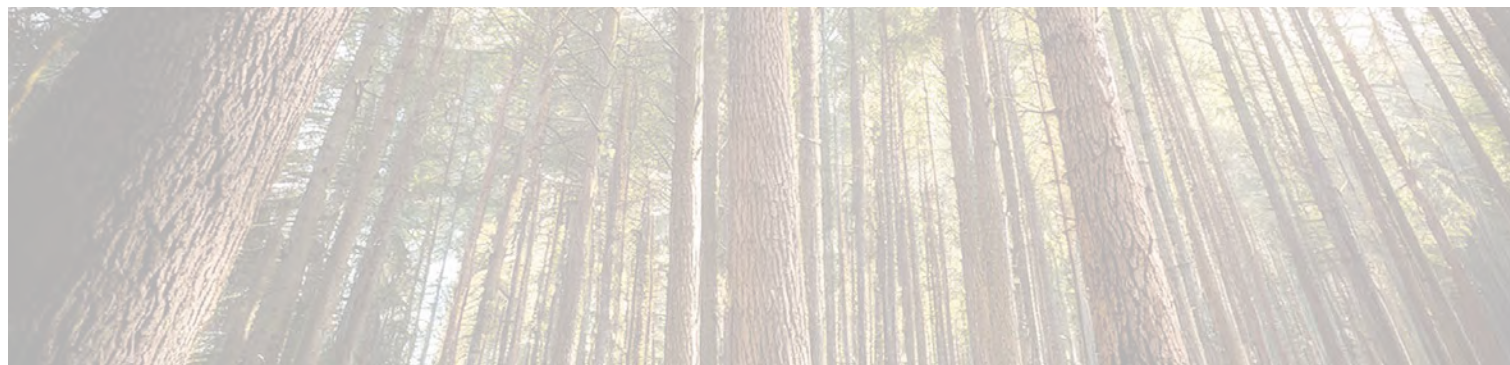


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