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...Temple Talk... Temple Talk...

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Special New Year's Edition!

Look inside for inaugural message from President Allan Alterman, budget report, roster of Temple Board and Committee chairs and Sign-Up forms for Sisterhood, Men's Club and others...



Summer Music Fridays

Concert series continues on Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 at 7:00 pm, followed by a festive *oneg* and *Kabbalat Shabbat* services at 8:30 pm

8th Annual Membership Party

Join us for a **Pool Party**, on Sunday, Aug. 5th, 1:00-4:00 pm at the home of Jo and Michael Rosen.

All Welcome!!!

Rabbi Fine Publication Party

Sunday, Sept. 9th, 10:30 am - Noon
Author Talk & Brunch



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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...



It is always difficult to come home from Israel because Israel feels so much like home. Ask any of the 30 people who were on Temple Israel's 2012 trip to Israel, and they will tell, or try to describe, the joy it is to visit Israel. And ask any who have been to Israel for the first time, and they will promise you that it will not be the last time.

I was particularly blessed to lead our group to Israel this summer.

After spending a year journeying through the many layers of history of the land of Israel in our Sunday morning class, we culminated the year in a visit to the land itself. We began in Tel Aviv, enjoying Israel's modern metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea. We visited the stunning ruins of Caesarea, Bet Shean (Scythopolis) and Masada. We dined on the beautiful Sea of Galilee (Kineret), and we experienced the bizarre but healing sensation of bathing in the Dead Sea. We spent a fantastic Shabbat in Ashkelon, an ancient city on Israel's southern border, which, while too often had to worry about rocket fire from Gaza, provided for us a beautiful and quiet rest for *Shabbat* and an opportunity to connect with an Israeli Conservative/*Masorti* congregation. We made a beautiful *Kabbalat Shabbat* service watching the sun set over the Mediterranean. Then in the morning, we were guests at the Conservative congregation, where we met after *kiddush* with their rabbi and lay leadership. In the evening, they hosted a karaoke party, bridging the distance between East and West.

Our journey concluded with the ascent to Jerusalem and visits to the key sites, where we also made our own service by the Wall, with Torah reading led by three *bnei mitzvah* boys. Most importantly, we grew together as an extended family that was blessed to have multiple generations, as well as Tina from the temple's dedicated custodial staff. With her along, we made sure to include on our itinerary several of Israel's most sacred Christian sites, like the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, broadening the group's perspective of Israel as the Holy Land for the three Abrahamic faiths. All in all, our tour will long be remembered as a testament to Israel, not only as a place, but also as a feeling that we can bring back with us to Ridgewood.

Please join us for *Selihot* on Saturday night, September 8th, when we will share pictures, memories and reflections of the trip. When one leaves Israel, one is always planning the next visit. Come and see what there is to see, and let us look forward together to travelling to Israel again. The next trip we will plan will be a winter trip, hopefully in early 2014. Please let me know if you are interested.

As one year draws to a close, another year beckons us to recommit ourselves to the best of what we can become. Let us continue to grow together in learning and worship, friendship and community.

Alla, Laurence and Ariel join me in wishing each of you a happy, sweet and healthy new year, *Shanah Tovah Umetukah*.

ASSOCIATE RABBI'S MESSAGE



Thank you to Manny Haber and the School Committee for all the hard work this past year and for their help with graduation. I welcome Denis Vogel as the new school chair and look forward to working with both the new NNJJA board and the Temple Israel School Committee.

Mazal Tov to all of our *Kitah Hey* graduates and to the following award winners:

Sally and David Kirsch Scholarship Endowment Award: Deanna Walker

Sisterhood Community Service Award: Madison Grossman

I am thrilled that so many of our graduates will be heading to BCHSJS and Prozdor next year for Hebrew High School. It is a testament to our school, our teachers and especially to the dedication of our parents and students that we have almost the entire class continuing their Jewish education. I always say I wouldn't give a driver's license or scalpel to a 13-year-old; how can I entrust Jewish identity to be completely formed at 13... so glad that this class has committed to continuing to learn together.

We are still recruiting for *Project Yoetz* for next year. We would love to have at least 15 high school volunteers on Wednesdays or Sundays. Volunteers may commit for just a season (fall, winter or spring) or for the entire school year. It is wonderful to have the energy of our teens in the school to act as shadows and role models for all of our students and to support them in their Hebrew learning.

Thank you for a very successful school year. If anyone would like to spend time this summer reviewing Hebrew, please call me. I am happy to help, free of charge.

This fall, Religious School will begin on September 9th, with NNJJA welcoming three additional congregations. We anticipate an exciting year of learning, special programming, friendships and building community.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on September 9th at 9:30 am for the first day of school and in synagogue for High Holy Day services just a few weeks after that. In the meantime, best wishes for a wonderful, relaxing, warm summer holiday.

-Rabbi Sharon

Prospective Members' Open Houses to be held in conjunction with Summer Music Fridays on Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 at 6:30 pm. Meet Rabbi David J. Fine, PhD, Associate Rabbi Sharon Litwin and members of the congregation. Learn about our religious school, the Northern New Jersey Jewish Academy, with enhanced activities and instruction.

**OPEN
HOUSE**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the new fiscal year at Temple Israel, I want to take this opportunity to provide you with a "State-of-Our-Shul" report and a look ahead to some of what you can expect in the coming year, as I begin my service as temple president.

In this special edition of *Temple Talk*, you'll also find important information to make it possible for you to become involved in the Temple Israel community in any number of ways that fit your schedule, interests and experience. Look for sign-up forms to join Sisterhood, Brandeis Men's Club, Hazak and our various youth groups. Included here as well are a comprehensive review of the synagogue's budget and a list of our board of directors, officers and key committee chairs and their contact information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the committee chairs or to me, personally. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new people to participate.

First, there is mostly good news to report. We are fortunately blessed with strong professional and lay leadership, administrative staff and numerous members who donate their time, effort and hard earned dollars. My thanks to everyone for their continuing efforts to provide a strong foundation for Temple Israel, as well as for making it a warm, inviting and vibrant place to be.

A word about the budget, which was approved by the board at its meeting on June 13th: You'll note it contains a surplus of about \$28,500, \$28,000 of which will be put into our reserve fund for capital improvements and repairs. Our facility is approaching an age where the need to make significant repairs and maintenance will start to surface. We estimate that this will require about \$300,000 over the next 10 years. The good news is we have developed a plan for these expenses that should enable us to address them without creating an additional burden on our members. It calls for putting \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year into our reserve fund. This represents about a \$15,000 to \$20,000 increase over what we have previously been reserving on an annual basis. Also represented in this budget is a \$50 dues increase for families and proportionately less for the single and other dues categories. This equates to about a two percent increase and is the first time in two years that dues have been increased. The last dues increase was in the fiscal year that started July 2010.

Due to the excellent efforts of our Membership Committee, chaired by Jo Rosen, and the quality of our community, our membership ranks have stabilized. For the first time in many years, the *shul* has not had a net loss in membership. Although we have lost some members, we are delighted to have welcomed 11 new member families in the past year. All of us can help continue to write this success story by encouraging unaffiliated families we may know to become acquainted with our wonderful community. Please invite them to join you at services or in other programming, much of which we offer free of charge. The synagogue also has an incentive-based referral program that can save you money on your own membership dues; please contact Jo Rosen for details.

In the past year, Temple Israel has established itself as a regional center of

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont.

excellence for youth education. Rabbi Fine, Rabbi Litwin, my predecessor as president, Denis Vogel, and Manny Haber, who served with distinction as School Committee chair for seven years, succeeded in spearheading the Northern NJ Jewish Academy (NNJJA, pronounced 'ninja'), based in our facility. With just one congregational partner last year, Temple Beth Sholom in Fair Lawn, the program has now grown to include an additional three local congregations for the 2012-13 school term, and we anticipate continuing growth under Rabbi Litwin's outstanding direction and the support of Denis Vogel, who has stepped into Manny's role as School Committee chair, and his very dedicated committee. NNJJA has facilitated the reversal of a declining population in our Religious School. The program will have nearly 100 students enrolled in the coming year, and just as significantly, it has pared costs to our congregation while strengthening the curricular component and social base for our youngsters. Moreover, our teaching staff has remained consistently stable, and Temple Israel remains among the strongest feeders to our local Hebrew high school, Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, and to Prozdor, the Hebrew high school of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

And speaking of education, adult education at Temple Israel is going strong. In the past two years, Rabbi Fine's Sunday Morning Lecture Series has drawn more participants than any class in recent memory, with Jose and Tina often having to put out extra chairs. This past year's class on the "History of the Land of Israel" culminated in a congregational trip to Israel, led by Rabbi Fine, an exciting, enriching community-building experience enjoyed by about 30 members spanning the generations. Classes offered by Rabbi Litwin and Cantor Bromberg are also popular, and we look forward to hearing more about this coming year's classes from Peri Namerow, the new chair of our Adult Education Committee. See her report in this issue.

There are plenty of other examples of Temple Israel's status as a "center of excellence," like our Summer Music Fridays concert series, organized by the Music Committee, chaired by Tamara Freeman. Too many, in fact, to list. Which is why I encourage you to learn more, here in the pages of *Temple Talk* and by getting in touch with me, other lay leaders and our clergy, all of whom are eager to connect with you, answer any questions and help you find your place at Temple Israel. You can also check our website, www.synagogue.org for updates and information.

Thank you again for your continued support of our community, and I look forward to seeing you all in *shul* and at other synagogue programs.

Enjoy the summer,
Allan Alterman

2012-13 Volunteer Leadership

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BUDGET REPORT

Jul '12 - Jun 13

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 - Contributions / Support

4001 - Revenue from Direct Contributions

4010 - Individual/Small Business Contr

4010.01 - General Donations	10,500.00
4010.03 - Goodwill	20,000.00
4010.04 - Dues Assistance Fund-voluntary	10,000.00
4010.05 - Oneg Shabbat/Kiddush	1,500.00
4010.07 - Cap Campaign Bldg Fund	13,500.00
4010.0F - Chai Campaign 2006	20,000.00
4010.10 - Ritual	
4010.11 - High Holiday Seats	22,000.00
4010.12 - Yizkor	7,000.00
4010.14 - Machzor	8,000.00
Total 4010.10 - Ritual	35,000.00
Total 4010.20 - Circle of Honor	89,800.00
Total 4010.60 - Memorial Plaques	1,300.00

Total 4001 - Revenue from Direct Contributions **201,600.00**

4400 - Revenue-Indirect Contributions

4420 - Affiliated organizations revenu

4420.10 - Youth Activities - Dues

4420.11 - El Al	600.00
4420.12 - Kadima	1,200.00
4420.13 - USY	675.00

Total 4400 - Revenue-Indirect Contributions **2,475.00**

Total 4000 - Contributions / Support **204,075.00**

5000 - Revenues - Earned

5100 - Rev. Program Related Svcs & Fee

5180 - Program Services Fees

5180.01 - Bar/Bat Mitzvah	12,000.00
Total 5180.20 - School	117,380.00
Total 5180 - Program Services Fees	129,380.00

5200 - Revenue from Dues

5210 - Membership Dues - Individuals

5210.10 - Membership	455,419.00
5210.11 - Bad Debt Allowance	-10,000.00

Total 5210 - Membership Dues - Individuals **445,419.00**

Total 5220 - Assessments & Dues-Organization **17,000.00**

BUDGET REPORT, cont.

Total 5200 - Revenue from Dues	462,419.00
5300 - Revenue from Investments	
5310 - Interest Savings/Short-Term Inv	
5310.01 - Interest Income	1,500.00
Total 5310 - Interest Savings/Short-Term Inv	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 5300 - Revenue from Investments	1,500.00
5340 - Real Estate Rent	
5340.01 - Facilities - Members	3,700.00
5340.02 - Facilities - Non-Members	30,000.00
5340.03 - Facilities - Expense	-300.00
Total 5340 - Real Estate Rent	<u>33,400.00</u>
5400 - Revenue from Other Sources	
5410.01 - Cemetery	7,000.00
5490 - Miscellaneous Revenue	
5490.01 - Bank Affinity Programs	1,500.00
Total 5490 - Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 5400 - Revenue from Other Sources	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total 5800 - Special Events	<u>36,350.00</u>
Total 5000 - Revenues - Earned	<u>671,549.00</u>
Total Income	875,624.00
Expense	
Total 7000 - Exp.-Personnel Related	532,554.91
8000 - Non-Personnel Exp.	
8001 - Non-Personnel Exp.	
8110 - Supplies	
8110.01 - Office Supplies	1,700.00
Total 8110 - Supplies	<u>1,700.00</u>
8120 - Donated Materials & Supplies	
8120.01 - Loving Kindness Committee	200.00
Total 8120 - Donated Materials & Supplies	<u>200.00</u>
Total 8130 - Telephone & Telecommunications	4,920.00
Total 8140 - Postage & Shipping	<u>2,824.00</u>
Total 8190 - In-House Publications	<u>1,620.00</u>

BUDGET REPORT, cont.

Total 8001 - Non-Personnel Exp.	11,264.00
8200 - Facility & Equip. Exp.	
Total 8210 - Rent, Parking, Other Occupancy	32,833.00
Total 8220 - Utilities	32,300.00
Total 8250.10 - Temple Israel	<u>88,652.64</u>
Total 8250 - Mortgage Interest	<u>88,652.64</u>
Total 8260 - Equipment Rental & Maintenance	<u>4,795.00</u>
Total 8200 - Facility & Equip. Exp.	158,580.64
8300 - Travel & Meeting Exp.	
8320 - Conference, Conventions, Mtgs	
Total 8320.10 - Early Childhood Programs	<u>1,400.00</u>
8500 - Other Exp.	
8520 - Insurance-Non-Employee Related	
Total 8520 - Insurance-Non-Employee Related	30,895.00
8530 - Membership Dues-Organization	
8530.01 - United Synagogue dues	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total 8560 - Outside Computer Services	3,300.00
8590 - Other Expenses	
8590.01 - Credit Card fees	4,000.00
8590.03 - Fund Raising	400.00
Total 8590 - Other Expenses	<u>4,400.00</u>
Total 8500 - Other Exp.	55,595.00
8700 - Ritual	
Total 8710 - High Holiday Expenses	7,932.00
Total 8720 - Other Holiday Expenses	3,800.00
Total 8730 - Ritual - Other	840.00
8740 - Jr. Congregation	150.00
8741 - Gan Shabbat, Ne'arenu	4,000.00
Total 8760 - Oneg/Kiddush	<u>8,450.00</u>
Total 8700 - Ritual	<u>25,172.00</u>
Total 8000 - Non-Personnel Exp.	252,011.64
Total 8900 - School Expenses	18,784.00
890A - High School	<u>4,550.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>807,900.55</u>
Net Ordinary Income	67,723.45
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
9920 - Addition to Reserves	
9920.01 - Reserve-General	28,000.00
Total 9920 - Addition to Reserves	<u>28,000.00</u>
Net Income	<u>39,723.45</u>
Principal Repayment	<u>39,179.00</u>
Net Net Income	<u>28,544.45</u>

**The \$28,544.45 balance includes the \$28,000 being put aside for future building expenses

MILESTONES

BNEI MITZVAH

Danielle Ron, daughter of Sigal and David Ron

Kimberley Caruso, daughter of Debra & Stephen Caruso

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

With his left hand on a bible and his wife, Marie, looking on, on July 4th, Councilman Paul S. Aronsohn, a member of Temple Israel, takes the oath of office to become the mayor of Ridgewood, sworn in by Senator Robert Menendez.

MAZAL TOV,
Paul Aronsohn



Credit: Photo by
Johanna Resnick
Rosen/Candid Eye

WEDDINGS

Michael Landau and Marina Gerbin. Michael is the son of Susan & Joseph Landau

Erez Schnaittacher to Jill Zamostien. Erez is the son of Richard Schnaittacher

Jesse Weiss and Shani Bengal. Jesse is the son of Bonita & David Weiss

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

REFUAH HELEIMAH

Philip Brody Helen Fellows

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

DEATHS

Hortense Brandenburg, mother of Ira Brandenburg

Gertrude Kern, mother of Robert Kern
Bernie Mitzner, father of Debbie Mitzner
Nathan Namerow, father of David Namerow

Norman Schreiber, father of Howard Schreiber

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

Mazal Tov to Helen Fellows who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

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July 6 Temple Israel Music Committee in honor of the Summer Music Concert Series
July 13 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
July 20 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
July 27 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush Sponsors

July 7 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
July 14 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
July 21 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
July 28 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

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Aug. 3 Temple Israel Music Committee in honor of the Summer Music Concert Series
Aug. 10 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
Aug. 17 Temple Israel Music Committee in honor of the Summer Music Concert Series
Aug. 24 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
Aug 31 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush Sponsors

Aug. 4 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
Aug. 11 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
Aug. 18 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP
Aug. 25 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

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Sunday, September 9th, 10:30am - Noon

Publication Party

Author Talk and Brunch



Rabbi Fine read excerpts from his new publication at the Ridgewood Public Library on June 18th.

Credit: Photo by Johanna Resnick Rosen/Candid Eye

Come celebrate the publication of and hear excerpts from Rabbi Fine's groundbreaking new work of scholarship, *Jewish Integration in the German Army in the First World War*, and his two chapters, "Taxation" and "Marriage," in the comprehensive new volume *The Observant Life*, a guide for Jewish living today from the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative movement.

In *Jewish Integration in the German Army*, through letters from the front, diaries, memoirs, tombstone inscriptions, photographs, military service records and more, Rabbi Fine offers a compelling portrait of Jewish officers serving as proud Germans. His argument, that anti-Semitism was not a primary factor in their WWI wartime experience, however, leads to a startling conclusion.

Must citizens pay taxes under any circumstances? In the eyes of Jewish law are you a 'bad' person if you put your money into a numbered Swiss bank account? When is it okay to marry someone of another race? Who is the ultimate 'matchmaker,' according to Jewish tradition? Is there a right time to become parents? These are among the questions Rabbi Fine answers with compassion and insight in *The Observant Life*.

Autographed copies of both books will be available for sale, with proceeds to benefit Adult Education at Temple Israel.

Co-sponsored by Membership and Adult Education Committees.

ADULT EDUCATION

Welcome back to our voyagers to Israel! Thirty members of the Temple Israel community toured with Rabbi Fine this summer, seeing firsthand what many of us learned about last year in his Sunday Morning Lecture Series, "The History of the Land of Israel." By all accounts, the trip was a huge success. Among the highlights: sunset *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Shabbat* morning and *havdallah* with a Conservative/Masorti congregation in seaside Ashkelon; a tour of a chocolate factory and wine tasting on a kibbutz in the Galilee; rafting on the Jordan River; an intrepid climb up Masada for some, while those less bold ascended by cable car; cooling off in the waterfall of Ein Gedi; sloshing through Hezekiah's water tunnels and a nighttime tour of the tunnels below the Western Wall in Jerusalem; and much, much more.

Two other adult ed-organized events in June were noteworthy for the crowds they attracted.

More than 150 people, an interfaith audience that included clergy and congregants from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church on Fairmount Road and the Muslim Society of Ridgewood, packed our social hall following Shabbat services on Saturday, June 16th to hear Rabbi Gloria Rubin, a member of Temple Israel, and Halima Krausen, a German imam and convert to Islam, describe their remarkable friendship and journey of understanding one another through the eyes of 'the Other'. Stay tuned for more about a discussion group on the topic Rabbi Rubin would like to lead this year.

Two days later, on Monday, June 18th, it was standing room only at the Ridgewood Public Library for the rabbi's book talk on his newly published work on Jewish soldiers in the German Army during World War I. He'll do another reading at Temple Israel during the Publication Party we're planning for Sunday,

Rabbi Fine addressed a full auditorium at the Ridgewood Public Library on June 18th.



Credit: photo by Johanna Resnick Rosen/Candid Eye

September 9th, so if you missed it, don't worry. Copies of the book will be for sale with proceeds to benefit adult ed programming.

We're already looking forward to an exciting line-up of adult education in 2012-13, so look for the brochure with all the details in your Inbox this fall. In the meantime, here's a sneak preview: **Rabbi Fine's Sunday Morning Lecture Series: "History of Modern Judaism"**

We hope to plan a scholar-in-residence lecture in conjunction with the course. And, if there is interest, the rabbi will teach a spin-off seminar-style class on the same theme on a weekday morning.

Contemporary Issues in Modern Israel: Co-sponsored by the five Conservative and Reform Congregations in Northwest Bergen County

An 8-week Tuesday evening course this fall, created by the Hartmann Institute in Jerusalem and underwritten by UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey. The class will rotate among the five synagogues.

Tuesday Evening Talmud with Rabbi Fine will resume when the course concludes.

Peri Namerow
Chair, Adult Education

ADULT EDUCATION

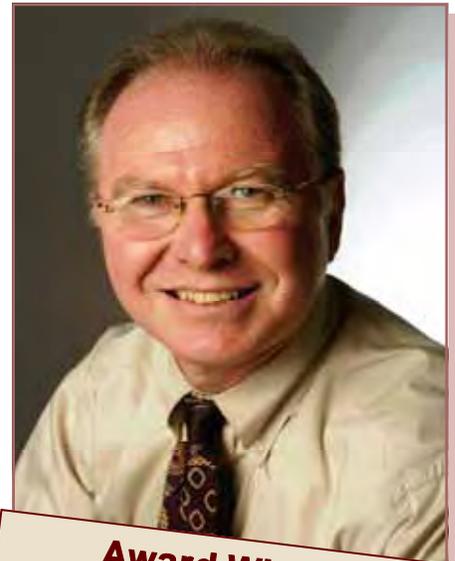
Longtime Temple Israel member Jimmy Margulies will be sharing his portfolio of nationally recognized cartoons from the last 20 years on Tuesday, October 30th, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Israel. His political commentary highlights some of the most historic milestones of our times.

The nationally syndicated editorial cartoonist for *The Record*, Margulies' cartoons also appear in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Time*, *Time.com*, *Newsweek* and *Business Week*, among many others. His cartoons on New Jersey issues are self-syndicated to newspapers and web sites all over the state.

His awards over the years include, but are not limited to, the prestigious: The National Headliner Award, The Fischetti Editorial Cartoon Competition and The Berryman Award from The National Press Foundation of Washington, DC.

A 1973 graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design, he is proud to be on the blacklist of the National Rifle Association.

He and his wife Martha, a teacher, have two children.



**Award Winning
Editorial Cartoonist
Jimmy Margulies
Tuesday, October 30th,
7:30 PM**



HAZAK: THE SENIOR ARM OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Dear Temple Israel Member,

You are invited to become a member of the synagogue senior citizens arm—HAZAK of TEMPLE ISRAEL & JCC.

If you are 55 years of age, you qualify for membership. HAZAK is an acronym for the Hebrew words *Hokhmah*, *Ziknah*, and *Kadimah* which means **WISDOM, MATURITY, and LOOKING AHEAD**. HAZAK offers synagogue members social and spiritually-oriented programs.

The dues are \$15 per person—five dollars will pay for our regional membership dues. We are part of the Conservative Movement's senior program. We ask you to join us and help direct the Temple Israel's HAZAK program to bring further enjoyment of the senior years' experience. We have a lot to offer our synagogue and each other.

PLEASE JOIN US, PARTICIPATE, AND ADD LIFE TO YOUR YEARS! Please fill in the information below and return to Temple Israel & JCC

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Telephone number: _____

Single membership (\$15) _____ Family membership (\$30) _____

Brandeis Men's Club

Brandeis Men's Club has been at the forefront of Temple Israel since its inception 56 years ago. We strive to reinvent ourselves to appeal spiritually, socially and as an active facilitator of Jewish programming to the Jewish men of our community. Programs are designed to encourage men to join us for camaraderie and greater meaning in their busy lives.

This year, we have created a new class of membership for our post Bar Mitzvah young men. We will have events with them and encourage them to help us out in the many ways we do in our community. The dues are simply a commitment of four hours of community service with us!

Are you aware that BMC is one of 260 Men's Clubs that exist within Conservative synagogues and boast more than 25,000 members in North America under the umbrella of The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC)? With this kind of membership we can benefit from the success of other clubs to bring programs of interest to our members here in Ridgewood.

Here are some of our highlight programs, to name a few, which you won't want to miss!

- ⇒ *Brandeis Men's Club Annual Tailgate/Jets game at Temple Israel: Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012 4:00 pm*
- ⇒ *Hearing Men's Voices: Sunday, December 9, 2012, 10:30 am--Men's issues discussion group*
- ⇒ *FJMC Annual World Wide Wrap, Tefillin education: Sunday Feb. 3, 2013, 9:00 am minyan*
- ⇒ *Men's Club Shabbat & Man of the Year: March 8-10, 2013*
- ⇒ *Men's Club Annual Fundraiser: Saturday evening, January 26, 2013*
- ⇒ *Yom Hashoah Candle Distribution*
- ⇒ *Sports: Men's Softball team; Ski Outing: Jan. 21, 2013; Golf Outing: June 20, 2013*

We'd like your participation to enhance our holidays, and create more *ruach*, spirit, in our congregation!

B'Shalom,
Howard Schreiber
President



2012/13 Brandeis Men's Club Membership Form

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____

- My \$36 dues check is enclosed, payable to Brandeis Men's Club
- 1st-Year Membership (for new Temple Israel Members) FREE!
- Post-Bar Mitzvah membership, FREE!

The Florence Melton
Adult Mini-School

Adult Learning for the Wondering Jew.
Evening and day classes are scheduled throughout our community and run from October through June.

For information about Melton's world-class curriculum developed at Hebrew University and taught by master teachers, including Rabbi Fine, please visit www.jfnnj.org/meltonschool.

Register today for early-bird discounts.



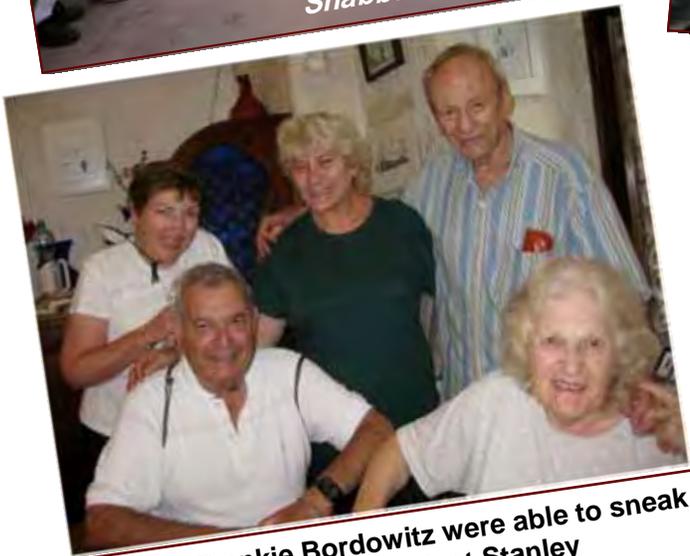
Temple Israel Travels to Israel



Seaside *Kabbalat Shabbat* in Ashkelon



Group guide Tzion Ben-David, third from right, explains the ancient ruins of Caesarea



Eli and Frankie Bordowitz were able to sneak in a visit to past TI president Stanley Handelman, his wife, Rose, and daughter, Eve, in the family's studio in Old Jaffa.



Hiking up Masada!

Temple Israel travelers overlooking the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem



Jerry Vogel *leyned* during a Monday morning *Torah* service at the Wall





SISTERHOOD

Annual Membership Information and Application

Shalom! Sisterhood means many things to many different people. As I step into the position of Sisterhood president, allow me to share some thoughts about what Sisterhood means to me: opportunities to **learn about Judaism** and spend time with some amazing women; the chance to help others through ***tzdedakah***; **book group, belly dancing, mah jongg, wine, and friendship**. Most of all, it means just what the name implies—sisterhood—with a group of interesting, welcoming, dynamic women. I hope you'll **join us this year** to experience this sense of sisterhood for yourself.

I'm happy to report that, thanks to my predecessors, Temple Israel's Sisterhood is growing. Our strength is our members. They range in age from their 30s to their 80s, and represent a diversity of backgrounds and professions. They include both members of our synagogue and women not yet affiliated, as well as women who are Jewish and non-Jewish women.

Remember that your Sisterhood dues come right back to you in the form of our **annual donations** to the Circle of Honor and general synagogue revenues. We provide the **Yom Kippur Break-Fast**, and unlike the Sisterhoods at many other synagogues, we never charge for our programs. Therefore, your dues, donations and participation are crucial to our existence. Join us in making Sisterhood a center for **learning, social gatherings and fun**.

We already have many interesting programs planned for the coming year and welcome your suggestions for additions. Take a look at the calendar on the next page, and plan to be with us.

We will also continue to work with the Brandeis Men's Club and other committees to deepen our connection with the Temple Israel community and continue to support our umbrella organization in the Conservative/Masorti movement, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, which works to sustain and perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world.

Please take a few minutes to **complete the application and enclose your check** for \$36.00* payable to Sisterhood of Temple Israel. We would love to have you share your ideas and thoughts for any new programs. Remember, it's your Sisterhood too!

L'Shalom,
Linda Paige
Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD Membership and Donor Information 2012-13



Enclosed is my check, payable to Sisterhood of Temple Israel

Dues:

Temple Member (\$36) ___ Non-Temple Member (\$54) ___ Donation \$ ___

___ I am a *new Temple Israel member*. Please activate my free first year membership.

Name _____ E-Mail _____

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL EVEN IF YOU THINK WE ALREADY HAVE IT!

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

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We always need extra hands. Take a look at our calendar and sign up to share your talents.

DATE	EVENT	SIGN ME UP
August 2, 2012	Pool Party at Hayley Gluck's	
September 23, 2012	Kugel & Kibbutz	
October 3, 2012	Sisters in the Sukkah	
November 3, 2012	Progressive Dinner	
December 13, 2012	Chanukkah Party	
January 19, 2013	Sisterhood Shabbat	
February 27, 2013	Vashti's Feast	
March 28, 2013	Mom's Night Out	
April 17, 2013	Mah Jongg	
May 22, 2013	Crafters' Evening	
	ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:	
	Gift Shop & Boutiques	
	Sisterhood Shabbat Kiddush preparation	
	Progressive Dinner Host	
	Progressive Dinner assistant	

Thank you for your generous support!



Farewell Message from Departing School Committee Chair, Manny Haber

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last School Committee report. It's been a good run. Over the past seven years—11, if I count the number of years I was a committee member—the school has seen some significant, positive changes.

During my tenure, we converted from a three-day to a two-day-a-week program that saw the addition of *tarbut*, lengthened the Sunday morning hours that enabled us to add a bagel break, which has enhanced the social fabric of the school, enhanced the music program, developed family workshops and have raised more money through our annual fundraisers, especially the *Misloach Manot* Purim drive, than ever thought possible.

I'm delighted to say that I believe much of this success is a result of having hired the right person to serve as our educational director. Six years ago, following an extensive, frustrating search and in response to an ad we placed in the *Jewish Standard*, we were fortunate to have Rabbi Sharon Litwin walk through our doors.

Under Rabbi Sharon's direction, our new consortium program, NNJJA is creating exciting buzz around our corner of Bergen County. Just ask the students and their parents, the people who really count. And despite its growth in the coming year, NNJJA will not need to hire additional faculty, as our partner congregations help underwrite the cost of the program. I want to publicly thank Hayley Gluck, a member of the School Committee, for her amazing job crafting the school budget, a task that required multiple versions as each synagogue announced its decision to join NNJJA for 2012-13.

In closing I also thank my fellow board members for all the support they have given the school over the years. The board's efforts will help assure the strong Jewish education, identity and values of our young people for generations to come.

B'Shalom,
Manny

YOUTH

Welcome back, everyone!

The coming year promises to be a lot of fun for all three of our Temple youth groups, *El Ai*, *Kadima* and *USY*. You'll find enrollment forms in this edition of *Temple Talk*, with additional forms available in Founder's Hall.

A special thank-you to the Gluck family for hosting the end-of-year *El Ai* Party at their home/pool. A great deal of fun was had by all that attended!

Stay tuned for our schedule of fall activities (still in formation). In the meantime, enjoy the rest of summer break!

Dan
dan.unger@hotmail.com



Temple Israel of Ridgewood, NJ
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
GRADES 4 & 5 IN SEPTEMBER '12

EL AL



Temple Israel Member Dues: \$45
Non-affiliated Dues: \$70

2012-2013 Registration/Medical Forms 5773
Please complete and sign both pages of this form.
Please make check payable to Temple Israel EL AL.

EI Al-er Information

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ ben/bat _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Synagogue Affiliation: _____

Hebrew School Program: _____

Parent Information

Names M: _____ F: _____

Phone Number M: _____ F: _____

Work Number M: _____ F: _____

Cell Phone Number M: _____ F: _____

Email Addresses M: _____ F: _____

My child _____

Has my permission to drive to and from youth events: (please check all boxes that you approve)

In a car driven by an advisor or other chaperone

On a bus

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Remember to fill out Page 2 of this form!



2012-2013 Registration/Medical Forms 5773, Page 2

Insurance Co. _____ Policy Number: _____

Emergency Contact Person (NOT A PARENT): _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please provide details for the following items that pertain to your child:

Allergies (Food, drug, insect or substance):

Current Medication(s) or Medical Treatment:

Recent illness, injury, or sickness:

Disability, chronic illness, or condition:

Activity restriction or modification:

Statement and Emergency Authorization

I (the parent or legal guardian) of the applicant state that s/he is in good/normal health, has no physical or mental handicaps that would interfere with full participation in the program and has my permission to engage in all available activities excepts as noted in the Restrictions or Modifications above.

In case of medical emergency, accident or health problem where immediate treatment is deemed necessary, every effort will be made to expeditiously contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the participant, or the emergency contact person listed above. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the EI Al Advisor, or his/her designee, to hospitalize, secure proper and ongoing treatment and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child names above. I am aware that this form may be photocopied for use by medical caregivers.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Temple Israel of Ridgewood, NJ

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6-8 IN SEPTEMBER '12

Temple Israel Member Dues: \$60
Non-affiliated Dues: \$85

2012-2013 Registration/Medical Forms 5773
Please make check payable to Temple Israel KADIMA.

Kadima-nik Information

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ ben/bat _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Synagogue Affiliation: _____

Hebrew School Program: _____

Parent Information

Names M: _____ F: _____

Phone Number M: _____ F: _____

Work Number M: _____ F: _____

Cell Phone Number M: _____ F: _____

Email Addresses M: _____ F: _____

My child _____

Has my permission to drive to and from youth events: (please check all boxes that you approve)

In a car driven by an advisor or other chaperone

On a bus

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Temple Israel of Ridgewood, NJ
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
GRADES 9-12 IN SEPTEMBER '12

USY



Temple Israel Member Dues: \$70
Non-affiliated Dues: \$90

2012-2013 Registration/Medical Forms 5773
Please make check payable to Temple Israel USY.

USY-er Information

Name: _____
Hebrew Name: _____ ben/bat _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Synagogue Affiliation: _____
Hebrew School Program: _____

Parent Information

Names M: _____ F: _____
Phone Number M: _____ F: _____
Work Number M: _____ F: _____
Cell Phone Number M: _____ F: _____
Email Addresses M: _____ F: _____

My child _____

Has my permission to drive to and from youth events: (please check all boxes that you approve)

- In a car driven by an advisor or other chaperone
- In a car driven by a USY-er
- On a bus

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____



RITUAL

The past year has been a busy one for the Ritual Committee. We instituted a new policy, clarified old ones and made changes to the *Shabbat* service, all of which will continue to enhance the spiritual life of our congregation.

Based on feedback from the community, now, on *Shabbatot* when a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* is not being celebrated, the rabbi and the cantor lead from the lower *bimah*, creating a closer feeling between worshippers and clergy.

A new policy the committee issued that, it is hoped, will make it more comfortable for volunteers to commit to reading *Torah* and *Haftarah*, states that if someone needs to bow out at the last minute, the rabbi will be prepared to step in as a substitute.

We clarified the policies regarding wearing of *kippot* and the use of electronic devices in *shul*. Congregants and guests are expected to wear *kippot* through *kiddish* and should refrain from using electronic devices on *Shabbat* and festivals.

Sisterhood purchased a silver *Torah* placeholder, which has been well received by the *Torah* readers. Thanks to David Millman, who improved on the model by attaching fabric to the bottom so it would stay put.

During the year, we held a class to train more people for the roles of *gabbai sheni* and *gabbai rishon* and, as a result have added to our roster of those prepared to take on the honors. Anyone who would like to reserve a date to serve as *gabbai* may call Stephanie; alternatively, *gabbaim sheni* are selected on *Shabbat* morning from those present who are trained to handle it.

Summer Sunday Minyanim:

Aug. 3: Elaine Silverstein & Bruce Thaler
Aug. 12: Frankie & Eli Bordowitz;
Aug. 19: Alla & Rabbi David Fine;
Aug. 26: Rebecca Wolk & Seth Lipschitz
Sept. 2: Available

If you would like to volunteer your home for the one hour service, please contact Larry

We began publicizing *Nosh and Drosh* with great results. We also launched a new *Shabbat* and holiday morning program, *Muffins and Mishnah*, which has already proven popular. On all non-*bnai mitzvah Shabbatot* and on all morning holiday services, services begin at 9:00 am in the Kiddish Room with coffee, muffins and fruit. Rabbi Fine leads his *Mishnah* discussion, and we complete *Pseukai Dzimra* there, before heading into the sanctuary for *Shacharit*, *Torah* service and the following portions of the service. It's a wonderful way to begin the morning in an informal, *hamish* atmosphere. Not to mention that important cup of coffee.

As in the past, Ritual will again be assigning honors for the High Holidays, which includes the announcement of the 'bride' and 'groom' for *Simchat Torah*. (Last year, those honors went to Suzanne Holden and Howard Schreiber.) We will also again set aside a room on *Yom Kippur* where there will be light snacks and beverages available for people who feel ill during the fast or are diabetic and therefore, need to eat.

We are always open to ideas to further improve the worship experience, so if you have any, please contact Stephanie.

Looking forward to a great new year,
Stephanie Gottesman and Bob Obeiter
Co-chairs



MEMBERSHIP



The year ended in June with a Shabbat dinner honoring all those families and individuals who have been members for 10 years or longer. There was a wonderful, warm feeling in the room, as more than 90 people in attendance shared memories and stories of their experiences here.

Now, we begin 2012-13 with another communal gathering: a **Pool Party**, on Sunday, August 5th, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the home of Jo and Michael Rosen, 237 Pleasant Avenue in Ridgewood. The entire family (young and old alike) is welcome, and light snacks will be served. Come prepared with bathing suits, ready to swim and catch up with old friends and make some new ones. The party will take place, rain or shine.

This summer, Membership will host two **Open Houses** immediately preceding the Summer Music Fridays concerts (co-sponsored by Membership) on August 3rd and August 17th at 6:30 pm. (Concerts are scheduled for 7:00 pm). This is an opportune time to bring unaffiliated friends to our community. Members of the Membership Committee will be on hand to give tours of our facility and introduce them to Rabbi Fine.

There will be one final Open House before the High Holidays, on Sunday, September 9th, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, coinciding with the first day of Religious School. Please encourage any families with school-age children to check us out!

Finally, this year, again, one of the perks of being a member in good standing at Temple Israel is being able to join the YJCC in Washington Township for \$360 for a year's membership for your family. Last year, more than 40 Temple Israel families took advantage of this great deal, exercising in the YJCC's state-of-the-art fitness center or pool, socializing in the well-stocked snack bar and participating in other community programs with their Temple Israel friends. It's a tremendous savings, in particular, for families who may want to enroll their children in the YJCC pre-school, one of the most sought after Jewish pre-schools in the area. (See flyer with all the details in this issue of *Temple Talk*.) If you're interested, please contact me on my cell phone at 201-805-3989.

Temple Israel offers something for everyone. So if you know of anyone who is looking for community, please put them in touch with me.

Best wishes for a relaxing and safe summer,

Jo Rosen
Chair, Membership
Cell: 201-805-3989
Email: joresnickrosen@gmail.com



Temple Israel Welcomes...

Raphael and Veronique
Kleinmann and their daughters,
Lucretia and Leonora

JOIN KEHILLAH @ YJCC

Join the Kehillah Partnership: YJCC Membership at Reduced Fees

The Kehillah Partnership is a community-wide effort to build a stronger, more engaged Jewish community across institutional and denominational lines. To further this community-building endeavor, members of your synagogue are being invited to become members at the Bergen County YJCC in the Township of Washington at greatly reduced membership fees.

This pilot program offers YJCC membership to an individual, couple or family for \$360 for the YJCC fiscal year, September through August.

Why join the YJCC?

Your membership entitles you to full use of the facility, including:

- Fitness Center, with state-of-the-art equipment for strength training and conditioning
- Double-sized gymnasium
- Racquetball courts
- Indoor walking and jogging track
- 75-foot, 6-lane heated indoor swimming pool
- 400-square-foot indoor kiddie pool



The Bergen County YJCC offers programs for all ages, including:

- Parenting Center and Nursery School
- Children and Teen programs, including summer day camp at the YJCC and at Woodmont Day Camp in New City, NY
- Programs for children and young adults with special needs
- Adult and Senior Adult programming, including social, educational and creative options

Membership fee does not include:

- Group fitness classes. To participate in classes, Kehillah members pay \$20 per month or \$180 per year payable to the YJCC, per person, unlimited attendance. The group fitness class option may be added at any time. (Please note that yoga and karate have their own fee structure, applicable to all YJCC members.)
- Special programming on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Senior Adults. A supplemental fee of \$60 per person per year, payable to the YJCC, is required for participation.
- Use of upstairs locker room, including towels, laundry service and permanent locker. There is a \$400 per year fee, payable to the YJCC, to take advantage of this locker room and services. (Please note that 50 percent of this fee is applied to YJCC charitable programs and is tax deductible.)

To join the Kehillah Partnership's YJCC membership initiative:

Your YJCC membership fee will be processed through your synagogue. Please contact your synagogue office to arrange payment. Your synagogue office will then notify the YJCC that you are part of the Kehillah Partnership and have joined the YJCC. Then, go to the YJCC, 605 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, fill out a membership application and health release form and have your required photo ID's made (age 6 and up). *Please note that there is a \$5.00 fee for each photo ID.*

If you would like to take a tour of the YJCC or have questions about the facility or its programs, please contact Michele Jaffe, YJCC member services manager, at (201) 666-6610, ext. 5640.

Want to know more about the YJCC? Go to www.yjcc.org.



Our summer is off to a virtuosic start, thanks to our own Jonathan Taylor, a splendid pianist, who performed “Pictures at an Exhibition” by Modest Mussorgsky for the first Summer Music Friday on July 6th. Jon’s concert was well attended by a large, appreciative audience. A festive *oneg* followed Jon’s performance, which then segued into *Kabbalat Shabbat* services.

Please join us for the next two Summer Music Fridays. On August 3rd, Adam Harzvi will perform a classical string bass recital, accompanied by Jonathan Taylor on piano. On August 17th, Ms. Lilian Cheah, a classical guitarist and Ridgewood resident, will perform South American and Spanish repertoire. Ms. Cheah will be joined by violinist, Tamara Freeman, who will perform two duets by Niccolo Paganninni. Each concert begins promptly at 7:00 pm, followed by a festive *oneg* and *Kabbalat Shabbat* services at 8:30 pm. A suggested \$10 donation is collected at the door. All proceeds go to music programming at Temple Israel. If you wish, you can make a donation to music at Temple Israel in advance. Your generosity will then be acknowledged in the printed programs:

Benefactor \$72+ Patron \$54+ Friend \$36+ Supporter \$18+

I extend special thanks to Gila Melamed for creating the Summer Music Fridays flyer and poster, and to the Music Committee for its hard work organizing and producing the Summer Music Fridays series:

Artie Bressler	Debbie Cantor	Larry Klein	Elaine Silverstein	Bruce Thaler
Irene Bressler	Marc Cantor	Linda Paige	Jon Taylor	Anne Wolf

Warmly,

Tamara Freeman, D.M.A.
Music Committee Chair

A big thank-you to former long-time *Temple Talk* co-editors Eileen Blecher and Fran Labell for their great work and dedication.

And a friendly hello from new *Temple Talk* co-editors Jane Rosen and Emily Vandalovsky.

**2012 SUMMER MUSIC FRIDAYS
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL & J.C.C.
475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ
(201) 444-9320**

*Celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat at Temple Israel
with a Friday evening concert at 7:00
followed by a festive oneg and services at 8:30.*

July 6 Jonathan Taylor, Piano

August 3 Adam Har-zvi, Concert String Bass

**August 17 Lilian Cheah, Classical Guitar
with Tamara Freeman, Violin**

*A suggested \$10 donation will be collected at the door.
All proceeds support Temple Israel music programming.*

Advance donations to the Summer Music Fridays Series are appreciated,
and will be formally acknowledged in the printed programs.
Make out your check to "Temple Israel" with a notation for "Summer Music."
Please send your check to Temple Israel, 475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

\$72+ Benefactor

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TIKKUN OLAM

The Fall Season brings many of our traditional Temple Israel *Tikkun Olam* activities.

We thank our loyal, committed volunteers and welcome new volunteers. Everyone can make a difference to our wider community. For information on any of these programs, please contact Nadine Genet: nzgnzg@aol.com or 201.612.8875.

Sept. 25th--Kol Nidre Services--Food and Clothing Drive

Drop off your food and clothing donations at the synagogue prior to *Kol Nidre* Services. Food is donated to Ridgewood Social Services and clothing helps Big Brothers and Big Sisters. *See separate flyer for specific food needs.*



Oct. 14th and 16th—Homeless Feeding at Hackensack Shelter

Join us to help cook in the synagogue kitchen on Sunday Oct. 14th or serve on site on Tuesday Oct. 16th (4-6pm). We also have a list of food that can be donated or you can contribute funds to support the program.

Oct. 21st—River Clean-up Project



In conjunction with Wildscape and the Interfaith Community we will again be participating in an annual river clean up project. (We still are reviewing potential sites.) Set aside 1-3 pm on Sunday --- all you need is desire to make our rivers a little cleaner for all of us.



Oct. 28th—Interfaith Blood Drive

Our biannual Blood Drive with St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 28th, 8:45- 2:00 pm at Temple Israel. We can accommodate regular, double and platelet donations. *Please mark this date if you are eligible.*



Your next issue of *Temple Talk* will be published during the High Holidays!

Kol Nidre Food and Clothing Drive

**Bring
your items to the
REAR of the
Parking Lot**

“Is this not the fast I have chosen...
To share your bread with the hungry...
To clothe the naked...
Do not turn away from people in need.”
(Isaiah 58:6-7; Yom Kippur Haftarah)

BRING FOOD, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND CLOTHING TO *THE KOL NIDRE* SERVICE

The above words of Isaiah, read during the *Yom Kippur* service, remind us that our responsibility to help relieve misery is of the highest order, and must be fulfilled by everyone in the community.

As we have for the past few years, we once again urge each congregant, from the youngest to this oldest, to bring to the *Kol Nidre* service on **Tuesday, September 25 at 6:15 pm**, food, personal care items, and clothing, for distribution to the hungry and homeless.

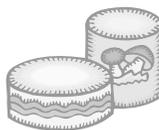
The number of people, including families with children, who need assistance in our local and extended communities continues to rise dramatically. In addition, natural disasters increase the ranks of the needy nationwide.

Food items needed most are: pancake mix, syrup, rice products, coffee, juices, parmalat, condiments (ketchup, mayo, salad dressing), snack items for kids (cookies, healthy snacks), cake or brownie mix, canned fruit, jarred spaghetti sauce, apple sauce, macaroni and cheese, olive, canola, or corn oil, dish washing liquid, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies

Our families cannot use the food voucher to purchase anything other than food. No glass containers, please; and most important: no outdated or dented cans/packages; give only what you would eat/drink yourself.

Please come with your donations **to the rear of the parking lot a bit earlier** than the start of the *Kol Nidre* service, so that we have time to collect your donations.

If you have any questions, please contact
Nadine Genet at nzgnzg@aol.com,
201-612-8875



**Bring
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REAR of the
Parking Lot**

DONATIONS

We thank all of our donors:

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Susie & Shelly Goldstein in honor of Allan Alterman on becoming President of Temple Israel

Susie & Shelly Goldstein in honor of Richard Schnaittacher on the occasion of the marriage of his son, Erez to Jill Zamostien

Risa & Robert Rohrberger in memory of Abraham Rohrberger, father of Bob Rohrberger

Risa & Robert Roherberger in memory of Gertrude Kern, mother of Rob Kern

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Judy Glick in honor of Terri Kirshner for her persevering and hard work for the Barry H. Glick Chesed Endowment Fund

Religious School Enrichment Fund

Sandy & Harris Hirsch to thank Rabbi Fine, Cantor

Bromberg, & Rabbi Litwin for all their help to make our son Adam's year special

Libby & Michael Stern in honor of the Unger Family on the occasion of Benjamin's bar mitzvah

Libby & Michael Stern in honor of the Schreiber Family on the occasion of Evan's bar mitzvah

Libby & Michael Stern to thank all who sent us Mishloach Manot

Susan Reeve Feed the Hungry Fund Rem Zeller Law Group

Chumash Etz Hayim

Roberta & Chuck Fleischman in honor of Susan & Joe Landau on the marriage of their son Michael to Marina Gerbin

Mahzor Lev Shalem

Linda & Abe Davis in celebration of Rabbi Selig Salkowitz's 2nd bar mitzvah –May 26, 2012

Sharon & Kenneth Levitsky in loving memory of Marvin Spielman, father of Sharon Levitsky

Sharon & Kenneth Levitsky in loving memory of Rose & Benjamin Spielman, grandparents of Sharon Levitsky

Sharon & Kenneth Levitsky in loving memory of Elise & Morris Goldberg, grandparents of Sharon Levitsky

Sharon & Kenneth Levitsky in loving memory of Marilyn Levitsky, mother of Kenneth Levitsky

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susie & Shelly Goldstein for a year of inspirational knowledge in Rabbi Fine's class on Israel

Simone Baum, Barry Blecher, Helen Friedland, Gary Hirschberg, Fran Hury, Terry Linefsky, Mike & Elaine Padva, Roselyn Rauch, Todd Stewart, Mark Tanchel in honor of Rabbi Fine's knowledgeable, warm, and inspiring teaching of "Dramas" in our Melton II Class at Temple Emanuel of Pascack Valley

Anne Wolf & Ira Brandenburg in memory of Muriel Wolf, mother of Anne Wolf

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Cantor's Discretionary Fund

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Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Sharyn & Alan Gallatin in appreciation of Rabbi Sharon's contributions to our children



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

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

Associate Rabbi's Discretionary Fund any amount

Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Associate Rabbi

Contribution Form

Name: _____

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Endowment Funds

TEMPLE ISRAEL GENERAL
ENDOWMENT FUND

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
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.

Av / Elul 5772
August 2012

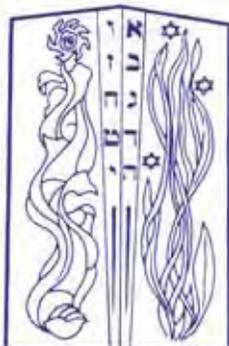
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Sisterhood Pool Party at the home of Hayley & Jeff Gluck	3 6:30 pm Open House 7:00 pm Summer Music Concert 7:52 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	4 Vaetchanan Shabbat Hachamu 9:00 am Service
5 9:30 am Minyan @ the home of Elaine Silverstein & Bruce Thaler 1:00 – 4:00 pm Membership Pool Party	6	7 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:00 pm Board Mtg	9	10 7:43 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	11 Eikev 9:00 am Service
12 9:30 am Minyan @ the home of Frankie & Eli Bordowitz	13	14 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 6:30 pm Open House 7:00 pm Summer Music Concert 7:34 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	18 Re'eh <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 9:00 am Service
Rabbi Sharon Litwin - Vacation						
19 Rosh Chodesh 9:30 am Minyan @ the home of Alla & Rabbi David Fine	20	21 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm Rehearsal	22	23	24 7:23 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	25 Shoftim 9:00 am Service
Rabbi Sharon Litwin - Vacation						
26 9:30 am @ the home of Rebecca Wolk & Seth Lipschitz	27	28 7:45 pm Minyan	29	30	31 7:12 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	
Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5						

Elul 5772—Tishri 5773

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ki Teitzei 9:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah Hannah Fishbein 10:30 am Na'areynu
2 9:30 am Minyan	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 7:45 pm Minyan	5	6	7 7:01 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	8 Ki Tavo 9:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah Deanna Walker 10:30 am Na'areynu 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 9:30 pm Selichot
9 1 st Day of School 8:30 am Minyan Pre-K 9:30 am School in sanctuary 10:30 am Rabbi Book Publishing Event 10:30 Open House 11:00 am Cemetery Clean up	10	11 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm Board Mtg 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 6:49 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	15 Nitzavim 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu
16 Rosh Chodesh No School 9:30 am Minyan 11:00 am Cemetery Service 6:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah	17 Office Closed 8:30 am Rosh Hashanah Services 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Babysitting 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Children's Service 6:00 pm Tashlich 6:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	18 Office Closed 8:30 am Rosh Hashanah Services 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Babysitting 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Children's Services	19 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 6:37 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	22 Vayeleich Shabbat Shuva 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu Bar Mitzvah Elliot Efrat
23 9:30 am Minyan Alef, Bet, Gimmel Family Workshop Sisterhood Cooking	24	25 6:15 pm Kol Nidre 6:00- 9:00 pm Babysitting 6:30 – 8:00 pm Children's Services	26 Office Closed No School 8:30 am Yom Kippur 11:00 am Yizkor 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Babysitting 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Children's Services 5:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Neila 7:30 pm Final Shofar Blast	27	28 6:25 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Family Service	29 Ha'Azinu 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu Bar Mitzvah Matthew Shames
30 9:30 am Minyan 6:30 pm Services & Sukkot Dinner			Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5			

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