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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...

Interfaith Dialogue: National Challenges, Local Successes

This is my second year serving as convener (chair) of Ridgewood's Interfaith Clergy Council. We work hard to put together inspiring interfaith services around Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Day, Yom HaShoah and Ridgewood's ACCESS week. But the most important aspect of our work is simply that we have breakfast together the first Tuesday of every month, building friendships and relationships. In mid-October, this past month, I learned how important such relationship-building is.

On October 5, leaders of various mainline Protestant denominations made public a letter they had signed urging Congress to hold hearings to consider the suspension of all foreign aid to Israel because Israel uses American weapons in acts that, so they claim, violate international standards of human rights. The letter was blatantly one-sided, putting all the blame on Israel and relegating to a footnote any acknowledgement of Palestinian violence. None of this is surprising. Mainline Protestant denominations have been shifting more towards the radical left, and part of that milieu, unfortunately from our perspective, is a vigorous pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel bias. What disturbed me more about the letter was that it was published without any concern for Jewish-Protestant relations in this country. For decades, Jews and Christians have been working on the project of interfaith dialogue and cooperation. This action by the leadership of mainline Protestant churches caught the Jewish community leadership by surprise. It was also issued on a Friday afternoon in the midst of the festival of Sukkot, when Jewish organizations were closed for the holiday week and so were unable to release timely responses. I don't see any real possibility here that Congress will respond in any substantive way to this letter. All it will accomplish, I fear, is a wounded relationship between Jews and Protestants. The leadership of the American Jewish community has called for an emergency senior-level meeting with the Protestant leaders who signed the letter in order to work on healing what has become, intentionally or not, a deep wound.

And so it was in this context that I reached out to several of my Protestant colleagues here in Ridgewood, whom I have grown to like and respect, asking them to join me for breakfast. We spoke openly and frankly and in friendship about our denominational approaches, about the politics involved and mostly about our shared concern for the relationships we have built. They had already contacted their superiors to ask how such a letter could be published without concern for how it might affect Jewish-Christian relations. They also committed to publicize their own views, about how much they value the responsibility towards interfaith dialogue and friendship, how much they are invested in a relationship that was hurt by the actions of their leaders. There are areas where we will disagree, and where our communities will see things from differing perspectives. That is part of being in relationship—recognizing that we come to the table from differing perspectives but learning how to hear each other. I was heartened to see firsthand how friendship on a local level can offer the promise of a greater future.

I wish, therefore, to encourage and urge all of us to attend Ridgewood's annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, to be held on Tuesday evening, November 20th, at 7:30pm at Community Church of Upper Ridgewood. Let us show up to the table, join our neighbors in fellowship and make it clear that we are all a part of this very inclusive community of Ridgewood, where every voice is important and celebrated and where relationship is championed above differences.

ASSOCIATE RABBI'S MESSAGE



NNJJA is in full gear. October, despite the interruptions of all of the holidays, was full of programming. So many of our students celebrated Sukkot in the Sukkah at Temple Israel, we shook the lulav and etrog, ate the food we prepared in Cooking, and finished the holiday season dancing with the Torahs for Simchat Torah.

On October 21, our Kitah Dalet (6th-graders) and their families began to frame their families' plans for finding mitzvah and meaning in their upcoming b'nai mitzvah celebrations.

On October 28, we held an Open House for parents in lieu of a Back-to-School Night. Parents attended class with their children, met with teachers and got a flavor of a day in the life of NNJJA. We also held a Jewish Book Fair in conjunction with the Open House so that parents and children could add to their Jewish libraries and start thinking about Hanukkah presents.

November at NNJJA

I am thrilled that, beginning on Sunday, November 4th, we will introduce a new program for our 6th-graders, through the Kehillah Partnership, a collaboration among NNJJA and eight other Bergen County Religious Schools, supported through generous funding secured by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. The partnership provides a unique opportunity for synagogues and Religious Schools to cross institutional lines to create programming that maximizes the opportunities for Jewish connections, experiences and learning.

The new program, "Jewish Identity and Community Building," will offer:

- Creative Jewish engagement for four Sunday morning events
- Hands-on, interactive projects focusing on mitzvot, Israel, arts and reading
- Home synagogue educators/principals involved in all aspects

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***So Bear-y Warm and Cuddly!**—NNJJA students, with their teacher, Morah Ketira, right, show off the slightly used, stuffed bears they collected last month in a project that has partnered NNJJA with Bears From Bergenfield, a non-profit Morah Ketira founded 10 years ago. The bears will be headed to Israel to comfort traumatized youngsters and others there who may not have a huggable toy of their own. To date, Bears From Bergenfield has collected, shipped and distributed 134,000 bears. Learn more at <http://www.bearsfrombergenfield.com/default.html>.*

Credit: Photo by Seth Goldstein

ASSOCIATE RABBI'S MESSAGE - cont.

The opening day event, hosted by NNJJA at Temple Israel, is the first of four that will be held throughout the school term at different sites. On November 4th, students will do a project in conjunction with Mitzvah Day (A Federation Program) and will learn about homelessness and hunger in our community. We will be collecting toiletries (sample and hotel sizes) to make packages to give to a variety of shelters in the area.



I also wanted to bring you some exciting news about the re-organization of the Kehillah Partnership program, which for the past four years, has been situated at the Bergen County YJCC in Washington Township. While the program will continue to be an integral part of the curriculum for 6th-graders in nine communities—Glen Rock Jewish Center (Conservative); Jewish Community Center of Paramus (Conservative); Northern New Jersey Jewish Academy at Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center, Ridgewood (Conservative); Temple Avodat Shalom, River Edge (Reform);

Temple Emeth, Teaneck (Reform); Temple Beth Or, Washington Township (Reform); Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley, Woodcliff Lake (Conservative); Congregation B'nai Israel, Emerson (Conservative); Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Fair Lawn (Conservative)—activities will no longer take place at the YJCC. Instead, they will rotate among partnership school locations.

In addition, we now have a new leader at the helm. Veteran Jewish educator Juliet Barr will run the program, re-formed under the auspices of a grant from Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and under the guidance and supervision of the nine educational directors from the participating Religious Schools.

And that's just the beginning of NNJJA's November programming. Stay tuned for more, as the weeks go on.

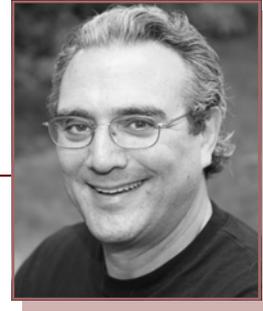
In the meantime, I want to thank all of the parents who have helped out with Bagel Break and cooking and for their general support of the school. We are working hard to make sure that the transition for all of our new students is still smooth and that everyone is integrating into the NNJJA program with ease.

As always, if your child is struggling with Hebrew and needs an extra private lesson, I am available on Tuesday afternoons and at other times we can arrange for lessons. Please book an appointment or a regular weekly visit for a 20-30 minute session to help with Hebrew or Tefillah Goals or any other aspect of learning at NNJJA with which I can be of assistance. The best way to schedule an appointment is via email at slitwin@synagogue.org

Thank you all for a wonderful opening to the NNJJA school year.
Rabbi Sharon Litwin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



If you are interested in learning about my answers to the Torah Teasers, the date for the Nosh and Drosh will be January 12, 2013 -- Please mark your calendars. If you don't understand or remember what I am referring to, let me explain.

During my High Holiday remarks I issued two challenges to the community. The first challenge was about setting a personal goal of attending one Shabbat service each month or every other month.

The second challenge was about a different type of brain teaser that I called a Torah Teaser. These teasers were not intended to be quick answer items, but rather items for you to think about and to discuss with family and friends.

The first Torah Teaser was:

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

The second Torah Teaser was about the 10 commandments. In Exodus 32:15 it describes the tablets as being inscribed on both sides. One translation of this verse is as follows:

Now Moses turned and went down from the mountain [bearing] the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets inscribed from both their sides; on one side and on the other side they were inscribed.

So the second teaser is:

How were the 10 commandments structured on the two tablets and why? Was it 5 on one and 5 on the other, inscribed straight through the tablets? Maybe it was 3 on one side and 2 on the other side of each tablet? Maybe it was something completely different?

To learn my view on these Torah Teasers you will need to attend the Nosh and Drosh on January 12, 2013.

Nosh and Drosh is when we change how we conduct the Shabbat service. Instead of the Kiddush happening at the end of the service, we break for breakfast right before the Torah Service (the Nosh part). One of the congregants leads a discussion on some aspect of the Torah (the Drosh part), usually that day's portion, but not necessarily.

I look forward to seeing you all in shul and at other synagogue programs.

Allan Alterman

We have an exciting line-up of classes and other learning opportunities this year. You won't want to miss a thing!
Peri Namerow, Chair

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Fine's Sunday Morning Lecture Series



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

November 4: Early Reform
November 11: Wissenschaft des Judentums: The Intellectual and Historical-Critical Challenges
December 2: Positive-Historical Judaism (The German Precursor to Conservative Judaism)
December 9: Modern Orthodoxy

"The Five Rabbis" Series

**"The Five Rabbis" Present
Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship**

Materials Fee: \$36

A Project of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem

The community will come together to learn on nine evenings through January. In a program conceived by the Shalom Hartman Institute, *iEngage Israel*, participants examine anew the relationship of Diaspora Jewry to Israel to redefine the narrative of Jewish peoplehood in light of contemporary realities in Israel and globally. At rotating locations and team-taught by Rabbis Fine; Neil Tow (Glen Rock Jewish Center); Ronald Roth (Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Cong. B'nai Israel); Jonathan Woll (Progressive Havurah of NNJ); and Baruch Zeilicovich (Temple Beth Sholom, Fair Lawn), the course is subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

11/13 Sovereignty and Identity—Roth, Woll: GRJC

11/27 Power and Powerlessness—Fine, Zeilicovich: Temple Israel (TI)

12/4 War and Occupation—Tow, Roth: Temple Israel

12/13 Morality on the Battlefield—Woll, Zeilicovich: Temple Beth Sholom

12/20 Jewish and Democratic State—Fine, Roth: Temple Beth Sholom

ADULT EDUCATION –cont.

**Adult B'nai Mitzvah Instruction
with Rabbi Sharon Litwin**

**Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm,
beginning **OCTOBER 22ND****

New students already able to read Hebrew are welcome to join this continuing class that begins the second year of a two-year cycle in preparation for a group b'nai mitzvah celebration. Contact Rabbi Litwin at slitwin@synagogue.org to inquire.

**AS PART OF THIS CLASS, CANTOR
CAITLIN BROMBERG WILL TEACH
TORAH TROPE, MONDAYS, 8:15-9:00 PM.
OPEN TO ALL, NOT JUST
ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS.**

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THE DATE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
11:30 AM—1:30 PM**

**PREPARE FOR YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL'S **SIMCHA FAIR****



Planning a bar or bat mitzvah, wedding, baby naming or bris, birthday party or another social function? Come to our Simcha Fair, where you'll find the ideal services for any special simcha—an occasion for gladness, joy or celebration.

At the Fair, we'll have vendors of kosher prepared foods, caterers, party favors, invitations, floral arrangements, photography, entertainment companies and Jewish religious articles, like kippot or tallitot.

The vendors exhibiting their goods and services are pros at parties of all kinds and kiddush functions. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions related to their businesses. They can help you create the event or kiddush that best fits your family's style and budget. Consider this a fact-finding opportunity to help you identify the right caterer/menu, entertainment company, invitations, or tallit (prayer shawls), for your special day.

TIKKUN OLAM

Food and Clothing Drive Big Success



Once again, our Temple Israel community displayed its generosity in our annual High Holiday Food and Clothing Drive. We collected more than 25 "Hefty" bags of clothing for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bergen County and donated 170 bags of food and personal care products to Ridgewood Social Services. Many thanks to those who contributed....and to Jose and Tina who manage the collection.

Nadine Genet, Chair



Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
7:30 p.m.

UPPER RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hillcrest and Fairmount Roads
201-445-4082

[Please use any available on-street parking.]

"Come to the Table of Plenty"

Free Will Offering will go to the
CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Donations of food will go to
THE RIDGEWOOD PANTRY
(Ridgewood Social Services)

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 pm
(ALL SINGERS WELCOME)

Brandeis Men's Club

The Brandeis Men's Club honors one of our men annually, for his commitment to our shul, the Jewish community at-large, and leadership role in Jewish causes. We have been bestowing this award since 1969! Shortly after our dear member, Harry Grant, passed away in 2001, we renamed our award in his memory. Harry was a very active, very personable and very charming member of T.I. Pam, Harry's wife, remains one of the Temple's longtime members!



We are proud to honor **Freddie Kotek** as this year's Man of the Year! Freddie will receive the prestigious Brandeis Men's Club Harry Grant Man of the Year Award.

We are also quite fortunate this year to have our own longtime BMC member, **David Millman**, recognized as Regional Man of the Year by the Northern New Jersey Region of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. David does so much work behind the scenes both here at our Men's Club and in the region. David is a two-time past president of our Men's Club, a past BMC MOY, heads up our Yom Hashoah Candle Program, World Wide Wrap, all of our Men's Club's fundraisers and is involved in all our efforts helping children in our religious school during Chanukkah, Purim and every other festival and at special events.

Both Freddie and David will be honored at the **NNJ Regional Man of the Year Dinner** on **Wednesday, November 14**. Please plan to attend. For details please contact Howard Schreiber immediately, as the official deadline may have passed by the time you receive this!

Other upcoming events. Save the Dates!

Sunday morning, December 9, at 10:30 am, after minyan, **Men's Club Breakfast and Discussion on Men's Health**, featuring two physicians, a urologist and a cardiologist. Join us for a discussion and question-and-answer period. Bagels, lox, and coffee will be served!



Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, January 26, Comedy Night! Details to follow. At that time, we will also have our annual raffle drawing. *First prize will be use of a Porsche for a weekend!* Raffle tickets will be available soon!

B'Shalom
Howard Schreiber
BMC President

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Make good financial sense!

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

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

- ❖ Provide regular, fixed payments that offer you **income for your lifetime**
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<u>Sample rate chart for a life annuity:</u>			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
65	5.3%	70	5.8%
75	6.5%	80	7.5%
85	8.4%	90+	9.8%

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



Please join us for a fabulous evening
Temple Israel's Progressive Dinner

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Saturday, November 3, 2012

6:30 PM

Hors d'Oeuvres at the home of

Shari and Manny Haber
25 Elizabeth Terrace
Upper Saddle River

Dinner at synagogue members' homes
Dessert will follow at a member's home

\$65 per person donation

RSVP by Friday, October 26th

Send your check, payable to Sisterhood-Temple Israel to:
Cheryl Alterman, 624 Fox Court, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

You won't want to miss this popular event!

For dietary restrictions or pet allergies, please contact
Cheryl at (201) 670-0758 or cheryl@alterman.org

If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to Sisterhood



MUSIC

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

Don't miss the year's first **Open Mic on Sunday, November 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Enjoy entertainment by our talented Temple Israel members as well as light refreshments. **This event is free and fun for the whole family.** If you or someone you know would like to participate, please **contact Marc Cantor at 201-612-3295 or MCantor@wcatech.com**

This year we introduce a new series, **Winter Music Saturdays**. These evenings will begin with us all coming together to say farewell to Shabbat with Havdalah at 7:30 p.m. Then we will start the new week with a concert and reception. Check future issues of Temple Talk and the weekly synagogue announcements for specifics. And please consider donating to Winter Music Saturdays, as so many of you did to Summer Music Fridays. **Your participation, through donations and attendance, make Temple Israel's ongoing music program possible.**

**Tamara Freeman and Elaine Silverstein
Music Committee Co-Chairs**

Yes! I want to donate to music at Temple Israel

Name: _____

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Thank you for your continuing support!

Our schedule for the coming months:

Nov 18, 2012 Open Mic, 3:00-5:00 pm

Jan 19, 2013 Winter Music Saturday, 7:30 pm

Mar 9, 2013 Winter Music Saturday, 7:30 pm

Apr 21, 2013 Open Mic, 3:00-5:00 pm

The Music Committee is looking for a baby grand piano, in good condition, for our shul's concerts, choir rehearsals and open mics.

Do you own a baby grand piano that you would like to donate to our shul as a tax-deductible gift?

Can you recommend someone who is downsizing, hoping to place their piano in a loving and appreciative new home?



Please contact
Tamara Freeman:
home(201) 825-2094

TamaraFreeman@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP

Temple Israel warmly welcomes to our synagogue community Dan Roberts of Ridgewood and Joan and Bruce Futterman and their adult children, David and Robyn, from Hillsdale, NJ.



There are people who continue to search for the right “fit” before joining a synagogue community. Thanks to our terrific clergy, active lay leadership, hamische feeling in services, adult education classes, musical concerts and wonderful school, there is a “buzz” out “there” about Temple Israel. Please continue to invite your unaffiliated friends to share Shabbat with us, to attend programs and learn more about us by visiting our website, www.synagogue.org. If you know someone who is interested in finding out more about our community, please call me at 201-670-8199. I would be happy to speak with them.

Some fun events I encourage everyone to attend in November and December include Sisterhood’s Progressive Dinner on November 3rd, an Open Mic Night on November 18th and the Karaoke Party on December 1st.

AND remember, as a member of Temple Israel in good standing you have a unique opportunity to join the YJCC in Washington Township for a drastically reduced family rate of \$360 for a year that began in September 2012 under our Kehillah Partnership arrangement with the Y. (Memberships are not pro rated so join now).



Jo Rosen
Chair, Membership Committee

Temple Israel Open Mic

Our first Open Mic for this year will be on November 18, 2012 from 3 to 5 PM

Children of all ages (and adults) will be able to sing, play an instrument, tell a joke or story, etc. Please get the word out to any members you know who might want to participate, including our NNJA partners.

Admission is free, but we do pass around the proverbial hat for donations. Some refreshments will be provided at intermission.



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THE DATE

If anyone is interested in signing up for this, please call Marc Cantor 201-612-3295 to reserve a spot, on a first come first served basis. We try to keep some flexibility in the timing so that someone can just show up and do their thing, but priority goes to the reservations.

The next one won't be until April 21, 2013.

B'YACHAD



Following tradition, B'yachad kicked off the year with our annual Apple Pick-nic, squeezed between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Six families came out for a day of perfect weather and a table covered with every apple-compatible food imaginable. The kids ran the orchard harvesting, while the adults enjoyed the view, the conversation, and, of course, a couple bottles of wine. The apple sauce is now in the freezer, waiting for Latkefest. But there are plenty of events before that...

The long awaited return of our monthly B'yachad Shabbat dinners has come! We began in October, with Kiddush, conversation, and a potluck... all in time (almost) to join the rest of the congregation for services. We'll be getting together monthly, on whatever day we can squeeze into the calendar; this month it will be on November 30th.

We'll also be getting together this month for Election Night! The B'yachad tradition continues with our quadrennial fall gathering to watch the states change color. (It's like the Super Bowl, but in slow motion and without any good commercials, but the bets are bigger.) This year, the Della Torres have graciously invited B'yachad-ers to join their party, and it promises to be a multimedia extravaganza.

Coming soon: Latkefest, *Wafflemania!*, adult nights out and a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City to see the Arms and Armor and Egyptian exhibits. And there's no doubt we'll have a strong showing at the TI Karaoke Party!



Want details? You'll have to get an email address – kids grow up too fast to wait for snail mail. Send an email to Byachad-contact@synagogue.org to subscribe to our list, ask questions or, especially, host a Shabbat potluck.

Josh

HAZAK

On Wednesday, October 10th, HAZAK held its first meeting of the new year, 5773.

We talked, we read some jokes, we had good food for lunch and we watched a good movie.

We'll continue to have our monthly meetings every second Wednesday of the month.

Next meeting: November 14th.

Come and join us.



CHESED

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

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

Elyse Beidner Levene, Chair
elyselawyer@msn.com
201.306.1283



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

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

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

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

Questions? Call or e-mail Elyse:

201-507-3216 (o); 201-306-1283 (c); 201-670-4989 (h); elyselawyer@msn.com.

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

EL AL

YOUTH

USY

El Al for Temple Israel's 4th- and 5th- graders

Monthly meetings on Sundays, 12:45-2:15 pm, following NNJJA

El Al has planned excursions to such exciting places as Space Odyssey and Campgaw, as well as many fun, hands-on activities within the walls of Temple Israel, including Hamantaschen baking for Purim, Shabbat Sleep-Over, Annual Chocolate Seder for Passover.

Upcoming Events

November 4 —Pie Baking for Thanksgiving for a Homeless Shelter
December 9 – Tubing at Campgaw
January 25 -26 – Shabbaton sleepover Friday at 5:30pm-Saturday at 6:30pm

USY—for 9th- 12th-graders

Following our successful “test drive” last spring, we are moving forward with the plan to combine Temple Israel's USY chapter with those from three of our neighboring synagogues. This offers a terrific opportunity for Temple Israel's high school students to connect with teens around our Northern NJ region. Stay tuned for news of two events every month. Please watch your email for information

KADIMA

Kadima—for Temple Israel's 6th-8th-graders **Monthly Lounge Night meetings in Temple Israel's Youth Lounge to plan off-site events include games and snacks**

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Lounge Night
November 10 -11 Overnight
December 11 - Lounge Night
December 9 - Ice Skating
January 15 - Lounge Night
January 25-26 - Shabbaton sleepover Friday at 5:30 —Sat at 6:30 pm
Questions? Please contact Morah Felicia at 908-309-9435



Kadima-niks Josh Caplan, Josh Unger and Robert Bakal and El Al member Ilana Unger were Temple Israel sukkah decorators last month. The group got an assist from NNJJA Director Rabbi Sharon Litwin, who also directs El Al for TI's 4th and 5th-graders.

Credit: Photos
by Dan Unger

3RD ANNUAL ADULT KARAOKE NIGHT



Please join us for another ~fine~ evening
of singing, schmoozing and socializing!
Prior singing experience not required.
Russian fare and vodka will be served!



DATE: Saturday, December 1st, 2012

TIME: 7 PM

RSVP: by November 26th, 2012

DONATION: \$24/person

Reserve own table for \$200!

Sponsors welcome!

Temple Israel & JCC

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Nov. 9 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP**
Nov. 16 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP**
Nov. 23 Laura & Alexander Rothschild in honor of their daughter, Raquelle Rothschild, on the occasion of her bat mitzvah
Nov. 30 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP**

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Nov. 3 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP**
Nov. 10 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP—NOSH & DRASH**
Nov. 17 **OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP**
Nov. 24 Laura & Alexander Rothschild in honor of their daughter, Raquelle Rothschild, on the occasion of her bat mitzvah

MILESTONES

BNAI MITZVAH

Matthew Shames, son of Deborah & Martin Shames
Samuel Lipschitz, son of Rebecca Wolk & Seth Lipschitz
Tali Grossman, daughter of Liz & Seth Grossman

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

REFUAH HELEIMAH

Donald Horowitz

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

DEATHS

Rosalie Cohen, step-mother of Fred Cohen
Mildred Flicker, mother of Keith Flicker
Renee Har-zvi, mother of Ron Har-zvi
Rita Kahn, mother of Peter Kahn
Haviv Krupkin, father of Ariella Drori
Rita Lubin, grandmother of Alan Gallatin
May the families be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Joan Bernstein to wish Donald Horowitz a speedy recovery

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Libby & Michael Stern in memory of Norman Schreiber, father of Howard Schreiber and husband of Helen Schreiber

Libby & Michael Stern to thank all who sent us honey for Rosh Hashanah

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Libby & Michael Stern in honor of Helen Fellows on the occasion of her 100th birthday

David & Sally Kirsch Scholarship Endowment Fund

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Robert Rohrberger in memory of his father, Abraham Rohrberger

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Johanna & Michael Rosen in memory of Lucy Resnick Derechin, beloved cousin of Johanna Resnick Rosen

Laura & Alex Rothschild in honor of their daughter, Raquelle becoming a bat mitzvah

Phyllis & Mel Schinasi in memory of William Zuckor, uncle of Phyllis Schinasi

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Alla Fine in memory of her grandparents, Sofia & Sanya German



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: _____

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

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.

Life Beyond Temple Israel: Community Activities/Announcements



Sunday, November 4th is Mitzvah Day!

Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

Find out how to participate at <http://www.jfnj.org/page.aspx?id=206699>

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

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

At Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County:

FIFTH SEASON OF THE ACCLAIMED "SUNDAYS@SCHECHTER" SERIES CONTINUES WITH *REBECCA'S WELL* ON NOV. 4th 10:00-11:30 am

Interactive Jewish theatre & art-based program ideal for children, 2-7-years-old
presented by StorahTelling

Biblical sagas come alive through live music, drumming, puppetry, and timeless legends and lessons for our lives. Following the performance, children will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of arts-and-crafts activities and enjoy a kosher, nut-free snack. Program is free and open to the community.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, Pre-School-8th-Grade

Tuesday, November 13th, 7:00-8:30 pm

Meet the school's exemplary faculty, administration, and students; tour its state-of-the-art facility. Head of School Ruth Gafni and Director of Academic Affairs Danny Jaye (award-winning former Vice Principal at NYC's Stuyvesant HS and former principal of the Bergen County Academies) will discuss the school's inquiry-based approach to learning, innovative and rich General and Judaic studies curriculum and unique values-based social, emotional and ethical program.

SSDS of Bergen County is located at 275 McKinley Avenue, New Milford.

For both events, RSVP to events@ssdsbergen.org

Cheshvan / Kislev 5773

November 2012

November 2012 – Cheshvan – Kislev 5773						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5 </div>				1	2 5:33 pm Candle Lightings 8:30 pm Service	3 Vayera 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu 6:30 pm Sisterhood Progressive Dinner
4 Day Light Savings 9:30 am Minyan 10:30 am History of Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine	5 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	6 7:45 pm Minyan	7 No School	8	9 4:25 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	10 Chayel Sara 9:00 am Nosh & Drash 10:30 am Na'areynu 11:00 am Tot Shabbat Kadima Lock In
11 No School 9:30 am Minyan 10:30 am History of Modern Judaism w/Rabbi Fine Kadima Lock In	12 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	13 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Glen Rock Jewish Center	14 12:30 pm Hazak Man of the Year Dinner in Springfield, NJ	15 Rosh Chodesh 8:00 pm Board Mtg	16 4:19 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	17 Toldot 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu 10:30 am Junior Congregation
Rabbi David Fine - Vacation						
18 9:30 am Minyan Dalet Worksop 3:00 – 5:00 pm Open Mic <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> Rabbi Fine - Vac </div>	19 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	20 6:00 pm Hebrew HS Senior Seminar w/Rabbi Fine 7:30 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ Upper Ridgewood Community Church 7:45 pm Minyan	21 No School	22 Office Closed Thanksgiving	23 4:14 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Family Service	24 Vayetzal 9:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah Raquelle Rothschild 10:30 am Na'areynu
25 No School 9:30 am Minyan	26 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	27 6:00 pm Hebrew HS Senior Seminar w/Rabbi Fine 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Temple Israel	28 6:00 pm Torah Club	29	30 4:11 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	

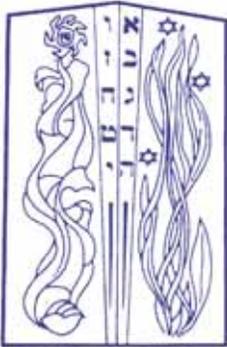
Kislev / Tevet 5773

December 2012

December 2012 – Kislev – Tevet 5773

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Vayshlach 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu 7:00 pm Karaoke Night
2 9:30 am Minyan 7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Group @ the home of Liz Gordon	3 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	4 6:00 pm Hebrew HS Senior Seminar w/Rabbi Fine 7:45 pm Minyan 8:00 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Glen Rock Jewish Center	5 6:00 pm Torah Club	6	7 4:10 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	8 Vayeshev Hanukkah 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu
9 9:30 am Minyan 11:00 am B'nei Mitzvah Parent's Workshop	10 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	11 6:00 pm Hebrew HS Senior Seminar w/Rabbi Fine 7:45 pm Minyan	12 12:30 pm Hazak 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm Board Mtg	13 Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration 8:00 pm The 5 Rabbi's Program at Glen Rock Jewish Center	14 Rosh Chodesh 4:11 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	15 Miktetz 10:30 am Na'areynu
16 9:30 am Minyan Cooking for Shelter 10:30 am Hanukkah Celebration @ Temple Beth Shalom –Fair Lawn	17 7:30 pm Adult B'nei Mitzvah w/Rabbi Litwin 8:15 pm Torah Club for Adults w/Cantor Bromberg	18 Shelter Program 6:00 pm Hebrew HS Senior Seminar w/Rabbi Fine 7:45 pm Minyan	19 6:00 pm Torah Club 8:00 pm School Mtg	20	21 4:14 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	22 9:00 am Service – Nosh & Drash 10:30 am Na'areynu
23 9:30 am Minyan	24	25 Office Closed 7:45 pm Minyan	26	27	28 4:18 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	29 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Na'areynu
Rabbi Litwin - Vacation						
Winter Break – No School						
30 Rabbi Litwin - Vacation Winter Break – No School	31					

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Sunday, November 4th, 10:00am to 10:00pm
The Shops at Riverside

Children's Story Time!
Our Bergen Reads Reading Buddies will be Reading their favorite books
11:00am - 2pm
& 5:00pm - 7pm

Crafts!
Make your own bookmark: 11:00am - 7:00pm
Make a greeting card to give to local organizations serving those in need:
3:00pm - 4:00pm

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