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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:

Ruth Lauder
Michael Aranow - Son of Wilbert and Ina Aronow

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

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

Lisa & David Itzkowitz
Melissa Skidelsky & Carlos Arias, Javier, and Lior
Tim Michaels & Jessica Lent, Cadence and Lucia
Warren & Jennifer Behr, Ezra, and Samuel

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

Mazel Tov to ...

Paul Warhit, on being honored by the City of New Rochelle with the Jewish American Heritage Month recognition.

Cantor Helene Reps on the birth of her great-granddaughter

Linda Capozzola, on her new family member, her adopted dog Lilly

Mitchell Ostove, on his 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Religious School Graduates! Sam Benson, Sophie Dingee, Louis Fernandez, Danica Frey, Eli Kassoff, Andy Krasner, Charlie Mangot, Henry Meisner, and Dylan Rittenberg.

Harper Lehrman and Jordan Moore, in celebrating becoming B'nei Mitzvah in June. *You can read their bios on p. 12*

Send all your good news to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org

Closings

Please note the following Temple Office and Kehillah School closures:

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day (Temple Office and Kehillah closed)

Monday, June 2nd: Shavuot (Temple Office closed, Kehillah School open)

Thursday, June 19th: Juneteenth (Temple Office and Kehillah closed)

Friday, July 4th: Independence Day (Temple Office and Kehillah closed)

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Rabbi's Note

Lifting Our Spirits – Amen!



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.

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Service Times

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays:

May 2nd	7:00 pm	Shabbat Service with Graduates
May 9th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
May 16th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Lag B'Omer BBQ Shabbat HaKavod
May 23rd	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
May 30th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat w/Dinner
June 6th	6:00 pm	Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Service w/Dinner
June 13th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service/ Mitchell Ostrove 2nd Adult Bar Mitzvah, followed by a special oneg
June 20th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Service
June 27th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
July 4th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service Zoom ONLY

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:

- May 16th
- June 20th

Lag B'Omer



Although it was quite a long time ago, I can still very happily recall the excitement, joy and celebration surrounding the holiday of Lag B'Omer at the Westchester Day School where I attended elementary school.

Lag B'Omer was a day all of us WDS students looked forward to each year. We spent the entire day of the holiday outdoors on the beautiful 24 acre property on the Long Island Sound, having a picnic lunch under the trees, part of a great big Barbecue.

I still remember the flavored ice cream popsicles (I think my favorite was the orange flavor!), the singing, the dance session with our Israeli folk dance teacher. There was a whole array of games and activities (again all outdoors) and prizes were given after competitive races-I won the co-ed Broad Jump one year! I loved Lag B'Omer. It was a day full of joy, fun and camaraderie with my peers. It was the best!

So where does this holiday come from and what started it all in the first place. The word Lag is made up of two Hebrew letters-LAMED and GIMEL. The number associated with LAMED is 30 and the numerical equivalent of GIMEL is 3. So the holiday falls each year on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer (the Barley harvest) which is somewhere in the middle between Passover (commemorating the exodus from slavery) and Shavuot (celebrating the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai).

A very beloved and renowned Rabbi who lived in the Second Century of the Common Era, a student of the great sage Rabbi Akiva, was, like his teacher before him, threatened with his life by the Romans for studying Torah. Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, along with his son Rabbi Eleazar, went into hiding in a cave. Lo and behold because of a miraculous carob tree and a flowing stream, as the legend goes, Rabbi Shimon and his son were able to live in that cave for thirteen years. They continued to study Torah. Rabbi Shimon is one of the writers of the ZOHAR, the Book of Illuminations which is the foundational book of the *Kabbalah* (the Jewish mystical tradition).

Some years after emerging from the cave, Rabbi Shimon knew that his end was near. It was important to him that the day of his passing would not be a sad day. He determined that instead, the day of his exiting this earth would be a day of celebration and joy. That day happened to fall on Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the Omer. It is also important to note that in the time Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai lived, there was a terrible plague during which thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students died. They say that on the 33rd day of the Omer, the plague stopped-another reason why we celebrate on this day.

In very orthodox Jewish communities, there is the ritual of UPSHEERIN-when three-year-old boys first have their hair cut. We didn't see any of that at the Westchester Day School, but I am so very grateful to have been able to celebrate with my fellow students and still have such fond, happy memories of a day in our school year when we got to be outdoors in nature celebrating Jewish life and honoring the brave, scholarly souls who are part of our rich history and heritage.

I hope you will join us on Friday evening, May 16th at 6:30pm, for a pre-neg BBQ in celebration and in honor of Lag B'Omer.

Warmly,
Cantor Rita Glassman



**Can you find "Lag B'Omer"
in the flame?**

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



Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Join Together at Community Synagogue of Rye
with other participating local synagogues

on Sunday, June 1st – Erev Shavuot

Tikkun Leil Shavuot is a traditional Jewish practice of staying awake and learning Torah on the night before *Shavuot* – the festival of the Giving of the Torah

Service followed by Experiential Learning

200 Forest Ave, Rye, NY 10580

More details to follow soon on Tikkun Leil Shavuot!



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From the President

My Final Temple Topics Article



Well, here we are—my final *Temple Topics* article.

It's hard to believe that two years have flown by since I wrote my first message to this incredible community.

First and foremost, **thank you.**

Thank you to the Board, an extraordinary team whose shared goal has always been the betterment of our synagogue. Thank you for allowing me the honor of leading with purpose, with love, and with heart. And to this amazing community—thank you for your unwavering support, your kindness, and the countless moments of joy you've brought into my life.

The past 18 months have been filled with both light and darkness. We've faced heartache, holding space for sorrow while striving to remain spiritually connected and grounded in joy. This Passover in particular stirred something deep in me—the symbolism of the seder plate resonated more powerfully than ever. The bitterness felt all too real. But even in that heaviness, I found strength in our traditions, in the embrace of family and friends, and in you—this community that constantly reminds me what a gift it is to be Jewish. The work of the Board is always forward-facing. While we aim to make every experience at TINR meaningful and engaging,

we also carry the responsibility of sustaining this sacred space for generations to come. From carefully stewarding our endowment, making vital improvements to our facilities, and nurturing programs like Camp Pinebrook and Kehillah, to reimagining ways for everyone to participate—we hope our efforts have reflected the care and thought we've poured into them.

Looking ahead, our **Annual Gala** is coming up on **Saturday, June 14th**, and I'm unabashedly hoping for record participation—it's going to be a night to remember! Journal ads may feel a little "old school," but they remain a powerful way to support our fundraising. So, please consider taking out an ad—and more importantly, **come celebrate with us!** Let's make some lasting memories together.

Lastly, I'd like to invite you all to attend the **Annual Congregational meeting on Wednesday, June 11th** where you will have an opportunity to participate in the governance of Temple Israel.

Though this may be my last column, it certainly isn't goodbye. I look forward to sharing many more simchas with all of you. Thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for letting me play a small part in the journey of this remarkable community.

With deep gratitude and love,
Margie

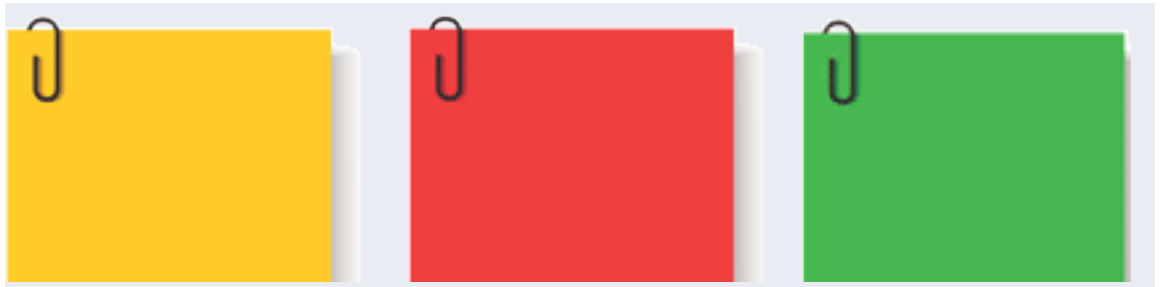


Margie Ostrove's father, Mitchell Ostrove, at his 1st Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi Shankman is saying the Motzi.

Mitchell will be celebrating his 2nd Bar Mitzvah on Friday, June 13th, 6:00 pm, followed by a special oneg.

"Board" Bulletin



The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, March 19th for its regular monthly meeting.

Rabbi Jesse began the meeting talking about the challenges in Israel right now with changes in the Knesset and protests throughout Jerusalem. It is important to keep aware and pray for Israel's safety during this volatile time. Rabbi Jesse also encouraged board members to vote REFORM for the World Zionist Congress, which will help to promote a more inclusive Israel that recognizes Reform values. You can register to vote online; there is a \$5 administrative fee.

Camp Pinebrook Presentation by Allie Horn: In Allie's 3rd summer at Pinebrook, the camp continues to grow this summer, with enrollment currently at 370 campers across 8 weeks; they had a 62% retention rate, and a 63% early bird registration rate.

Unfortunately, we won't have the necessary permits from the City in time to install the 3rd pool this summer but it will be ready by summer 2026.

Executive Director's Report: Anita Aronoff referred to her written report.

Elevator demo: The elevator demo starts next week and the entire project should take a month to complete.

HVAC: Anita shared that in addition to the bid from Johnson Controls, the HVAC committed received a bid from another vendor on 3/17/25 which will need to be reviewed. They are still awaiting one more bid.

President's Report: Margie Ostrove referred to her written report.

All are encouraged to participate in the Israel Day Parade. TINR will be walking with WJC and it will be an opportunity to connect with a larger community in celebration.

Margie gave a special thanks to Rebecca Elkus-Ferst for putting together an awesome Purim carnival; there was a great turnout of families and parent volunteers, and the kids had a blast. Margie also acknowledged Cantor Rita and the Spiel participants as well as Cantor Rita's beautiful reading of the Megillah. The Brotherhood and Sisterhood contributed to a successful Purim as well with their homemade Hamantaschen.

Meeting adjourned.

The TINR Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, April 23rd for its regular monthly meeting.

Cantor Glassman opened our meeting with the poem "Lightening," by the writer Bon Scher, using the themes in the poem to draw our attention to the importance of using Jewish values and ideals to help us make strong, ethical choices during these turbulent times.

Education, Youth and Families Update: Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, director of the TINR religious school and director of youth and family engagement updated the board about changes in the religious school and youth and family engagement.

The board then discussed on-going building maintenance, repair, and improvements:

- **Elevator:** The elevator renovation process encountered a complication of water leaking into the shaft when the old piston was removed. Anita anticipates that sealing of the leak will begin in the next week, at which point, installation of the new elevator can begin.
- **HVAC:** Planning for the optimal approach to the HVAC system is still underway, with active conversations with several possible vendors.
- **Camp Pool:** The New Rochelle Planning Board approved the installation of the third pool, and the permitting process can now begin. We await approval from the Westchester Department of Health. We anticipate that we will be prepared to put the project out for bids in June or July.
- **Roof:** The roof replacement process continues: Bids have been received for repair of the roof above Forbes. Several additional sections of roof are still original; bids for the complete repair are included along with the existing bids.
- **Security:** The two sets of front doors will be replaced with a higher security system, funded by a security grant that we have obtained.

Meeting adjourned.

Temple Israel is Grateful

Todah Rabah – Thank You

Temple Fund

Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in appreciation of their recent Bimah Reading; for the speedy recovery of Joan Goldsmith and Helen Miller
Michele & Adam Birnbaum and Orietta Schneider, for the speedy recovery of Joan Goldsmith
Linda Capozzola, in honor of Berdie Stein; in honor of Stephanie Krasner
Roberta Safire & Daniel DiAnni, in memory of Edward Safire
Val Etra, in memory of Dr. Michael Aronow
Laurie & Jay Dubner, in honor of Anita Aronoff
Elliot & Diane Senderoff Donald & Judith Pinals Judith Osten
Steven & Sally Meisner, in appreciation of Lloyd Robinson
Barbara Nissim, in memory of her father, Bernard E. Pearlson
Michael Goldberg, in memory of his Uncle Harold Goldberg
Anita & Stephen Aronoff, in memory of Violet
John Reiches & June Streisand

ASL Interpreting Fund

Edward "Woody" Emanuel, in honor of Anita Aronoff; in honor of Rabbi Jesse, Cantor Rita, and President Margie Ostrove

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Roberta Safire & Daniel DiAnni, in honor of Cantor Rita, for an awesome Purim Spiel
Herb Smith & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Dr. Michael Aronow

Michael Goldberg, in honor of Purim Spiel
Richard & Marjorie Lewis Zoya & Leonard Lipsky, in honor of Abigail Lipsky's baby naming

Cantor Emerita Helene S. Reps Music Fund

Linda Capozzola, in honor of the birth of Cantor Helene Reps' great-granddaughter
Janice Agatston, for Helen Miller's speedy recovery
Herb Smith, & Sharon Blinkoff, in memory of Ruth Laudor
Janice Agatston, in honor of Donald Pinals' special birthday

Community Shabbat and Family Shabbat Sponsors

David & Sara Kaye Mark Rosen & Dolores Malaspina David & Marjory Karlin Lee Jagoda & Erin Anthony-Jagoda

Hospitality

Zoya & Leonard Lipsky

Israeli Action Committee

Donald & Judith Pinals Michael Goldberg, in honor of Paul Warhit

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Lenore Sempert, in memory of Howard & Lillian Podell
Laurie & Jay Dubner Richard & Marjorie Lewis Ronald & Jill Neuburger, in memory of May Goldberg
Sara Minnitti, in memory of Sam Minnitti and in appreciation of Rabbi Jesse
Michael Goldberg, in honor of Rabbi Jesse
Gerald & Constance Sanders, in memory of Robin Kasden Tobey

Temple Israel Cares

Val Etra, in memory of Ruth Laudor

Yakas Fund

Saky Yakas & Lisa Keller

Families Who Donated to Social Action with Membership Pledge

Steve & Jana Rockoff Michael Kramer Laura Stein, thanks for a great Purim celebration

Families Who Donated to Temple Israel Cares with Membership Pledge

Steve & Jana Rockoff Michael Kramer Dalia Levine & Michael Weiss, in memory of Dr. Michael Aronow
Leona Newman, in memory of Dr. Michael Aronow
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Linda Capozzola Heather Nash Hank & Joan Goldsmith Richard & Rebecca Zampolin Penny Eickemeyer David & Rachel Hirschl Val Etra Marc & Marjorie Mangot, Steven & Rebecca Lippel Brian & Dianne Heaps Ellen & Jack Egan Daniel & Anna Weiser David & Jaclyn Cooper Tim & Jackie Diulio Mark Nowak & Carolyn Dudek and Benjamin

List of Funds

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

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

Brotherhood Fund – Brotherhood of Temple Israel of New Rochelle is a group of dedicated Temple members, spanning all ages, who volunteer their time and effort on behalf of Temple members and the New Rochelle community
Camp Pinebrook Program Fund – To enhance programs associated with Camp Pinebrook.

Cantor'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

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NEW Co-President!

Food for Thought – Kavanah (intention)

"A mitzvah without kavanah is like a body without a soul." – Jewish teaching

In Hebrew, *kavanah* means "intention" or "focus." Rather than moving through life on autopilot, *kavanah* invites us to bring our full attention and heart to what we're doing. Even small acts, done with *kavanah*, can create deeper connection in all areas of our lives.

How can we bring kavanah into our daily routines?

- **Start with a breath:** Pause and take a deep breath before beginning your day or a new task.
- **Set an intention:** Say a short personal intention before meals, prayers, or transitions.
- **Remove distractions:** Be fully present in conversations by putting away devices and giving someone your undivided attention.
- **Reflect regularly:** Ask yourself:
 - o Am I fully present in this moment?
 - o What intention do I want to bring to this task or interaction?
 - o How can I align my actions today with what truly matters to me?

Spring Hummus Platter

Prep Time 15 minutes

Ingredients Extra Creamy Hummus

- 1 15 oz can chickpeas*, drained but liquid from can preserved
- 1 15 oz can white bean drained
- 1/2 cup tahini
- 1/4 cup + 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup + 1 tablespoon liquid from chickpeas
- Juice of one lemon about 3-4 tablespoons
- 3-4 garlic cloves peeled
- 3/4-1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon cumin
- Extra olive oil and lemon juice for topping
- 1 teaspoon Zataar for topping
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley for topping

Spring Veggie Platter

- 1 piece of naan toasted torn into pieces*
- 3 rainbow carrots cut into sticks
- 1 cup sugar snap peas
- 4-5 radishes sliced

Instructions

1. In a food processor, add the chickpeas, white beans, tahini, 1/4 cup olive oil and 1/4 cup aquafaba, lemon juice, garlic cloves, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and cumin and blend until smooth and creamy.
2. If hummus is too thick, add extra tablespoon of olive oil and liquid from chickpeas to thin out slightly.
3. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary (may need to add the extra 1/4 teaspoon salt).
4. Transfer the hummus to a bowl and top with olive oil, lemon juice, and parsley. The batch makes enough for 2 serving bowls so can save the second half for later if desired.
5. Place bowl on platter. Serve with naan and vegetables.
6. Enjoy!



Recipe Notes

*If you have the patience, removing the skins from the chickpeas will make your hummus more smooth and creamy. For the naan, drizzle with olive oil and garlic salt, and toast in a 350 degree oven for 4-5 minutes so it's still pillowy.



Kehillah: Collaboration & Creativity



Kehillah continues a journey with Teaching Beyond the Square that nurtures both our children and teachers in the art of collaboration and creativity.

This school year Preschool & K-Prep participated in the Materialized Classroom experience in November and just recently with a visit from the Materials Trailer in April.

We see teachers not as mere providers of knowledge but as fellow researchers.

Teachers create their curriculum by collecting observations and posing questions to the children. By respecting the voice of each child and elevating the role of the teacher, a class can achieve a real sense of purpose and accomplishment through collaboration.

The Materials Trailer for Preschool & K-Prep

This is a program for Preschool & K-Prep consists of a Materials Trailer visiting Kehillah. Small groups of children shop at a time and each child selects five items to be permanently added to the classroom collection. Once all groups of children from a classroom have shopped, the Materials Educators will join teachers and children back in the classroom where the collected items from the Trailer will be spread out onto a fabric circle that we provide. The children will gather around to discover, experiment, collaborate and play with their new materials. Generally, these materials do not go home with the children; they are used repeatedly in the classroom, giving the materials a good, long life.

"Be Kind to Each Other, Be Kind to the Materials"

The children had an amazing experience shopping for materials on the trailer, joining the educators in a collaborative circle of conversation & guidance, and ultimately working with the materials and their imaginations.

Teaching Beyond the Square (TBS) is a nonprofit based in NYC which aims to improve the quality of early childhood education. Through collaborative partnerships with school communities, TBS works with students, educators, and parents to advance developmentally appropriate best practices which are more playful, effective, engaging, and equitable. Teaching Beyond the Square is unlocking the educational mindset, engaging families through the opportunity of play, and helping children... think outside the box.

What we know & what we honor:

Children Are Capable

Children are innately curious. They bring their experiences, ideas, and questions the moment they walk through the door. They naturally explore their surroundings to learn about their world and when given the chance - they are deeply motivated and self-directed.

Learning is an active process that should foster problem solving and creative thought. The use of open-ended materials should incite imagination not just instruction. Through the constant exchanging of ideas and the documentation of that process, children learn to look at projects and problems from different perspectives. It is then through reflection that children can fully appreciate and solidify their understanding.

Classrooms - and the materials that inhabit them - are an invitation. Whether they feel loud and didactic or warm and reflective of the child's perspective, they set the tone for a classroom community. It is through a sense of clarity and beauty that humans feel the ease to take risks and express themselves as they dare to learn and try things they have never done before.

It's with this knowledge we move forward with the continued elevation in Preschool & K-Prep through Kehillah's Reggio Inspired Curriculum and the growing partnership between Kehillah & TBS Teaching Beyond the Square which inspired the curating of the Materials Center.

We look forward to sharing more collaborative experiences with our friends from Teaching Beyond the Square, NYC.

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

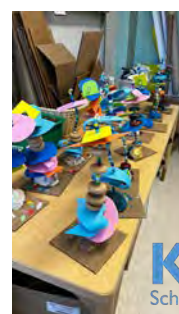
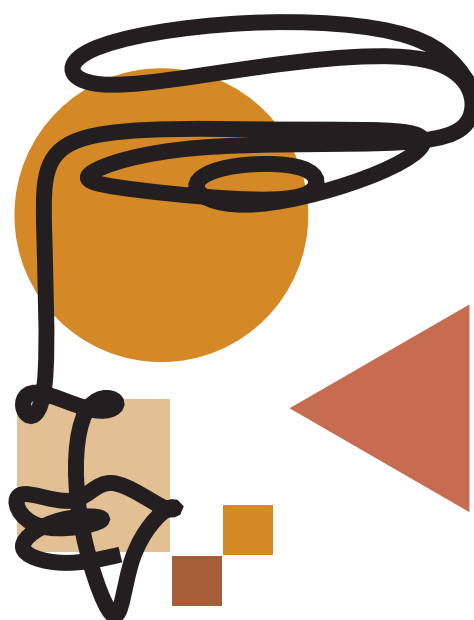
Marie Masseo
Kehillah School Director





Kehillah Art Show "A Presentation of Mixed Media"

May 28, 29, 30
Temple Lobby



Kehillah
School for Early Learning



As we bring our programming year to a close this month, I am grateful to all who have worked so hard to get to this point! I am blessed to work with an incredible team of clergy, professionals, lay leaders, teachers, parents, committee members, and teen volunteers who show up for our students - and for each other - regularly. We will be celebrating together on Tuesday, May 13th with a special Lag B'Omer program, facilitated by our seventh graders. We will also honor our teachers and teens who have been part of our community this past year, as well as our parent volunteers.

I especially want to express my tremendous appreciation for Karen Robinson, our Office Administrator. Karen is my right hand and does so much to ensure our program, children, and teaching staff are successful.

We are already looking ahead to the 2025-2026 year and excited about what's to come:

- Our successful K/5th grade buddy program was a huge hit this year and created opportunities for friendship and community. We look forward to our next cohort of Kindergarten and 5th grade students.
- For the 3rd year in a row, Temple Israel will continue to partner with the Jewish Agency and bring an Israeli Shinshin (teen leader) to our community to work with our youth.
- We are planning a teen trip to the South to learn about the Jewish community's participation in the Civil Rights movement.
- Our first Family Camp brought together over 50 people, and we are looking forward to this special experience in March 2026.
- Monthly Family Shabbat continues to attract over 100 people, and we hope to grow engagement in the coming year.

Looking Ahead to the 2025-2026 Programming Year:

Registration will open mid-May and is available in families Shulcloud accounts. Please understand that in order to register for the 2025-2026 year, all balances must be paid in full from this year.

Opening Week:

Tuesday, September 9th for all K-7th Grade students; 4-6 pm.

Tuesday, September 9th for 8th-12th graders; 6:30-8 pm (dinner 6:30-7 pm)

Thursday, September 10th for 3rd-6th graders; 4-6 pm.

Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Director of Education: Youth & Families

B'nei Mitzvah

Mazel Tov!



My name is **Harper Lehrman** and I will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 7th. I will be chanting from *B'Haalotecha* in the Book of Numbers.

I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Leslie & Ross, and my brother, Dylan. I am in the 7th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School.

Outside of school, I like to play sports and hang out with my friends and family, and cook.

For my Mitzvah Project, I am volunteering after school at Davis Elementary, which was where I went to K-5. I am helping with the Lego Club, sharing my interest and ability to build amazing Lego structures, with 2nd - 5th graders.

This project is important to me because it has allowed me to give back to my elementary school through one of my favorite hobbies. And, it has given me the opportunity to bond with younger kids.

My favorite cake flavor is vanilla.

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



My name is **Jordan Moore** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, June 8th. I will be chanting three special prayers.

I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Zachary & Leah, and my siblings, Oliver and Austin. I am in the 7th grade at Eastchester Middle School.

Outside of school, I love to take dance class, do my make-up, travel with my family, and watch Disney movies.

This bat mitzvah is very special to my family because I have Cri Du Chat and I have been working very hard to learn my service. My favorite part is to sing with Melissa in the sanctuary with the Princess windows.

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



Mazel Tov to our Graduates

*Top Row (L to R): Henry Meisner, Louis Fernandez, Charlie Mangot, Eli Kassoff, Sam Benson
Bottom Row (L to R): Danica Frey, Sophie Dingée, Dylan Rittenberg, Not pictured: Andy Krasner*

Pickleball!

Join Us!

Groups are being set up for **the Fall, which** also includes beginner classes with instruction!

For more information email sports@tinr.org

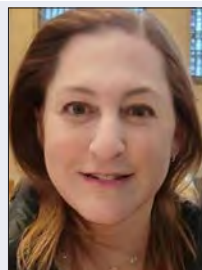


Intermediate instructional group from the winter. Left to Right. April Soffel-Scheffler, Renee Coughlin, Diane Benko (in front) Joanne Harvey (in back), Peter Topol, Nancy Matles, Ruth Topol, and Brian Feinblum

Sisterhood



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As we welcome the warmer weather, we are thrilled to welcome the newest members to our Sisterhood Board of Directors. Each one of these talented and creative women are inspiring us with their commitment to bring new and exciting programming for all of TINR members to enjoy. Please join Greta and I in welcoming Heidi Siesfeld, Laura Feinblum, and Ruth Topol to our Board.

One of these exciting events was our recent **"Mozzarella Making Class"** at AJ's Burgers - what a fabulous time! AJ Cohen led us in making our own fresh pulled mozzarella cheese followed by a delicious lunch of sliders and homemade fries. We even got take home curds for our own mozzarella making at home! See some great pictures of the evening below!

Join us on **Sunday, June 1st at 10:30 am -12:00 noon** for a guided tour of **Untermeyer Gardens**. This 43-acre public garden was created in 1917 by Samuel & Minnie Untermeyer featuring exceptional horticultural design and monumental architecture overlooking the Hudson River. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy on these beautiful grounds. Sign up now at www.tinr.org to save your spot! There are only 30 spots available, so RSVP quickly!

Coming up next, on **Saturday, June 14th** is our Temple's Annual Fun-Raising event **"Camp Margie"** honoring our President, Margie Ostrove for her brilliant leadership of our congregation. Don't miss the fun with games, "The Great American BBQ," music, s'mores, and more!

Don't miss **Wednesday, July 9th at 11:00 am** as we experience a private tour of a major exhibition at the Jewish Museum in

Manhattan. **"The Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt"** illustrates how the story of this biblical queen influenced Dutch art and culture in 17th-century Netherlands. Over 120 masterworks including paintings, prints, and drawings will be presented along with Jewish ceremonial art and decorative objects. Space will be limited so please sign-up early once the registration link is open. You'll find out when in a Programming eblast which will be released on a Sunday, 10 am! So look for it!

Our planning does not stop there...there will be cooking classes, a Fall floral arranging class, and a complimentary showing of the phenomenal Academy Award nominated film **"The Brutalist"** starring Adrien Brody. These are just some of our Fall line-up of events, so keep your eyes peeled for the details.

Of course, our extremely popular Game Nights continue as it's never too late to play! Our next nights are Wednesday, May 7th followed by Wednesday, June 4th. Please RSVP through the link included in the TINR Programming eblasts released on Sundays, 10 am. We need to have sufficient tables, snacks, and wine ready to make this a great evening, so please RSVP. Game Nights now begin at 6:45 pm.

As always, please reach out if you have new programming ideas or suggestions to make Sisterhood even better.

Warmest regards,
Berdie and Greta



Brotherhood



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Brotherhood has a big day on **Sunday, May 4th** – the **Blood Drive** will take place at Temple Israel from 9 am-1:30 pm. Donate blood and save a life. And then, from 6 pm- 9 pm that night, please join us for **Klezmer & Knishes**. We'll be serving deli food for dinner and enjoying a Klezmer band. Come and listen, dance, eat, and spend a Sunday night with Brotherhood.

On **Friday, May 16th**, Brotherhood will be helping with the **Lag B'Omer BBQ**. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. Send an email to Allen at allenfishbein@aol.com to help out!

Brotherhood & Sisterhood's Annual Shabbat Service & Dinner is on Friday, June 6th at 6 pm. Dinner will follow the service. This is the Brotherhood and Sisterhood's opportunity

to give back to paid members for all the support throughout the year! If you would like to join Brotherhood or Sisterhood before this event, so you can have a free dinner, let us know. We always are looking for more Brotherhood and Sisterhood memberships.

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

Events



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The City of New Rochelle cordially invites you to

Jewish American Heritage Month Recognition

Celebrating the contributions and achievements of Jewish Americans in the City and the Nation

 **Thursday, May 1st, 2025**
5:00-7:00PM

 **City Hall**
515 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY, 10801

Honoring: Paul Warhit

Light refreshments will be served

RSVP: newrochelleny.com/jewishheritage

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Blood Drive

Gift the Give of Life
Sunday, May 4th, 9 am – 1:30 pm

Come and donate, at the Blood Drive here at Temple Israel, in cooperation with Beth El Synagogue Center!

Appointments are preferred, however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Register directly by clicking here at the NY Blood Center site for this drive or scan the QR Code below! You will be brought directly to the Temple Israel list of appointments to sign up for! Click on a time in the schedule; fill in your information and press Confirm.

Thank you for Gifting Life!





Sunday, May 4th, 6 – 9 pm

FUN, FOOD, and MUSIC! Brotherhood is having a Klezmer band and deli food for EVERYONE! So come and listen, dance, eat, and enjoy a Sunday night with Brotherhood! Come, and invite others!

\$10 per individual, \$18 per couple, \$25 per person at the door

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP!



**Congregant,
Berdie Stein**

Julian Y.
Bernstein
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Service
Honoree Award
Recipient

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 pm

Westchester Jewish Center
(175 Rockland Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY)

Julian Bernstein was a well-known and admired leader in the Westchester Jewish Community. His visionary leadership, guidance and friendship remain an inspiration to us all. The recipients of this award and the organizations they serve follow in his legacy as they continue to strengthen our community.

Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome.

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP. You will be brought to a Westchester Jewish Council registration form.



Wednesday, May 7th, June 4th
6:45 - 9:00 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 for each session to accommodate for food and seating!

Brunch & Learn



Saturday, May 10th, 10:30 am

Brunch & Learn Topic: Literature by Jewish Women

This FREE event is a fantastic opportunity to explore the rich and diverse world of literature authored by Jewish women. Immerse yourself in their stories, experiences, and the unique perspectives they bring to the literary world.

Let us know you are attending so we can account for food and seating, and reserve your spot by visiting www.tinr.org today!

ISRAEL DAY PARADE



Sunday, May 18, 2025

More than ever, it is so important that Westchester unite in support of Israel.

Let's all get together, and participate in the upcoming "ISRAEL DAY ON FIFTH" PARADE!

It's Not Too Late To REGISTER!
The deadline is Sunday, May 4th.
Please visit www.tinr.org and join us!

Kehillah Art Show "A Presentation of Mixed Media"

May 28, 29, 30
Temple Lobby



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

JUST ADDED! Friday, May 30th!

Service: 6:00 - 6:30 pm with food following

NEW Details ... make sure you read the Programming Eblast, released on Sunday mornings at 10 am, and/or check in with the Religious School and the Kehillah School for more details!

Let's celebrate the LAST Family Shabbat before Summer!



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 30 spots available.**



Friday, June 6th
6:00 pm Service, followed by dinner

This is the Brotherhood and Sisterhood's opportunity to give back to BH/SH members for all the support throughout the year! If you are a paid BH/SH member, you are FREE.

Link to register will open shortly on www.tinr.org!



Annual 117th Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 11th
7:30 - 9:30 pm, at Temple Israel

Join us as we go back through the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year together as a congregation discussing finances, events, and other items that bind us as a community.

Join us. No need to RSVP.

Shabbat HaKavod Service Milestone Membership Years

We will be celebrating these congregants on their milestone membership years ... but we're also celebrating ourselves, and our continued relationship with each other and with Temple Israel. **The celebratory service is on Friday, May 16th, preceded by a Lag B'Omer BBQ beginning at 6:30 pm!**

36+ years

Janice Agatston
 Wilbert & Ina Aronow
 Alan & Elaine Ascher
 Franklin & Barbara Axel
 Barbara Balik
 Carol Balik
 Roger & Gayle Bronstein
 Linda Capozzola
 Ellen & Jack Egan
 Penny Eickemeyer
 Arthur Eisman
 Joyce Engel
 Valerie Etra
 Joel Finger
 Helene Fishman
 Miriam Fridovich
 Mary Garten
 David & Nancy Gavrin
 Wallace & Elaine Goodman
 Barbara Gordon
 Richard Grayson
 Paul & Barbara Greene
 Natalie Handelman

Russell Handelman &
 Susan Schwartz
 Robert & June Hirsh
 Penny Kaplan
 Elaine Kaufman
 Robert & Carol Kurzman
 Sidney & Ruth Lapidus
 Ruth Laudor
 Leonard Lauren
 Lenore Levine
 Steven & Arlene Levy
 Ellen Manasse
 Joan Mayo
 Bernard & Helen Miller
 Barbara Nissim
 Judith Osten
 Arthur & Carol Ostrove
 Mitchell & Carole Ostrove
 Gordon & Rona Perkel
 Donald & Judith Pinals
 Edward Pinals & Susan Germaine
 Marian Reiner
 Helene Reps
 Bernard & Judy Robinson
 Martin & Pamela Rosenberg

Donald & Bonnie Rosenfeld
 Linda Samuels
 Gerald & Constance Sanders
 Elaine Satuloff
 Elliot & Diane Senderoff
 Jerry & Barbara Shefsky
 Isabel Sklar
 Herbert Smith & Sharon Blinkoff
 Stephen & Nancy Sohn
 Jeffrey & Madeline Stier
 Michael & Sandra Tannenbaum
 Peter & Sophia Tolk
 William Weil & Elaine Weiss

Alexandra Cukier & Byran Grone
 Hillel & Stacy Dlugacz
 Nuri & Danielle Feder
 Jeannie Gelberg Armstrong
 Theodore & Joanne Goldman
 Robert Goldstein & Rena Sangchan
 Adaria & Heath Gurinsky
 Pamela Hudson
 Paul & Laurie Korngold
 Diana & Gary Levine
 Zoya & Leonard Lipsky
 Jonathan & Jennifer Mandelbaum
 Shera Mayer
 Jeffrey & Valerie Mutterperl
 Heather Nash
 Laurence & Cindy Ostrager
 Greg & Jamie Radwan
 Donald Rosen
 Emily Rosen & Daniel Gorka
 Joanna & Aaron Venar
 Heather & Matthew Vincent

18 years

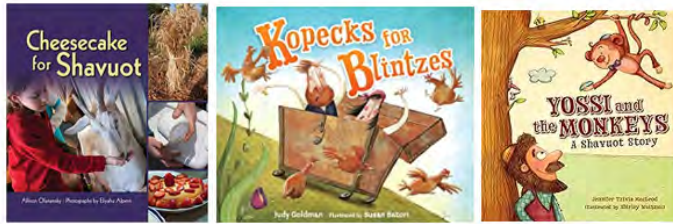
Neal & Alice Cohen
 Derek & Rachel Davis
 Sharon Gorman

1 year

Jordan & Sari Auerbach
 Joshua Berger & Averie Negron
 Rony & Danielle Cohen

Edith H. Handelman Library

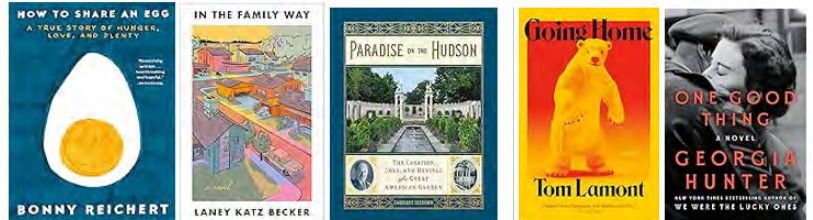
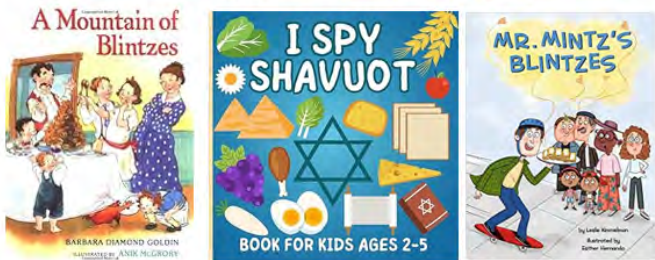
Cheesecake, Blintzes, and Fun for Shavuot!



Celebrate Mother's Day!



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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.

Did You Know?

You can pay Temple dues or make donations to the Temple with appreciated stock?

If you would like to do so, please follow the directions below:
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FIRST DAY OF CAMP! MONDAY, JUNE 30TH!

CAMP PINEBROOK 2025 JUNE 30 - AUGUST 22 (AGES 3-15)



- 15 PRIVATE acres on the grounds of Temple Israel of New Rochelle.
- 2-Pool complex and bathhouse and top-notch Learn-to Swim program.
- Fully air-conditioned, multi-purpose building for inclement weather.
- Daily catered Kosher-style hot lunch served in our air-conditioned dining hall.
- Towel service.
- Comprehensive sports program featuring soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball, and more!
- INDOOR gym!
- Arts program that includes: music, dance, drama, songwriting, arts & crafts, and a 3-week camp musical intensive.
- STEAM, LEGO building, "CREATE-A CAMP" urban planning program.
- Yoga, mindfulness, and meditation.
- Special events each week featuring special guest entertainers.
- SHABBAT celebration every Friday!
- ON-THE-RISE ("OTTERZ") tween program for kids entering 7th-9th grades. OTTERZ enjoy camp activities and swim for half a day, and work in their chosen area of camp during the other half.
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For further information or to tour, please contact
Allison Horn, Director, at allison@camppinebrook.com

Camp Pinebrook
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New Rochelle, NY 10804
www.CampPinebrook.com 914-813-8700



If you are looking for a new adventure for your child, or know someone else who is, contact Marie Masseo, the Kehillah School Director, at (914) 637-3808, or email Kehillah@tinr.org for a tour!



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TEMPLE ISRAEL OF NEW ROCHELLE

CAMP *Margie* ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 – 6:30 PM



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