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Shavuot 5771



Tuesday, June 7

8:00 PM

Services

9:00 PM

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Wednesday, June 8

9:00 AM

Services

7:00 pm

Services & Religious School Graduation

Thursday, June 9

9:00 AM

Services

10:30 AM approx

Yizkor

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Religious School Graduation & Closing Exercises

Wednesday, June 8

7:00pm

Followed by a dairy dessert reception



Nosh & Drash

Saturday, June 11

Our drasher is Anne Wolf

9:00 to 10:00am Preliminary Service & *Shacharit*

10:00 to 11:00am Light *Kiddush* Breakfast and Communal *Torah* Study

11:00am to 12:30pm *Torah* Service and *Musaf*



General Membership & Elections

Wed., June 15-7:30 PM Temple Israel

Please join us for refreshments, ask questions of current officers, and vote for next year's officers and trustees



Recognition of Volunteers Installation of Officers & Trustees

Friday, June 17, 2011

8:30 pm Friday Night Services followed by a festive *Oneg*

Synagogue, Men's Club, & Sisterhood

Discharge of Outgoing Volunteers & Installation



Summer Music

Friday Nights

June 24

7:30 pm

The Four Tenors -Todd Bakal, Eitan Cohen, Larry Klein, and Bill Scher accompanied by Irene Bressler, pianist

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S TRIP TO GERMANY



What an extraordinary experience it was for me to travel through Germany with thirty-six fellow-travelers from the Temple Israel community! Our trip was the culmination of a year-long course on German Jewish history. We arrived with a contextual understanding of the long story of Jews in Germany. We saw the scope of history from the intellectual and economic flourishing with concurrent persecution and martyrdom of the Middle Ages through the Enlightenment and Emancipation of the modern period. The breathtaking success of the German Jewish community in acculturation and embourgeoisement in the nineteenth century culminated in the tragic experience of persecution, shame and murder at the hands of the Nazis. The innovations of modern Judaism and the absorption of Soviet Jewish émigrés today, are a wonderful resurgence of Jewish life. We saw and experienced with our own eyes, which exceeds what one can learn from a book or a lecture. What follows is a brief synopsis of the trip with points that were particularly moving for me.

Upon arrival on Monday morning April 4, we proceeded immediately to the Reichstag, the seat of the German parliament (Bundestag). The late nineteenth century palatial building was renovated as the seat of the newly united German parliament, and is capped with a magnificent glass dome where you can walk around, catch beautiful views of the city, and peek down into the parliamentary chamber. The openness of the chamber, and of the chancellery offices across the square, is meant to symbolize the transparency of modern democratic government. In order to get access to the dome, we had a reservation for breakfast at the rooftop restaurant, which offered us a lovely opening to our journey.

We proceeded to encounter Berlin on foot, walking through the majesty of the Brandenburg Gate and at the same time (and literally a mere block away) experiencing, albeit in a limited fashion as the underground exhibit was closed, Germany's Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. Learning how Germany presents and remembers its own Jewish past was an important theme of our visit. Later that long first day we visited what remains of the Moorish-style Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue, once the largest synagogue in Berlin. We walked the streets of the old Jewish section, and also the desecrated cemetery where Moses Mendelssohn was buried. That evening we had dinner at the Jewish community center and heard from a German and a Russian/Polish rabbi about the renaissance of Jewish life today in central Europe.

On Tuesday we visited the house of the Wannsee Conference, where the details of the Final Solution were worked out. What a contrast it was looking at the recorded minutes of attempted genocide amidst such beauty along a suburban lake. After visiting a train deportation memorial we then drove back into the heart of Berlin to walk through the vast German Historical Museum. No nation is more cognizant of the ambiguous legacy of its history.

At this important museum, we saw glimpses of German history and looked for ways that the story of the Jews was integrated as a part of the broader German canvas. Our last stop of the day was at the enormous Weisensee Jewish cemetery. One of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world, walking through the vast memorials of Berlin Jewry brought home the importance and the affluence of this once leading community. I shared with the group one of the most important personal sites for me, the military section where hundreds of German Jewish soldiers are laid to rest in what is the largest Jewish military cemetery in the world outside of Israel. It was their collective story that inspired my doctoral dissertation.

Wednesday morning was spent on the deluxe InterCity Express train from Berlin to Cologne. Upon arrival in Cologne we saw the very special medieval *mikveh* and the excavations of the medieval Jewish community. While the Cologne cathedral is a towering monument to Germany's gothic heritage, the Jewish sites are just as eloquent in their testimony to the past.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Thursday began with a beautiful scenic drive down the Rhine River gorge. We stopped for lunch in Frankfurt and visited the Freiherr vom Stein Strasse synagogue, with its unique use of ancient Near Eastern architecture. Afterwards we stopped in Worms, visiting the synagogue and yeshiva where Rashi prayed and learned in his formative years. Rashi's presence there reminded us of the importance of the Rhineland communities in medieval Jewry.

Friday was the most emotionally taxing day of the tour (which was why I saved it for the end). The morning was spent on a tour of the Dachau concentration camp. What made our visit especially moving for us was the presence of Abe Bowski, a Dachau survivor who lives in Fair Lawn and joined us for our trip. Walking through the steps of *Shoah's* martyrs and seeing the gas chambers crematoria gives me a sense of unease to the point that I find I cannot take a complete breath of air until I am out of the camp. We re-vitalized our bodies and souls with an afternoon spent in the beautiful foothills of the Alps. The mountain air, the scenery, and a visit to Neuschwanstein castle, the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle of Disney fame, could not have marked a starker extreme from Dachau. I reflected with the group that Germany is about more than concentration camps on the one hand, and castles on the other. Both are a part of the story but there is also so much story to be learned and experienced in between the two.

Ending our week in Munich, we worshipped with the local Jewish community at the beautiful and strikingly contemporary Munich synagogue, followed by a farewell dinner at Munich's kosher restaurant.

We covered many miles and many more centuries in our journey through Germany. The wide-span culminated in the peace of *Shabbat*. Please feel free to ask any of the trip participants about their experiences. We are looking forward to organizing an evening at Temple I srael to share stories and pictures. Stay tuned!



CANTOR CAITLIN BROMBERG



“It Is A Tree Of Life to Them That Hold Fast to It”

This month we celebrate *Shavuot*, the Revelation at Sinai, the giving of the *Torah*. The tradition of having a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, a late-night or full night of study on *Erev Shavuot* was inspired by the *Torah*'s account of the people's preparations for receiving the *Torah*. Several days of spiritual purification were required, and the experience itself was a dramatic and terrifying ordeal. This preparation is meant not only to create the proper mindset and awareness for the ritual of receiving – but also to create energy and inspiration for the task of living with the *Torah*. Our covenant is not to receive passively, but to engage with the laws and theology and create a sacred community. When we chant “*Eitz Chayim Hi LaMachazikim Ba*” as the *Torah* is placed in the ark, we are affirming that in order to be continually blessed with the life of our community, we must “grab onto” the *Torah* and hold tight.

One way we do that at Temple Israel is to continually nurture our tradition of community *Torah* reading. Those of you who were privileged to be at *Torah Club Shabbat* last April 23, 2011, *Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach*, shared in the joy of this year's celebration of our youngest readers. This was a wonderful year in *Torah Club*. This year's group created more *Torah Trope* games than I thought were possible, and became a close-knit, mutually supportive club whose members truly care about each other. Some of this year's seventh graders have asked if they can come to *Torah Club* meetings next year, even though they will have graduated from Hebrew School! Some of this year's members chose to occasionally forgo some of their outside activities because they preferred to come to *Torah Club* when given a choice! Some of that exuberance was visible on *Torah Club Shabbat* when this year's members danced a joyous *hora* around the first-years who had just received their *Tikkuns* on the *bimah*. We also celebrated the achievements of the *Torah Club* graduates who have continued to read *Torah* and *Haftarah*, and honored the parents who support the club and their children's commitment to the synagogue. *Torah Club* meetings would not be the same without the invaluable contribution of **TINA POLEN!**

2011 *Torah Club* Members

First Year:

Josef Goldberg, Craig Rosen, Rebecca Manheimer, Matthew Shames

Second Year:

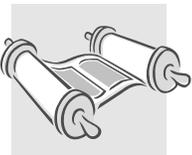
Mollie Bakal, Cole Caplan, Kimberley Caruso, Kenny Crane-Moscowitz, Vlad Vandalovsky

Third Year:

Allie Kaplan, Jerry Vogel

2011 *Torah Club Shabbat* Daveners, *Torah* and *Haftarah* Readers:

Zoe Blecher-Cohen, Daniel Butensky, Ashley Caruso, Carly Haber, Jakob Haber, Jessie Kirshner, Lauren Kirshner, Rebecca Rosenthal, Jennifer Schuler, Jeffrey Zachem



2011 *Torah Club* Graduates Receiving *Aliyot* to the *Torah*:

Daniel Butensky, Daniel Fleiss, Adam Rosen, Jacob Siegel

CANTOR CAITLIN BROMBERG

2011 *Torah* Club Shabbat Honorees Continued...

Torah Club Graduate Readers, 2010-2011

One Aliyah

Max Auerbach
Melissa Blumkin
Emily Fishbein
Dan Fleiss

Julia Lang
Jen Schuler
Ben Walker

Two Aliyot

Lauren Gadon*
Ethan Klein
Sophie LaBell
Becky Sanders*

Three Aliyot

Josh Blecher-Cohen
(We also thank Josh again for serving as *First Youth Gabbai*, *Youth Shabbat!*)

Zoe Blecher-Cohen
Carly Haber
Rebecca Rosenthal
Emily Schreiber
Dan Schuler*
Avi Smolen*



Four Aliyot

Jake Haber
Emma Diamond
Abby Meltzer*

Five Aliyot

Ashley Caruso
Dara Kotek
Jared Miller
Cayla Whittaker

Eight Aliyot

Jessie Kirshner
Lauren Kirshner
Jeffrey Zachem

Haftarot

Josh Blecher-Cohen
Ashley Caruso
Carly Haber
Max Auerbach
Sophie LaBell
Avi Smolen*
Jeffrey Zachem
Lauren Kirshner
Jared Miller

Rebecca Rosenthal
Cayla Whittaker
Dan Butensky—4

*Indicates Post-Graduate *Torah* Club Members who returned to read this year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We all hate to live our lives out as a common cliché', but every once in a while it really does apply. The day to day running of a synagogue and its board is much like a sausage. If you knew what was really in it you wouldn't want anything to do with it. Thus is the job of the synagogue Board of Directors. This board is made up of volunteers who take an extraordinary amount of time out of their daily lives to ensure that we can thrive as a community. It is a often frustrating and thankless job.

I would like to take this page to thank those who have served so generously and who are (temporarily) stepping down from board posts as we try to develop our next generation of leadership.

Peter Kurshan, Fred Cohen and Barry Kaplan are taking their leave from the executive committee after many years of dedication. Fred has worked tirelessly as treasurer, managing the Temple books and keeping track of our finances. Peter has had the unenviable task of Financial Secretary, the synagogue bill collector, a job that goes unappreciated except to those of us that know the difficulty of the task. Peter also ran our Ways and Means event for two years and was the originator of "Temple Israel Idol", for which he won an award from USCJ. Barry predated me on the Executive Committee and has been my right hand man, providing counsel and keeping me (partially) sane. I will miss the experience and wisdom of all three.

Our Trustees serve from one to three year terms. Many have served for multiple terms. I am heartened by the dedication of these individuals. Most, after a retirement from service have sufficiently forgotten how much time it has taken out of their lives and agree to serve again. Arlene Cox has served in multiple capacities from board to Exec for more years than I have been a member. We could all take lessons from her unquestioned loyalty to our *shul*. Bill Kay has served as Treasurer and most recently as Endowments chair. He was instrumental in negotiating and finalizing the refinancing of Temple Israel's mortgage. We owe him a debt for keeping us out of debt. Bob Obeiter has served faithfully as Ritual chair and most recently as House chair. Bob Rohrberger has also served in many capacities through the years. Most recently he was Brandeis Men's Club President but has also served as Second V.P. on the Executive board and House Chair.

We owe our gratitude to all of these individuals. Just by description one can see the amount of personal time and energy they have devoted to Temple Israel. My hope is that after board life, they will still find the time to serve Temple Israel in other capacities. There is plenty of work to go around.

During the crunch of normal business, I do not get to show my appreciation for all of those who use their free time to serve their community. From board to committee to carpool, the sums of our efforts are worth more than our individual parts. Thank you for making Temple Israel not just a synagogue, but a community.

B'shalom

Denis

Recognition of Volunteers Installation of Officers & Trustees Friday, June 17, 2011



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EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



TEMPLE ISRAEL HONORS OUR *KITAH HEY* GRADUATES



Mazal Tov to all of our *Kitah Hey* graduates:

Cole Caplan
Caitlin Crane-Moscowitz
Kenneth Crane-Moscowitz
Dylan Fishbein
Zachary Forstot
Jeremy Lipsky
Rebecca Rosenthal
Vlad Vandalovsky
Jerry Vogel
Cayla Whittaker
Jeffrey Zachem

This has been a great year. I am so grateful to the teachers for bringing joyous learning to our students, to our parents for your continued support of the Religious School and our programs, to the school committee for their hard, and to everyone at Temple Israel for always making my job a pleasure!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

Registration is now underway for the 2011-12 academic year! Please be sure to contact Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of Education for all of your registration needs.

Please keep in mind that the **Early Bird** deadline for Religious School families (*Kitah Aleph- Kitah Hey*) is **June 30, 2011**. Please note that before registration forms will be accepted, any outstanding school or other balances due Temple Israel from 2010-2011 or before must be paid.



Pre-Kindergarten at Temple Israel Open for children ages 3 through 5!



Come learn about the Jewish holidays through music, art, dance, storytelling, and more!

For nine sessions throughout the 2011-12 academic year, the Pre-Kindergarten program at Temple Israel allows your child to explore the Jewish holidays in a fun and safe environment.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving more information about our Pre-K programs, please contact Director of Education, Rabbi Sharon Litwin.

MILESTONES

BNEI MITZVAH

Jeremy Lipsky, son of Danielle & David Lipsky

We wish our B'nei Mitzvah a lifetime of Torah, Mitzvot, and Gemilut Hasadim (Acts of Loving-kindness)

ENGAGEMENTS

Jesse Weiss and Shani Bengal from Ashdod, Israel. Jesse is the son of Bonnie & David Weiss.

We wish the newly engaged couple mazel and future happiness

WEDDINGS

Caryn Bordonaro & Todd Shrier. Caryn is the daughter of Janice & Bruce Bordonaro

We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of mazel and simchah, of celebration and happiness.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Clarence Calman Eric Klein

We wish complete healing of body and spirit to all who confront illness

DEATHS

Rosalie Dworkin, mother of Bob Dworkin

Morris Kotek, father of Freddie Kotek

Renee Royak-Schaler, sister of Jules Royak

May the families be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

ONEG/KIDDUSH SPONSORS

***Oneg Shabbat* Sponsors**

June 3 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

June 10 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

June 17 Jacqueline Crane & Glen Moscowitz in honor of their children, Caitlin & Kenneth Crane-Moscowitz on the occasion of their *b'nei mitzvah*

June 24 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

***Kiddush* Sponsors**

June 4 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

June 11 NOSH & DRASH—OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

June 18 Jacqueline Crane & Glen Moscowitz in honor of their children, Caitlin & Kenneth Crane-Moscowitz on the occasion of their *b'nei mitzvah*

June 25 Members of Hazak in honor of Hazak Shabbat

HAZAK

The Senior Arm of Temple Israel

In May, Cantor Bromberg feted us with the beautiful Sephardic music from the Golden Age of Jewish residence in the Mediterranean. We learned to distinguish between Spanish and Arabic melodies and moved with them. OLE!

This month on June 15, we will meet at the Glen Rock arboretum and feast together as usual.

RSVP to Sonia & Ionel Albescu at 201-447-5391.

Please join us-----You are never too young!



Hazak Shabbat

Saturday, June 25

9:00 am

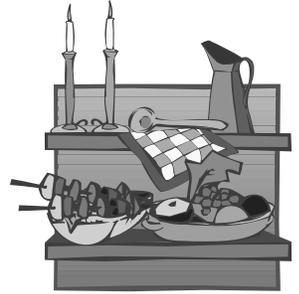
Join us as we honor the senior members of our congregation

B'NEI MITZVAH

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B'YACHAD

Hello, everyone! *B'Yachad* (meaning “together”) is the social event group for the younger family/pre-family members of our community. We like to plan events with the kids, and have a few evenings out *sans* kids as well. Our latest initiative has been monthly *Shabbat* Potlucks at different people’s homes and I’d like to thank everyone who came to ours in April. We had a wonderful time with you! The May potluck was another terrific success; I want to especially say “*Todah Rabbah G’dolah*” to Alla, Rabbi, Laurence and Ariel Fine for hosting. It was a great *Shabbat* evening!



April also saw the planting of the *B'Yachad* flag on European soil, when the younger contingent of the shul Germany trip managed to sneak a few evenings out. (Who knew McDonalds served beer to go in milkshake cups? And I won’t mention the toga party.) Enthusiasm is running high for *B'Yachad: International Edition* – maybe a cruise, or a trip to the Virgin Islands, or even an evening at a Mexican restaurant!

But for June, we’ll stay closer to home, with an ice cream and cheesecake party for *Shavuot*, and of course the next Potluck. We’re also working on plans for a karaoke night and a hike. The details are still emerging, so please sign up for the *B'Yachad* email list to stay up to date. For more information, to RSVP, or to be added to our email list, contact Josh at 201-445-2676 (eve), 973-284-2557 (day), or byachad-contact@synagogue.org.

Josh and Suzie Holden,
B'Yachadniks

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Israel Goes to Germany—April 3-10!

Thirty-seven of us ventured on a week-long tour of Germany this spring, the exciting culmination of Rabbi Fine’s Sunday morning lecture series on German-Jewish history. Our multi-generational group included three generations of the Holden family; Dr. Tamara Freeman, who, as a Holocaust music educator and music instructor in the Ridgewood Public Schools is developing a unique music curriculum based on the trip; a survivor of Dachau traveling with his son and returning to Germany for the first time since war’s end; a number of second-generation survivors for whom this meant a moving, direct connection to their family story and Rabbi Fine and his wife, Alla.

There is something very special about traveling as a community, about spending every waking minute together, experiencing a part of our Jewish heritage in a different place and at a different pace. Along the way, we shared our reactions and reflections and details of our individual histories that brought us closer as a Temple family. We even pulled off a “surprise” birthday party on the bus, and as the birthday girl, Beth Kotek, can attest, this one will surely be unforgettable.

Stay tuned for details about Rabbi Fine’s 2011-12 Sunday Morning Adult Ed Lecture Series: “The History of the Land of Israel.” This exciting new series will culminate in a trip to Israel in June 2012. Join Us!

Jane Rosen
Chair, Adult Education

RITUAL



Ritual Committee

The committee has been hard at work all year, but much of what it accomplishes goes on behind the scenes. Here's a peek behind the curtain:

Every year, the current ritual chair and past ritual chair as part of a larger committee, assign honors for the High Holy Days. During the year the ritual committee organizes *gabbaim* for all *Shabbat* and yontif services and weekday *minyanim*. This year, with support from money raised in the New *Torah* Fund, we arranged for the repair of the Temple's four *sifrei Torah* to make them kosher; commissioned beautiful new *Torah* mantles from an artist who will complete work on them by September (the money for this was donated by a non-member); and acquired new sterling silver *Torah* finials, donated by Sisterhood and a new sterling silver *Kiddush* cup, donated by a non-member. We also trained several *gabbaim sheni* to add to our growing stable of ritually literate members!

In addition, over the course of the year, the committee held lively discussions to consider issues involving ritual policy, with a view toward enhancing the spiritual experience for all Temple members:

- Changes to the *Shabbat* service so that it concludes before noon
- The triennial *Torah* reading cycle; it was decided not to put this into practice at Temple Israel at this time
- Appropriate times during the service to permit entry to the sanctuary
- Start time of Friday night service; it was determined that the community is happy with the current time, 8:30 pm
- Celebration of gay marriage; Temple Israel held its first *aufruf* for a same-sex couple
- Ways to strengthen the *Shabbat* service to make it more meaningful
- Whether to instruct *gabbaim* to sit or stand during *b'nai mitzvah dvrei Torah*; *Gabbaim* will sit, following Rabbi Fine's interpretation of *halacha*
- Formulated plans for *Shabbat* policies governing *smachot*

Stephanie Gottesman
Co-chair, Ritual Committee

Sunday *Minyanim* — 9:30am — July & August



Once again, we will be holding our Sunday morning *minyanim* in congregants' homes. We had a wonderful and intimate experience in the past. If you would like to volunteer your home for the one hour service (including bagels provided by Men's Club), please email larrysklein@optonline.net and let us know which dates work for you.

HIGH HOLIDAY PACKET

Temple Israel is going green. One Step At A Time—This year our High Holiday Packet will be emailed to the congregation. If you currently receive our weekly announcements, you are automatically on our list. If you do not receive the announcements, kindly send an email to our office manager, Maureen Nassan at mnassan@synagogue.org and she will make sure you are added to the list.



MUSIC

Please save these dates for entertaining **Summer Music Fridays!** Just prior to *Kabbalath Shabbat* services, we will feature talented musical artists from our very own *shul*:

June 24: The Four Tenors: Todd Bakal, Eitan Cohen, Larry Klein, and Bill Scher accompanied by Irene Bressler, pianist

July 22: Cantor Caitlin Bromberg accompanied by guest pianist James Besser

August 19: Dr. Tamara R. Freeman, violin & viola, Artie Bressler, woodwinds, and Irene Bressler, piano and harp.

Please help support the Summer Music Friday Series with a donation to Temple Israel. Suggested gifts are as follows:

Benefactor: \$72

Patron: \$54

Friend: \$36

Supporter \$18



Submit your donation by June 22 to ensure your acknowledgement in the printed programs.



Temple Israel Choir

Do you love to sing? Do the High Holy Day melodies fill you with joy and fulfillment? Please contact Tamara Freeman to learn more about the Temple Israel volunteer choir. You do not have to be able to read music to participate. You will receive a CD, music, and lots of encouragement from Tamara, the conductor and a professional music teacher. The rehearsals are filled with friendship and superb music-making. Call Tamara at home: (201) 825-2094 or e-mail TamaraFreeman@verizon.net

WAYS AND MEANS

Our Jubilee celebration was a huge success netting over \$65,000 from ads, silent auction sales and tickets (which include our circle of honor ads and tickets). Thank you again for supporting Temple Israel on our 50th anniversary on Grove Street.

There are many opportunities to donate money to our synagogue community throughout the year. Please let the office know if you have bank accounts at either TD Bank or Boiling Springs Savings Bank. We can receive money from their community goodwill programs at no cost to you..

Spring is a time to celebrate many family milestones (graduations, weddings, and other *simchas*) . Please consider buying a paver and inscribing it in honor of such a *simcha* or in memory of a loved one. You may have noticed that we have re-landscaped our Grove Street lawn and there is room for many new pavers.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Johanna Resnick Rosen, Chair, Ways and Means

BRANDEIS MEN'S CLUB

Brandeis Men's Club



bmc@synagogue.org

Golf Outing.

It's not too late to participate in our annual Golf Outing.

Where: Farmstead Golf & Country Club, Andover, NJ

When: Thursday June 16th, 1:30 pm Shotgun start. Arrive no later than 1:00 PM.

Cost: \$60.00, which includes 18 holes and electric cart.

RSVP by June 9th. 10baker@optonline.net

Space is limited. Reserve your spot now! Send your check payable to Brandeis Men's Club to: Howard Schreiber, 10 Baker Court, Ramsey, NJ 07446

Prizes: for the Winning Team! for Longest Drive! for Closest to the Pin!

Open to all members of Temple Israel, and friends! If you are not a golfer, come by for drinks and the award ceremony at about 6:30pm.



Lag BaOmer BBQ. The annual Barbeque took place on May 22 in the parking lot. It was a day of food and fun for all ages.

Thank you to David Lipsky & Eli Kirshner helping with the barbecue. To Alex Rothschild, David Millman and Jeff Mannheimer for buying food and drinks. To Howard Schreiber for ferrying back and forth to the store for supplies. To Dan Unger and Barry Albert for all their work. To Eli Bordowitz for helping with clean up. And of course to The Maccabeats for a great show and to guest singers Cantor

Caitlin and Eitan Cohen and to Michael Rosen for arranging for the music and everyone else involved with the Maccabeats. An of course thank you to Tina for her usual unbelievable support



This is my last Temple Talk article as club president. Among our achievements this year was initiating the Hearing Men's Voices program and producing the BMC banner that is proudly displayed during our events. Thank you again to the board and members who have worked so hard and enthusiastically to plan and execute events. The BMC is in good hands with the new Executive Board.

President:	Howard Schreiber
First Vice President:	Alex Rothschild
Second Vice President:	Jeff Mannheimer
Treasurer:	_____
Secretary:	_____

I want to extend a special thank you to David Millman who is stepping down from the Board after many years of service. Our loss is a gain for the North Jersey Region and the entire Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as David moves on to focus on his duties as a regional vice president. Fortunately for us, David is not giving up all of his BMC responsibilities together with his formal office. He will continue as a valued volunteer and the mastermind behind some of our most important activities like *Sukkah* construction and dismantling, and Yellow Candle distribution. *Yasher Koach* to David and to every one who contributed to the BMC over the last year.

The **President's Dinner for the Northern New Jersey Region of FJMC** will be in Teaneck on June 15. Club and Region officers will be attending.

Camp Ramah Stipends are available. Please contact Jeff Mannheimer for details.

At least one BMC member will be attending the **Bi-Annual International FJMC Convention** in Costa Mesa, CA from July 13-17. It's not too late.

SISTERHOOD

Join Hadassah- Lifetime memberships to Hadassah are available for just \$100 through December 31. To join the Northwest Bergen Chapter, which includes Ridgewood, Glen Rock, Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes, and surrounding towns, contact Susie Goldstein at susieg70@aol.com. To join the Paramus *Bat Sheva* chapter, contact Elyse Levene at elyselawyer@msn.com.

Thanks to Waltraud Unger for presenting "Why Food Matters" on May 1 and to the Brandeis Men's Club for co-sponsoring. This was a very special morning.

Upcoming events



Please check the weekly synagogue announcements for information about the **Sisterhood Book Group**, which meets approximately every six weeks on Sunday evening.

Here is a preview of some of the events we have planned for the coming year:

Annual Pool Party: Thursday, July 21 (rain date July 28). **We will be auctioning a pair of High Holiday pew seats and parking passes.**

August: *mikvah* field trip, postponed from last year

Art show/kickoff event: Tuesday, Sept. 20

Third (Fourth?) Annual Kugelthon: Tuesday, Oct. 4

Sisters in the *Sukkah*: Tuesday, Oct. 18

Progressive Dinner: Saturday, Nov. 19—**hold the date for this fabulous evening!**

Hanukkah party: Thursday, Dec. 15

Sisterhood *Shabbat*: Saturday, January 21

Vashti's Feast: Wed., Feb. 29

Pre-Passover recipe swap: Thursday, Mar. 22

Mah-jong Night: Wed., April 18

Congregational trip to Philadelphia Jewish Museum: Sunday, June 10

Many, many thanks to the Sisterhood Board, to our members, and to everyone who has helped make this year a success.



Gift Shop News:

All merchandise is 20% off the retail cost. Remember that with each purchase, you are making a contribution to our synagogue. We have mezzuzot, tallitot, necklaces, earrings and other *bnai mitzvah* gifts and a variety of items of Judaica too numerous to list that make appropriate gifts for many occasions. The inventory will be in stock this fall. If the gift shop is closed, please contact Laura Brody at (201) 670-1916 or email lwbrody@aol.com to make a purchase or arrange to browse our selection.



Linda Van Grover continues to handle tallitot sales this year. A new selection is available in our gift shop, and Linda will be happy to assist you with selection, whether it is in stock or needs to be custom-ordered. Call Linda at (201) 447-1685 or email vangrover@aol.com

5771 GOODWILL CAMPAIGN

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*If you have made a pledge and have not yet fulfilled it, please forward your payment promptly. We need to conclude this Goodwill campaign by June. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

DONATIONS

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Laura & Philip Brody in honor of Rabbi Fine for a wonderful trip to Germany

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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

<i>Siddur Sim Shalom</i> for Weekdays	\$54
Mahzor Lev Shalem For Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur	\$64
<i>Chumash Etz Hayim</i>	\$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 <i>Chai</i> Campaign Fund	any amount
Funds the major capital improvements from our synagogue building renovation	
Religious School Enrichment Fund	any amount
Funds religious school enrichment programs & materials	
Endowment Funds \$25,000 to establish a fund; \$18 donation to established funds	
Each Fund has a specific purpose. Consult column on the right	
Susan Reeve/Temple Israel Feed the Hungry Fund	any amount
Funds Temple Israel's Tikkun Olam Feed the Hungry Program	
Kiddush Club Funds the kiddush when there is no regular kiddush sponsor	\$144
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	any amount
Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Rabbi	
Cantor's Discretionary Fund	any amount
Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Cantor	

Endowment Funds

TEMPLE ISRAEL GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

AMSTERDAM FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

DONALD FELLOWS HOLOCAUST EDUCATION MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

PHYLLIS ANN ZWEIG FRIEDMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

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

BARRY H. GLICK CHESED ENDOWMENT FUND

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 ENDOWMENT FUND

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.

Contribution Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to _____

Checks for General Donations or Dedications should be made payable to Temple Israel. Checks for an Endowment or Discretionary Fund should be made payable to the specific Fund.

This contribution is _____ in honor of or _____ in memory of _____

June 2011 Iyar – Sivan 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5 </div>			1 Yom Yerushalayim 8:00 pm Why Food Matters w/ Waltraud Unger	2	3 Rosh Chodesh 8:30 pm Service 8:05 pm Candle Lighting	4 Nasso 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
5 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> Salute to Israel Parade	6	7 8:00 pm Erev Shavuot Services followed by Tikkun Leyl	8 Shavuot Office Closed 9:00 am Service 7:00 pm Service & Graduation	9 Shavuot Office Closed 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Yizkor	10 8:10 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	11 Beha'alotcha 9:00 am Nosh & Drash 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 11:00 am Tot Shabbat
12 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	13 Men's Club Mtg (offsite)	14 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	15 12:30 pm Hazak 7:30 pm General Membership Mtg 8:00 pm Board Mtg	16 Men's Club Golf Outing	17 8:13 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service / Installation of Officers & Recognition of Volunteers	18 Sh'lach 9:00 am Service <i>B'nei Mitzvah</i> Caitlin & Kenny Crane-Moscowitz 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
19 Father's Day 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	20	21 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	22 Tikkun Olam Mtg Membership Mtg 8:00 pm Why Food Matters w/ Waltraud Unger	23	24 8:30 pm Service/Summer Music 8:14 pm Candle Lighting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	25 Korach 9:00 am Service/Hazak Shabbat 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
Cantor Bromberg - Vacation						
26 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	27	28 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	29 8:00 pm Why Food Matters w/ Waltraud Unger	30		
Cantor Bromberg - Vacation						

July 2011 – Sivan – Tammuz 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5 </div>					1 8:14 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	2 <i>Chukat</i> Rosh Chodesh 9:00 am Service
3 Rosh Chodesh 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	4 Holiday Office Closed	5 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 8:14 pm Candle Lighting 8:30pm Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	9 <i>Balak</i> 9:00 am Service
10 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	11	12 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 8:00 pm Board Mtg	14	15 8:14 pm Candle Lighting 8:30pm Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	16 <i>Pinchas</i> 9:00 am Service
17 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	18	19 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Sisterhood Pool Party at the home of Peri Namerow	22 Summer Music Friday Night Service 8:14 pm Candle Lighting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	23 <i>Matot</i> 9:00 am Service
Rabbi Fine- vacation						
24 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	25	26 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Rain Date: Sisterhood Pool Party at the home of Peri Namerow	29 8:14 pm Candle Lighting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Litwin - vacation </div>	30 <i>Masei</i>
Rabbi Fine- vacation						
31 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> Rabbi Fine- vacation </div>						

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