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Weekend of Song and Social Action

THE IMMIGRANT SONG

2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR
MUSIC AT TEMPLE ISRAEL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND



"We Are ALL **HIAS** Now"

Brotherhood Breakfast and
Anti-Racism Solidarity Fair
Sunday, February 3, 2019

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am

Breakfast at 9:30 am

Featured Guest at 10:00 am

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THE DEADLINE FOR
TEMPLE TOPICS IS
THE
SECOND SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH!

Sympathy

We send condolences to...

- **Michele Fisch**, on the loss of her husband Morton D. Fisch
- **Kevin Held**, on the loss of his father Jeffrey Held
- **Bruce Zakalik**, on the loss of his mother Evelyn Olshaker Zakalik
- **Richard Grayson**, on the loss of his wife Karen Grayson

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

Mazal Tov

We congratulate congregants on their good news...

- **Tyler Greene** and **Jack Rieger**, for being inducted into the New Rochelle High School National Honor Society and **Jenna Landy** and **Sophie Goldman** for being elected by their peers as President and Treasurer respectively.
- **Howard Horowitz & Alisse Waterston**, on becoming grandparents to Romy Louise Horowitz
- **Bernie & Rhonda Abramowitz**, on the birth of their granddaughter Charlotte Grace

Send your good news and achievements to OriettaSchneider@tinr.org.

New Member

Please welcome
Arlene Lenok when you see
her at Temple Israel!

Temple Israel Cares

Temple Israel Cares is a group that reaches out to congregants who don't have internet or email. We share news of deaths, funerals, shivahs, emergency closings or other important information.

Would you like to be included on the list of those we reach out to? Please contact the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.

From the President

The beginning of a new calendar year is always a great time to look forward and plan for personal and communal growth. As a community we were propelled into 2019 by the incredible energy created by the generosity of the hundreds of members of the congregation. Both the Giving Tree and Mitzvah Day programs were extraordinarily successful, engaging all generations at Temple Israel and bringing joy to people who were the recipients of our communal effort.

This year's **Giving Tree** blossomed with over 250 wish list gifts for children connected with schools and agencies in Westchester and the Bronx. Each

leaf represents a child and the child's description of what he or she wishes for this holiday season. Congregants were eager to donate; the leaves flew off the trees within days. Hundreds of wrapped presents were returned to the Temple and filled our lobby with color, happiness, and visions of gift receivers eager to rip the wrapping off their personalized gifts. The Social Action Committee spent hours of backbreaking work sorting the gifts to ensure each one is delivered to the child it is intended for.

I find this entire process so very moving, I am so proud to be part of a congregation whose mission is truly lived out through its actions of *Tikkun Olam*. It is, to steal and alter a phrase of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, *a method of praying with our hands through our actions*.

Mitzvah Day gave hundreds more congregants the opportunity to work together on a vast variety of projects to benefit the community: from

cooking in the Temple Israel kitchen to supporting the Community Service Associates Soup Kitchen and Trinity St. Paul's Church brown bag lunch program to baking cookies to thank our local firefighters, to creating blankets for Project Linus and toiletry kits for JBFCs. Congregants also visited local agencies by sorting clothing at the Sharing Shelf and visiting with residents of Willow Towers.

We make a difference in the lives of people in our community. That's what Temple Israel is all about, *tikkun olam* — repairing the world by affecting individuals. May our holy congregation continue to be a place to inspire action in 2019 and into the future.

Liz Weingast,
President, Temple Israel

Board of Trustees Minutes

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting from Wednesday, December 12, 2018:

Rabbi Weiner offered a word of Torah.

Rabbi Beth Nichols thanked the BOT and the community for providing her with the sabbatical. She accomplished a great deal, reconnecting to her passions and her family. She attended a woodworking class in Maine and joined with Habitat for Humanity to help build a house near Worcester. Additionally, Rabbi Nichols researched her genealogy in Boston; she discovered she has some very notable relatives; ask her about it!

Rabbi Nichols expressed gratitude toward Rebecca Elkus-Furst and Laurie Thomas for their extra work and time while she was gone.

Rabbi Nichols updated the BOT about the search for an assistant director for Kehillah and an administrative assistant for Chavaya.

Treasurer Adam Egelberg reported that Chavaya is currently at budget; thank you to families who generously pledged additional support to our education program. General membership support is below projections. The BOT encourages all members to submit their pledges.

Camp Pinebrook Director, Rabbi Jesse Gallop, continues outreach for the recruitment of campers within and beyond the TINR community.

Executive Director, Anita Aronoff, gave an updated membership report.

President Liz Weingast acknowledged the amazing work that has occurred here in the last few weeks including the Sisterhood breakfast with Mimi Rocha and Mitch Benson, the Chanukah events, and the work and happenings of the Social Action Committee.

President Liz Weingast announced a special leadership workshop for the TINR Board of Trustees, Honorary Trustees, lay leaders and clergy occurring on Saturday, January 5th.

David Itzkowitz presented a report on suggested security upgrades that our security advisor is recommending and addressing. Rabbi Weiner acknowledged and showed appreciation for David Itzkowitz's time and dedication to the security plans and updates.

The BOT voted to approve the requested parsonage for each of the TINR clergy.

The Tamid Society



LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE TEMPLE

Please consider joining with those who

have pledged a legacy to the Temple by joining the Tamid Society. There is no minimum gift required. You will simply reap the satisfaction of providing the Temple with a gift to help ensure all the benefits you have enjoyed will be passed on to future generations. All it takes is a provision in your will to remember the Temple.

The following Temple members have made such a pledge. New members will be listed in future issues of Temple Topics.

Janice & Warren Agatston
Barbara & Frank Axel
Bernice Braun (estate)
Leroy Fadem
Evelyn Jacobs (estate)
Lilly Kaplan (estate)
Carol & Arthur Ostrove
Carole & Mitchell Ostrove
Lloyd Robinson
Amy Sincoff (estate)
Mady & Jeffrey Stier
Ilissa & Paul Warhit

For any questions or more information, please contact Anita Aronoff at the Temple office by calling (914) 235-1800 or email AnitaAronoff@tinr.org

Temple Israel thanks you!

Snowbirds

Going away for the winter?

Give us a call with your preferred address and when you'll be there. We don't want you to miss Temple Israel happenings!

Rabbi's Note

Dear *chevrei* (friends),

I returned to New Rochelle at the end of November after a wonderful sabbatical. At first glance, my sabbatical plans seemed worlds away from life as a rabbi: woodworking and researching my Puritan ancestors. And while it is true that my furniture making exercised a different part of my brain (and required a few more band-aids) than my work at Temple Israel, I found myself repeatedly making connections back to this community.

My 2-week woodworking class in Maine prompted me to reflect on how we build community and make connections with one

another. In the opening days of the course, my classmates and I dove so quickly into mastering new skills that we barely spoke about anything but chisels and joints. Everyone was friendly and helpful, but I missed the sharing that takes place at Temple Israel. I realized that one of the things that makes us a community is the way that we share with one another the joys and challenges of our lives.

My woodworking education continued back at my parents' home in Massachusetts with my dad as the teacher. At every Bar and Bat Mitzvah, when we pass the Torah through the generations, we talk about passing down values from parent to child. My father passed down his knowledge and skills as we worked side by side in the shop, but he also passed down the value of hard work, finding a passion, and making things for the people you care about. These values are built into the portable ark that will hold Temple Israel's Torahs

whenever we hold services outside our sanctuary and chapel spaces.

The connections I really did not expect to make were between Temple Israel and the lives of my 17th century Puritan ancestors. But I kept finding them. For now, I will just share a few of the more amusing parallels: In 1673, the town records of Medfield, Massachusetts report complaints of young people racing horses by the door of the meeting-house "to the endangering of elderly persons and the great annoyance of others." A historian of Dedham, Massachusetts noted that one of the roles of the tithing-man was to "prevent disorder among the boys, who I find whenever they sit together have a strong propensity...to mutiny and insubordination." President John Adams (my 3rd cousin, 8 times removed) described the New England man as "a meeting-going animal." These three tidbits illustrate that while life today is very different than colonial

Massachusetts, so much has stayed the same!

I look forward to sharing more from my adventures in the months ahead.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Nichols



Temple Israel is Grateful

TEMPLE FUND
Leroy Fadem, in memory of Martin I. Bergstein
Linda Capozzola, in memory of Karen Grayson; in honor of Matthew Kates being named one of Westchester Magazine's top doctors of 2018
Bruce & Jill Cohen, in memory of Robert Dubiel
Birdie T. Klein and Reid & Barbra Rosen, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter
Michael & May Goldberg, in honor of Adelyn Shapiro's baby naming
Hank & Joan Goldsmith, in honor of Ari Robinson's Bar Mitzvah
Anonymous, in memory of Karen Grayson

Ellen Herbst, in memory of Robert Dubiel
Lloyd Robinson, in honor of Ari's Bar Mitzvah

SENIOR RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Jay & Laurie Dubner, in thanks to Rabbi Weiner for his gift of comfort
Tom & Amanda Vega, in appreciation of officiating at their wedding
Arlene Lenok, in appreciation
Richard Schulman, in gratitude for Rabbi Weiner officiating at his mother's unveiling
Michael & Michelle Klein, in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner for his officiating at the unveiling
The Zakalik Family, in thanks to Rabbi Weiner and in memory of Evelyn Zakalik
Bruce Zakalik, in memory of Evelyn Zakalik and in appreciation of Rabbi Weiner
Joseph S. Kalb, in memory of Evelyn Zakalik, Mike and Allisyn

Marion Herskowitz, in memory of her beloved husband Allen Herskowitz on the occasion of his yahrzeit
Richard Grayson, in appreciation for officiating at Karen's funeral

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Jay & Laurie Dubner, in thanks to Cantor Schloss for his gift of comfort
Arlene Lenok, in thanks
Richard Grayson, in appreciation for officiating at Karen's funeral

ASL INTERPRETING FUND
Paul & Ilissa Warhit, in honor of the birth of Howard Horowitz & Alisse Waterston's granddaughter

BETH BEHR MEMORIAL GARDEN
Rachel Kramer, in memory of Beth Behr

BROTHERHOOD FUND
Gayle Dinerstein, in memory of Larry Dinerstein

CAMP PINEBROOK CAPITAL FUND
The Rozovsky Family

HOSPITALITY & PULPIT
Lloyd Robinson, in honor of Ari's Bar Mitzvah

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
The Dingee Family, in memory of Robert Dubiel, beloved father of Janet Frey

TEMPLE ISRAEL CARES
Barry Shinker & Matthew Silverstein, in memory of Freddie Schneider
Alan & Toni Hoffman, in memory of Karen Grayson
Paul & Ilissa Warhit, in memory of Janet Frey's father, Robert Dubiel

January Calendar

Tue	1/1	Temple Office, Chavaya & Kehillah School Closed (New Years Day) Social Action Committee January Drive: Lets Play it Forward Sports Equipment	
Wed	1/2	6:00 PM	TIFTY Monthly Meeting
Thu	1/3	3:45 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya
Fri	1/4	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Talmud with Rabbi Weiner Community Shabbat Evening Service, followed by a Dinner <i>See p. 14 for details</i>
Sat	1/5	Parashat Va'era Winter Kallah 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Tot Shabbat/Birthday Blessing Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/6	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Chavaya Brotherhood Breakfast "God, Torah, and Israel in the Next Era of Judaism" <i>See p. 15 for details</i> Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Adult Education: Advanced Hebrew
Mon	1/7	10:45 AM	STARS*
Tue	1/8	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Rehearsal Chavaya Chavaya High School
Wed	1/9	11:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Food for Thought <i>See p. 15 for details</i> Music Committee Meeting Brotherhood Schmooze & Booze Kol Sasson Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu	1/10	3:45 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya
Fri	1/11	RAC Trip (until Tuesday 1/15) 9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud with Rabbi Weiner Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	1/12	Parashat Bo 9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/13	February Temple Topics Deadline 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Chavaya Social Action Committee Meeting Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Adult Education: Advanced Hebrew
Mon	1/14	10:45 AM	STARS*
Tue	1/15	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Rehearsal Chavaya Chavaya High School 11th/12th Grade Dinner Out With the Clergy
Wed	1/16	7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting Kol Sasson Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu	1/17	3:45 PM	Torah Corps

4:00 PM Chavaya
5:45 PM Kehillah School Closes Early

Fri	1/18	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Talmud with Rabbi Weiner Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration Dinner Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration Service <i>See p. 16 for details</i>
Sat	1/19	Parashat Beshalach 9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/20	Chavaya Closed (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday)	
Mon	1/21	Temple Office & Kehillah School Closed (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday) MLK Build (join with New Rochelle Interreligious Council, details tbd) TIFTY Study Break No STARS*	
Tue	1/22	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Kol Simcha Rehearsal Chavaya Chavaya High School/ Moving Traditions
Wed	1/23	7:00 PM	Prime Time 4 Adults Movie <i>See p. 16 for details</i>
Thu	1/24	3:45 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya
Fri	1/25	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud with Rabbi Weiner Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	1/26	Parashat Yitro 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study
Sun	1/27	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Chavaya Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Adult Education: Advanced Hebrew
Mon	1/28	10:45 AM	STARS*
Tue	1/29	3:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Kol Simcha Rehearsal Chavaya Chavaya High School TIFTY Sandwich Brigade
Wed	1/30	7:00 PM	Israel Action Committee "A Strategic Assessment of Israel's security on the Eve of Elections" <i>See p. 17 for details</i>
Thu	1/31	3:45 PM 4:00 PM	Torah Corps Chavaya

February Calendar

Fri	2/1	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Talmud with Rabbi Weiner Shabbat Evening Service
Sat	2/2	Parashat Mishpatim 9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Shabbat Morning Service/Torah Study Music Benefit "The Immigrant Song" <i>See p. 8 for details</i>
Sun	2/3	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	We are All HIAS Now – Brotherhood Breakfast and Anti-Racism Solidarity Fair <i>See p. 8 for details</i> 5th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Program Chavaya Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Adult Education: Advanced Hebrew

* STARS: Seniors Together at Retirement



On Sunday, December 16 over 250 participants gathered at Temple Israel for our 4th annual Mitzvah Day. *Chavaya* students and parents helped make the day successful by doing acts of *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. Check out the organizations and projects that benefited from our work:

- 70 meals for Community Service Associates in Mt. Vernon
- 85 craft bags for My Sister's Place
- 105 cards, cookies, and cocoa bags for New Rochelle firefighters

- 100 winter decorations for HOPE Community Services and Willow Towers
- 90 brown bag lunches for Trinity St. Paul Church's Lunch Program in New Rochelle
- 100 Holiday Meals-in-a-Bag for Community Service Associates
- 107 Toiletries-To-Go Bags for the Mann Center-Jewish Board
- 29 fleece blankets for Project Linus

A special thank you to Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs, Amy Ecker and Mia Egelberg

L'shalom,
Rebecca
Chavaya Director



More thanks you's and pictures in the February Temple Topics!



Giving Tree Success! To thank you all for the: 277 gifts, \$708 to HOPE Community Services and 30 packages of underwear to the Sharing Shelf, and two large boxes of tin foil, papertowels, paper plates, etc., for Community Service Associates.



The TIFTY Executive Board welcomes all TIFTY members to the **TIFTY Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, January 2 at 6 pm**. This is your chance to have a voice in shaping Temple Israel's senior youth group. Dinner is served, so please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food. *Contact Sophie Goldman with questions or RSVPs.*

Join with the New Rochelle Interreligious Council for an **MLK Build on Monday, January 21**. In past years we have joined with youth from other houses of worship to paint a house, clean out an empty lot and repair a flooded basement. *Contact Rabbi Nichols if you are interested in helping out so she can share details as they become available.*

Come make sandwiches for the Hope Soup Kitchen at our **Monthly Sandwich Brigade on Tuesday, January 29, 8-9 pm**, right after *Chavaya* in the kitchen. We have a great time making sandwiches and catching up with each other. *Please contact Social Action VP Rachel Gorman-Cooper for more information. Please bring loaves of bread, jelly or non-peanut butters (allergy friendly).*

Travel with TIFTY During February Break

1. Start the week with **NFTY Convention**. Travel to Dallas with Rabbi Nichols and other TIFTYites. *Register at nftyconvention.org (Scholarship Money available).*
2. End the week with a **College Tour February 22-24**. Visit up to 5 different schools in a fun weekend with RBN and your peers!

Destination still to be decided based on distance and interest. Do you like big or small? Public or private? Urban or rural? Talk with TINR teens who are attending these schools. *Open to 9th-11th graders and ideal for those just beginning their college search.*



CONVENTION 2019

FEBRUARY 15 - 18 • DALLAS



Anyone who is part of the Kehillah family is aware of the strong ties of this community. We work hard to build relationships through different activities. We continue to make it a place where memories are made and friendships are strengthened. During Chanukah, the Kehillah preschool students joined together with *Chavaya* to play dreidel games, learn more about the symbols on the dreidel and create Chanukah-themed artwork. Each class' activities were led

by educators from *Chavaya* as well as *Ahleem* students.

Every child in the Kehillah School created a working *Chanukiah*. The children are so proud of their work, I posted one on facebook! Alumni parents responded that every *Chanukiah* their children made in preschool is still being used at home for Chanukah. Thank you for sharing the memories of your child's journey at Temple Israel!

During the Shabbat of Chanukah, the Kehillah School, led by Cantor Schloss, sang and danced to songs they rehearsed with their teachers. They were all very excited to show off their talents to friends and families. Thank you to the Kehillah Executive Board for providing treats for the teachers; your kindness is appreciated. We

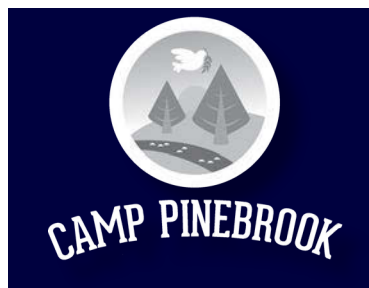
also thank Sisterhood for the candles for all the children in Kehillah! We are in the season of giving and sharing all that God has blessed us with. Remember the everyday people who help make your

life a little sweeter and thank them. A kind word and an acknowledgement of someone will last longer than a gift.

Be Blessed,
Laurie Thomas
Director of the Kehillah School



Singing with Rabbi Nichols and Cantor Schloss for Menorah Lightings every day!





Presidents' Week Camp!

February 18 - 22, 2019 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



\$350 Includes Lunch • Snacks • Activities • A Taste of Camp!
Register Online at www.camppinebrook.com Under Next Steps!
Questions? Contact Rabbi Jesse at Jesse@camppinebrook.com



Visit www.CampPinebrook.com for more information on Camp Pinebrook, and how much fun it is for the campers!

Questions? Contact Rabbi Jesse Gallop at jesse@camppinebrook.com or call (914) 813-8700.

Weekend of Song and Social Action



THE IMMIGRANT SONG

2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR
MUSIC AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019 • 7:30 PM



featuring

Cantor Randall Schloss

Leah Schloss

Cantor Mo Glazman

Cantor David Rosen

Cantor Tracey Scher

with

pianist David Sparr

and many of the talented and diverse
Temple Israel family of musicians

For tickets, visit music.tinr.org or call (914) 235-1800.

"We Are ALL **HIAS** Now"

Brotherhood Breakfast and Anti-Racism Solidarity Fair

Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am • Breakfast at 9:30 am • Featured Guest at 10:00 am

In response to a strong desire in the Temple Israel community and beyond to engage with the issues of Anti-Semitism, racism, Islamophobia and anti-immigrant policies on an on-going and expanded basis, the **Social Action Committee** and **Brotherhood** are hosting a "We are All **HIAS** Now" solidarity event.

Social, racial, economic and climate justice groups from Westchester and the NY Metro area will be available to share their information and answer questions. Please join us so we can all be "**HIAS** Now."

Questions about this event? Contact Howard Horowitz at howardh@horowitzresearch.com or (914) 907-6323 or Yonat Assayag at yonat.assayag@gmail.com or (917) 747-5543

KOL SASSON ADULT VOLUNTEER CHOIR

**Like to sing?
Join Kol Sasson,
directed by Cantor Schloss!**

**Kol Sasson sings for special services
and events including:**

Community and Kol Shabbatot,
Shabbat Shirah/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemoration Service on
Friday, January 18th.
(See details on p. 16)
Shabbat Hakavod and
Interfaith Passover Seder

Rehearsal dates with the Coalition Choir are:

Wednesday, January 9, 8-9 pm
Wednesday, January 16, 7-8:30 pm
in preparation for the MLK Service

Contact Cantor Schloss at cantorschloss@tinr.org
or Beverly To at beverlyto@tinr.org
to join or to find out more information.



*"Mac, Mac, Mac, Mac, Maccabee..." The Clergy singing with
Kehillah children during the Chanukah menorah lightings!*



Thank you to Janice Agatson, Linda
Cappozola, Val Etra, Toni Hoffman
and Dee Valvano for helping out
with "The Immigrant Song" Mailing!

(pictured from l to r: Janice Agatson,
Val Etra, and Dee Valvano)

Committee Spotlight

My name is Rachel Davis and I am the Chair of the Music Committee. I belong to Temple Israel with my husband Derek, and our twin daughters Abigail and Grace, who are in the 11th grade at Schechter Westchester. Along with Cantor Schloss, I developed the Music Committee in 2017. We found that congregants were looking for more ways to connect to Temple Israel, and that music is a terrific outlet to bring the community together. As we expand our music programming in services and special events, it is clear that our community has a great desire to access

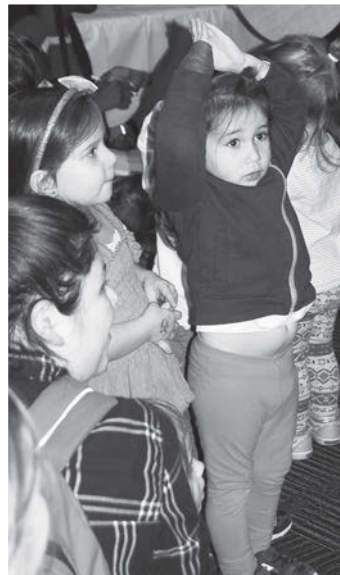
their connection to Judaism in more spiritual, emotional and mindful ways. I personally find that music gives me the ability to expand my capacity to have a more meaningful experience when I am participating in services.

Members of the music committee assist the Cantor and me to find new ways to intertwine different music into weekly services, as well as plan our annual Music Benefit in the winter. We discuss the repertoire, the logistics of the event, and organize the post-concert reception. We also discuss how to find the most effective methods to reach out to our greater Temple Israel community to increase attendance and involvement. All members are welcome to our meetings, and I hope to see you on February 2, 2019, at 7:30 pm, for "The Immigrant Song", the 2nd Annual Benefit for Music at Temple Israel.



#TINRT

Thank you to Sisterhood for all the candles for Chavaya and Kehillah and the gelt for the Chanukah Party ... we appreciate it!



Together

Chanukah



*Thank you to Brotherhood for the latkes
for the Chanukah Party ...
we appreciate it!*



*Come back for Congregational Mitzvah Day pictures
next month in February's Temple Topics!*



Social Action

Get involved and join us for meetings on Sundays in the Temple Lobby at 9:45 am on the following dates:

January 13
none in February
March 3
April 28
May 19

Deborah Blatt, Amy Ecker and Mia Egelberg

TINR's Social Action Committee - January Collection

We are collecting donations of new and gently used sports items to benefit

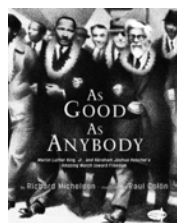


Items to donate! Balls for baseball, basketball, football, golf, kickball, lacrosse, soccer & volleyball; Baseball bats, mitts, pants, cleats; Golf clubs; Hockey sticks, pads, pucks and skates; Lacrosse sticks, pads, helmets; Softball bats, mitts & cleats; Soccer cleats and new shinguards; Tennis racquets & clothes; Other items such as roller blades, orange cones and gently used sneakers

Visit www.tinr.org/events for more details, or contact Diana, Jordan, or Amber Nero at nerodi1@yahoo.com or Deborah Blatt at debblatt@yahoo.com

Edith H. Handelman Library

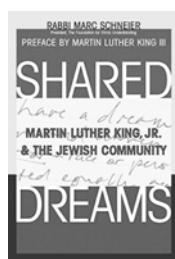
Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Challenge for Social Justice



As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Hershel's Amazing March

toward Freedom, by Richard Michelson. This is the story of two icons for social justice, one an African-American Baptist minister, and one a Polish-born rabbi who fled Nazi Germany. It tells how they formed a remarkable friendship and turned their personal experiences of discrimination into a message of love and equality for all. Michelson describes

what led them to walk together in the famous 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, AL. It is an eloquent tribute to two great men and their surprising alliance. It is appropriate for children in grades 2-7 as well as adults.

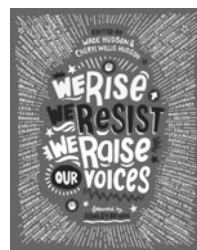


Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. & the Jewish Community, by Marc Schneier. In the preface of this book,

written by Martin Luther King, Jr., he encourages the reader to continue to work for the advancement of race relations among all God's children. This is the exact message Rabbi Wohl hoped to convey to our community when he established the "Coalition of Mutual Respect" here at Temple Israel. *Shared Dreams* brings to life the impressive history of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his efforts in support of the Jewish community. It sheds

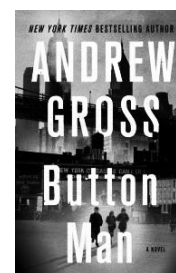
new light on the commitment and the relationship between the Jewish and African-American communities as they have struggled together to fight for justice and civil rights in our nation, and our lives.

And in the spirit of social justice and its challenges:



We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices, by Wade Hudson (Editor) and Cheryl Willis Hudson

(Editor). Fifty of the foremost diverse children's authors and illustrators share answers to the question "in this divisive world, what shall we tell our children?" This empowering anthology presents 30 illustrated essays, poems, stories, and letters for children aimed to calm and inspire them in today's often unsettling political climate. Also recommended for (but not limited to) ages 8-12.



Sneak Peek: This year's "Temple-Wide Common Read" library event partnered with Temple Israel's Sisterhood

will feature author Andrew Gross presenting his newest novel **Button Man**, a fascinating story based on his own family history during the 1930's dealing with organized crime, the garment industry, the birth of labor unions and corruption. *Stay tuned for more information.*

Find these and many more on our library website: www.librarycat.org/lib/HandelmanLibraryTINR New books arrive weekly. Visit the library to see all the wonderful new books on display.

The library is always open and our librarian, Stephanie Krasner, is available in the library on Fridays from 10:00 am – 12 noon (stephkras11@gmail.com). Happy Reading!

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Brotherhood would like to thank the dozens of men and women who came to **Latkes & Vodkas** and in a labor of love, peeled, sliced & diced and fried 300 pounds of potatoes into golden-brown delicious, Latkes over a two day period, while enjoying the large selection of vodkas available for some extra fun! A lot of fun was had and for the 20th consecutive year, no fingers lost. But in all seriousness the fruits of our labor were seen at the very successful Temple Chanukah Service and Party where over 250 kids and adults enjoyed Latkes with or without applesauce. Again, thank you for those of you who worked so hard to help make the Chanukah celebration such a tremendous success, and bring smiles to so many.

There are events in January sponsored by Brotherhood that you should attend:

Brotherhood Breakfast & Discussion
Sunday, January 6, 9:30 am
"God, Torah, and Israel in the Next Era of Judaism" with guest speaker Dan Libenson, founder of the Institute for the Next Jewish Future and Host of Judaism Unbound.
See p. 15 for details

Brotherhood Booze & Schmooze: Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 pm

"We are HIAS Now!"
Brotherhood Breakfast and Anti-Racism Solidarity Fair
Sunday, February 3, 9:00 am
See p. 8 for details

Brotherhood can only succeed and do all it does with your participation and support. If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet please do so and/or consider making a contribution to help us run activities like Brotherhood Breakfasts, movies, lectures, Bourbon & Bible and of course supporting youth activities and the Temple.

See you at the Temple!
Todd and Mitchell
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Warm wishes from Sisterhood for a happy and healthy New Year! Are you light on resolutions this year? How about making an effort to attend more Sisterhood events? Here's what's going on:

Yoga and Salad – Wednesday, March 6th - 6:30 pm
FREE for all current Sisterhood members!
Yoga class at TINR taught by congregant, Debbie Zimmerman, followed by a healthy salad dinner.

Comedy Night - Saturday, April 6th – 7:30 pm
Save the date for the funniest night of the year! Come to the Temple Israel Comedy Club and laugh along with fellow congregants as they make their comedic debut performances. This event promises to be as spectacular as it was last year... and the year before! Don't miss out!

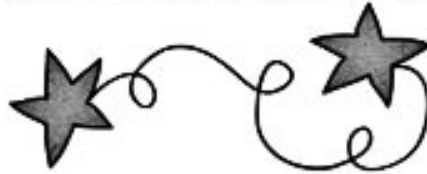
Book Discussion - Temple Wide Common Read - Sunday, May 5th - 9:30 AM
Sisterhood will join the Edith H. Handelman Library Committee to host another Temple-Wide Common Read. **Button Man** by Andrew Gross is an historical fiction thriller set in 1930's NYC. It's a riveting story about the rise of Jewish organized crime in the garment center. Join in an intellectually engaging discussion about this book led by the author. Light breakfast will be served. FREE to all.

A BIG thank you to all that joined us for our last event, **Politics and Pastries with Mimi Rocah**. It was a huge success. Sisterhood is happy to bring diverse programming to our community. We truly appreciate your support!

Join us at upcoming events! Kindly RSVP to all of our events at: www.tinr.org/events, call Temple Israel (914) 235-1800, or email sisterhood@tinr.org

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Lauren and Jackie

“STARS”
“Seniors Together at Retirement”

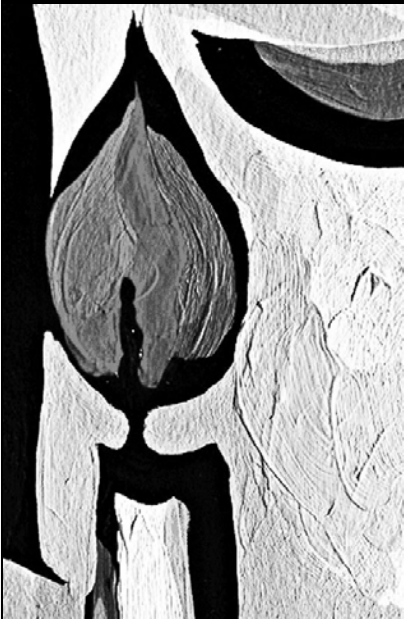


Every Monday at 10:45 am *
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

*Check the Temple calendar to see whether Zumba or Yoga will be offered.
Questions? Contact the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.*

** No class on Monday, January 21st in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday*

Community Shabbat Service/Dinner



Friday, January 4

6:00 pm Service • 7:00 pm Dinner

All Invited! RSVP for Dinner!

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult, \$8 per child (6-12), Tots FREE

Visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner.

The cost will increase to \$30 per adult on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Upcoming dates: February 8, March 8, April 5

Breakfast & Discussion

God, Torah, and Israel in the Next Era of Judaism

With Guest Speaker: Dan Libenson, founder of the
Institute for the Next Jewish Future and Host of Judaism Unbound

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9:30 am
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle



Rabbi Yitz Greenberg has asserted that we are living in a transitional age, on the cusp of the "Third Era" of Judaism. Just as Judaism changed profoundly from the Biblical Era to the Rabbinic Era after the destruction of the Second Temple in the year 70 C.E., Greenberg believes that Judaism will be quite different in the next era from what we have grown up with.

Drawing on years of extensive interviews with a variety of Jewish leaders, Dan Libenson will share some initial thoughts on the future of the three traditional parts of Judaism — God, Torah, and Israel (that is, the People of Israel) — offering a clear-eyed, honest and ultimately hopeful analysis of how synagogues might weather the storm ahead and play an important role in the next Jewish future."

Open to All! Join Us! FREE

Questions on the program? Contact Todd Brecher at toddsb@gmail.com



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Wednesdays, 11:30 am

at Temple Israel of New Rochelle



January 9, 2019

Professor Rachel Halotte/
SUNY Purchase will be
discussing "The Not-So-
Innocents Abroad: The
Beginnings of American
Involvement in Biblical
Archaeology."

*Professor Halotte is a
Professor of History at the
School of Humanities and
coordinator of the Jewish
Studies program*



February 13, 2019

Temple Israel member
Michael Rosenthal
"Taking Control of Your
Retirement - How long
will my money last?"
*Michael Rosenthal is a
Senior Vice President at
Merrill Lynch, Pierce,
Fenner, and Smith, Inc.*

\$15 per person covers lecture, discussion and lunch.

To register, visit www.tinr.org/events or call the Temple Office at (914) 235-1800.

The Coalition for Mutual Respect



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner & Service



Friday, January 18, 2019

**6 pm Dinner • 7:30 pm Service, at Temple Israel of New Rochelle
featuring the Coalition for Mutual Respect Choir**

\$25 per person for dinner...and sponsor a youth to attend!

Make reservations and pay online at www.tinr.org/events by Monday, January 14, 2019.

In the spirit of the Coalition and fellowship, we encourage attendees to sit at mixed tables.

4 PRIME TIME ADULTS

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

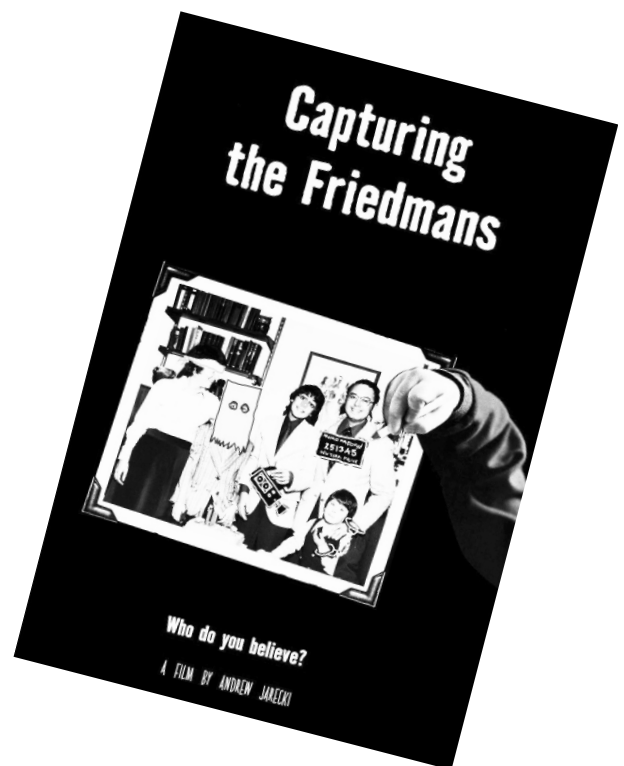
7 - 9:30 pm

Everyone 21+ invited! Enjoy a night out ... and attend a movie! We will be viewing the provocative film **Capturing the Friedmans**, a documentary about an upper middle class Jewish family in Great Neck who seemed to "have it all" until family members were accused of horrible crimes.

This film won the Grand Jury prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival and has been widely acclaimed.

We will serve refreshments so RSVP's are appreciated (*but walk-ins are welcomed*). This is open to temple members and non-members and is **FREE**.

Contact Debby Rubin-Marx at debrubin56@aol.com to RSVP



Israel Action Committee *presents*

A Strategic Assessment of Israel's Security on the Eve of New Elections

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Doors open at 7 pm, presentation begins at 7:15 pm
followed by Q&A. This event is FREE.

with Dr. Michael Koplow, Policy Director at Israel Policy Forum

To be discussed: the current situation on the West Bank, Gaza, and the solutions and policies being offered by the major actors and parties in the upcoming elections.

Israel Policy Forum works to shape the discourse and mobilize support among American Jewish leaders and US policymakers for the realization of a viable two-state solution consistent with Israel's security. We do this by educating political and communal leaders on pragmatic policy ideas – developed by credible security experts.



ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

Kol Shabbat Service & Dinner The Voice of Shabbat

A relaxing and meditative Shabbat evening service featuring reflective music and a thought-provoking sermon, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner.

Friday, February 22, 2019

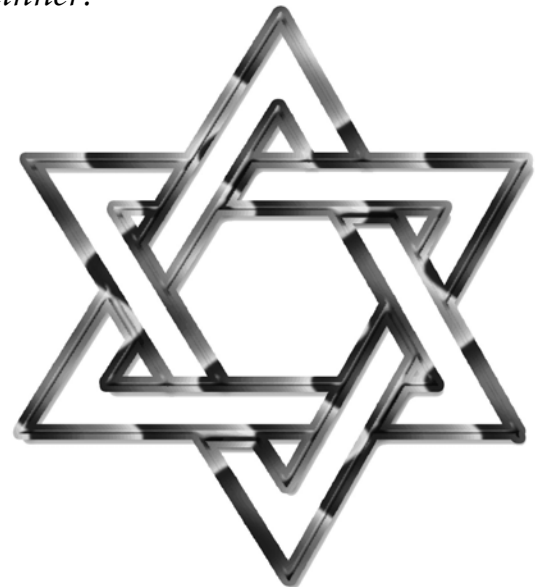
6:00 pm Service, followed by dinner

Cost for dinner is \$25 per adult

Visit www.tinr.org/events to join us for dinner. The cost will increase to \$30 per adult on Wednesday, February 20th.

2019 Dates: 4/26, 5/31, 6/21 *

* no January or March dates



Tot Havdalah in Pajamas!

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Schmooze ... and Nosh in Pajamas!

Saturday, February 23, 2019 • 4:30 - 6:00 pm
at Temple Israel of New Rochelle

4:30 pm - Craft/Schmooze Time

5:00 pm - Havdalah & Songs

5:30 pm - Light Nosh

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