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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...



I am writing this message while still processing the story I read in *The New York Times* under the headline: “Chemical Thrown at

Rabbi Who Aided Victims of Abuse” (12/12/12, p. A30). The following day the *Times* and other media reported that the assailant turned himself in to police, so we know all the pertinent details. Rabbi Nuchem Rosenberg was walking down Roebling Street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, his own neighborhood, on Tuesday, December 11th, when Mr. Meilech Schnitzler ran out of his store, Schnitzler’s Famous Fish, with a cupful of bleach. Rabbi Rosenberg recognized Mr. Schnitzler but was then surprised when Schnitzler threw the bleach at the rabbi’s face, causing chemical burns that were treated at Woodhull Medical Center. This was no random assault. Both Rabbi Rosenberg and Mr. Schnitzler are members of the Satmar Hasidic community. Rabbi Rosenberg, though, has been an outspoken critic and public accuser of prominent members of the community who, he alleges, have been guilty of sexual abuse. Rabbi Rosenberg runs a website and telephone hotline for victims of sexual abuse in the ultra-Orthodox community. He publicizes his allegations because, as he has claimed, the Brooklyn district attorney has been hesitant to prosecute within the ultra-Orthodox community for political reasons. Rabbi Rosenberg had on his blog publically accused his assailant’s father of being a molester, and now the accused molester’s son burned the accuser’s face in public. Rabbi Rosenberg has requested a special prosecutor against his assailant, alleging that the district attorney’s political associations with the ultra-Orthodox community could cause a potential conflict of interest, but the DA’s office has insisted that it will prosecute fairly, and that the assailant is facing several charges.

There are several insights that we should draw from this terrible story:

- Sexual and domestic abuse occur everywhere, in every community.
- The Catholic Church is not the only community where there has been an effort by some to cover up the wrongdoings of its own.
- Victims of sexual and domestic abuse need support and strength to stand up to their molesters.
- Outward piety is no indicator of inner righteousness. We should not judge people based on how they

dress and where they live, whether for good or for bad.

- The inwardness of the Hasidic community, while often romanticized, can be dangerous. (I am thinking here also of the opposition by the ultra-Orthodox community to the NYC Board of Health’s unsuccessful attempts to ban “oral suction” used by ultra-Orthodox *mohalim* at circumcision ceremonies.)
- Elected politicians must be loyal to the law over the interests of their constituent blocks.
- When individuals who are recognized in the wider community as representative of Judaism act in despicable ways, their actions reflect upon Judaism and the Jewish people as a whole, constituting what is traditionally labeled as *hillul Hashem*, a desecration of God’s name.

There is an organization in New Jersey called Project S.A.R.A.H. (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home) that we should know about. It is funded by the state’s Department of Law and Public Safety and other sources, and offers support to all members of the Jewish community in New Jersey, but with special focus on making inroads into the Orthodox community where people have less access to other arms of social services. Both the North Jersey Board of Rabbis and the New Jersey Rabbinical Assembly (the two local rabbinical associations with which I am affiliated) have endorsed Project S.A.R.A.H. and have run training programs for rabbis to recognize signs of abuse. It is important that we all know of such efforts and support them and that we maintain a community where victims of abuse can come for support. Those who work to help the victims of sexual and domestic abuse need to be hailed as heroes by their communities, not ostracized and assaulted as has happened in the Satmar community in Williamsburg.

In Jewish tradition, every synagogue community is called in Hebrew by the initials “KK” standing for *kehillat kodesh*, or “holy community.” The shame of this public scandal has compromised the sanctity of the Satmar community in Williamsburg, even as the courage of Rabbi Rosenberg has brought them respect. We need to insure that our claim to being a *kehillat kodesh* can never be so compromised.

ASSOCIATE RABBI'S MESSAGE

People ask me all the time, “How’s the new school going?” And I think to myself, “Is it really so different than it was last year when NNJJA was a partnership between two synagogues or than it was two or three or even five years ago when I was the director of the solo Temple Israel Religious School?” So the answer is both: It is very similar to how it has been for the past number of years, and things are really different now, and here’s why:



Most of the curriculum in place today is the curriculum that I have been developing over the seven years since I became director of what was once the Temple Israel Religious School and is now NNJJA. I have worked closely with teachers, clergy and parents to make sure we are using the best text books for our students, that they are learning relevant and meaningful concepts about Jewish history, ethics, Israel, holidays and ritual and that Hebrew and synagogue skills are emphasized in class. Ultimately, the number one goal that I have for the students is that they grow up to love and embrace Jewish life and choose to raise Jewish children. So, that fundamental part remains unchanged. I believe that the teachers and I are proud of the work we have been doing to nurture that love of Judaism and Jewish living in our students, however that is expressed by each child individually. Some of our students love to be in shul on Shabbat each week, others really enjoy the time spent in the youth lounge on the Wii or doing their community service projects in 6th and 7th-grades. Many of them connect with a particular teacher or project, and that becomes the lens through which they see Jewish life in a meaningful way. I hope that every student in NNJJA finds a gateway into Jewish life that will accompany him or her to Hebrew High School, to college and into adulthood.

What then has changed? Creating community is far different now. On a practical level, we have students who come from different synagogues where they may have learned different melodies for the prayers or different versions of the first blessing of the Amida or earlier in their religious education, learned in a different style about any of our broad topics, such as the holidays or history or lifecycle events. Therefore, we, the teachers and I, are always working to ensure that each student feels comfortable here, has a place in NNJJA.

Things are also different because some of our programs are held in the NNJJA partner synagogues, and this is a change, not just for me, but for everyone, as we are all accustomed to our home shuls, and now we have to broaden our conception of what constitutes community to include other congregations in other geographic locations throughout the county. As I write this, I am preparing for the NNJJA Hanukkah party at Temple Beth Sholom in Fair Lawn, the Kitah Dalet and Kitah Hey class Shabbat Dinner and Service at Temple Emanuel in Franklin Lakes and the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd-grade Family Workshop at Congregation Beth Sholom in Teaneck. It is wonderful to be welcomed by the rabbis and community leaders of each of the shuls and for our students to see Judaism come alive in each synagogue.

Last week, I experienced a terrific moment, an example of our merged school at work. I was

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blessed by the presence of two parents from two different shuls complaining together about an issue! Of course it is my number one priority to address any concerns of parents, but I was happy to see that they felt comfortable approaching me in unison!

No doubt there will always be kinks. Every school has them. But, I am enjoying getting to know the students and the communities that are all a part of NNJJA. I am grateful for the work of the NNJJA board and for the Federation of Northern New Jersey, which brought us together to try this experiment of breaking down silos and creating a community school that works to strengthen Jewish education among Conservative Jewry in Bergen County and that embraces the vision of shared community, engaging and growing young Jewish souls.

-Rabbi Sharon Litwin
Director, NNJJA



NNJJA Hanukkah Celebration

Rabbi Sharon calls it during the annual Hanukkah dreidel-spinning contest. Competition can get pretty heated!

NNJJA students enjoying Magic Show, while Cantor Caitlin led our young revelers in song at the NNJJA Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 9th at Temple Beth Sholom in Fair Lawn.



Credit: Photos by Dan Unger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of December brought our 3rd Annual Karaoke night. The event organized by Alla Fine attracted about 80 people, and although it was intended to be a break-even social evening, it earned Temple Israel a few hundred dollars. With a few notable exceptions, the singing was pretty awful, but we laughed, talked, ate, drank and sang into the wee hours. More importantly, as a social evening, it was a huge success. It reunited many of us that for a variety of reasons have not been connecting as often as we would like. I think it also reminded us what a great time we have as a community when we come together. With this in mind, I want to highlight three great opportunities coming up in January and March. These events will be equally as much fun, and you will be glad that you chose to attend.

Sisterhood Progressive Dinner, Saturday evening January 12th -- If you are interested in great food, having fun, meeting people in the community with whom you would not normally cross paths and supporting Sisterhood, then this is the event for you. Eighty to 100 people typically attend, with everyone beginning the evening at one house for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Arriving there, each couple/guest learns their next destination, another home for a small-group, intimate dinner party of four or five couples. In many instances, you will find yourself exchanging conversation with people you may never have met before, and the seeds of new friendships among Temple Israel congregants, across generations, are planted. After dinner, the entire group reconvenes at yet another home for dessert. Please contact Cheryl Alterman at cheryl@alterman.org for more information and to make your reservations.

Men's Club Night Out, Saturday evening January 26th -- This is always a fun night and a great way to support the Brandeis Men's Club. This year, the club is planning a comedy show with noted comedian Buddy Flip. The event also includes the

drawing for the Men's Club Annual Raffle; you should have already received in the mail raffle books for purchase. This year's prizes are exciting and include the use of a snazzy new Porsche for a weekend. Other prizes include gift certificates that range in value from \$100 to \$400 and a Samsung Galaxy 7" tablet. Please check the weekly announcements or contact BMC President Howard Schreiber at 10baker@optonline.net for more details.

Annual Ways and Means Dinner-Dance Fundraiser, Saturday evening March 16th -- Bialywood is the theme for this terrific evening of great food, music, and dancing. Seeing who decides to appear in costume, (are there saris for men?) makes for an even more delightful affair, but if that's not your 'thing,' don't worry. Showing up is half the fun. The event will include a silent auction with very popular, attractive and entertaining items. I have it on good authority, that due to popular demand, the Altermans will reprise their offer of a kosher smoked brisket Texas BBQ as one of the silent auction choices. This is a wonderful way to enjoy ourselves while at the same time providing critical financial support to our community. Please also consider placing and soliciting ads for the ad journal. For more information about the various ways to participate, please look in the weekly announcements or contact Arty Freed at arty.freed@gmail.com.

These social evenings are not to be missed, and I look forward to seeing everyone in shul or at other synagogue events in the near future.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Nosh and Drosh Shabbat services on January 12th, when I will be providing my responses to the Torah Teaser challenges I posed during my High Holiday remarks.

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JohannaResnick Rosen/Candid Eye

Rabbi Fine's Sunday Morning Lecture Series Continues.

It's Never Too Late to Join Us!

Peri Namerow, *Chair*

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Fine's Sunday Morning Lecture Series



THE HISTORY OF MODERN JUDAISM, 10:30 am-Noon

January 6: Zionism

January 13: Existentialism (Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig)

January 27: Responding to the Holocaust and Israel

Rabbi Gloria Rubin Presents:

Learning About Ourselves, Learning About the "Other"

Mondays, 7:30 pm, January 7th, 14th, 28th, February 4th

Successful interfaith dialogue depends on an understanding of ourselves and how we see the world. In this four session series on Monday evenings, Rabbi Rubin will lead the group in an exploration of influences on the lenses through which we perceive ourselves and others and explore how this information shapes our understanding of reality. In addition, participants will consider how "Others" see us and then discuss how to apply what is learned to evaluating statements by authorities, sacred text, the media, and casual conversations.

- Who are we?—1/7
- What is real? How do we know?—1/14
- Who are "They" and how do they see us?—1/28
- Where do we go from here?—2/4

A retired pulpit rabbi and Temple Israel congregant, Rabbi Rubin was ordained in 1995 by the Academy for Jewish Religion, a non-denominational pluralist rabbinical seminary in New York City. She is a member of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Fine's Tuesday Evening Talmud class will resume in February, when we will begin the study of Tractate Brachot from a new Steinsaltz edition with English translation. This handsome, full-color, illustrated volume, released by Koren Publishers, may be ordered for just \$49.95. To inquire, email info@korenpub.com. Orders will also be taken in class.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16, 2013

TEMPLE ISRAEL WAYS & MEANS DINNER

Please join Temple Israel for a night in "Bialywood"

We are planning a fun night of food, music and great items to bid on.
The event is our Temple's main fundraiser of the year.

Celebrate our community and lend your support:

- ◆ Mark your calendars, plan to attend with friends.
- ◆ Place an ad in the Journal, Sell one ad to a business.
- ◆ Donate items for the silent auction (spots tickets, merchandise, restaurant gift certificates, golf lessons, hotel & airline points, etc.)
- ◆ Auction a dinner at your home to raise money, always a favorite!
- ◆ Volunteer to help! We need people to plan the dinner, sell ads, solicit items for the auction and create the Journal.

Contact Ways & Means Chair Arty Freed at arty.freed@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP



Please welcome to our synagogue community new members Lily Levitsky and her four children: Zachary (5th-grade); Eliana (3rd-grade); Maya (kindergarten); and Kayla (pre-K) Markowitz, from Fair Lawn, NJ.

There are some wonderful events, coming up in January, that highlight the breadth of activities at our shul. There will be Sisterhood Shabbat services in the morning and a winter concert in the evening, on Saturday, January 19th, a ski trip sponsored by the Men's Club on Sunday, January 20th, the annual interfaith Martin Luther King Service on Monday, January 21st, and a Men's Club fundraiser on Saturday, January 26th.

Of course, there will also be a Nosh and Drosh on January 12th when our President, Allan Alterman, will be our drasher. Such mornings offer breakfast at 10:00 am in our kiddush room, as well as a lively discussion, led by our drasher, and followed by the Torah service in the sanctuary.

This is truly a synagogue that never sleeps.

Please save March 16th and plan to attend Bialywood, our annual fundraiser-dinner dance. If you have the time to volunteer, our ad and silent auction committees could use your help. And I would offer an observation: that often synagogue friendships are forged in working committees. Consider working and socializing – it's great fun.

Thank you to each of you who has invited friends to attend the array of services and programs at Temple Israel. Your invitations plant a seed and bring wonderful people to our community.

Finally, many of us are working out regularly in the gym at the YJCC in Washington Township. At a steeply discounted family membership rate of \$360/year (beginning in September and this is not prorated), the Y offers swimming, exercise classes, a state-of-the-art fitness facility, children's, adult and senior adult programming AND a top-ranked nursery school. The Kehillah Partnership program, through which Temple Israel congregants in good standing may take advantage of this deal, also offers its members access to the nursery school. Please spread the word.

I look forward to seeing you at Temple Israel.

Jo Rosen
Chair, Membership
Home: 201-670-8199

Torah Teasers: 'Nosh 'n 'Drash with President Allan Alterman

Come join the conversation with Allan about the Torah portion of the week on **Saturday, January 12th**, and learn his answers to the Torah Teasers he presented during his High Holiday remarks:

1) What do you think is the most powerful statement in the Torah and why?



2) Considering the text in Exodus 32:15, how were the 10 commandments structured on the two tablets and why? Was it 5 on one and 5 on the other, inscribed straight through the tablets? Maybe it was 3 on one side and 2 on the other side of each tablet? Maybe it was something completely different?

You'll also discover the joys of Shabbat morning services at Temple Israel, in response to the second challenge Allan issued on the High Holidays, to commit to shul attendance at least once every other month.

'Nosh 'n 'Drash is a program of the Ritual Committee that facilitates lay participation in Shabbat morning services by "changing up" our regular Shabbat ritual. Between Shacharit and the Torah service, we break for breakfast and a congregant-led Torah discussion.

Mishloach Manot for Purim Delivery

Purim is coming! In celebration of the miracle of Purim, it is customary to send small gifts of at least two different kinds of ready-to-eat noshes to friends and family – mishloach manot. Once again, Temple Israel's Religious School can send these packages for you! Last year, our mishloach manot package was a breakfast-themed box with a variety of yummy morning foods and a coffee cup – can you guess this year's theme?

Attached is a list of Temple Israel members, non-member school families, staff and NNJJA teachers. Please circle the names of each family to whom you would like to send a bag. You can also give to the entire congregation – including the Rabbis, Cantor, staff and NNJJA teachers – for \$180.

The TI Hebrew school children will deliver mishloach manot to the following towns: Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park, Fair Lawn, Franklin Lakes, Paramus, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Saddle River, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Westwood and Wyckoff. Bags for those living outside these towns must be picked up. NO BAGS CAN BE MAILED due to prohibitive mailing costs. Members of Temple Israel who reside outside of Bergen County will receive a holiday greeting, and the funds spent for their bags will be donated.

Your name (as it should appear on the card): _____

Please send my greetings to the entire Synagogue Membership \$ 180 ____

Please send my greetings to the families (circled) Total # families _____ @ \$8 each \$ _____

Please send greetings to non-listed friends and family Total # families _____ @ \$12 each \$ _____
(Address list for delivery to the towns listed above MUST be attached)

TOTAL \$ _____

We are often asked about reciprocation – please choose one of the following options:

- 1) Reciprocate to all that send to me and bill me
- 2) Do not reciprocate
- 3) Contact me before reciprocating (phone # _____ or email _____)

Mail this form and the attached list along with your check, payable to Temple Israel— no later than Friday February 8, 2013.

Temple Israel, Mishloach Manot, 475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Any questions, please contact Rabbi Sharon Litwin at (201)444-9320.

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Bauch, Daniel & Joanne
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Glick, Judy
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Mishloach Manot for Purim Delivery

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Jacobs, Alexander & Deborah
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Klein, Eric & Hedy
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Klein, Selma
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Kornblum, Barry & Anne
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Nathanson, Michael & Anchalee
Nelinson, Geri
Norden, Sylvia
Nowinski, Charles & Nancy
Nygaard, Toby & Lisa Mellman
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Paige, Linda
Petzinger, Walter & Diana Jampol
Plotnick, Murray & Florence
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Rothenberg, Michael & Jo Ann
Rothschild, Alex & Laura
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CHESED

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the community but don't want to make a major time commitment? Do you have a child that needs community service credit? If so, please consider joining the CHESED committee. There generally are no meetings, and all you have to do is want to stay connected while helping others in need. Please complete the form below, and either email to me or leave it in the Temple office marked Attention: Chesed.

Name: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Home #: _____ Work #: _____
Cell #: _____ E-Mail: _____



Where do you prefer to be contacted (i.e. which phone number or email address)?

I would be delighted to fulfill the mitzvah of loving kindness (Gemilut Chasadim):

- ◇ Cook a meal My home is: Kosher not Kosher
- ◇ Deliver a meal
- ◇ Drive an adult
- ◇ Drive to/from shul on Friday night Saturday Morning
- ◇ Shop for food
- ◇ Visit a congregant
- ◇ Make a friendly phone call
- ◇ Run quick errands
- ◇ Deliver Shabbat Challah to those in need

Elyse Beidner Levene, Chair
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Please email all of the information to Elyse Beidner Levene, Chesed chair, at elyselawyer@msn.com.

Questions? Call or e-mail Elyse:

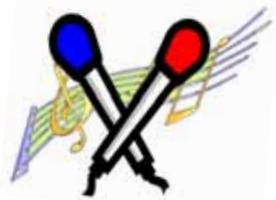
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IF YOU ARE ALREADY A VOLUNTEER FROM LAST YEAR AND WISH TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE, NO NEED TO COMPLETE ANOTHER FORM (UNLESS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION OR AREAS OF INTEREST HAVE CHANGED)

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Brandeis Men's Club

The Men's Club will be very active in the coming weeks!

To begin 2013, we have our annual **Night Out** on **Saturday, January 26th** featuring Comedian Buddy Flip, with delicious desserts, coffee, tea, cider and hot chocolate! At the end of the program, we will be raffling off the chance to win the use of a Porche for a weekend and other great prizes. Don't miss your opportunity to hold that first place winning ticket in your hand!

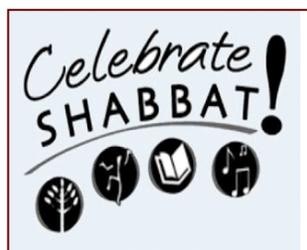
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID FOR YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS, PLEASE DO SO NOW! YOU MAY MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR PAYMENT AND STUBS IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE TEMPLE. We need your support!



Please plan to attend our annual **World Wide Wrap on Sunday, February 3rd**, during 9:00 am minyan.

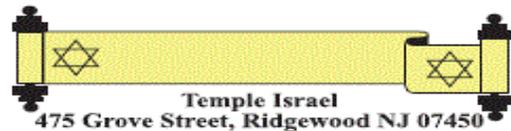
If you don't have your own t'fillin, don't worry; we'll have extra sets! Men's Clubs all over North America will be participating on the same day, as this is an initiative of the FJMC, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in North America.

Please also plan to attend **Men's Club Shabbat** on **March 9th**, when BMC-ers will lead Shabbat services from start to finish. We are very proud to have so many men participate.



On **Sunday, March 10th**, we will honor Freddie Kotek as our Man-of-the-Year with a brunch and Toast/Roast. I think Freddie has tough skin, so please join us for an eventful day, beginning at 10:30 am, and honoring Freddie (and Beth) for all they do for our Jewish community.

Brandeis Men's Club



We had a terrific gathering for "Hearing Men's Voices" on Sunday, December 9th, with cardiologist, Dr. Gerry Sotsky, and urologist Dr. Richard Baum. About 20 men enjoyed an informative and honest discussion about men's health, and good preventative practices. Stay tuned for information about when the next "Hearing Men's Voices" will be held.

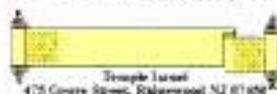
Lastly, if you have not yet paid your BMC dues of \$36 for the year, can you do so today? It is preferred that if you are attending our MOY brunch, you should be a BMC member or related to one. All will be warmly welcomed, however, even if the above conditions cannot be met.

B'Shalom,
Howard Schreiber
BMC President

Men's Club Comedy Night

BUDDY **F**LIP
COMEDIAN
and
FRIEND!

Brandeis
Men's Club



8:00 PM til 10:00 PM

Saturday, January 26th, 2013

Cost is: \$25/pp

**Serving: Cakes and pastries for dessert,
Coffee, Tea, Hot Cider, and Hot Chocolate!**

Also, The BMC annual Raffle winners will be drawn:

- 1st Prize:** *A weekend use of a Porchel*
- 2nd Prize:** *\$400 gift certificate from Signature Caterers*
- 3rd Prize:** *Galaxy 7" Tablet*
- 4th Prize:** *\$200 Gift certificate from The Kosher Nosh*
- 5th Prize:** *\$100 gift certificate from LaLanterna restaurant,
Ridgewood*

Sign up for this memorable evening by e-mail to: 10baker@optonline.net



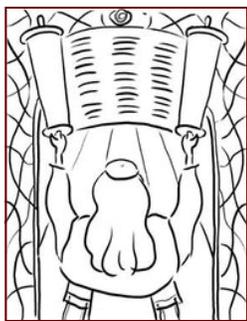
SISTERHOOD

Progressive Dinner: **NEW DATE is Saturday, January 12th**

Don't miss this fabulous evening of great company and great food, Temple Israel's premiere social event of the year.



We begin the evening with cocktails at the home of Shari and Manny Haber, 25 Elizabeth Terrace, Upper Saddle River. Dinner and dessert follow at other members' homes. Cost is \$65 per person, payable to Sisterhood. To reserve your place, contact Cheryl Altman at CHERYL@ALTERMAN.ORG or (201) 670-0758. You must reserve your place by Thursday, January 10th.



SISTERHOOD SHABBAT: Saturday, January 19th

Join us as we honor Carla Vogel as our Woman-of-the-Year during Shabbat morning worship. Sisterhood members will conduct the entire service, including the Torah reading.

Parts are available in English or in Hebrew. To participate, contact Sandy Wechsler at (201) 956-5649 or Elaine Silverstein at (201) 251-9727. We will once again be preparing the Kiddush; details to follow, but in the meantime, call Waltraud Unger at (201) 444-3094 if you would like to help out.

Woman-of-the-Year: CARLA VOGEL

After Carla joined Temple Israel with her husband Denis and son Jerry—the family also included two wonderful cats, Samson and Delilah—she didn't waste much time before jumping into an active role at the synagogue, volunteering time to Sisterhood, the Religious School and many congregation-wide activities. Among her leadership positions was president of our Sisterhood,

but once her term ended, she continued to be involved, currently serving as treasurer and also remains on the Temple's board of directors where she has served as financial secretary; chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and Library Committee. Last year she put her legal background to use chairing the synagogue's Constitutional Review Committee. Finally, she was a class parent for Jerry's Religious School class and is a proud Shabbat regular.

Outside of Temple Israel, Carla is a lifelong follower of the Grateful Dead, a passion she and Denis share; and a longsuffering fan of the Oakland Raiders; rabid fan of the Boston Celtics; and even follows the Mets. And if truth be told, Denis needs to watch his back when Johnny Depp or Robert Downey Jr. is on the screen. Carla's list of interests and activities go on. She loves bike riding, skiing and baking soufflés. With her family, legal practice and varied interests, we are truly lucky that Carla makes Temple Israel her priority. Thank you Carla, from Sisterhood and your Temple Israel family.

BOOK GROUP: Next Meeting is January 13th

Our first Book Group meeting was in December, and we had a lively discussion at the home of Liz Gordon. If you like to read, don't miss our next meeting on January 13th at the home of Eve Mensch, 279 Bellair Rd., Ridgewood.

We are reading The Life of Pi by Yann Martel.

"A story to make you believe in the soul-sustaining power of fiction."—Los Angeles Times Book Review



If you read the book years ago or just saw the movie, feel free to join us. Questions or suggestions? Contact Risa Rohrberger, book group chair risa.rohrberger@gmail.com or (201) 444-0470.

SISTERHOOD - cont.



Hanukkah Celebration A Success

Our Hanukkah celebration was at the home of Stephanie Gottesman. Pamela Grant told us a Shalom Aleichem Hanukkah tale that enchanted us all. And Sophie Kaftal, a professional chef, demonstrated how to make sufganyiot, jelly doughnuts, the traditional Hanukkah treat. Her secret ingredient is her jam; made in small batches from locally sourced ingredients. Check out her website at www.kittenandthebear.com to learn more about her unique new food enterprise.

Thanks also to Waltraud Unger and Stacy Heit for helping with the party set up and to Stephanie Gottesman for welcoming us into her home.



Sisterhood Gift Shop

We had a great Hanukkah season, thanks to help from our tireless volunteers who didn't mind spending hours "behind the counter" to the many members who stopped by to purchase our wide selection of seasonal gifts.

The gift shop is open on many Sundays and also by appointment. Contact Stephanie Gottesman if you need anything from the gift shop: sjg1234567@aol.com or (201) 444-4778. And look for Sisterhood Gift Shop at the Simcha Fair on January 13th. We have a large selection of Judaica for your celebrations. All Sisterhood merchandise is always 20% off and a portion of the profits benefit Sisterhood.

Kippots for your Simchas- Sisterhood is once again selling custom kippot. Before you buy on line, check with us. You'll save money and benefit the synagogue. Contact Carla Vogel at (201) 670-1642 or carla@synagogue.org.

Tallitot are available in the gift shop. There is a wonderful selection of beautiful and unique tallitot for men and women of all ages.

Torah Fund

This year's Torah Fund pin is now available, and it's gorgeous. Contact Peri Namerow at (201) 652-4200 or pbn1@columbia.edu. Treat yourself and Women's League to a special gift for the holidays.

Torah Fund cards cost \$5 each and are lovely to send for any occasion--birthday, anniversary, wedding or b'nai mitzvah. To order, contact Libby Stern (201) 444-3819 or thelib104@gmail.com.

Linda Paige
President



MUSICAL NOTES

To follow up on our successful Summer Music Fridays, the Music Committee is delighted to present a series of Sunday Open Mics and Winter Music Saturdays. And of course there will be more Friday evening delights next summer.

This year we introduce a new series, **Winter Music Saturdays**. These evenings will begin with us all coming together to say farewell to Shabbat with Havdalah at 7:30 p.m. Then we will start the new week with a concert and reception. The first concert, on January 19, will feature **Jennifer Green**, cellist, and **Pang Eun Kim**, pianist.

Please consider donating to Winter Music Saturdays, as so many of you did to Summer Music Fridays. **Your participation, through donations and attendance, make Temple Israel's ongoing music program possible.**

Tamara Freeman and Elaine Silverstein
Music Committee Co-Chairs

Yes! I want to donate to music at Temple Israel

Name: _____

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Thank you for your continuing support!

Our schedule for the coming months:

January 19, 2013: Winter Music Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: Jennifer Green and Pang Eun Kim, cello and piano, playing works by Ernst Bloch, J.S. Bach, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Alexander Glasunov

March 9, 2013: Winter Music Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

April 21, 2013: Open Mic, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

HOUSE

Attention: Security Committee in Formation

Temple Israel continues to strengthen its security program. We recognize that an alert congregation is better prepared for any eventuality. To raise the level of security, all interested members are invited to become a part of a newly formed security group. The security group will be trained to deal with any unusual situation that may occur during a group function at the synagogue, helping us to increase the number of trained people available to monitor our facility during social events and services. Training will be offered in one or two sessions. We hope to train as many congregants as possible.

PLEASE reply to this me at Rsmolen2@optonline.net or call the synagogue office if you are interested.

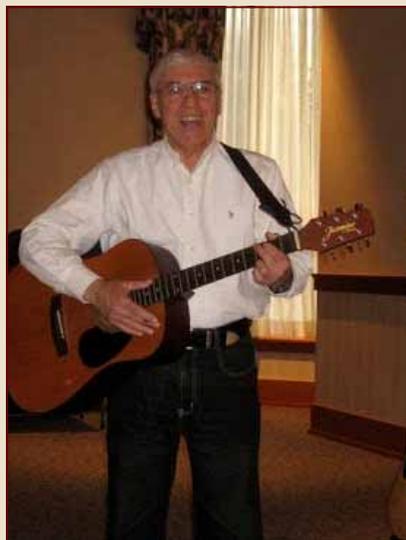
Thank you,
Bob Smolen
House Chair



MUSICAL NOTES - cont.

OPEN MIC

We had our first Open Mic on Sunday, November 18th. This wonderful afternoon of live music and friendship featured three generations of performers, some of whom performed publicly for the first time. Kudos to Marc Cantor for doing such a great job as the Open Mic organizer and master of ceremonies. Many thanks to all the marvelous performers who shared their musical talents at this hamish event. And special thanks to Elaine Silverstein for sponsoring the delicious reception.



Bob Dworkin, at Open Mic Night on November 18th, is hoping his enthusiasm will inspire other "closet music lovers and performers" to share their talents at the next Open Mic Night, scheduled for April 21st!

TWO GRAND NEW "BABIES" IN THE FAMILY!

Temple Israel is the new home of two baby grand pianos! Two families have shown their support of Music at the shul by donating their families' beloved instruments: Libby and Michael Stern have donated their Settergren baby grand piano, which will reside in Rabbi Fine's parsonage. Former member Natalie Hertz donated her Knabe baby grand in loving memory of her husband, Walter Hertz z'l. The Knabe will grace the sanctuary. The Music Committee is thrilled and honored to accept these generous donations. The two pianos will enhance the musical life of our sacred community for choir rehearsals, concerts, Open Mics and festivals. *Thank you Libby and Michael and Natalie for your generosity!*

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Five choir members participated in this year's beautiful Thanksgiving ecumenical service at Upper Ridgewood Church: Debbie Cantor, Marc Cantor, Jo Rosen and Ramelle Brown. Tamara Freeman played the violin. Thanks to everyone for sharing their talents in this meaningful and memorable evening.

CHOIR

It is never too late to join the Temple Israel Choir, directed by Tamara Freeman. Auditions are not required --- only a love of singing and your interest in being with an amazing group of friends. The choir is a highlight of our High Holy Days worship experience. We also participate in the Thanksgiving interfaith service and Yom HaShoah service. Please contact Tamara for more information: (201) 825-2094.

Elaine Silverstein and Tamara Freeman, D.M.A.
Music Co-Chairs

*Credit: Photo by
Tamara Freeman*

YOUTH

EL AL

El Al will be spending Shabbat together at our annual El Al Shabbaton on January 25th—26th. We will meet for dinner at 6:00 pm, with all the families of our El Al-niks invited to join us for family services at 7:00 pm. Following our Friday night sleepover, the youth of Temple Israel will lead the Shabbat morning service in our main sanctuary to celebrate Youth Shabbat. El Al-niks will remain at Temple Israel for the rest of the day until Shabbat ends at 5:45 pm, when we will close the program with Havdalah. I am very excited for this event, as it is always a highlight of the year. Please look for more information in your email soon.

Rabbi Sharon Litwin
slitwin@synagogue.org

Rabbi Sharon and El Al-ers hard at work in TI kitchen. Can you guess the sweet treat they cooked up for Hanukkah?



KADIMA

Happy New Year Everyone!!! Our Lounge Night this month will be held on Tuesday, January 15th from 6:30-8:00pm. Our Kadima event this month will be shared with El Al for the January 25th-26th Shabbaton, which includes an overnight at Temple Israel and helping lead Shabbat morning services. I hope you can all join in; stay tuned for more details.

Mora Felicia
fhillman78@gmail.com



Credit:
Photos by
Dan Unger



Kadima-niks keep busy during their Lounge Night last month.

USY

YOUTH - cont.

USY members are busy attending local and regional events. If you have not yet made it to a meeting please stop by and check us out! On January 13th, we will be having our annual Tu B'Shevat celebration Stay tuned for further details! Please let me know if you are not receiving our emails.

Heather
usyheather@gmail.com

*USY-ers know how
to take it easy at
Temple Israel!*



Credit:
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Dan Unger

Passover Seders

Temple Israel is working to help connect families for Passover Seders. We hope that this will both help to build community and bring about new friendships within the Temple Israel family. Sometimes there are families who have plenty of empty seats that they wish they could fill at their seders and sometimes there are families who have no place to go. We are looking for both hosts as well as families or individuals who would like to be hosted for a Seder or both Seders on Monday, March 25 or Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

If you would like to host people at your Seder, please let Rabbi Sharon Litwin (slitwin@synagogue.org) know the following information:

1. I would like to host on 1st Seder _____ or 2nd Seder _____ or Both Seders _____
2. I can host a maximum of _____ people
3. My home is strictly Kosher for Passover _____ or Kosher for Passover Style _____
4. My Seder is child friendly _____ or more for just adults _____

If you would like to be hosted please let Rabbi Sharon Litwin (slitwin@synagogue.org) know the following information:

1. I would like to be hosted for 1st Seder _____ or 2nd Seder _____ or Both Seders _____
2. I would need _____ number of seats at the seder for myself and my family.
3. I prefer a _____ strictly Kosher for Passover Seder or _____ Kosher for Passover Style.
4. My children are the following ages (if applicable) : _____

CIRCLE OF HONOR

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Jan 12: Cheryl & Allan Alterman in honor of everyone attending Shabbat services on January 12

Jan 19: OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

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MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Samuel Harold Davisson, grandson of Ellen & Allen Rubin
Jackson Zeller Feinberg, grandson of Stephanie Gottesman & Bob Zeller
Stella Kornemann, granddaughter of Christina Nerrie & Bob Goodfriend
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy

DEATHS

Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, father of Jamie Kreitman
May the family be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY is a wonderful way to make a gift to Temple Israel and receive a guaranteed income stream during these uncertain economic times. Whether you manage your own funds, or a close relative's, this investment may be for you. You need not be a T.I. member to participate.

Consider establishing a **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY** to:

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
65	5.3%	70	5.8%
75	6.5%	80	7.5%
85	8.4%	90+	9.8%

To enquire about specific details please contact Howard Schreiber;
201-236-8744, 10baker@optonline.net

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Laura & Philip Brody in honor of Freddie Kotek on the occasion of being chosen Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year

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Jane & Richard Rosen in honor of David Namerow on the occasion of his birthday

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Carla & Denis Vogel Thank you

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Chumash Etz Hayim

Beth & Freddie Kotek in honor of David Namerow on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Mahzor Lev Shalem

Laura & Philip Brody in honor of David Namerow on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Stephanie Gottesman and Robert Zeller in honor of David Namerow on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Bequests To Temple Israel

You can make an enduring gift to Temple Israel through your will as a bequest. A bequest is perhaps the simplest form of planned giving to arrange, and Temple Israel can be named as one of your beneficiaries. A bequest could involve cash, stocks, real estate or other property and is usually a percentage of the residue of your estate, which is given after your family needs are cared for. You may designate that your bequest be used for a particular purpose, and you may indicate whether it is for current needs or endowment. Because a bequest is revocable, there is no immediate income tax deduction, but your gift will be deductible from your taxable estate. Please consult with an attorney when writing your will in order for your wishes to be clearly articulated.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING



Donations & Dedications

While Judaism itself can thrive without reference to finances, a community of Jews who are committed to the purpose of the synagogue—learning, worship, and fellowship—does need financial resources to help each other and themselves.

Most of us recognize our obligation to maintain membership in Temple Israel and to support it by payment of annual dues. However, dues alone do not cover all of our costs. There is a continuing need for donations to help assure the synagogue's strength and development .

We encourage any and all donations to Temple Israel. The following are suggested giving opportunities in which the funds are used to support all aspects of synagogue life:

Temple Israel Operating Fund any amount

Tributes \$5

DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays \$54

Mahzor Lev Shalem For Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur \$64

Chumash Etz Hayim \$118

Simcha Terrace Paver \$136

Memorial Plaque \$540

Large Memorial Tablet \$54,000

The following are suggested giving opportunities in which the funds are used to support specific areas of synagogue life:

Temple Israel *Chai* Campaign Fund any amount

Funds the major capital improvements from our synagogue building renovation

Religious School Enrichment Fund any amount

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Endowment Funds \$25,000 to establish a fund; \$18 donation to established funds

Each Fund has a specific purpose. Consult column on the right

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Kiddush Club Funds the kiddush when there is no regular kiddush sponsor \$144

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Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Rabbi

Cantor's Discretionary Fund any amount

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Contribution Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to

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PURPOSE: To fund maintenance and/or capital improvement projects to Temple Israel properties.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

PURPOSE: To provide siddurim to Temple Israel religious school students.

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PURPOSE: To fund the education program portion of the Annual Holocaust Remembrance.

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PURPOSE: To provide scholarship to a Temple Israel high school student to attend an Israel/Eastern Europe educational program.

BARRY H. GLICK
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PURPOSE: To fund both the cost of a professional motivational speaker who will inspire attendees to perform acts of lovingkindness AND the *Chesed* forum which will follow the talk.

DAVID & SARA GOODMAN
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PURPOSE: To fund supplemental Jewish experiences for Jewish youth.

DAVID & SALLY KIRSCH
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

PURPOSE: To provide scholarship to a religious school graduating student for continuing Jewish religious education.

ALEXANDER & SOPHIE PURITZ
MEMORIAL
ENDOWMENT FUND

PURPOSE: To fund the Temple Israel Annual Hanukkah Party, which shall include the distribution of silver dollars to all students.

MAX AARON STRACHMAN MEMORIAL
LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

PURPOSE: To purchase educational materials for the library as well as fund library related educational events.

WILLIAM & RHODA TOONKEL
JEWISH MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND

PURPOSE: To promote Jewish musical education for the Temple Israel religious school, as well as other musical and cultural experiences for Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center.

College Scholarships Available

Application deadline: May 17, 2013

The Kaplen JCC on The Palisades at 411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, is pleased to announce that applications for The Hildegard & Sidney Schonfeld Jewish Community College Scholarship Fund are now available.



This countywide fund offers annual competitive grants to college-bound Jewish students in Bergen County, including students with special needs. Scholarships are open to undergraduates who are attending a 2-year or 4-year college full time in the United States or Israel. Students must possess a demonstrated financial need and be in good academic standing. Grants are not renewable. However, all qualified students may apply each year.

Applications must be submitted on or before May 17, 2013.

Applications can be downloaded at www.jccotp.org: click on Children & Teens > Teens & Maccabi > Scholarships for Israel and College. Applications (an original and five 5 complete copies) should be mailed directly to: Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, 411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670, Attention: Michele Schaffer.

For more information, please contact Judi Nahary, Director of the College Scholarship Fund at (201) 569-7900, ext. 1470.

The Jewish Home of Rockleigh, Russ Berrie Home for Jewish Living Announces Two Initiatives to Help Homebound Elderly

The first program will assist those who would like to attend Shabbat services but are unable to get to there on their own; the second program will provide a home delivered kosher meal for seniors unable to prepare their own Shabbat meal. Learn how you can help with either or both endeavors. For further information, please contact Chuck Berkowitz at 201-750-4230.

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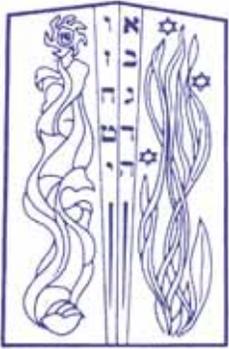
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		1 New Year's Day Office Closed 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	2 6:00 pm Torah Club	3	4 4:23 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	5 Shemot 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 11:00 am Junior Congregation
Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5						
6 Pre- K 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am History of Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine Sisterhood Book Group	7 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litvin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg 7:30 pm Learning About Ourselves, Learning about the Other with Rabbi Gloria Rubin	8 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 7:30 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Fair Lawn Jewish Center 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	9 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm Board Mtg	10	11 4:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	12 Vaera Rosh Chodesh 9:00 am Nosh & Drash 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm Sisterhood Progressive Dinner
13 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am History of Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine 11:30 am B'nei Mitzvah Parent's Mtg	14 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litvin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg 7:30 pm Learning About Ourselves, Learning about the Other with Rabbi Gloria Rubin	15 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 6:00 pm Kadima Lounge Night 7:30 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Fair Lawn Jewish Center 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	16 6:00 pm Torah Club School Com Mtg	17	18 4:38 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	19 Bo 9:00 am Service Sisterhood Shabbat 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 11:00 am Junior Congregation 7:30 pm Winter Music Saturday with Jennifer Green & Pang Eun Kim, cello and piano
20 No School 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> Men's Club Ski Trip	21 Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed 10:00 am Interfaith Service @ United Methodist Church, Ridgewood	22 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 7:30 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Fair Lawn Jewish Center (snow date) 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	23 6:00 pm Torah Club	24	25 4:46 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Family Service	26 Beshalach 9:00 am Service Youth Shabbat 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> Men's Club Comedy Night
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27 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am History of Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine	28 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litvin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg 7:30 pm Learning About Ourselves, Learning about the Other with Rabbi Gloria Rubin	29 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	30 6:00 pm Torah Club	31		

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3 World Wide Wrap Pre-K 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine	4 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg 7:30 pm Learning About Ourselves, Learning about the Other with Rabbi Gloria Rubin	5 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine	6 6:00 pm Torah Club Exe Com Mtg	7	8 5:03 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Family Service	9 Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> Service 11:00 am Tot Shabbat
10 Rosh Chodesh 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> ABG Family Workshop	11 Rosh Chodesh 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	12 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	13 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm Board Mtg	14	15 MT 9:30 5:12 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	16 Terumah 9:00 am Nosh & Drash 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
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17 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> Jose Tina	18 President's Day Office Closed	19 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	20	21 Fast of Esther	22 5:21 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	23 Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 6:30 pm Purim Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm Megillah Reading
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24 Purim No School 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> /Megillah Reading	25 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	26 6:00 pm Hebrew High School 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine	27 6:00 pm Torah Club Exe Com Mt 8:00 pm Sisterhood Vashi Feast	28		

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