

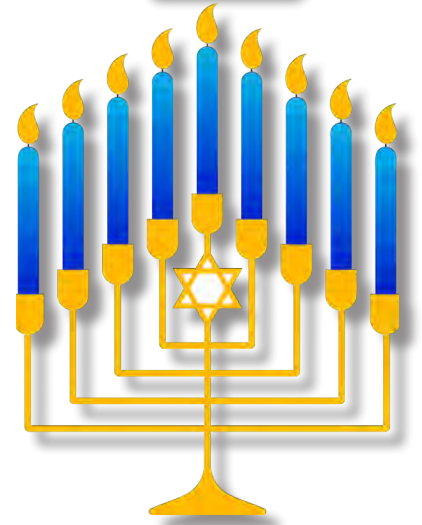


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Sympathy

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:

Stanley Stark, Father of Richard Stark
Daniel Stark, Father of Debbie Feldman
Jerome Robinson, Brother of Bernie Robinson
Ellen Herbst, Mother of Jennifer Herbst
Jean Israelson, Mother of Joanne Ornstein
Jamie Shedlin, Cousin of Brian Heaps
Alexandra Richmond

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

Closings

Please note the following Temple Office and Kehillah School closures:

Wednesday, November 26th: Day Before Thanksgiving,
Closing at 3 pm
Thursday, November 27th, Friday, November 28th:
Thanksgiving, Closed
Wednesday, December 24th: Winter Break, Closing at 3 pm
Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th:
Winter Break, Closed
Monday, December 29th - Thursday, January 1st:
Kehillah Closed
Wednesday, December 31st: New Year's Eve, Closing at 3 pm
Thursday, January 1st, 2026: New Year's Day, Closed

New Members

We welcome the following to our Temple Israel family!

Amy & Adam Arshen (Miles, Mason)
Sara Egan & Paul Marlier (PJ)
Joshua Gluckman & SeungAe Lee-Gluckman (Penelope)
Aliza & Jared Kagan (Madison, Riley)
Daniel & Sara Bren (Oliver, Sadie)
Steven Cataldo & Karen Acker (Zev, Greta)
William Vaughan & Zara Fishkin (Ezra)
Jeffrey & Joanna Katzman
Mark & Melissa Avnet (Avery, Riley)

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

Mazel Tov to ...

The City School District of New Rochelle has named **Scarlett Hartzman** as Salutatorian for the Class of 2026.

Ruthie Goldman and Lucy Deutsch, on becoming B'nei Mitzvah. *You can read their bios on p. 9.*

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Chanukah

Worship and Event Opportunities

Thursday, December 11th, 6 pm

Brotherhood Latkes & Vodka. A Temple Favorite ... The “work” will begin at 6 pm, with frying latkes to support the Community Shabbat | Chanukah Celebration after the service. **ALL Adults**, from the Temple, Kehillah, Religious School, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, etc., are encouraged to attend and volunteer!

Friday, December 12th, 6 pm

Community Shabbat | Chanukah Service followed by dinner and latkes. Please visit www.tinr.org to RSVP by Wednesday, December 10th, midnight. **This dinner will fill up quickly!**
All are welcome to attend the service without reservations.

Sunday, December 14th

Celebrate the **1st Night of Chanukah** with family and friends, by lighting the first candle, then continue for 8 nights until Monday, December 22nd.

Worship Service Times

These are the service times on upcoming Fridays.

November 7th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat / Veteran's Prayer / Kristallnacht
November 14th	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat w/pizza dinner
November 21st	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Services
November 28th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services
December 5th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Services
December 12th	6:00 pm	Community Shabbat Chanukah Service
December 19th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-Neg Shabbat Services
December 26th	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services
January 2nd	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services

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

Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו,
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו
ואמונתנו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nסים laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו
והגיימנו לימן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Hanerot Halalu

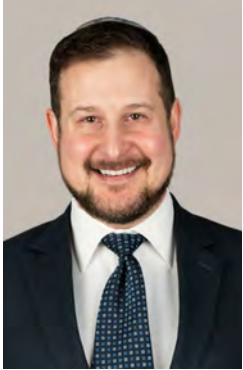
We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

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Rabbi's Note

Sharing With Others!



Late autumn is a special time of year.

After a busy couple of months of High Holy Days, back to school, and just the regular hustle and bustle of life, November sets the stage for the American "Holiday Season." A time for family to be together, grateful for all that we have, and share a spirit of joy. As the air is cool and crisp, we can take a moment to breathe it in and look around. Celebration is core to Jewish life; it reminds us of all that is good

and gives us a psychological and emotional uplift.

At Temple Israel, we use this time of year to give thanks by sharing our joys with others. One major way we do this is through the "Giving Tree," where we sponsor children in our local community who come from economically disadvantaged homes to make sure that they have a good Christmas or Chanukah. I invite you to "adopt" a child, making sure one or more youth gets a holiday. Too many in our local community (southern Westchester and the Bronx) are not able to provide life's extras for their children. By sponsoring a child, we ensure that a child knows that they matter. This is especially true for teenagers because they are often overlooked. High school students are still children, and they need support. This is not about getting extravagant presents, rather we are helping young people remember that their community cares about them.

I would ask parents to work with their kids together on this project. Many children do not fully understand charity because it is something that their parents or family does without them. Most children do not understand that life is based on limited resources. So, they learn by doing charity that one gives something of theirs that they would have otherwise had for themselves. One tradition that we had in my family when my kids were little, was that one night of Chanukah was focused on giving to others. So instead of receiving a gift that night, we donated to charity. I encourage you to try this with your family this year.

Chanukah is a holiday of miracles, about having light in dark times. By giving charity, we can inspire ourselves to remember that we have so much for which to be grateful. It is a holiday that thanks God that we have survived as a people, with the freedom to observe our faith. While Chanukah is a minor holiday, it should be one that brings us lots of joy. And what better way to appreciate life, then by sharing with others.

I hope you have a meaningful, blessed, and joyful Chanukah,

Rabbi Jesse



Affirm your faith and relationship to Judaism.

Participate in this adult b'nei mitzvah program. This program concludes with becoming b'nei mitzvah in the spring. Or, just continue your learning of Judaism and engage in programming.

11-week program. January - April, Wednesdays 7 - 8 pm

Interested? Contact Jeremy Arcus-Goldberg at jarcus-goldberg@tinr.org.

High Holy Days Memory

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... sharing together



For more photo memories of the Holy Days\Festivals, see pgs 12-13, 15-16



Memories of Chanukah



Chanukah - the Festival of Lights - is coming up next month so I wanted to share my personal reflections. Chanukah, which means 'rededication', is sometimes viewed as a relatively minor holiday. But it has always had major significance for me.

I grew up in an area of Queens with very few Jews. Celebrating or even talking about Jewish holidays struck my classmates and neighbors as somewhat

strange. But my parents embraced the Jewish holidays. My sister and I took turns lighting the Menorah each night, although my Father didn't want to put the Menorah in the window. He would retell the story each year of the Maccabees and how 2000 years ago they triumphed over the Syrian-Greeks and rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem. Their faith and unity allowed them to defeat a foe with far greater forces. The jar of oil, which was supposed to last for 1 day, lasted for 8 days as a symbol of the miracle of Chanukah. For me, the message of Chanukah is the sovereignty of the Jewish people.

When I got married, I wanted my children to have a different experience. I looked for a Jewish neighborhood and found one on the north end of New Rochelle. We carried on the family tradition of our children alternating Menorah candle lighting. And, of course, there was the annual dispute of who should light the *shamash*. Like my Father, we kept our Menorah on our fireplace mantle.

One of the warmest Chanukah memories that I have is getting off the 63 bus each night and walking home on Top-of-The Ridge and Donnybrook Roads. Almost every house along the way had a Menorah glowing in the window. What a difference from my experience growing up. Now, my children celebrate Chanukah with their children. *L'Dor v Dor*. As Rabbi Wohl told me many years ago, this is the promise of eternal life. As a grandfather, when I think of the Chanukah miracles, I also think of the many miracles that God has bestowed on me. And being part of a multi-cultural family, it was fun for me to watch my Chinese grand-nieces wrapping gifts in Chanukah gift wrapping. Chanukah is a great way of introducing young children to Judaism.

The Menorah should also alert us of the people in need. The lights should remind us to give *Tzedakah* and to wish a Chag Sameach to someone who needs to hear a kind word. Festive holidays are always a good time to think of our role in Tikun Olam. And being a tax accountant, my advice to you is to give *Tzedakah* before December 31st in order to claim your tax deduction in 2025.

Temple Israel celebrates Chanukah in a few ways. Of course, our Temple menorah will be lit. The Brotherhood serves latkes

that they make at the *Latkes & Vodka* event. You can enjoy the latkes at the Community Shabbat and dinner on December 12th and participate in the *Latkes & Vodka* event on December 11th. Both events are scheduled for 6 pm.

My warmest wishes for you and your family for a Happy Chanukah. May the light of our Menorahs signal an enlightened future and an end to the darkness, for our country and world.

Chag Sameach!

Michael Goldberg
President, Temple Israel

Board Bulletin • Minutes

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

Invocation – Cantor Rita remarked on the collective sigh of relief we are breathing as the remaining living hostages return home. May this also be an opportunity to promote peaceful coexistence in the region, where everyone can live their lives with dignity.

Michael Goldberg made a motion to approve the following committee chairs: Gary Frey for the Finance Committee, Gary Frey for the Investment Endowment Subcommittee, Margie Ostrove for the Nominating Committee, Michael Goldberg for the Compensation Committee, Dan Weiser for the Ritual Committee, Allen Fishbein and Sharon Gorman for Social Action Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Anita Aronoff provided an update on high holiday attendance, noting a 10% increase in in-person attendance for the main morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre attendance was on par with previous years. Anita commented on the spirit and warmth that pervaded the high holidays and Board members also expressed their appreciation to the clergy and staff for all their hard work.

Greeters are needed for upcoming shabbat services; Board members are encouraged to go into the Google form to sign up and think about attending events outside their typical cohort/demographic.

Good and Welfare

The children blowing the shofar were a highlight of the high holidays.

Thank you to Amy Ecker and Mia Egelberg for the work they've done for Social Action.

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A Time for Miracles, Menorahs, and Music



Just when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere, the skies turn a little darker and the temperatures go down, the bright and joyous holiday of **Chanukah** (The Festival of Lights) rolls in. It never fails to lift my spirit and remind me of the light that, while temporarily hidden, will soon emerge. Chanukah is a holiday that focuses on miracles from many centuries ago, in the days of the Maccabees, when this small band of brothers together with their father overtook the much larger Greco-Syrian army. They polished up

and rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem (the word Chanukah means "rededication") which had been desecrated, so we could continue as a Jewish people with our traditions and rituals intact. There is also the miracle of the small flask of oil, discovered on the return of the Maccabees to the Jerusalem Temple, which was lit and only supposed to last one day, but instead lasted for eight whole days. We celebrate this joyous winter holiday with our families and our Temple Israel community with the lighting of the menorah, with *dreydl* games, latkes, sufganiyot and plenty of song!

On the more silly musical side, I'm thinking of Tom Lehrer's wonderful *"I'm Spending Chanukah in Santa Monica"* and Adam Sandler's *"The Chanukah Song"* which has been written, rewritten and written again to much acclaim and laughter. There's a miracle right there—an offbeat Chanukah song which has caught many peoples' attention of different faiths, proving that celebrating Chanukah is just as "cool" as celebrating any other holiday in December. Then there are the more serious, soulful songs that deliver a profound message about the deeper meaning of the holiday. The songs of Chanukah convey the pride Jews take in our history, and the ways that, time and time again, we overcame the darkness that surrounded us, leaned into and lifted up the light.

So, with what I see as my Cantorial responsibility to "en'light'en" my congregants as far as the vast and diverse musical offerings of Chanukah, I include here four songs to add to your celebration. I hope they will bring a chuckle, moments of festival joy, and yes, a whole lot of light, hope and inspiration in these times.

Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Cantor Rita

"Chanukah Song" by Adam Sandler

*Put on your yarmulke
Here comes Chanukah
So much funukkah
To celebrate Chanukah
Chanukah is the festival of lights
Instead of one day of presents, we have eight crazy nights
When you feel like the only kid in town without a Christmas tree
Here's a list of people who are Jewish just like you and me
David Lee Roth lights the menorah
So do James Caan, Kirk Douglas, and the late Dinah Shore-ah
Guess who eats together at the Carnegie Deli?
Bowzer from Sha Na Na and Arthur Fonzarelli
Paul Newman's half Jewish, Goldie Hawn's half, too
Put them together, what a fine lookin' Jew
You don't need "Deck The Halls" or "Jingle Bell Rock"
'Cause you can spin a dreidel with Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock, both Jewish
Put on your yarmulke
It's time for Chanukah
The owner of the Seattle Supersonic-ahs
Celebrates Chanukah
O.J. Simpson, not a Jew
But guess who is? Hall of famer Rod Carew, he converted
We got Ann Landers and her sister, Dear Abby
Harrison Ford's a quarter Jewish, not too shabby
Some people think that Ebenezer Scrooge is
Well, he's not, but guess who is?
All three Stooges
So many Jews are in showbiz
Tom Cruise isn't, but I heard his agent is
Tell your friend, Veronica
It's time you celebrate Chanukah
I hope I get a harmonica
On this lovely, lovely Chanukah
So drink your gin and tonic-ah
And smoke your marijuani-khah
If you really, really wanna-kah
Have a happy, happy, happy, happy Chanukah
Happy Chanukah*

<https://tinyurl.com/sandlersong>



"I'm Spending Hanukkah in Santa Monica" by Tom Lehrer

*I'm spending Hanukkah
In Santa Monica
Wearing sandals
Lighting candles
By the sea
I spent Shevuos
In East St. Louis
A charming spot
But clearly not
The spot for me
Those Eastern winters
I can't endure 'em
So ev'ry year
I pack my gear
And come out here
'Til Purim
Rosh Hashonah
I spend in Arizonah
And Yorn Kippuh
Way down in Mississippuh
But in December there's just one place for me
Amid the California flora
I'll be lighting my menorah
Like a baby in his cradle
I'll be playing with my dreidel
Here's to Judas Maccabeus
Boy, if he could only see us
Spending Hanukkah
In Santa Monica
By the sea*

<https://tinyurl.com/lehrersong>



"Maoz Tsur: You are a Fortress" by Cantor Rita Glassman

*You are a fortress in my life
And in Your honor, these candles I light
Always stay in this home, in this heart
I promise to remember and do my part*

*Until the time that all humankind
Learns to live with love and with peace in mind
I will sing and keep Your light
Celebrate the miracles that happened on this night-
This joyous Chanukah night!*

"Light One Candle" by Peter Yarrow

*Light one candle for the Maccabee children
Give thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured
When their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
Justice and freedom demand.
Light one candle for the wisdom to know
When the peacemaker's time is at hand.*

*Chorus:
Don't let the light go out,
It's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out,
Let it shine through our hope and our tears.*

*Light one candle for the strength that we need
To never become our own foe.
And light one candle for those who are suffering
The pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in
That anger not tear us apart.
And light one candle to find us together
With peace as the song in our hearts.*

*What is the memory that's valued so highly
That we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
That we cry out, they've not died in vain?
We have come this far always believing
That justice would somehow prevail.
This is the burden, and this is the promise
And this is why we will not fail!*

Don't let the light go out!

<https://tinyurl.com/yarrowsong>



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advise her of your donation at
(914) 235-1800.*

*The donation fund options are
detailed on page 21*

Board Minutes, continued from p. 5

Upcoming events:

- Kehillah parent mixer on 10/21.
- Sisterhood events on 11/2 screening of "The Brutalist" and dinner open to the community; and 11/5 is Game Night.
- Brotherhood breakfast with George Latimer on 10/26 at TINR.
- Social Action Committee meeting at 7pm on 10/16 at TINR.
- Ritual Committee meeting at 7pm on 11/11 at Brian Heaps' home to debrief on the high holidays: what went well, what can be improved?
- Rabbi made an appeal to increase participation for Friday night shabbat services and Saturday mornings, especially as our congregation ages or moves away.
- Michael Goldberg is putting together a task force to analyze results of the worship engagement questionnaire that went out in May.

Meeting adjourned.

B'nei Mitzvah

Mazel Tov



My name is **Ruthie Goldman** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2025. I will be chanting from *Toledot* in the Book of Genesis. I belong to Temple Israel with my parents, Jennifer & Larry and my sister, Vivian.

I am in the 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I like to play softball,

volleyball, and hang out with my friends. For my Mitzvah Project I set up a donation event to collect old and new sports equipment. At the event, treats were also available for purchase. All of the equipment and funds raised were donated to an organization called *Let's Play It Forward*. This project is important to me because I am helping my community by giving people less fortunate than me the ability to play sports that I love with equipment they might not otherwise have the ability to buy.

My favorite cake flavor is red velvet.

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



My name is **Lucy Deutsch** and I will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 22, 2025. I will be chanting from *Toledot* in the Book of Genesis.

I belong to Temple Israel of New Rochelle with my parents, Sara & Adam and my brother, Henry. I am in the 8th grade at Albert Leonard Middle School. Outside of school, I play softball and love being with my friends and family.

For my Mitzvah Project, I worked with YBNR / NRLL and their Challenger League, helping children with special needs, learn to play baseball, and have a chance to play. This project is important to me because seeing the joy in the kids' faces playing the game I love, is amazing. I like to help others!

My favorite cake flavor is strawberry shortcake.

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



Creating Environments



Community-Teamwork- Love-Learning-Compassion- Curiosity

Creativity seems to emerge from multiple experiences, coupled with a well-supported development of personal resources, including a sense of freedom to venture beyond the known. —Loris Malaguzzi, The Hundred Languages of Children

Kehillah is grateful that our classrooms resonate the values of our Judaic Curriculum. The holidays we share in November and December extend our experiences with each other and Kehillah families. Thanksgiving is celebrated with a lunch shared with children, teachers, and families. Children work together to create table centerpieces that represent the season of being thankful. Children's words of gratitude are presented in their artwork.

Our teamwork weaves a love for learning with the opportunity to express creativity and build relationships. In our rooms, children's play is an opportunity for communication and listening with compassion. As our young children learn how to share materials, time, and space. If building and sustaining relationships are to be the foundation of our learning community, then creativity must always be present. Creativity works as a conduit, the instrument that allows us to communicate with and understand others.

During Chanukah, the festival of Lights-our children express their creativity with the construction of menorahs- whether as part of a collaborative group or individual creations to bring home. The children play with dreidels and enjoy sufganiyot and latkes together. We look to Rabbi Jesse, Cantor Rita, and Morah Rebecca to tell the story of Chanukah and guide us in our values, prayer, and song.

We are a community ranging from infants and toddlers to preschool and K-Prep that are rooted in teamwork and wrapped in our Judaic values expressed in our love of learning.

If you are interested in a tour please contact us at (914) 637-3808: Marie ext. 247, or Gia ext. 227.

Marie Masseo, Kehillah School Director



Hello Fall!



... that Reflect Our Kehillah Values

Preparing for Sukkot



Enjoying Sukkot



Photos: Marie Masseo and Kehillah Staff/Teachers

Everyday Kehillah!



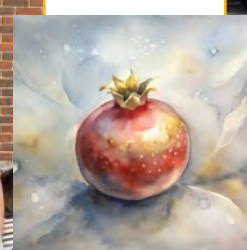
Kehillah is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach to Learning



High Holy Days



photo: Judy Robinson



... through the eyes of youth!



Photos: Orietta Schneider



YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



It's been a busy fall with our youth and families, and November and December will bring us many opportunities to learn, worship, and enjoy being part of our community!

November Shabbat Experiences

Join us Friday, November 7th for Community Shabbat. Our musical service begins at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm. Temple Israel teens will facilitate activities for our youth ages

5 and older. Children younger than 5 years must be always supervised by an adult. **Please register by Wednesday, November 5th.**

Family Shabbat is back on Friday, November 14th at 6 pm. Stay for our FREE pizza dinner and parent-supervised activities for youth following the service at 6:30 pm. **Please register by Wednesday, November 12th** so we know how much food to order.

Parent/Child Learning Experiences in the Religious School

Throughout the year, parents will be given the opportunity to learn alongside their child. Children have a regular day of religious school starting at 4 pm. Parents join at 5 pm to learn with Rabbi Jesse, followed by a learning experience with their child at 5:30 pm. A pasta dinner will be offered at 6 pm for families that elect to participate (cost is \$30/family of three, \$40/family of four or more).

Please note that the K-2nd Grade Fall program took place on October 28th.

Remaining Dates

- Tuesday, November 18th: 5th & 6th Grade
- Tuesday, December 9th: 3rd & 4th Grade
- Tuesday, January 13th: 7th Grade
- Tuesday, February 10th: 3rd & 4th Grade
- Tuesday, March 10th: K-2nd Grade
- Tuesday, March 24th: 5th & 6th Grade

December Chanukah Shabbat

Join us on Friday, December 12th at 6 pm for our Community Chanukah Shabbat service and dinner. This will be a special Shabbat with Chanukah activities, Latkas, and more! Be sure to register as soon as possible because this dinner will fill up quickly.

Looking Ahead Towards Family Camp! Friday, March 13-Sunday, March 15, 2026

That's right, Temple Israel is heading to Great Barrington, MA to spend Shabbat at Camp Eisner! For the second year in a row, this special weekend is designed for families with children ages 5 and older, and will include meals, lodging, and programs. Families will enjoy musical and interactive Shabbat services, Movie Night, Havdalah around the campfire with smores, Parent Social Time/Kid Time, and MORE!

Register today! This event will fill up quickly, and we have limited space.

Cost*: \$175/child \$215/adult

**Price includes all meals, snacks, linens, and programming. In order to make this program financially accessible to families, a portion of this program is being subsidized by Temple Israel.*

Better Together: An Intergenerational Program bringing Temple Israel teens and adults together

We are pleased to have the following adults and teens participating in our program this year. The program brings together teens and adults to spend time together through learning, social action projects, and more!

Better Together meets monthly for dinner and an activity. **If you are an interested adult or teen, please reach out to Rebecca. Our next program will take place on Thursday, November 20th.**

Adults

Bernie Abramowitz
Rhonda Abramowitz
Janice Agatston
Hank Goldsmith
Joan Goldsmith
Morris Marcus

Teens

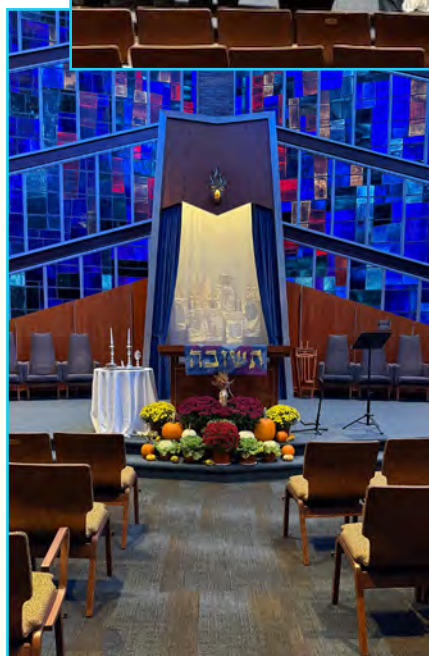
Brody Ciscone
Jax Ciscone
Lucy Deutsch
Olivia Feinblum
Bella Fernandez
Devin Ferrucci
Ruthie Goldman
Vivian Goldman
Ella Hackney
Benjamin Nowak
Daniel Poli
Elliot Weiser
Leo Weiser



Best,
Rebecca Elkus-Ferst
Director of Education:
Youth & Families



Simchat Torah: Rolling Back to the Beginning



Photos: Margie Ostrove, Joan Goldsmith, Anita Aronoff



Sisterhood



Laura Feinblum
Sisterhood Co-President



Heidi Siesfeld
Sisterhood Co-President

The Fall Sisterhood season is off to a great start. "Harvest & Hops"—co-hosted with the Brotherhood—was a success! Based on feedback, it looks like this Sukkot celebration featuring Israeli beer and delicious apps may become an annual event.

On Sunday, November 2, Sisterhood will host a screening of the award-winning film, "The Brutalist." Due to the length of the film, we will serve a light dinner during intermission. Open to all adults and mature teens from TINR and the community at large.

Learn how to pull together a stunning array of flowers and greens at Sisterhood's Sunday, November 23rd, "Flower Arranging Workshop." And, on Friday, December 12th, join us for services and latkes to celebrate Chanukah.

Lastly, on Sunday, December 14th, eighteen Sisterhood members and friends will attend "Ragtime" at Lincoln Center. We can't wait to see the musical revival of former New Rochelle resident E.L. Doctorow's best selling book. Tickets were on sale early on, so we encourage congregants to keep an eye on future theatre opportunities.

And, as always we look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly "Game Night" featuring Mah Jongg and Canasta. Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday evening of each month!

Our best,
Laura Feinblum & Heidi Siesfeld
Co-Presidents



"Harvest & Hops" MEMORIES!

... an event co-hosted by Sisterhood and Brotherhood



photos: Sisterhood & Brotherhood



Brotherhood



Allen Fishbein
Brotherhood Co-President



Gary Frey
Brotherhood Co-President

Greetings from Brotherhood!

Brotherhood had its first Game Night with instructional Pickleball. We plan on doing more Pickleball and other game nights!

We had a wonderful evening partnering with Sisterhood at the "Harvest & Hops" Oneg. It was a beautiful night for celebrating and conversing under the Sukkah. The beer flowed with delicious noshes!

On Sunday, October 26th, we hosted a Brotherhood breakfast with George Latimer, the congressman representing New York's 16th district.

On December 11th, all are welcome as Brotherhood has its annual tradition, "Latkes & Vodka." Come out and help us make Brotherhood's famous, delicious latkes, while raising a glass to community!

On January 15th, 2026, we will have a virtual golf event offsite. [Look for more details as we get closer.](#)

Brotherhood has a lot of fun programming planned for 2025/2026. We want to continue to make TINR an event destination. If you have ideas for events, please let us know by contacting us directly or attending a meeting.

Gary & Allen, Co-Presidents



L to R: Gary Frey, George Latimer, Congressman, Allen Fishbein

Photo: Joan Goldsmith

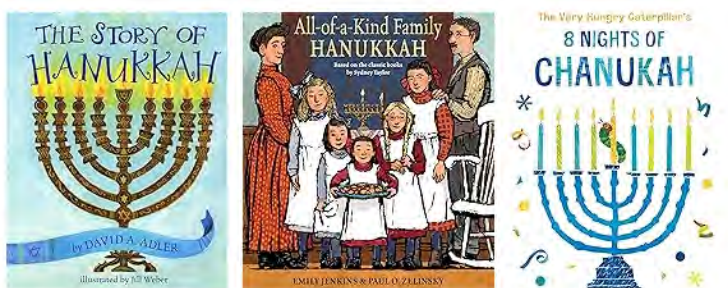
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All books can also be reserved on our library website: www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibrary/TINR

Questions or suggestions? Contact our librarian: Stephanie Krasner

And many more new titles you may have missed!

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





Marjorie Mangot
(201) 838-7586
Temple Israel Cares
Co-President



Bobbi Safire
Temple Israel Cares
Co-President

Food for Thought –

As we move into fall and the season of Thanksgiving, it's a wonderful time to pause and appreciate the good around us. In Jewish tradition, *hakarat hatov* (recognizing the good) reminds us to notice blessings big and small like a warm meal, a kind word, or a moment of connection.

Gratitude naturally leads to action. When we share our time, lend support, or simply express thanks, we strengthen the bonds of *kehillah* (community) and *hesed* (kindness) that hold us together.

May this season inspire us to give thanks, give back, and keep noticing the good — in one another and in the world around us.

Marjorie and Bobbi

Apple Cider-Glazed Salmon

Yields: 4 - 6 serving(s)

Prep Time: 35 mins

Total Time: 45 mins

The Pioneer Woman

Ingredients

- Vegetable oil, for the baking dish
- 1 cup apple cider
- 2 tbsp. packed dark brown sugar
- 2 tsp. soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp. freshly grated ginger (from a 3/4-inch piece)
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 5 garlic cloves, grated
- 6 tbsp. salted butter
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 (2-pound) piece center-cut salmon, skin removed
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 3/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 1/2 lb. small red-skinned potatoes, quartered
- 1 lb. green beans, trimmed



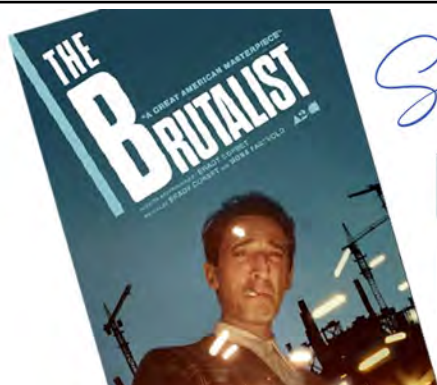
MALOSH

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Oil a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. For the glaze: Combine the apple cider, brown sugar, soy sauce, ginger, paprika, and 2 grated garlic cloves in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook, stirring often, until syrupy, about 15 minutes. Whisk in 2 tablespoons butter and the juice of 1/2 lemon. Set aside half of the glaze in a small bowl for serving.
2. Pat the salmon dry with paper towels and place in the prepared baking dish. Season with 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper, then brush with the remaining glaze in the saucepan. Roast until the salmon is opaque and flakes easily with a fork, 18 to 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, bring 1 inch of water to a simmer in a large pot fitted with a steamer basket. Add the potatoes, cover, and cook for 8 minutes. Add the green beans on top of the potatoes, cover, and cook until the beans are crisp-tender and the potatoes are easily pierced with a paring knife, about 5 minutes.
4. Carefully remove the steamer basket and vegetables from the pot. Wipe the pot clean, then add the remaining 4 tablespoons butter and melt over medium heat. Stir in the remaining 3 grated garlic cloves and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Return the potatoes and green beans to the pot. Toss with the juice of the remaining 1/2 lemon, 1 1/4 teaspoons salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
5. Brush the salmon with the reserved glaze and serve with the vegetables.



Events



Sisterhood MOVIE NIGHT

Sisterhood Film Event: "The Brutalist" MOVIE & DINNER!

Sunday, November 2nd, 4 pm

Fleeing the ruins of post-war Europe, architect László Toth arrives in America with a single mission: reclaim his life, his work, and the wife he was torn from. In Pennsylvania, a powerful industrialist sees Toth's genius—but ambition, loyalty, and legacy carry a dangerous price.

Join Sisterhood for a movie and dinner. Cost \$10

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP.



Wednesday, November 5th, December 3rd
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!

Next Dates: January 7th, February 4th, 2026



Wednesday, November 5th, December 3rd, 7 PM

It's not just Sisterhood ... Brotherhood also wants a Game Night, and here it is! *RSVP at www.tinr.org for each session to accommodate for food and seating!*

Next Date: February 4th, March 4th, 2026



Friday, November 7th – Veterans' Blessing/Kristallnacht
Friday, December 12th – Chanukah

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 the Wednesday prior to the dinner. All are welcome for the service without reservations.

Next date: February 6th, April 17th, 2026





Brotherhood Virtual Golf Event:

Thursday, January 15th, 2026, 7 pm

Sisterhood Pickleball Event:

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026, 7 - 8 pm

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Wine Tasting Event:

Saturday, January 24th, 2026, 7 pm

Mitzvah Day: Sunday, January 25th, 2026



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

Family Fall Shabbat! Friday, November 14th

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

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

Next date: Friday, January 23rd, 2026.



RITUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 11th, 7 pm

Please join us to discuss and share Temple insights about worship at TINR.

The agenda will focus on feedback from the High Holy Days. Please join us as we meet IN PERSON... at the Heaps Residence, 36 Tulip Lane, New Rochelle.

RSVP to ritual@tinr.org



Start your day with a Fun Bouquet!

Sunday, November 23rd, 10:30 am - 12 Noon

Sisterhood presents

Fleur Design Class

Start your day with a Fun Bouquet!

Create a fabulous arrangement for your holiday table with Robert Sloop of Colonial Village Flowers. Bring your own compact vase, round or square, some clippers and your creativity - we'll supply the rest!

Space limited so sign up early.

Cost: \$35 (includes coffee and snacks)

Visit www.tinr.org to RSVP



Israel Action Committee

Donald Trump:

Will American Jews
Who Love Israel
Take a Fresh Look
at the U.S. President?

Monday, December 8th, 7 pm

How do American Jews balance their feelings toward Israel and their feelings toward President Donald Trump?

Israel Action Committee chair, Paul Warhit will lead a conversation regarding potential "mixed emotions" toward Donald Trump.

Space is limited, and slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact Paul Warhit at PaulWarhit@gmail.com or (914) 316-9742 with questions, and to register.

More details on these events, and more, on www.tinr.org, the Sunday Programming Eblast, the Shabbat Leaflet, Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn), the Kehillah Programming Wall, and future Temple Topics.



BRUNCH & LEARN is BACK!

Join Student Rabbi Eden Anolick for another year of Brunch & Learn. This year we will be continuing the topic of **Modern Jewish Literature**. Due to popular demand we will be shifting to books. Congregants are welcome to read the book ahead of time, but all Brunch & Learn sessions will be accessible to those who do not read in advance!

Our **first session is November 8th**, exploring **Jewish Spirituality** and Rabbi Sharon Brous' *"The Amen Effect."* We will explore how open-hearted human connection leads to belonging, gives our lives purpose and meaning, and can be a deep expression of faith.

On **December 6th**, examine **Jewish Fantasy** through Helene Weckler's *"The Golem and the Jinni."* Set in New York City at the turn of the 20th Century, "The Golem and the Jinni" is a fun, magical fairy tale romance with a fair bit of excitement. We'll draw on the rich folklore of the Golem to explore themes of protection and identity to see how Jewish stories continue to inspire imagination.

Save the dates and books for the rest of the 2026 sessions!

January 31st - LGBTQ and Sacred: *"When the Angels Left the Old Country"* by Sacha Lamb

March 7th - Black and Jewish Intersection: *"Koshersoul"* by Michael W. Twitty

April 18th - Nationhood and Israel: *"Where the Jackals Howl and Other Stories"* by Amos Oz

May 9th - Israeli-American Experience: *"The Hebrew Teacher"* by Maya Arad



Saturday, November 8th, December 6th
10:30 am, after Torah Study

This year's focus of "Brunch & Learn" is **Modern Jewish Literature**, which will explore the rich and diverse world of literature written by Jewish authors, while immersing in their stories, experiences, and the unique perspectives they bring to the literary world.

Visit www.tinr.org for more details and to register for each session.

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

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

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

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

Kehillah School Childhood Program Fund – To support Kehillah programs

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

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

Rabbi'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.

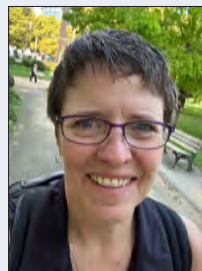
Social Action Fund – To support social action projects in our synagogue and neighborhood communities

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





Allen Fishbein
Social Action Committee
Co-Chair



Sharon Gorman
Social Action Committee
Co-Chair

Hello Friends!

We are reaching out to seek your support in our ongoing efforts to make a positive impact in our community. As we prepare for the relaunch of our Social Action Initiatives, we are in need of enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to lend their time and skills to make these initiatives successful.

As the holiday season approaches, we are excited to announce the launch of "Operation Gobble" ... and welcoming back our annual "The Giving Tree," a heartfelt effort to bring joy and support to those in need within our community.

On January 25th, also come join us for Mitzvah Day, while having a breakfast catered by our Brotherhood. Another way to share the valuable volunteer work while making a difference in the community!

We would love for you to join our team. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, *please feel free to reach out to Allen Fishbein*

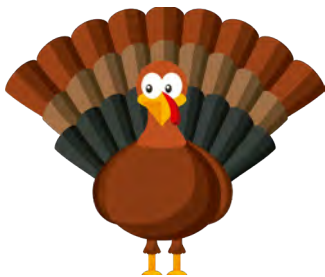
We are looking forward to your support and are excited about the possibility of working together to make a difference!

Allen Fishbein and Sharon Gorman
Social Action Co-Chairs

Note! See below for more details on "Operation Gobble" and "The Giving Tree" happening in November and December. More details to follow!

"Operation Gobble" Harvesting HOPE & Community

**TINR has a longstanding
relationship with
HOPE Community Services.**



Throughout the year, TINR participates in opportunities to help those who suffer from food insecurity in our community. This year we are making it easy to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a family.

FOR JUST \$36, you can provide a family with a meal consisting of: Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, and Corn Bread.

HOPE has also developed a KOSHER Pantry for those who are observant and are in need.

FOR JUST \$12, you can provide the following KOSHER items: Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread, and Turkey Gravy.

Donations will be accepted soon. Stay tuned for more information!

The Giving Tree It's Back ... and YOU Can Make a Difference!



**Share the joy of the holiday season
with a local child or teen.**

Each year, the Temple Israel community supports local organizations through our Giving Tree Holiday effort. This year, Allen Fishbein and Sharon Gorman, new co-chairs, will keep our generosity going.

Donations will be accepted soon. Stay tuned for more information!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY SPECIAL!



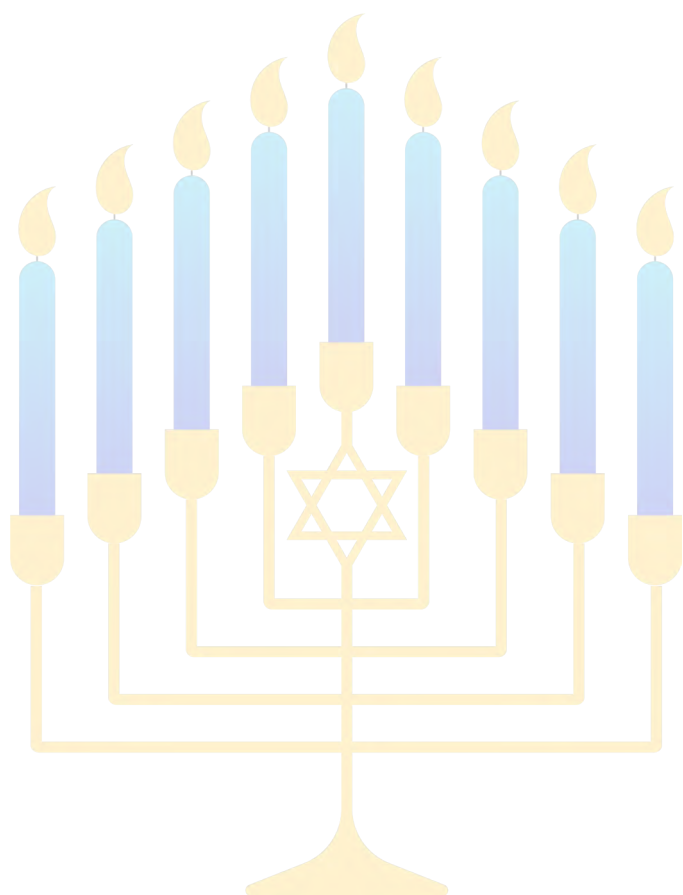
Sports Registrations Are Still Open!

WJBL Basketball Registration is STILL OPEN!

For 5th to 12th grade, boys and girls

Registration is available on www.tinr.org

Questions? Contact tinrbasketball@gmail.com



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

Have you heard?

Pickleball at TINR is back for a 3rd year! TINR hosts sessions on Mondays and Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons all year round! Please visit the [TINR Pickleball Event Page at www.tinr.org](http://www.tinr.org), to learn more and register.

Pickleball is quickly becoming one of the most popular sports in the U.S., attracting players of all ages. If you're considering picking up the sport, it's a great time to get started. It combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, making it both easy to learn and incredibly fun.

TINR is lucky to have 2 pickleball courts upstairs in our multi-purpose gym. In the past we have had instructor led beginner classes with Nancy Matles a certified pickleball instructor, as well as many intermediate and advanced sessions. We have had a great group of pickleballers play at TINR for the past few years, including members and guests.

Pickleball, named for the green color of the ball, is typically played on a smaller court than tennis, with a net that's lower to the ground. Players use paddles to hit a plastic ball with holes over the net, aiming to score points by landing the ball within the opposing team's court. What makes pickleball beginner-friendly is the slower pace compared to tennis, the smaller court size, and the emphasis on strategy rather than sheer athleticism. Whether you're looking to stay active, make new friends, or try something fun, pickleball offers an enjoyable introduction to racquet sports.

Visit www.tinr.org for more details, and to sign up!

This is the status of the sessions at present, but you can also sign up to substitute for \$10.

WAITLIST Monday 7-8:30 pm, Instructor Led: \$180 total

WAITLIST Monday 8:30-10 pm, Open Play: \$100 total

WAITLIST Tuesday 7-8:30 pm, Instructor Led: \$150 total
(6 sessions)

OPEN Tuesday 8:30-10:00 pm, Intermediate Open Play: \$60 total
(6 sessions)

WAITLIST Friday 4 – 5:30 pm, Open Play: \$100 total



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Contact Rebecca Elkus-Ferst, Director of Education: Youth & Families
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Chanukah *at* Temple Israel of New Rochelle



Community Shabbat | Chanukah Service

Friday, December 12th, 6 pm, followed by dinner & latkes
RSVP by Wednesday, December 10th.

This event fills up quickly! Please RSVP promptly!

