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# Temple Talk

June 2012

Sivan—Tammuz 5772



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 Cantor

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 Associate Rabbi

Denis Vogel  
 President



## Religious School Graduation & Closing Exercises

Friday, June 1  
 7:30pm



Followed by a dairy dessert reception after Shabbat evening services

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## Family Service Friday, June 8 @ 7:00pm

Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend



Those without children are also welcome!  
 There will be lots of singing, *ruach*, stories, dancing and more!  
 We look forward to *davening* with the whole family!



## Tot Shabbat Saturday, June 9 11:00 am—11:45 am

Celebrate Shabbat with songs, a parade with stuffed Torahs, a story, and kiddush (light refreshments). Tot Shabbat is a 45-minute program for newborns through 4 years old. Children, parents and grandparents are invited.



## Recognition of Volunteers Installation of Officers & Trustees Friday, June 15, 2012



8:30 pm Friday Night Services followed by a festive Oneg Synagogue, Men's Club, & Sisterhood Discharge of Outgoing Volunteers & Installation



## Muslims, Jews and Friendship: Seeing Through the Eyes of 'The Other'



## American Rabbi and German Imam Share their Journey of Sisterhood, Self-Discovery and Spiritual Faith Saturday, June 16 1:30 pm

Join Temple Israel member Rabbi Gloria Rubin and Imam/Shaykha Halima Krausen

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# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



## Report on the Rabbinical Assembly Convention

I spent a few days in Atlanta at the beginning of May at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative/Masorti rabbis. We meet in convention each year, always in a different city, but usually somewhere in the United States. Rabbinical conventions are important because they construct a sense of identity in the Conservative movement, creating a temporary sense of real community. In a way, they maintain a tradition that goes back to the Talmudic era when rabbis would travel great distances to gather together for several days, to study together, to learn how various practical issues of the rabbinate were being addressed (i.e. "best practices") and to deliberate on important questions of Jewish law and belief.

There have been conventions where the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) has intensely debated issues like women rabbis or Judaism and homosexuality. Other conventions are remembered for the professors who came to teach, for a particularly inspiring talk, or—rarely—for the cuisine. While some of us remember the olden days at the Concord in Kiamasha Lake, NY, these days we are invited to visit the major Conservative synagogues around the country.

This year we held an important program at Ahavath Achim Synagogue in Atlanta, a congregation celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I listened to Rabbi Gerald Skolnik, the new RA president, give a wonderful inaugural speech at Ahavath Achim, known as "AA," on his own Jewish journey from growing up modern Orthodox and attending Yeshiva College at YU to going to JTS and becoming a Conservative rabbi. Rabbi Skolnik has been the rabbi of the Forest Hills Jewish Center in Queens for his entire career, and I have known him for most of my life as I grew up in Queens. I studied Bible at a session taught by Richard Elliot Friedman, author of *Who Wrote the Bible?* And I explored the image of women in the *Mishnah* with Judith Hauptman, a Jewish Theological Seminary professor whom I never had the opportunity of studying with when I was at the Seminary. Arnold Eisen, the chancellor of the Seminary, honored Martin Cohen, the editor of the RA's magnificent new volume, *The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews*. Rabbi Cohen was kind to invite up all the authors who contributed chapters to the book, as I joined about a dozen of my colleagues for a special moment of communal

appreciation.

A highlight of the convention was a session with Vice President Joe Biden. No doubt interested in meeting with us because of the election year politics, the Vice President took the opportunity to make the case for the Administration's strong support for Israel and commitment to Israel's security. He also told some of his own stories of meeting Golda Meir in the Prime Minister's office when he first became a senator. After giving him a long briefing on all the threats facing Israel, she then told him, "Don't worry Senator, we have a secret weapon." When he asked her, with trepidation, what it was, she answered, "We have nowhere else to go." Putting all the politics aside, the Vice President was gracious, warm and respectful. It was a very memorable hour.

An important session at convention was devoted to discussing and re-assessing the Movement's approach to intermarriage and outreach to intermarried couples. The placing of this question at the front of the RA's agenda speaks to the Movement's commitment to regain its footing in the struggle to become a relevant force in contemporary American Judaism.

I had a beautiful reunion one evening with eight of my classmates from rabbinical school. We took turns sharing stories and updates from our lives. We made a *lechayim* to celebrate the *bar mitzvah* of our ordination (which was exactly thirteen years ago, only two weeks off). Since then our families have grown while our own numbers have shrunk (one classmate died in rabbinical school, and one more recently, while a number of classmates who are alive and well have left the rabbinate). We know that these trends will only continue to diverge as we progress through the years.

A gathering together of rabbis, all committed to the continuance of Torah and Jewish living, is always an inspiring moment. But I left the convention for two hours one afternoon to visit "Coca Cola World" as Atlanta is their corporate headquarters. Seeing the Hebrew Coca Cola lettering in the museum reminded me of how proud I was that Coca Cola refused to honor the Arab boycott of Israel and sold and marketed to Israel, and with great success. There was a confidence and investment in the future of the Jewish people that we all share.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I became President of Temple Israel, we were a synagogue in transition. We had a new Rabbi, a Cantor who did not have the benefit of permanent rabbinical supervision, declining membership and a school with a diminishing student population.

We also were running a six figure budget deficit. It was pretty clear from day one that my mandate was to right the ship and put us in a position of stability, both on a financial and community level.

Now, on the eve of my departure from office, I am pleased to say that our ship is sailing along smoothly and heading towards financial and communal stability.

First and foremost, we are now operating in the black. This did not come without some painful cutbacks, including a downsizing of our staff and changing of job responsibilities. On the other hand, I am happy to announce that we just completed the refinancing of our mortgage debt. We have undertaken a fixed loan which will not only provide us with a period of stability for the next ten years but a savings of \$25,000.00 annually. This, however, does not get us completely out of the woods. As with any building, regular maintenance and equipment replacement must be planned for. We are sequestering much of our savings into a dedicated capital fund to ensure that we not only have enough money for the necessary future repairs but also that we do not have to assess our membership later down the road for these upcoming expenses.

To combat the shrinking school population we created NNJJA, a consortium school model, unique in its goal of cooperation in the greater Jewish community. Its inaugural year started in cooperation with Temple Beth Sholom of Fair Lawn. I can now announce that we have added Temple Emmanuel of Franklin Lakes, Congregation Beth Shalom of Teaneck and Congregation Kol Haneshamah of Englewood. NNJJA

is growing and housed at Temple Israel. With this accomplishment, we are able to stem the increase in education costs and lessen the burden on each individual synagogue budget. We also ensure that our children know that there is a greater Jewish community that exists in Bergen County.

I am happy to report that we have entered into a long term contract with Rabbi David Fine that gives us stability of the pulpit for the foreseeable future. We have also entered into a new two year contract with Cantor Caitlin Bromberg. Additionally, for the first time in many years, we have stopped bleeding membership. We now have clergy, community and financial stability. With a stable present, we can now start planning for what I see as a bright future.

In an attempt to become a more efficient operation for the future, we are in the process of revamping our current constitution. This will allow us to streamline governance, remove redundancies and contradicting elements and bring policies in line with 21<sup>st</sup> century methods of communication and notification. The preliminary draft has gone to the board for comment and modification. The membership will have the opportunity to see the draft in the near future.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to be President of Temple Israel for the last three years. I retire from office with the knowledge that I am leaving our community in better shape than I found it but also with the knowledge that there is more work to be done. We now have the ability to plan for our future and I hope every member will be part of the process. With ownership comes success. Thank you for supporting Temple Israel and contributing to its past, present and future success.

*B'Shalom,  
Denis*

## Installation of Officers & Trustees Friday, June 15, 2012

8:30pm Friday Night Services followed by a festive *Oneg*  
Synagogue, Men's Club, & Sisterhood  
Discharge of Outgoing Volunteers & Installation



# EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



NNJJA HONORS OUR *KITAH HEY* GRADUATES  
*Mazal Tov* to all of our *Kitah Hey* graduates:

Tyler Antebi	Philip Melnick
Mollie Bakal	Joshua Nathanson
David Bernhardt	Danielle Ron
Kimberley Caruso	Craig Rosen
Josef Goldberg	Evan Schreiber
Matthew Gordon	Matthew Shames
Madison Grossman	Daniel Shapiro
Adam Hirsch	Benjamin Unger
Ron Melamed	Deanna Walker



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 work, and to everyone at NNJJA for always making my job a pleasure!

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

Registration is now underway for the 2012-13 academic year! Please be sure to contact Rabbi Sharon Litwin, Director of NNJJA 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, 2012**. 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.



## FREE 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 2012-13 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 NNJJA, Rabbi Sharon Litwin.



### Congratulations to our 2012 BCHSJS Graduates

David Bressler, Brittany Frank, Ian Kay, and  
Aaron Sacks pictured with Rabbi Fine

# MILESTONES

## BIRTHS

Jordan Lyon and Hailey Madison Sadowsky, daughters of Gillian & Matt Sadowsky

*We wish our newborns and their family strength, good health, and joy*

## BNEI MITZVAH

Ron Melamed, son of Gila & Elan Melamed

Craig Rosen, son of Andrea & David Rosen

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

## DEATHS

Edward O'Hare, father of Erin Lindenberg

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

# ONEG/KIDDUSH SPONSORS

## Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

- June 1 Sigal and David Ron in honor of their daughter, Danielle Ron, on the occasion of her *bat mitzvah*  
June 8 Debra & Steven Caruso in honor of daughter, Kimberley Caruso, on the occasion of her *bat mitzvah*  
June 15 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP  
June 22 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP  
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## Kiddush Sponsors

- June 2 Sigal and David Ron in honor of their daughter, Danielle Ron, on the occasion of her *bat mitzvah*  
June 9 Debra & Steven Caruso in honor of daughter, Kimberley Caruso, on the occasion of her *bat mitzvah*  
June 16 The Gallatin family in honor of their last Shabbat at Temple Israel, and with gratitude to the Temple Israel community  
June 23 Miriam & Todd Bakal in honor of their daughter, Mollie Bakal.  
June 30 OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

# SUMMER MINYANIM



## 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](mailto:larrysklein@optonline.net) and let us know which dates work for you.

# ADULT EDUCATION

## *Muslims, Jews and Friendship: Seeing Through the Eyes of 'The Other'*

### *American Rabbi and German Imam Share their Journey of Sisterhood, Self-Discovery and Spiritual Faith*

**Saturday, June 16 at 1:30 pm  
Temple Israel & JCC, 475 Grove Street, Ridgewood**

**Co-Sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Ridgewood and the  
Muslim Society of Ridgewood**



They embrace different religious traditions, grew up in different cultures and live on opposite sides of the ocean. Who would have expected they would become friends? But **Rabbi Gloria S. Rubin** and **Imam/Shaykha Halima Krausen** were determined to overcome the obstacles—some easy to identify, others far more subtle. How we all can expand the personal and cultural lens through which we see the world to evolve a shared view of humanity will be the theme of this remarkable conversation.

Rabbi Rubin, a retired pulpit rabbi and Temple Israel congregant, and Imam Krausen, spiritual leader of the German-speaking Muslim community in Hamburg, Germany, first met in 1995 at an interfaith gathering in Bendorf, Germany. They haven't stopped talking since—about family, beliefs, community—and are now the co-authors of *Unlikely Friends*, a book about their discovery of a kindred spirit in one another, currently making the rounds of literary agents and publishing houses.

**All Are Welcome, Admission Free**

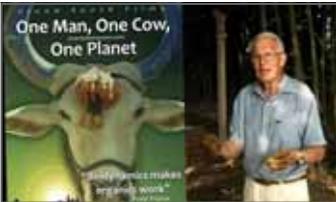
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# MEMBERSHIP

Please join us on **Friday, June 15, 2012 at 6:30 for a communal *Shabbat* dinner** where we will be honoring all members who have been part of Temple Israel for ten years or more. **EVERYONE** in the community is welcome. To cover our costs, dinner will be \$6/child, \$12/adult (13 and older) with a family cap of \$30. Your check is your RSVP. Dinner will provide an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, as well as to learn about the families who have been part of Temple Israel's community for a long time.



Services and installation of this year's board will follow at 8:30 pm. And a celebratory *oneg* will cap the evening. This is also a chance to thank our president, Denis Vogel, for three years of giving 200% of his time in leading our community, and to thank the other board members who are stepping down.



Our **film series** on sustainability continues with the showing of **One Man, One Cow, One Planet** on **Sunday, June 3 at 7:30 pm**. Please try to attend.

As members, you are the best advertising we have for our *shul* and a positive word from you to friends helps create a buzz about our community. We are very proud of our clergy, our adult education and school programs, our music, our *tikkun olam* and even our sports activities. People enjoy our social gatherings and services. So please put the word out.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Jo Rosen,  
Chair, Membership

# YOUTH



We will be having our pool party on June 13 from 4:00—6:00 pm at the home of Hayley & Jeff Gluck. We've had a

great year with El Al from ice skating to Monster Golfing, apple picking to Apples to Apples, chocolate seders and hanging in the youth lounge. El Al is the youth group for all kids in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and we'd like to invite our rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders (current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders) to join us in the Fall.

Rabbi Sharon, [slitwin@synagogue.org](mailto:slitwin@synagogue.org)

On April 29, Kadima in cooperation with Temple Israel's Tikkun Olam Committee held a food drive at Kings in Ridgewood. Approximately 30 bags of specifically requested items were collected and delivered to Social Services of Ridgewood to benefit those who can not afford to feed their families.



Many thanks to Ellie Gruber for coordinating everything and delivering the food as well as Mollie Bakal, Matt Shames, Ben Unger and Kimberly Caruso for working at the store.

We had great Lounge Nights every month where the kids got the opportunity to eat, hangout and socialize. We Monster Golfed, ice skated, hiked, and much more. I was very impressed and pleased with the social action the kids participated in as well this year. We had a great Lock-In and *Shabbaton* as well this year. I am looking forward to next year and encourage all middle schoolers to join.

Morah Felicia, [fhillman78@yahoo.com](mailto:fhillman78@yahoo.com)



Heather and Dan are in the process of planning the calendar for next year. Our chapter is growing as additional synagogues from the area are joining! Please let Dan know if you are a 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grader interested in participating this Fall!

Dan Unger, [dan.unger@hotmail.com](mailto:dan.unger@hotmail.com)

# MUSIC



The Temple Israel Music Committee presents:



## 2012 SUMMER MUSIC FRIDAYS SERIES 7:00 PM

Attend a beautiful concert and  
stay for the warmth of Kabbalat Shabbat services,

**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 Music at Temple Israel.**

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

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Enclosed is my donation to Temple Israel to support the 2012 Summer Music Fridays series.

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# B'YACHAD

*Shalom*, everyone! We've had some great times together recently. To commemorate the end of *Pesach* we joined a big group from Temple Israel for a fun pizza and beer *Hametz*-a-thon. In April and May we gathered for *Shabbat* potluck dinners in each other's homes to welcome *Shabbat* together. In between, we went for a night out on *Cinco de Mayo* (May 5) to enjoy margaritas and Mexican karaoke.

Next, pack up a picnic basket, because we're going for our annual picnic in the park on Sunday, June 3. And on June 16 after sundown, we're having another "adult" night out to hear the Dads' Night Band play at The Office in Ridgewood. For those who haven't heard of it, Dads' Night is a bit of a Ridgewood institution, consisting of dads who raise money for local elementary schools and other charitable causes. So we can rock and support our community at the same time! Then on Friday, June 22, we'll have our next *Shabbat* potluck dinner. We hope you can join us!

Please watch your emails for more details. If you haven't done so already, please join our email list! To sign up just send an email to [byachad-contact@synagogue.org](mailto:byachad-contact@synagogue.org), and tell us which email addresses you would like to add to the list. If you have any other questions about us, please shoot us an email at the address above.

Peace Out,  
Suzie and Josh Holden  
*B'yachadniks*



## FACILITIES

I have been working to reorganize our Facilities Department. The responsibility of the Facilities Chair is to oversee the renting of space in our building as this is a good revenue stream for us, keep our caterers compliant with our rules and regulations, and offer assistance to our members who are planning any *Simchas* at our *shul*, typically *B'nei Mitzvah Kiddushes*, and parties. We currently have SAT Preparation classes, Toddlers Music Classes, Adult Choir, and a Multiple Sclerosis exercise class. If you know of a group that needs a home please have them contact Maureen in our Temple Israel office.

Those that have had a *Simcha* before, know how much planning goes into these events and many that have not had the pleasure yet are sometimes overwhelmed by the task in front of them. We are there to help to make this as fun and as stress-free as possible, so please don't hesitate to seek advice in the future. Marc Cantor will be taking over for me, and I'm sure he will be great, so don't hesitate to contact him.

We are considering holding another *Simcha* Fair in January to showcase the many different vendors you may need for your upcoming *Simcha*. You can find a brochure of the participants from our last *Simcha* Fair on the Temple Israel web site. You'll find it under About Us/Facility; at the bottom of the page.

I'd like to thank both Alla Fine and Maureen Nassan for helping me over these past few years with their valuable input. I am thankful for the opportunity to help out with this task!

Howard Schreiber  
Facilities Chair

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# AUTHOR TALK WITH RABBI FINE

## The Ridgewood Public Library *presents*

**Rabbi David J. Fine, PhD**

**Monday, June 18 at 7:00 pm**

**Book Talk and Signing:**

***Jewish Integration in the German  
Army in the First World War***



Come hear Rabbi Fine read excerpts from his newly published book, *Jewish Integration in the German Army in the First World War*.

This groundbreaking work of original scholarship utilizes both published and unpublished sources, including letters, diaries, memoirs, military service records, press accounts, photographs, drawings and tomb stone inscriptions to offer a surprising portrait of Jewish officers in the German army.

Rabbi Fine is the spiritual leader at Temple Israel in Ridgewood. He received his 2010 doctorate in modern European history from the City University of New York.

**All welcome, free.  
Refreshments will be served.**

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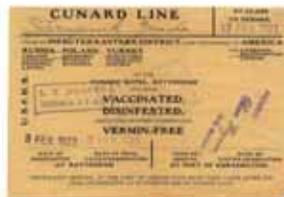
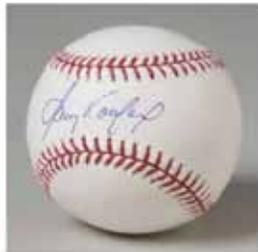
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# Discover Your American Jewish Heritage

**National Museum of American Jewish History  
Philadelphia, PA**



**Sunday, June 10, 2012  
Leave Temple Israel  
at 9:00 a.m.**

**Adults: \$26  
Seniors: \$25  
Teens (13-21): \$22  
Kids (12 and under) \$17**  
Price includes admission, guided tour, and Kosher dairy lunch.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:  
May 24, 2012  
(Reservations after  
May 24: \$3 extra)**

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE,**  
use the form below. Make checks payable to "Sisterhood." Questions? Contact Elaine Silverstein at 201-251-1325 or elasil@optonline.net.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Is by car pool. Discounted parking is available at the Museum.

**If there is enough interest, we will hire a bus.**

Steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the National Museum of American Jewish History is the only museum anywhere dedicated to chronicling the American Jewish experience. Explore more than 350 years of Jewish life in America through evocative objects, telling moments, and state-of-the-art interactive media.

Sponsored by Sisterhood, Brandeis Men's Club, and Adult Education Committee.



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Make checks payable to "Sisterhood."

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I will drive \_\_\_\_\_ I'll need a ride \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in bus? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# BRANDEIS MEN'S CLUB

Brandeis  
Men's Club



[bmc@synagogue.org](mailto:bmc@synagogue.org)

The Men's Club would like to invite all interested golfers to join us in our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing. It is a fun day filled with a lot of camaraderie with our fellow Temple Israel members. You don't have to be a great, or even a good golfer to enjoy the day out in the country. Please let Barry Goldberg know today, if you plan to attend. The outing is on June 14.



Thanks to all those who donated money to the Men's Club for the *Yom Hashoah* Candle Program. It is very much appreciated.



We had another busy, productive, and rewarding year! We helped clean the outside of our building, Ushered at the High Holiday services, had a Tag Sale in the Fall, erected our temple *Sukkah*, served our children at the *Chanukah*, and *Purim* carnivals (with our fellows from Temple Beth Shalom), and the *Lag B'Omer* picnic. We had a great dinner/concert in January, sponsored our annual World Wide Wrap in February, had a Kosher for Passover Wine Sale, gave out Hebrew/English Dictionaries to our school kids in *Kitah Gimme!*, and *Hey* classes, and honored Bob Obeiter as our Man of the Year during Men's Club weekend!

We're hoping that many more men get involved with us next year, especially those with kids in school. Thank you to all the men that volunteered this past year for your hard work, and thanks also to everyone for making it an enjoyable year! If you'd like to get involved please give me a call or send me an e-mail! It really is fun! Enjoy the summer and come back ready to go!

*B' Shalom,*  
Howard Schreiber, Men's Club President



**Sunday, May 20** was a gorgeous, 78 degree, sunny day for our annual Brandeis Men's Club, and Hebrew School Lag B'Omer picnic. We had many families attend, some new prospective members, and of course, all the children from our NNJA Hebrew School. There were tons of Hot Dogs,

Hamburgers, salads, and snack foods. This is certainly one of the highlight days on our T.I. calendar, not to mention the last day of classes too! A great time was had by all!

# SISTERHOOD

Many thanks are due to the outgoing Sisterhood board members, who served so ably over the past two years. During that time, we held many successful events, we inducted our first two groups of *Torah* readers and *leyners* into *Kol biK'dushah*, we partnered with other Temple Israel groups and with the Sisterhood of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center, and we made many gifts to Temple Israel. We also completed our obligation to *Chai* Campaign and joined Circle of Honor. Our membership is stable, and we are proud of our contributions to the community.



On May 8 at our annual membership meeting, we elected a **new board** that will ably carry on Sisterhood's traditions of service, community building, and fun:

Linda Paige	President
Cheryl Alterman	Progressive Dinner Chair
Arlene Bernhardt	Recording Secretary
Pam Cohen	Membership VP
Hayley Gluck	Financial Secretary
Stephanie Gottesman and Shari Haber	Gift Shop Chairs
Stacy Heit	Corresponding Secretary
Suzanne Holden	Ways & Means VP
Peri Namerow	<i>Torah</i> Fund Chair
Elaine Silverstein	Education VP
Waltraud Unger	Administration VP
Carla Vogel	Treasurer
Sandy Wechsler and Anne Wolf	Sisterhood <i>Shabbat</i> Chairs



**Look for our 2012-13 events in future bulletins, and plan on attending our fabulous pool party during the summer**—check the weekly announcements and Temple Talk for details. The Book Group will also be starting up again soon after a year-long break.

Thanks to Arlene Bernhardt for teaching us how to make beautiful garden ornaments at the annual meeting, and to Linda Paige and Waltraud Unger for planning and meeting and providing yummy treats.



**Kippot for your Simchas** Sisterhood sells **custom kippot**. Before you buy on line, check with us-- you'll **save money AND benefit the synagogue**.

Contact Carla Vogel at 201-670-1642 or [Carla@synagogue.org](mailto:Carla@synagogue.org)

**Torah Fund** *Torah* Fund supports the major institutions of the Conservative movement, such as JTS. For *Torah* Fund pins, contact Peri Namerow at 201-652-4200. For *Torah* Fund cards, contact Libby Stern at [thelib104@gmail.com](mailto:thelib104@gmail.com) or 201-444-3819. *Torah* Fund cards cost \$5 each and are appropriate for all special occasions

# Brandeis Men's Club of Temple Israel

## 7th Annual Golf Outing!



### **Farmstead Golf and Country Club**

Andover, New Jersey (about 60 minutes from Ridgewood)

<http://www.farmsteadgolf.com>

**Date: Thursday, June 14th**

**Time: 1:30 PM shotgun start**  
**Arrive no later than 1:00 PM**

**Cost: \$60.00 includes 18 holes and electric cart**  
**Payable in advance to reserve your spot!**

**Open to all members of Temple Israel, and friends! Space is limited, so reserve your spot now!**

**Prizes for the winning team!**  
**Prize for Longest Drive!**  
**Prize for Closest to the Pin!**

**RSVP by June 7**  
**[bjg51@yahoo.com](mailto:bjg51@yahoo.com)**

**Send your check payable to Brandeis Men's Club to:**

**Barry Goldberg**  
**51 Spottswood Road**  
**Glen Rock, NJ 07452**

# DONATIONS

We thank all of our donors:

## Temple Israel Chai Campaign

**Risa & Robert Rohrberger** in memory of Muriel Wolf, mother of Anne Wolf

## Temple Israel Operating Fund

**Susie & Shelly Goldstein** in honor of Ron Melamed on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah*

**Susie & Shelly Goldstein** in honor of Evan Schreiber on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah*

**Susie & Shelly Goldstein** in honor of Robert Obeiter on the occasion of his being chosen Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year

**Joan & Gunter Hecht** to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and support

**Linda Paige** in memory of Muriel Wolf, mother of Anne Wolf

## Amsterdam Family Endowment Fund

**Marcia Minuskin & Jeffrey Zonenshine** in honor of the Melamed Family on the occasion of Ron's *bar mitzvah*

**Marcia Minuskin & Jeffrey Zonenshine** in honor of the Schreiber Family on the occasion of Evan's *bar mitzvah*

**Marcia Minuskin & Jeffrey Zonenshine** in honor of Robert Obeiter on the occasion of his being chosen Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year

## Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Leo Freed, father of Arty Freed

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Corinne Buchalter, mother of Carla Vogel

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Jerome Liebrand, father of Tricia Schreiber

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Muriel Wolf, mother of Anne Wolf

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of Robert Obeiter on the occasion of his being chosen Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year

## Chumash Etz Hayim

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Edward Green, husband of Susan Green

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in memory of Jesse Kahan, husband of Naomi Kahan

## Susan Reeve/Temple Israel Feed the Hungry Fund

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of in honor of Ron Melamed on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah*

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of Evan Schreiber on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah*

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of Benjamin Unger on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah*

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of Elyse Levene and all who assisted us

## Religious School Enrichment Fund

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** to thank all who sent us Mishloach Manot

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Ellen & Allen Rubin** in honor of Tamara Freeman for the music she brings to Temple Israel

### Bequests To Temple Israel

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





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

## Donations & Dedications

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

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

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

Temple Israel Operating Fund	any amount
Tributes	\$5

### DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

## 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 2012 – Sivan – Tammuz 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 pm Graduation 8:04 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	2 Nasso 9:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah Danielle Ron 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
3 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am History of the Land of Israel w/Rabbi Fine 7:30 pm Ritual Com Mtg 7:30 pm Movie Night	4	5 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	6 8:00 pm Exec Com Mtg	7	8 7:00 pm Family Service 8:09 pm Candle Lighting	9 Beha'alotcha 9:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah Kimberley Caruso 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 11:00 am Tot Shabbat
10 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am Religious School Parent's Mtg Trip to Philly- Jewish Heritage Museum	11 BMC Mtg	12 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	13 12:30 pm Hazak 8:00 pm Board of Director's Mtg	14 Men's Club Golf Outing	15 6:30 pm Membership Dinner 8:12 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service followed by Installation of Officers	16 Sh'lach 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 1:30 pm Muslims, Jews and Friendship: Seeing Through the Eyes of "The Other" with Rabbi Gloria Rubin & Imam/Shaykha Halima Krausen
17 Father's Day 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	18 7:30 pm Author Talk with Rabbi Fine at the Ridgewood Public Library	19 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	20 8:00 pm Exec Com Mtg	21	22 8:14 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	23 Korach 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
Rabbi Fine - Vacation						
24 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	25	26 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i>	27	28	29 8:15 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	30 Chukat 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
Rabbi Fine and Rabbi Litwin away - Temple Israel's Trip to Israel						
Cantor Bromberg- CA Convention						

# July 2012 Tammuz – Av 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Minyan	2	3 7:45 pm Minyan	4 <b>Office Closed</b>	5	6 Summer Music Concert  Open House  8:13 pm Candle Lighting  8:30 pm Service	7 Balak  9:00 am Service
Cantor Bromberg – CA Convention						
Rabbi Fine and Rabbi Litwin away - Temple Israel – Trip to Israel						
8 9:30 am Minyan	9	10 7:45 pm Minyan	11 Board Mtg	12	13 8:10 pm Candle Lighting  8:30 pm Service	14 Pinchas  9:00 am Service
Cantor Bromberg - CA Convention						
15 9:30 am Minyan	16	17 7:45 pm Minyan	18	19	20 <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> 8:06 Candle Lighting  8:30 pm Service	21 Matot-Masei  9:00 am Service
Rabbi Fine – Vacation						
22 9:30 am Minyan	23	24 7:45 pm Minyan	25	26	27 8:00 pm Candle Lighting  8:30 pm Service	28 Devarim Shabbat Hazon  9:00 am Service  9:00 pm Tisha B' Av Services
Rabbi Fine – Vacation						
29 9:30 am Tisha B'Av Services	30	31 7:45 pm Minyan				Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5
Rabbi Fine – Vacation						

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# GROVE STREET GARDEN



The bare patch of ground between the new security barriers outside the Grove Street entrance should be bright with native wildflowers next year. A group of volunteers, Ellie Gruber, Cheryl Klein, Peri Namerow, Rich Rosenthal, and Elaine Silverstein, installed a perennial garden. Elaine donated the perennials (asters, rudbeckia, beebalm, sundrops, penstemon, and spiderwort) from her garden, and Rich donated a lilac bush from his to add to the front lawn. The native perennials should all bloom next year and should attract lots of butterflies with their nectar and birds with their seeds.

Photo by Bruce Thaler