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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:

Adrienne Lisker - Aunt of Brian Heaps
Kevin Heaps - Son of Dianne & Brian Heaps
Lorin Gerber - Brother of Marjorie Lewis, Uncle of Sally Meisner
James T. Gorman, Sr. - Father of Sharon Gorman
Emil Kesselman - Grandfather of Alana Davis

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

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

Samuel Byrne & Edlira Nasi, with their children:
Naomi and Aristedes
Steve Conte

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

Mazel Tov to ...

Ilissa & Paul Warhit, on the birth of their two grandchildren:
Yuval Warhit, whose parents are Josh & Reut Warhit, with big sister Rotem Warhit, and Isaac Avery Korman, whose parents are Leo & Alyson Korman.

Marilyn & Neil Altabet on the birth of their grandson, Brody Elliott Miller, son of Lori & Jon Miller.

Berdie Stein, for receiving the "Westchester Jewish Council Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award."

Mallory Kowalski celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 8th. *You can read her bio on p. 13.*

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

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Rabbi's Note

Belonging With a Purpose



I have now heard the [cries] of the Israelites because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. -Exodus 6:5

On Rosh Hashanah, I spoke about the importance of belonging and having a community where we share life together with others outside our families and work. Humans have a need to feel cared about, socially connected, and invested in a common mission, like the Cheers theme song

says: "Sometimes you want to go where everyone knows your name and they're always glad you came." I hope Temple Israel is your home away from home and our synagogue is a place that you look forward to going to and shutting out the craziness of the world.

While our mission seems straightforward – to be a welcoming house of worship focused on kindness and positive impact – building genuine connections is more complex. Finding people with whom you truly connect, where you feel comfortable sharing your life, takes time and effort. We offer enriching experiences like Community and Family Shabbat, adult programming, and impactful committees such as Temple Israel Cares and Social Action. Our goal is to make Temple Israel a place where spiritual growth and a strong sense of belonging flourish.

Our world is plagued by more than just isolation; it's rife with anger, hostility, and aggression. All too often, political and societal tensions infiltrate our synagogue community. The aftermath of the October 7th terrorist attack on Israel, and the divisions within American politics, have made this painfully clear. Modern tribalism fractures our culture, making meaningful dialogue across differing viewpoints increasingly difficult. We retreat into echo chambers, silencing perspectives we disagree with. How many of us have severed social media connections over a single political post? This is precisely why it is paramount that our Kehillah Kedosha, our sacred community, actively cultivates space for the diverse range of views within our congregation.

Judaism provides our foundation for worship, celebration, and action. The Torah reminds us that God remembered our ancestors in their most vulnerable state, as slaves. This profound act of care is central to our tradition. Our prophets championed the rights of the widow, the orphan, and the poor, lessons that continue to inspire us. Our covenant is inherently communal: God's concern for how we treat one another directly shapes our relationship with the Eternal.

How can we, as a synagogue, uphold our beliefs while ensuring everyone feels a sense of belonging at Temple

Israel? Regardless of our chosen platform, there will inevitably be differing perspectives within our community. I urge all invested members to extend grace and respect to one another, fostering an environment where diverse viewpoints are heard. This allows us to truly grapple with understanding and how to manifest God's will in the world. If you disagree with me or the temple's stance, please come and talk with me. I deeply care about our community, and I am committed to ensuring everyone feels valued. My hope is that we can cultivate a space where diverse approaches to ethical and socially responsible action are embraced.

I grapple with this challenge deeply; it often keeps me awake at night. I am reluctant to engage in political discourse, but my conscience demands action. Judaism insists that we advocate and act. We are obligated to stand against antisemitism and hate, to safeguard our rights and security, and to champion the cause of the oppressed, the vulnerable, and the needy. We are a synagogue that champions ethical values, acts with justice and compassion, and exemplifies kindness and love

Honestly, on the most pressing issues of our time, particularly regarding Israel, I rarely feel my perspective is definitively 'correct.' Instead, I aim to inspire our community to engage deeply with these challenges, to come together as neighbors and friends, supporting what we believe is right while creating space for diverse viewpoints. Therefore, I will continue to voice my love and support for Israel and pray for the return of hostages, while also expressing empathy for Palestinians, especially those who have lost homes and loved ones. I will advocate for us to love our neighbor as ourselves, particularly for those who feel marginalized in our society—whether transgender individuals, undocumented residents, those struggling with addiction and mental health, or anyone feeling lost in our challenging world. To me, that is the essence of a synagogue: not bound by politics, but a true home.

Rabbi Jesse



Congregational Trip to Israel 2025

Cantor's Corner

VOICES OF CHANGE: 50 YEARS IN THE AMERICAN CANTORATE



We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. I am keenly and humbly aware of this truth when I stand and sing on our Temple's Bimah, always proud to follow in the footsteps of the women Cantors who came before me. Looming large in that category is our beloved Cantor Emerita Helene Reps who we recently celebrated, and who paved the way for so many of us female Cantors in the Reform movement.

This coming March at the Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music and again in June, at the American Conference of Cantors' convention in Washington D.C., we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of the first woman Cantor. Cantor Barbara Ostfeld made history when, at the age of 22, she became the first woman Cantor in the world. Ordained in 1975, her leadership opened the doors for many women (including me) to pursue the Cantorial path. Cantor Ostfeld's influence on Jewish music, aspiring Cantors and the Reform movement is profound, most notably through her commitment to the music of worship, Jewish education and social justice. 2025 marks 50 years since Cantor Ostfeld broke the mold and showed that women were more than up to the task of serving in a Cantorial role. Today, the Reform Cantorate is 400 women Cantors strong and growing.

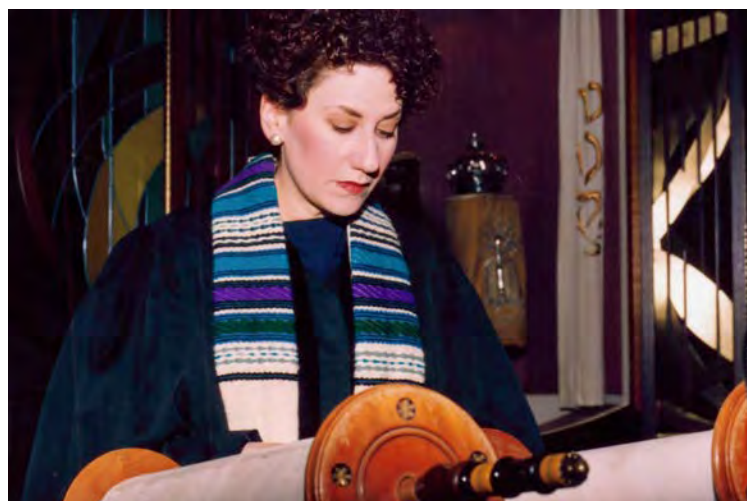
During her long and esteemed career, Cantor Ostfeld served congregations in New Jersey, Long Island, Rochester and Buffalo, New York and then served as Placement Director of the American Conference of Cantors. Her memoir—"CATBIRD: The Ballad of Barbi Prim" was released to great acclaim in 2019, the same year she was honored with the Debbie Friedman Award for Contributions to Jewish Music.

Throughout my years as a Cantor, Cantor Ostfeld has always been there to support and advise with her kind words, wisdom and invaluable expertise. I have always known her to be a strong, highly professional, gifted and accomplished Cantor with a big heart—a real "mentsch." In my own view, she is completely deserving of the honor that will be bestowed upon her this spring and summer by our Reform movement and the many Reform Cantors, both men and women, whom she has guided and inspired over the last half century.

Warmly,
Cantor Rita Glassman



Read more about Cantor Ostfeld at
"Breaking Down the Barricades:
An Interview with Barbara Ostfeld"



Cantor Barbara Ostfeld at Temple Beth Am (now Congregation Shir Shalom) in Williamsville, NY, 1990.



Barbara Ostfeld's historic ordination in 1975 as America's first female cantor. From left: Alfred Gottschalk, Barbara Ostfeld, Jerome Krasnow, Jerome Holland, and Dean Paul Steinberg



Cantor Ostfeld discusses early experiences in the synagogue with her family. Visit www.milkenarchive.org/articles/view/barbara-ostfeld-interview to play the video.

Celebrate the Holidays

Purim 2025 – Services / Opportunities!

**Monday, March 10th –
Friday, March 14th**

Mishloach Manot Bags

One of the four Purim *mitzvot* (obligations) is to gift bags of food and drink to family and friends. Each year the Religious School provides Mishloach Manot bags for congregants and families who are interested in picking up their bag at the Temple. We also hope you'll consider participating by giving a financial contribution, and be a sponsor.



Visit www.tinr.org to support the Mishloach Manot bags. Your name will be added to our sponsorship list!

If you're interested in picking up a Mishloach Manot bag for your household, they are available:

- Week of March 10th, in the lobby
- Thursday, March 13th, at the Purim Spiel
- Friday, March 14th, at the Megillah Shabbat Services

Wednesday, March 12th, 7 – 10 pm

Brotherhood & Sisterhood "Hoodentashen" Baking
Brotherhood & Sisterhood need some "Hoodentashen" (hamentashen) baking for the "Persian" Nosh the next day! Save the date. Contact Allen Fishbein at allenfishbein@aol.com if you can come and help!

Erev Purim: Thursday, March 13th

"Persian" Nosh, 6:30 pm;

Purim Spiel for Everyone! 7 – 8 pm – West Side Shpilkes

Your favorite Broadway melodies and your favorite Biblical tale make the perfect mash-up for Purim! This hilarious show will entertain people of all ages with classics from famous Broadway musicals like The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, and West Side Story!

Purim: Friday, March 14th, 6:00 pm

Megillah Shabbat Services

Service Times

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

March 7th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
March 14th	6:00 pm	Megillah Shabbat Service
March 21st	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Service
March 28th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat
April 4th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat
April 11th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Service
April 18th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
April 25th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat
May 2nd	7:00 pm	Shabbat Service with Graduates
May 9th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat
May 16th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat HaKavod
May 23rd	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
May 30th	7:00 pm	Shabbat Service

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:

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

Coming Back From Florida? ... Moving to a New Home? ... Can We Find You? ... We Miss YOU!

Are you down South? Give us a call, send an email to TempleIsrael@tinr.org to let us know so that "Temple Topics" can find you, wherever you are ... or go to ShulCloud, correct information, change addresses, be interactive with your ShulCloud information. If you need help logging in, contact us at the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800 and speak with Michele Birnbaum, Program & Office Administrator.

We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings ... we do miss YOU!

Passover 2025 – Services / Opportunities!

Saturday, April 12 - Sunday, April 13th

Erev Passover / Passover

Saturday, April 19th

Last Day of Passover

Passover Festival Service/Torah

Study w/Lunch, 9:00 am

No RSVP or cost for lunch.



Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration

Thursday, April 24th, 7 - 8 pm

We are welcoming Helga Schmitz-Fernich Luden to commemorate Yom HaShoah with us. Please join us on this significant evening. *More details on p. 12.*

From the President

Things Happening at Temple Israel!



Recently I invited the community to join me for breakfast and to hear an update about things happening at Temple Israel and other topics the Board has been addressing. I want to thank those who came out and participated. I really enjoy that opportunity to chat with you all and answer your questions. While I couldn't possibly update you on ALL THINGS happening here at TINR (simply because there is SO MUCH – which is wonderful), I tried to share

what I could, always with the caveat that if you're interested in learning more, I would be happy to speak with you one on one. For those of you who were unable to attend, I've decided to use this month's TT article to summarize the breakfast – sans bagels.

I'd like to remind everyone that we publish the minutes of the Board meetings in these Temple Topics, keeping our community informed of the issues being tackled by the Board, and our accomplishments.

From the bottom of my heart, I must acknowledge the work the board does for the betterment of this community. Each member of the board is a dedicated volunteer, contributing their time and expertise, and because of them, we thrive. I am fortunate to work with such a caring, dedicated and thoughtful group of people. And while the board is busy doing incredible work, our exceptional staff is behind the scenes pulling the strings and making it all happen. Our Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, has extremely broad shoulders. Anita runs 4 businesses on our campus, and she does it with grace and expertise. I am excited to share with the congregation that next year, Anita will be the President of NATA – the National Association of Temple Administrators. Congratulations on this honor Anita. Our whole community takes great pride in your accomplishment.

To date we have received membership pledge commitments from 69% of our community. Our current membership stands at 349 households.

In September the Board started the year participating in a day long retreat dedicated to the concepts of engagement and philanthropy. Since then, a taskforce has engaged in a series of meetings with Rabbi Lou Feldstein to further explore membership engagement strategies. The primary objective of these meetings is to collaboratively identify and prioritize key initiatives within the interconnected areas of membership models, development, and engagement. I am very proud of the work this committee is doing and the dedication to these concepts that they are bringing to our discussions.

Over the past 18 months the Board has been asked to address many “unsexy” issues. We've committed to stepping up to finally repairing and replacing systems in our failing facility.

We have put new asphalt down over the entire parking lot and driveways. We have fixed leaks in the roof and are addressing additional essential roof repairs. We are done with costly repairs to keep the elevator functioning and are finally replacing and upgrading the entire elevator and that work will begin in a few weeks.

But most importantly – and most costly – is the condition of our HVAC systems. For years we have done patchwork repairs to this system – some of which is the original machinery from the 1960's. We are operating at less than ¼ capacity. We know the job will come with a hefty price tag. The work would be done in phases, over time, allowing us to continually reassess the funding of this project. Because of the condition of our system and the long lead time needed to order parts, this situation is at the top of the boards list, and we hope to be able to move forward within the next few months.

Additionally, we have created a Land Use committee to investigate potential opportunities for us to lease the property to the right of the sanctuary. We have engaged with the city of New Rochelle and held an initial meeting with City Hall, and we are proactively working on smart use of our property so it can potentially become a consistent revenue source.

Anita has found a potential renter for our education wing. Although not a done deal yet, I must thank Anita for all her hard work making this happen. Last year, we also engaged in a rental relationship with Lyric (Learning in Retirement with Iona College) – which brings a hundred people through our doors during the week for their wonderful adult programs. So there's been a lot of active use of our space - which is great for us as both sources of revenue and as community builders.

The Board recognizes there are many “projects” for consideration, and many are exciting... for instance the refurbishment of Forbes and the lobby, the possibility of moving the library to a new location. Modernizing the flow and usefulness of many of our spaces will enhance that feeling of belonging and being welcomed in our community.

Camp Pinebrook has over 300 campers already signed up for the summer of 2025. The rapid success of Camp Pinebrook has led to amazing growth and with growth has come the need for expansion! Last year I shared with you that it looks like we will need a new pool.. well, The Board has approved the digging of that third pool that we are trying to open for this summer! This pool will sit where the basketball court currently resides and the court will be moved to the back part of the campus in what used to be the “overflow” parking lot. We want to thank our Director Allie Horn and her amazing team for putting together new programs and building new activity areas so our campers have the best possible camp experience ever.

Kehillah continues to be a premier program in our area for children 6-weeks to 6-years. Enrollment is at 116. Led by our director Marie Masseo, our program has converted to a Reggio Emilia program, and as promised, we have elevated our staff to teachers with Masters degrees. Our Kehillah community continues to be a tremendous contributor to our finances as well as to the growth of our community.

Socially – our Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and The Neighborhood continue to offer engaging opportunities for fun, food, and even education. From Comedy Nights, to tours of Jewish neighborhoods in New York, to monthly Card games, I am truly amazed by the number of activities TINR offers! I hope you will consider taking advantage of them. Our events can only be successful through your participation.

Our Pickleball program, with special thanks to David Soberman for the herculean task of organizing it all, has really taken off! Handleman Hall is being used by people who haven't been through our doors in years!

Rabbi Jesse and Cantor Rita continue to bring a warmth and inclusivity to our services, continuing to teach us through Torah study and B'nei Mitzvah prep, and more! They have been great supporters of our community members in times of need. I want to thank them for guiding our community through the trauma of October 7th, and for all the days since.

A group from our community went to Israel in February. I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing from them! We hope in the future for happier and safer times and we look to have ever growing participation in trips such as these to our homeland.

I'd like to talk for a moment about the importance of our volunteers. This Temple, school, camp, and early childhood program, are run by a very small – but mighty – staff. This is why organized Jewish communities rely on the volunteerism of their members to help build community, practice *Tikkun Olam*, and support one another. If you have an idea about a group, let us know! We will support you! Please ask where help is needed... and please step up and offer your help. Honestly... it feels good! And taking it even farther – please consider becoming a Board member. It's so rewarding knowing our people and programs are benefitting from your contribution. Please reach out to me if you'd like to talk about what volunteerism at TINR looks like. And let me say, regardless of whether or not you're on a committee... every member of this community is a TINR ambassador! When you are outside these walls, you represent this community... so feel free to invite people you meet to join us for an event or a service, feel free to share proudly that you are a member of Temple Israel of New Rochelle.

And lastly, I am very pleased to share that, pending congregational approval in June, the Board and Cantor Rita have come to an agreement and Cantor Rita will carry on as our Cantor.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Purim Spiel (if not before)!

Todah Rabah,
Margie Ostrove

Welcome to ...



Isabelle Graham is our new Bookkeeping Administrator for Temple Israel!

Isabelle grew up in New Rochelle with her family, and even attended Temple Israel as a preschool student. She graduated from NRHS, and attended Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. There, she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Mathematics and Dance.

After working in dance and theater administration for the better part of 4 years, **she's happy to join Temple Israel's Office Staff Family!**

You can reach Isabelle at IsabelleGraham@tinr.org



Friday, April 4th

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

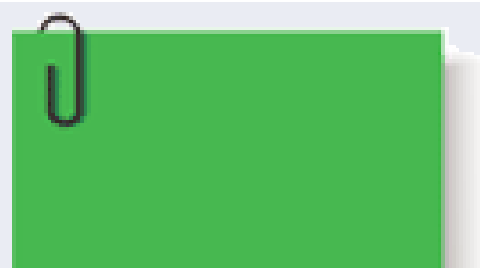
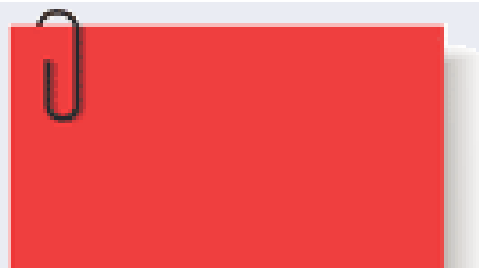
Adults-\$30 • Child (Grades K-6)-\$10 • Tots-Pre-K-FREE

Online reservations close on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP for dinner while capacity is available. All welcome for the service without reservations.

Last Date Before Summer! May 2nd

"Board" Bulletin



The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 15th for its regular monthly meeting.

BOT Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, and all congregants are welcome to attend.

The meeting began with an invocation by Rabbi Jesse, in which he particularly asked for God's blessing on Israel expressed hope that the ceasefire announced today will be the beginning of a process that brings peace to the region.

The Board spent the majority of the meeting discussing the need for a massive overhaul of our HVAC system. We have been aware of this emerging need for many years, and we can no longer expect the system to remain functional in the short term. We have received an estimate from Johnson Control, along with a detailed plan for all components that they believe must be addressed. Two additional companies (in addition to Johnson Control) have been engaged to review our needs and offer proposals.

The Finance Committee met last night to begin the discussion of how to best finance the endeavor. The Finance Committee recommends self-financing at this time, rather than financing. We would retain the possibility of borrowing money at a later point if need be. The Board discussed the upcoming need for a capital campaign, but the need for the repairs cannot wait for a capital campaign, which will require substantial planning.

The Board voiced consensus agreement that the HVAC system requires an overhaul, and that we are committed to moving forward to making that happen. We endorse the Finance Committee proposal to focus on self-financing at this point, with the potential to pivot at a later point if need be.

The Board ended the meeting with Good and Welfare. Allen Fishbein shared that Brotherhood and Sisterhood have been discussing ways to support Jewish communities in Los Angeles. Margie Ostrove congratulated the Warhit family on the birth of their most recent grandchild! Rabbi Jesse was gratified by the participation at the recent Community Shabbat, and he encouraged our participation in the upcoming MLK weekend Shabbat. Teens can attend for free, sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Next week, Rabbi Jesse will be visiting "snow-birds" in Florida for a TINR lunch.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events: Jewpardy will reprise on February 8th! (Thank you, Brotherhood!) and the President's Breakfast will be held at 9:30 am on February 2nd. (Thank you, Margie!)

We adjourned after a record-short meeting, at 7:55 pm.

The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 12th for its regular monthly meeting.

This BOT meeting began with an invocation by Rabbi Jessie, reminding us of the importance of asking for help, and of empowering others. He reflected on this week's parsha, in which Moses asks for help and support from his community.

The Board approved the minutes of our last meeting and the membership updates. Margie Ostrove thanked Allen Fishbein for agreeing to co-chair the Social Action Committee. Margie reported that we received a \$200,000 grant to enhance security. Specific details about how the funds will be used are being worked out.

A subgroup of the Board had two meetings in follow-up of the recent Board retreat on membership engagement. Mark Rosen provided a summary of the meetings. Mark noted that TINR is in an unusual position, in that we have a revenue stream that is not completely reliant upon membership dues. The group determined that for TINR, engagement is critical. The Board discussed ways to enhance and enrich congregants TINR experiences.

The Board then had an extensive conversation about how responsibly and efficiently move forward with the replacement of our HVAC system. The scope of the work is extensive, and we have engaged an owner-advocate to help us ensure that we identify the best company for perform the work at a reasonable cost. The Finance Committee has recommended self-funding the replacement. The funds would be spent incrementally, as each phase of repair is ready to go.

Good and Welfare. Rabbi Jesse and congregants are leaving for a trip to Israel tomorrow evening. We wish them all a safe and meaningful journey. A family camp retreat recently took place at Camp Eisner, and it was well attended and successful. Margie noted the presence of the *Tzedakah* Box. The funds collected over the past several months will be directed to the Jewish Community affected by the Los Angeles wildfires. Rebecca Lippel noted that as a follow-up of the NRPD training here at TINR, she is now training the NRPD on how to manage calls that involve individuals with dementia. BBYO is taking a trip to a convention in Denver, including at least four from the TINR chapter. Allen reported on the success of Jewpardy with gratitude for Gary serving as an entertaining emcee!

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Statement by HIAS Regarding Refugees and Immigration

January 25, 2025

HIAS Statement in Response to Stop-Work Orders from the State Department and other Federal Agencies

SILVER SPRING, Md — HIAS joins our partners in the humanitarian and development community in our outrage and devastation at the U.S. government's decision to abruptly suspend life-saving assistance to vulnerable people around the world.

"The magnitude of these stop-work orders is unprecedented and breathtakingly cruel," said Mark Hetfield, HIAS President. "The impact is staggering, abandoning millions of people around the world to face exploitation, violence, and hunger — including in places where HIAS has been working in partnership with the U.S. government for decades."

In addition, effective immediately, national and local refugee agencies, including HIAS and our network of more than two dozen partners around the country, have been ordered to stop providing critical services to refugees who came to the U.S. through the safe and legal pathway of the United States Refugee Admissions Program. This includes Afghans who helped U.S. troops and people who fled war and religious persecution in countries like Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, and Iran. They along with the communities that had prepared to welcome them will now be abandoned.

People who have been forced to flee because of who they are and what they believe will see the immediate termination of many life-saving services, including in some of the world's most unstable places.

"The Biblical commandment to act with compassion toward the widow, the orphan, and the stranger has guided HIAS' work for more than 120 years," said Hetfield, "But today, these are the exact people that the U.S. has decided to abandon."

The humanitarian and development coalition InterAction released the following statement upon learning of the stop-work orders. HIAS joins together with our partners to urge Secretary of State Rubio to continue America's leadership role in providing humanitarian and development assistance by allowing HIAS and many other organizations to continue our important work around the world.

As Jews and humanitarians, HIAS will never abandon our values. We have a responsibility to always stand up for newcomers, who came to the U.S. with the understanding that we would help them adjust to life in a new country. Likewise, we will always advocate for the rights and safety of forcibly displaced people around the world.

As the world's oldest refugee agency, our hearts are broken today, and yet we look to tomorrow with resolve and determination to use all our strength to help as many people as we can. This is what we have done every day for the last 120 years, even through some of the darkest moments of Jewish history. We are committed to the values that have driven this work for over a century.

As submitted to Temple Topics by Amy Ecker with Michael Goldberg. Visit www.hias.org for more information.

Temple Israel of New Rochelle and HIAS cooperate to support families beginning their futures in the United States.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 • 6:30 PM

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Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in honor of Anita Aronoff's becoming President of NATA (National Association for Temple Administration); in appreciation of Margie Ostrove; in memory of Kevin Heaps; in celebration of Michele Birnbaum's complete recovery

Richard Marx

& Deborah Rubin-Marx, in honor of the Warhit family and the birth of their newest granddaughter

Joel & Almarie Fridovich, in memory of Kevin Heaps
Bernie & Judy Robinson, in memory of Kevin Heaps
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

Linda Capozzola, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Anonymous, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Janice Agatston, in memory of Lorin Gerber; in memory of Kevin Heaps

Alan & Stacy Spiegel, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Arthur & Carol Ostrove

Orietta Schneider, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Gerald & Constance Sanders, in memory of Mona Kunen and Kevin Heaps

Norman & Marilyn Mauser, in memory of Kevin Heaps, and our deepest sympathy

Michael & Stacey Bonagura

Brian & Dianne Heaps

Board of Trustees Fund

Michael Weiss

& Dalia Levine, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Building Fund

Brian & Dianne Heaps

Cantor Emerita Helene S. Reps Music Fund

Jeff & Mady Stier, in memory of Kevin Heaps

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Steven & Sally Meisner
Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in appreciation of Cantor Glassman; in appreciation of Annie Bikel's visit to our Community
Ilissa & Paul Warhit, in appreciation of Cantor Glassman

Harriet Silverman

Brian & Dianne Heaps, in memory of Kevin Heaps

David & Marji Karlin

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Brandon & Alana Davis, in memory of Charles Soberman
Jamie & Melissa Levine, in honor of Howard Levine

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Herb Smith

& Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Kevin Held

Hospitality

Ori & Michele Boyum, in honor of Michele Boyum

Israel Action Committee

Steven & Sally Meisner, in honor of the births of Isaac Avery Corman and Yuval Warhit

Michael Goldberg, in honor of birth of Yuval Warhit

Herb Smith

& Sharon Blinkoff, in honor of Allie Warhit's new baby boy, Isaac Korman

Kehillah School Program Fund

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Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in honor of Rabbi Jesse's trip to Israel

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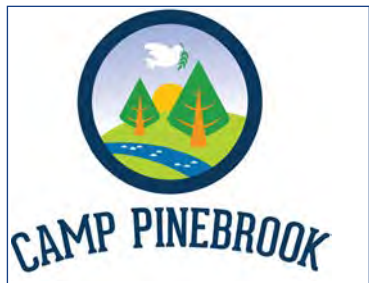
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreting Fund – To provide funding for ASL interpreting and to build the bridge between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the general Jewish Community

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



Who's Caring For My Child?



I meet lots of parents throughout the year who tour Camp Pinebrook to decide whether it's a good fit for their child. I start each meeting by asking the parents what they want from their summer camp experience. Most say they want their child to have fun, learn to swim, and to make friends; all great and important things to wish for and look forward to. They want to know about the activities and of course, the lunch menu. All these things are essential

criteria in choosing a camp, but I inevitably circle back and remind parents of the number one most important and critical element of any camp, anywhere..."Who's caring for my child?"

As the mother of two teenagers, I went through the camp-shopping process several times, and though I toured camps with all the coolest and newest bells and whistles, my one question remained paramount. I wanted to know, before we talked about pools and tennis courts, who the camp was hiring to nurture, care for, and keep my child safe and loved throughout the summer. The age of the staff was never my biggest concern, and still isn't. What was and is critical to me is the **QUALITY** and **CHARACTER** of the staff who work with the campers.

Our staff interviews are centered on learning about the heart of the people who want to work with us. *Will they empathize with our kids? Will they be comfortable playing, singing, and being silly? Will they be a caring and loving member of the Camp Pinebrook family?* By talking during our interview process, listening, and sharing ideas about how to make a child feel loved and secure, we know exactly who will have the greatest success working at camp. It's not difficult to figure out. The best counselors and staff members smile the widest when they talk about working with kids. They come alive with excitement when they talk to us. They laugh and feel at ease in our office. Those are the candidates we choose, because those are the ones who make answering my most important question so easy. Who's loving our kids? The Camp Pinebrook staff is! And no staff, anywhere, loves campers more!

Allison Horn
Camp Pinebrook Director

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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.



FAMILY CAMP RECAP: A WEEKEND FILLED WITH FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND JEWISH VALUES

Temple Israel embarked on its first Family Camp experience January 31st-February 2nd at URJ Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, MA. The theme for the weekend was: *Chesed* (kindness), *Ometz Lev* (courage), and *Hodaya* (being thankful). Families received the name of another family and did acts of *Chesed* for the other family throughout the weekend. The group celebrated Shabbat

with a musical service on Friday evening. On Saturday, families selected one of the two Shabbat experiences: (1) Movement, Music, and Prayer with Morah Jilly, one of our Religious School teachers, or (2) Watercolor Painting with *Parshat HaShavuah* with Student Rabbi Eden. Families enjoyed partaking in a series of challenges that provided opportunities for laughter, fun, and building community. We are grateful to Melissa Esposito-Liebowitz for sharing her musical talent with us.

Participants included: Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Rabbi Jesse, Student Rabbi Eden, Morah Jilly Liflander, The Boccheciamp Family, The Bren Family, The Cukier/Grone Family, The Esposito/Liebowitz Family, The Gorka/Rosen Family, The Kaye Family, The Khani Family, The Levine Family, The Levy Family, The Stern/Scheffler Family and The Wiener Family.

We look forward to returning to Eisner for Family Camp in 2026!

(see pictures of the Family Camp event on the right)

NEXT UP...PURIM!

The holiday of Purim is an especially fun time for our youth and their families. The Youth & Family Engagement Committee and Religious School Parent Reps are planning for a wonderful **Purim Carnival on Tuesday, March 11th**. The carnival will be open to the *Oleem*, *Chavayreem*, *G'shareem*, and *Moochaneem* children in the Kehillah School, as well as our Religious School children. Children who do not attend Kehillah or Religious School are welcome and encouraged to join us with a parent. *Please reach out to Rebecca at relkusferst@tinr.org for timing.*

Mishloach Manot: Purim Bags of Food & Drink

One of the four Purim *mitzvot* (obligations) is to gift bags of food and drink to family and friends. Each year the Religious School provides Mishloach Manot bags for families at Temple Israel. This project acts as a fundraiser for the Religious School, and we hope you'll consider participating by giving a financial contribution. This fundraiser helps us close the deficit that the Religious School carries each year, and allows us to provide programming for our youth.

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

We are welcoming Helga Schmitz-Fernich Luden to commemorate Yom Hashoah with us. Join us on **Thursday, April 24th, 7 - 8 pm**, to listen, to share, to be together.

In 1939 Helga was sent with her mother to Gurs transit camp in the Basque region of southwestern France. While in the camp, her mother taught her how to make a quick escape if necessary and one night she was forced to do so. Helga escaped to the woods where she was found by French-Jewish partisans and brought first to a convent and then to an orphanage.

To find out the rest of Helga's journey, please join us here at Temple Israel!

FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCES

Celebrate Shabbat with us!

Friday, March 28th: Family Shabbat at 6pm followed by a FREE Pizza dinner. Registration required so we know quantity of food needed.

Friday, April 4th: Community Shabbat at 6pm, followed by dinner and programming for youth. Registration and payment is required.

Friday, April 25th: Family Shabbat @ 6pm followed by a FREE Pizza dinner. Registration is required so we know quantity of food needed.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Director of Education: Youth & Families

First Annual Family Camp





Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov!



My name is **Mallory Kowalski** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 8, 2025. I will be chanting from *Ki Tisa* in the Book of Exodus.

I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Leslie & Walter, and my sisters, Stella. I am in the 7th grade at Eastchester Middle School.

Outside of school, I like to play soccer, softball, basketball, and hang out with my friends.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am making homemade cat and dog toys with donated used clothing items, along with homemade dog treats for the Westchester Human Society. This project is important to me because I always felt a strong connection with animals.

My favorite cake flavor is vanilla.

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



Shabbat Blessings, Purim Celebrations, and Visiting Artists...



Tradition, Faith, and Experiences enrich the lives of children, families, and educators at Kehillah.

Shabbat Blessings

Celebrating in Lapidus has proven to be a great success. Our thanks to Morah Rebecca, Rabbi Jesse, Cantor Rita, and Zev Haber leading us in story and song. To all the Parents and Grandparents, that meet us each week in celebration... we thank you!

Purim Celebrations

Traditional Purim Costumes with our clergy, Purim stories, groggers, and baking hamentashen, is on the horizon for Kehillah. Having all the children join in the Purim Parade is a coveted event!

We look forward to a visit from Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk with Tales of Purim for Preschool and K- Prep. Visit him at www.jonathankruk.com for more information.

Visiting Artists

March will bring a visit from Michael Albert, Pop-Art Collage Artist, (www.michaelalbert.com). Each year he inspires our children with a new appreciation for creating ART with the collages and drawings he has designed over the years.

"Teaching Beyond the Square" returns with their second visit of the school year – this time with their Materials Trailer. This visit supports their Fall presentation "The Materialized Classroom" that was a collaborative investigation and play with loose parts. With this visit, children and educators will shop on the trailer for amazing materials collected by TBS, from companies in NYC.

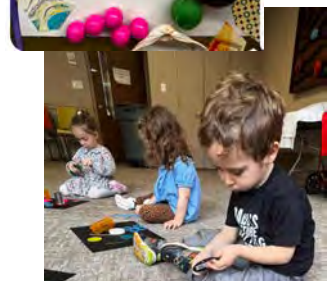
We are so blessed as the Kehillah Community shares in experiences that enrich our children's faith, literacy, and creativity.

If you are interested in a tour or joining our waitlist, please contact Marie Masseo at mariemasseo@tinr.org.

Marie Masseo
Kehillah School Director



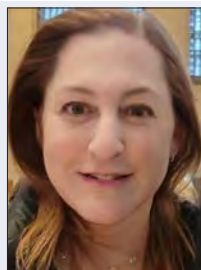
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KEHILLAH ART SHOW
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Sisterhood



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We are so excited for our next cultural field trip. By the time you read this, Sisterhood will have led 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.

We thoroughly enjoyed discussing the acclaimed novel "Long Island Compromise" by Taffy Brodesser-Albert at our Bagels & Books event. It was a lively discussion! If you have not read it, copies are available in our own TINR library.

Join Sisterhood at a "Mozzarella Making Class." AJ, from AJ's Burgers, will teach us how to make our own fresh pulled mozzarella. The class is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd, 10:30 am - 12 pm at AJ's Burgers (542 North Ave, New Rochelle). Refreshments will be served, including mozzarella and bruschetta, soft drinks/coffee. Participants will get to take home the cheese made in class and cheese curds, to make more mozzarella on their own. YUM! Sign up at www.tinr.org. There are less than 20 spots!

Join us on Sunday, June 1st at 10:30 am for a Guided Tour of Untermyer Gardens. This 43-acre public garden was created in 1917 by Samuel & Minnie Untermyer. The park and gardens combine exceptional horticulture, monumental architecture, and multicultural design, in a majestic natural setting overlooking the Hudson River. Sign up at www.tinr.org to save your spot.

Our popular Game Nights continue with our next night on Wednesday, March 5th followed by Wednesday, April 2nd. Please RSVP through the new link included in the TINR weekly email blast so that we have sufficient tables, snacks, and wine ready, to make this a great evening. Game nights now begin at 6:45pm.

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 and Berdie

Brotherhood



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Brotherhood had a lot of fun in the first few months of 2025.

We had a great night playing virtual golf in January. Everyone enjoyed a few holes as well as beer, wings, and other goodies.

What is Brotherhood's most fun and challenging event of the whole year? The answer is Jewpardy! The weather cooperated on Saturday night and got everyone's competitive juices flowing. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to everyone who came out to play. Special kudos to Todd Pekats and Jeff Berenbaum for their operational assistance.

On Wednesday, March 12th, please join Brotherhood and Sisterhood for "Hoodentaschen" from 7 - 10 pm. Come help us make Hamantaschen, for the Purim Spiel the day after! Please email Allen Fishbein at allenfishbein@aol.com if you can help!

Brotherhood has a few other activities "in the works" for the spring. We'll give you the details as we know them.

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.

Best,
Allen and Gary



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Nechama (comfort)

"One who comforts another brings peace to the world." – Avot de-Rabbi Natan (Ethics of the Fathers)

In Jewish thought, offering *nechama* (comfort) is considered one of the greatest expressions of loving kindness. Comforting others cultivates a world where kindness, empathy, and connection, are prioritized over conflict and division.

How can we bring *nechama* into our own lives and communities?

- **Be present:** Sometimes the greatest comfort is simply sitting with someone in silence.
- **Listen with empathy:** Offering comfort often means listening without trying to fix or judge.
- **Be consistent:** True *nechama* may require long-term support, not just a one-time gesture.
- **Extend kindness beyond grief:** *Nechama* can be offered to anyone in distress—helping a friend through disappointment, offering hope to someone struggling, or encouraging someone facing a challenge.

Roberta's Favorite Hamantaschen

Yields about 40-45

Fun for the whole family, try this classic recipe with your favorite fillings. For best results, don't overfill, and pinch the corners tightly.

Dough

5 cups flour, plus additional for rolling
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
3/4 cup oil
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup orange or pineapple juice

Fillings

Prune pie filling
Poppy seed filling
Raspberry jam (with seeds)
Apricot jam
Chocolate chips
Lemon curd



For the dough:

In a large bowl, mix together the eggs, oil, and juice. Add the dry ingredients and knead until the dough comes together but isn't sticky. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and chill for at least one hour.

Roll and shape:

Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to about 1/4-inch thickness. Use a round cookie cutter or glass (about 3 inches in diameter) to cut out circles.

Fill and Fold:

Place 1 teaspoon of filling in the center of each circle. Fold the edges up to form a triangle, pinching the corners to seal.

Bake:

Place the hamantaschen on the baking sheet leaving some space between each. Bake 15-20 minutes or until edges are lightly golden.



Wednesday, March 5, April 2nd
6:45 - 9:00 pm **NEW START TIME!**

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 for each session to accommodate for food and seating!**

Other Dates: May 7th, June 4th

Brunch & Learn



Saturday, March 8th, 10:30 am

Join us for some **FREE** Brunch, and a lot of Learning!

Brunch & Learn Topic: Breakthrough Jewish Literature, looking at the works of Saul Bellow and Philip Roth!

Visit www.tinr.org to reserve your spot so that we can accommodate for seating and food. Last minute? Just walk in!
Last Date: May 10th



Mozzarella Making Class
Sunday, March 23rd, 10:30 am – 12 pm

at AJ's Burgers (542 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10801)

9 SPOTS LEFT! (as of 2/19) \$36 per person

Join Sisterhood as AJ himself teaches us how to make your own fresh pulled mozzarella. Refreshments will be served including mozzarella and bruschetta, soft drinks/coffee. Participants will get to take home the cheese made in class and cheese curds to make more mozzarella on their own.

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**TWO
NIGHTS**



Thursday, March 27th, 7:30 pm: "Voices From Israel"

Come and listen to the experiences from a panel of our congregants, who just came back from an Israeli Temple trip with Rabbi Jesse. Hear about the locations they visited, and how they felt being in Israel, especially after the October 7th attack. *RSVPs not necessary. Please just join us!*

Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30 pm: Yom Ha'atzmaut Dinner

Share in the celebration of Israel's Independence Day with a dinner together, in joy and camaraderie, over our support of the state of Israel. This is a **FREE** dinner, but **RSVPs** are necessary. Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP. (note, this date was changed from Thursday, April 24th)

For Purim and Passover Services / Opportunities, see p. 5



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

Friday, March 28th, April 25th

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

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP by the Wednesday prior, by midnight, to accommodate for food and seating.

Last Day Before Summer! May 30th

In collaboration with Beth El Synagogue,
the Israel Action Committee presents ...

TORN: A DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM **The Israel-Palestine Poster War on NYC Streets**

Thursday, April 3rd, 7:30 pm

at Beth El Synagogue

(1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804)

Beth El's reservation link to be released shortly.

TORN delves into the controversy surrounding the 'KIDNAPPED' poster campaign, a grassroots effort to raise awareness about the 250 hostages taken by Hamas.

These posters quickly became polarizing symbols, sparking intense clashes between pro-Israel and pro-Palestine activists and turning New York City's streets into battlegrounds of ideology and emotion.

The film explores the motivations behind activists putting up and tearing down the posters, unraveling the complexities of this intense 'paper arm' proxy war, fought thousands of miles from the actual conflict.



Walking Tour of Untermyer Gardens Conservancy

Sunday, June 1st, 10:30 am – 12 pm

Come and walk through the Untermyer Gardens with exceptional horticulture, monumental architecture, and multi-cultural design in a majestic natural setting.

The tour typically takes 90 minutes to 2 hours, and is for attendees without physical limitations. The cost of the tour is \$20. Visit www.tinr.org for more details about the walking tour, and to RSVP. There are limited spots available.

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A captivating luncheon program featuring stirring music, art, and stories from Lee Oskar—globally recognized, multiple award-winning performer, visual artist, harmonica manufacturer, and lifelong musical explorer.

Wednesday, April 23rd

11:30 am - 1 pm

Lee Oskar

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle
Lunch provided.

Open and free to the public.

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP for
this FREE event.

This program is the second in an exciting enrichment series that has been established in loving memory of Albert & Muriel Balik, who were TINR founding members (Pinebrook) and supporters since 1960.

Save the Date for the next Community Shabbat, see p. 7



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