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A Message from Rabbi David Fine

A Special Ways and Means Event for our TIJCC Family

On March 4 we will gather for our annual Ways and Means event. That is always a highlight of the year for me. We spend the evening with friends, enjoying good food and drink, have fun with the party theme, shop for some nice opportunities at the silent auction, flipping through the journal to see the expression of commitment for the synagogue shared by so many, and then dance the night away. I love the evening because it is a celebration, not of a milestone or event, but simply of ourselves. Like how a family sits back at the table over Thanksgiving dinner and appreciates how fortunate we are to have each other, so do we as a community toast to our larger TIJCC family and appreciate how fortunate we are to have each other.

How appropriate it is for us to pause for such an event to appreciate what we have, because a congregation cannot be taken for granted. We are here because of the significant commitment, personal and financial, of our members. Dues never cover the totality of our expenses as we rely on our shared generosity. Participation and support of the Ways and Means event helps us continue to be who we are.

And how appropriate it is that we pause for such an event to honor Joe and Sandy Wechsler and Tina Polen. Just as we can't take a congregation for granted, neither can we take the extraordinary people who make up that congregation for granted. Joe and Sandy and Tina are extraordinary people.



Words from Rabbi Jacob Lieberman

Since I began leading services at RCBI, I have asked our community to include a kavannah, an intention, near the very beginning of the morning service. As an addition to our liturgy, this kavannah comes from the Kabbalists of S'fat. "For the sake of the union of the blessed Holy One with the Shehinah, I stand here, ready in body and mind, to take upon myself the mitzvah, 'You shall love your fellow human being as yourself,' and by this merit may I open up my mouth."

This kavannah serves as a reminder and an anchor to me, and I hope for others. My words, whether in prayer or some other form of speech, are much more effective when they come from a place of love. I am commanded to love others (and I am commanded to love myself). But it is when I move from only love of myself to love for others, that I merit a deeper connection to others in a community that is striving toward Gd and goodness.

Acting on our love for others, is a type of chesed (loving kindness). In Chapter 5, Mishnah 10 of Pirkei Avot we learn: "There are four types of people: One who says, "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine" is a boor. One who says "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is yours"—this is a median characteristic. One who says, "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is yours" is a chasid (pious person). And one who says "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is mine" is wicked." A pious person not only acknowledges others' claims to their property and things, but also willingly shares her own stuff with them. This embodies the principle "love your fellow human being as yourself." Most of us, however, are likely those with the "median characteristic."



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President's Message: Bob Obeiter

I spend a lot of time talking about the TIJCC community, as well as our larger community. Over the last couple of months, we have joined together to celebrate (Hanukkah dinner, fourth annual Ridgewood menorah lighting, interfaith services, Karaoke Night, Cabaret Night and more). We also have come together to help those in our community who lost a loved one. We show our support by attending many shiva minyanim (sometimes two in the same evening) to help in some way to share in our friends' grief. That's what TIJCC is all about.



We have an opportunity coming up on March 4 to celebrate and honor three dear friends of ours. Some may ask, who are Sandy and Joe Wechsler, and why are we honoring them when they have moved away?

It's all about community. You can ask some members, like Evelyn Auerbach, who remembers little Joey Wechsler going to Hebrew school. His parents were active in the shul, as past presidents, as leaders. Joe was a regular at services, at minyans, at Men's Club, and playing congas with the Macabeats and with his band at July 4 parades, parties, softball (and MacMurphy's). He was the big guy who would smile when he saw you and embrace you with warmth. He would also track you down if you had a High Holiday honor.

Sandy appeared on the TI scene twenty-five or so years ago, around the same time that Rita and I did. She quickly became active, bringing her three sons (along with my oldest son) to Temple for services, Hebrew School, BCHSJS (where she joined the board), and to softball. And over time, she and Joe dated, and married. It was truly a marriage made at Temple Israel.

Sandy, while best known for her love of TI and ability to never say no to any request, is also acknowledged for tutoring so many of our Hebrew school-age kids. As a professional, she worked with kids with special needs. She, too, was active in Sisterhood—happy to try belly dancing and to dive in at pool parties and most everything else.

And who is Tina Polen? Tina is the unofficial greeter for anyone coming to Friday night services. She shovels the snow so our members won't slip. She sets up the Kiddush room for classes and the social hall for Kiddush, and perhaps most important, she watches over our children whenever and wherever they are in the building. She keeps our children safe and she makes sure that the adults behave. Tina sees all and knows all!

Sandy, Joe and Tina represent the true fabric of our community. While it was a sad day when Sandy and Joe moved to Arizona a year and a half ago, they visit often. And soon we get to honor them and Tina at our annual Ways and Means gala.

Many people try to step up and do what Sandy and Joe did and what Tina does for our community but the three of them have big shoes and hearts; very rarely do you have people who are so involved in so many capacities. Please honor them with your presence at our gala on March 4. This is another great opportunity for our community to come together, have fun and show our love to our honorees.



SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

Vashti's Feast

Sisterhood's calendar is filled with many fun events this winter and spring. Most exciting will be our annual **Vashti's Feast** on **Thursday, March 9**, at 7:30 p.m. This fun kickoff to Purim commemorates the feast that Queen Vashti celebrated for the women of the court in the first chapter of the Book of Esther. Come eat, drink, dance, and maybe be pampered a little with henna painting and free massages! Come in costume (or not). You'll have a lot of fun.



Ongoing Activities

Mah Jongg and More: first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Join us on March 1, April 3, and May 5. Play mah jongg, learn to play, or just schmooze (and enjoy the wine and chocolate!).

Yoga: every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with a professional teacher. All experience levels welcome. Cost: \$40 per month or \$15 per individual session. This is a great opportunity for men and women who are new to yoga to try it out, or for experienced yogis to get in additional practice time. Questions? Contact Debbie Cantor at debbiecantor@optonline.net.

Passover Boutique: shop Sisterhood's gift shop for your Passover hostess needs. The shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on these Sundays: March 19, March 26, and April 2.

Kippot orders: Order kippot for your simchas through Sisterhood by contacting Carla Vogel at cbuchalter@optonline.net.

Sisterhood Shabbat

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Sisterhood Shabbat such a special day: to Stephanie Gottesman and Tricia Schreiber for organizing the service and to all the women who participated; to Arlene Bernhardt and Alla Fine for planning and organizing the kiddush from Signature Caterers; to Tina Polen and Jose Serna for their help and support; to Maureen Nassan for helping with the program and taking care of us; to Gila Melamed for designing the program cover; and a very special thank you to Frankie Bordowitz for crocheting our Sisterhood Shabbat kippot.

Joe Wechsler was a fixture of Temple Israel until he and Sandy moved to Arizona over a year ago. He had his bar mitzvah here. His father was president here. He was the guy who knew where everyone was and when you needed to be here instead of there on the high holidays. He was the Temple softball team coach. His remains the smiling face of joy that greets anyone who enters a synagogue where he prays. I remember that when I came to interview at Temple Israel about eight years ago, I was met by a tall fellow with a very long beard who was so excited to discover that I was a Jets fan and a season ticket holder. Shared sorrows are the seeds of true understanding. Joe, through his presence in a community, whether it be synagogue, Men's Club, softball, or just floating through town on the Fourth of July, teaches us what it means to have a broader family.

Sandy Wechsler is one of those people who becomes an honorary grandmother to your children after a minute of conversation. Her caring, devotion, and genuine interest make her such a wonderful teacher to all the children she has helped. Understanding that Jewish education only begins at bar/bat mitzvah, Sandy served as president and a long-time board member of the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, where so many of our children have continued their Jewish education. And then Sandy always has a comment or insight at any adult Torah discussion. She continues to teach us that Torah is an endless source of nourishment.

My children actually refer to Tina Polen as "Grandma Tina." She has watched (and helped) so many of our kids grow as they pass through our halls. Tina is the one to keep the kids in line, even as she conspires with them to have a little fun while the parents aren't looking. But Tina is also there on Friday nights to make the minyan. While not one of the ten, Tina's regular attendance and familiarity with the liturgy puts her at the top of the list. When she prays with us I know God would not dare not to listen.

The foundation of any community is its people. I am grateful for us. Let's celebrate on March 4.

Learn More about Triennial Torah Reading

Temple Israel will be holding open discussions about adopting triennial Torah readings at the oneg on **Friday night, March 17**, and the kiddush on **Saturday afternoon, March 18**.

Rabbi Fine will briefly explain the mechanics and implications of the triennial Torah reading format. David Millman will explain the rationale for recommending its use at Temple Israel and propose a trial strategy. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come, learn more, and voice an opinion.

When I began to study Mussar (a branch of Jewish thought and practice that focuses on character development), my teacher, Rabbi Ira Stone, taught that for most of us we will work hard just to become tsaddikim (righteous ones). To be a chasid is a higher level of spiritual achievement that fewer of us will reach. But, we should not be persuaded. It would be enough just to be a tsaddik or tsaddek.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Lefin of Satanov, a Mussar master, writes about tsedek in his book Chesbon haNefesh: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor." This should remind us of the pasuk from Leviticus 19:18 that the Kabbalists included in the kavannah I wrote about above. It should also remind us of Hillel's teaching the infamous student who first approached Shammai and then Hillel, demanding to learn all of Torah while standing on one foot.

There is a reason this paraphrase of the commandment from Leviticus is inverted, for the person who approached Hillel and Shammai as well as for the student of Mussar and the one who wishes to learn how to be more righteous in this world. It may be easier for us to refrain from doing that which is hateful, than it would be to do that which we love for another. In other words, through the lens of the Mishnah in Pirkei Avot. It's much easier for us to say "what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours," than to take what is mine and make it yours. Nonetheless, we must aspire to behave in the world with that level of generosity.

But how do we get there? We must cultivate such a deep awareness of the needs, experiences, and hopes of another that we can truly feel his/her suffering. Rav Simcha Zissel in Hokhmah U-Mussar, writes: "We learn from this [study of tsedek] an essential insight regarding the education of a person: namely, that it is impossible to come to feel the suffering of the other, to carry another's burden, except by creating an internal perception so that the trouble, the pain, the suffering of the other (God forbid!) were one's own pain. Therefore, all that we would expect one to do to bear one's own pain, we ask for one to do for the other."

When we come to experience another's pain as our own, then we learn not to do that which is hateful to our neighbor. This is what it means to become a tsaddik or tsaddek. We can also try to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that is the path of the chasid or chasidah. So why isn't the Kabbalists' kavannah that we find in our liturgy written according to the words of Hillel instead of according to the words of Leviticus? Because, it's better to aim high than to aim low.

MUSICAL NOTES

3rd Annual Cabaret Night on January 21 was a hit!

Over 150 people packed the social hall for Temple Israel's third annual Cabaret Night, a great evening of live entertainment, delicious food and beverages, music, dancing, story-telling, jokes, and fun! Ten marvelous acts, four from the larger community, entertained the appreciative audience:

- Barnert Temple Brass Ensemble
- Ridgewood Bollywood Dancers
- North Jersey Vocal Ensemble
- Glen Rock Jewish Center's *Macaroon Five* Rock Band



Temple Israel members also shared their talents:

- Di Fir Kashes* (The Fire Catchers) Rock, Folk and Blues Group: Marc Cantor, guitar; Wayne Miller, drums; Allan Weissman, guitar; and Debbie Cantor, flute
- Pamela Grant, storyteller
- Dr. Barry Freeman, the *Polymorphic Professor*
- Dr. Tamara Freeman, klezmer violinist
- Ariel Fine, our surprise guest artist who rapped a scene from *Hamilton*
- Ariana Gates, singer and songwriter from RCBI

Special thanks and kudos to Marc Cantor and Iven Rothenberg for chairing the event. The music committee pulled out all the stops to make it really wonderful! Marc was a terrific master of ceremonies. Bruce Thaler did a fantastic job with publicity and helping to produce the show. Anne Wolf and Nanette Rosenbaum organized a gourmet buffet table of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Jo Rosen, the *Candid Eye*, took delightful pictures. Additional music committee members shared many hours of hard work and talent: Elaine Silverstein, Debbie Cantor, Bob Dworkin, Harlan Rosenthal, and Tamara Freeman. Deanna Rothenberg provided terrific decor suggestions.



Everyone enjoyed a colorful array of sumptuous appetizers and desserts.
Photos: Jo Rosen Photography



Ariel Fine rapped some *Hamilton*; singer Ariana Gates took a moment for her proud mom, Caryn Starr-Gates and Rabbi Lieberman to kvell.

Musical Shabbatot

The bimah band will enhance our Kabbalat Shabbatot on **April 7 and May 5**. On **May 12**, singer and songwriter Amichai Margolis will lead our worship. Shabbatot Under the Summer Sky will be on **June 30 and July 21**.

Classical Concert "Music Around the World" on Sunday, May 7, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Annette Lieb, flute

Mike Lemma, guitar

Clarinet quartet featuring artists from Bergen County: John Centenaro, Marci Phelan, Naomi Freshwater, and Jean Roughgarden.

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More from Cabaret Night



Top left: Barnert Brass players.

Bottom: Evelyn Auerbach was having a great time at Cabaret Night, as were Abbie and David Klein.

The Ridgewood Bollywood Dancers performed several numbers and attendees danced to tunes from Macaroon 5.



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Jo Rosen Photography



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Lecture Series with Rabbi Fine Continues: “Passionate Centrism,” Based on His New Book

In *Passionate Centrism: One Rabbi’s Judaism*, (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 2015), Rabbi Fine shares his theology, exploring issues of Jewish law that affect contemporary life, crafted from years of writing and editing responsa for the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and experience in the pulpit. Among these are keeping kosher, driving to synagogue on Shabbat, music on Shabbat, liturgical changes, egalitarianism and same-sex marriage. With his historian’s perspective on context and how legal interpretation has evolved through the ages and his always-lively presentation, Rabbi Fine will help us reflect on the Conservative movement’s meaning and relevance for our time. Up-to-date information about the class schedule is online at www.synagogue.org/calendar/.

Rabbi Fine’s Tuesday Evening Talmud Class is Back — Join this Lively Study Group!

Come study Tractate Berachot, learning the laws of prayer along with a wealth of material on rabbinic theology. We use the new user-friendly Steinsaltz edition, in an informal, interactive seminar-style class. All levels welcome; no Hebrew reading facility required, and you can jump in any time! Upcoming class dates: March 7, 14, 28; April 4, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

Friday / Saturday, March 31 & April 1: Adele Rebell Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat

Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer, Professor of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages at JTS, and author of the book *Revelation and Authority: Sinai in Jewish Scripture and Tradition* (Yale University Press, 2015) will be our scholar-in-residence. Dr. Sommer’s latest volume is a study of biblical theology and modern Jewish thought, describing the ways biblical authors and contemporary theologians alike understand the process of revelation and hence the authority of the law. Our scholar-in-residence is also the brother of long-time Temple Israel member, Bob Sommer.

Details regarding Dr. Sommer’s presentation, Shabbat dinner, and Kiddush lunch are still in the planning stage. Check *TI-JCC Tidbits* and www.synagogue.org for the latest information.

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Brandeis Men's Club

Join us! Brandeis Men's Club meets at 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of most months. (For updates check *Tidbits* or the Men's Club pages on the Temple Israel website.)

Pasta and a capella music. The annual family pasta dinner and fundraiser was held on Sunday, January 29; contributions helped to support a local Hillel chapter. Tizmoret, a Queens College a capella group sponsored by Hillel, conveyed their youthful spirit in a rousing show for 65 temple members and guests. The kids were great. The evening was salve to this winter season with lovely music making, friendly conversation, and a most convivial cooking collaboration, which will appear unexpurgated on the new reality show *Tall and Short Jewish Chefs*. Special thanks to our chefs: Bob and Risa Rohrberger, Sue Hill, Les Birnbaum, Joe Freeland, David Millman, Bob Dworkin, Joe Landau and to Jose Serna and Tina Polen. *Let's do it again next year.*



More food. We're getting ready for our Purim Carnival, Lag B'Omer BBQ, and Yom Ha'atzma'ut Hotdog Fest to fete those cute Hebrew school kids. *Help us out!*

Health education breakfasts continue.

2017 Raffle. Tickets will be drawn soon and winners will be announced at the Ways and Means Dinner. Raffle books are still available. *Help us make this year a record fund-raiser. Stay tuned.*

Men's Club Shabbat—It's Special. Hold the date: **Saturday March 25.** Every Saturday during the year Jews all over the world celebrate Shabbat. At TI-JCC we also have our own special Shabbatot: Youth Shabbat, Sisterhood Shabbat, Torah Club Shabbat and Tot Shabbats. What makes the Men's Club Shabbat stand out? It celebrates the very foundation of Temple Israel in Ridgewood. After all, the Men's Club came before Temple Israel ever existed. Please attend with your families and friends and help us keep alive the very founding of our synagogue by a group of Jewish men in a village that was not very welcoming to Jews in that day and age.

MOY Breakfast. Join us on **Sunday, March 26**, to honor Bob "what a mensch" Dworkin and to find out what makes the man tick.

Devil's Hockey Game. Keep your eye out for our plans to join our regional men's club federation at a Devil's hockey game on **March 5.**

Bike Rides. Check *Tidbits* for dates to join organized Bike rides with temple friends.

Bob Dworkin, our Man of the Year



I came across an interview with author Daniel Handler (Lemony Snicket) who was asked about his childhood. He said, "Observant is sort of a comparative term. We didn't have a kosher kitchen. It was a sort of typical Jewish household that hovered between Reform and Conservative Judaism. All major holidays and rituals were kept up but we occasionally lapsed on Sukkot and could never remember what Sh'mini Atzeret was for." Join Brandeis Men's Club to remember the holidays and make them meaningful for our kids and ourselves.

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BMC Calendar (Feb.-May 2017)

DATES		EVENTS
Sat, Mar 4	9:00 p.m.	Raffle Ticket Drawing—Ways & Means
Sun, Mar 5	evening	NNJR Hockey Devils Night
Sun, Mar 12	6:00 p.m.	Purim Carnival
Sat, Mar 25	9:00 a.m.	Men's Club Shabbat
Sun, Mar 26	10:30 a.m.	MOY Breakfast Roast & Ceremony
Wed, May 3	5:30 p.m.	YomHa'atzma'ut_BBQ
Sun, May 14	11 a.m.	Lag B'Omer BBQ

Membership

On December 25, 2016, a miracle happened. Over 200 people gathered at Temple Israel to light the first Hanukkah candle, play dreidel, eat Chinese food and jelly donuts, and have fun. Adults and kids alike enjoyed the holiday with old friends and new ones. I still smile thinking back on that crowd of little ones watching *Happy Feet* and that fantastic group of older kids gathering their own donuts and soda for their party in the library. A building full of children and bellies full of food made for a wonderful start to the holiday season. Check out some of the pictures of our happy participants.



This is community. This is celebrating together. It felt good to celebrate Hanukkah with so many fellow Jews, while everywhere else in town another holiday was being observed. It felt good to know there were so many of us celebrating together and bringing light into our lives.



Thank you to Brian Della Torre, Judy Baslaw, Joe Freeland, and our communications team, Caryn Starr-Gates, Vivian Davis, and Maureen Nassan, for organizing the successful evening. Thank you also to the Puritz Endowment Fund and to an anonymous donor for donating the silver dollars and for underwriting the food expenses.

Jo Rosen, Membership Chair
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thirty-six / 24 **an activist *beit midrash* for Jewish learning and social justice**

As Jews, we believe Jewish learning and social justice work are among our most sacred values. Many of us want to learn and make justice work a part of our lives but feel that we just don't have time. Our lives are jammed up with competing priorities. Meaningful and effective participation feels out of reach.

Enter **thirty-six / 24**, an activist *beit midrash* where Jewish learning and social justice come together in Jewish community for sustainable and holy practice. Run in one-hour segments, **thirty-six / 24** allows participants to make a modest but achievable commitment to learning and justice work. During each hour, participants will spend **36 minutes on activism** (one for each exhortation in the Torah not to oppress the stranger) and **24 minutes on Torah study** (one for each hour in the day were we to study day and night.)

Jewish learning for **thirty-six / 24** amplifies important social, civic and justice issues in our tradition. We will use traditional texts such as Torah, Mishnah and Talmud, as well as more modern books written about Jewish social justice and oral histories.

Save the Dates!
first Thursdays
March 2nd, 2017
April 6th, 2017
May 4th, 2017
June 8th, 2017 (2nd Thursday)
(February 2 session to be rescheduled)
7:00pm to 8:00pm
refreshments provided

thirty-six / 24 is a project of Rabbi Jacob Lieberman, Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Israel & JCC. To RSVP or for more information, contact R' Jacob at jlieberman@synagogue.org.



HAZAK

Everyone ages 55 and up is invited to become a member of the synagogue's Hazak group for older adults. Hazak is an acronym for the Hebrew words *hokhmah*, *zikhah*, and *kadimah*, which mean *wisdom*, *maturity*, and *looking ahead*.

Hazak offers synagogue members social and spiritually-oriented programs. The dues are \$15 per person. We ask you to join us and help direct Hazak's programs to bring further enjoyment of senior-year experiences. We have a lot to offer our synagogue and each other!

The Tikkun Olam committee consists of members of both TI and RCBI who work together to try to repair the world. Our efforts focus on helping people in our community who are poor and homeless and on raising awareness about important national issues. New committee members are welcome: contact co-chairs Bob Rohrberger (rrohrberger@foxrothschild.com) or Elaine Silverstein (elasil@optonline.net) for more information. This spring we'll focus on our regular activities of feeding the homeless and collecting blood donations, and we'll present some special programs focusing on people with disabilities and battered women.

Family Promise Walk-In Dinners

Four times each year, our synagogue community cooks, delivers, and serves dinner at the Family Promise of Bergen County walk-in dinner program in Hackensack. Our winter/spring serving dates are February 14 and April 24. Typically we serve 120 people a hot and hearty dinner. This large-scale endeavor is possible through the leadership of Sue Hill and Nadine Genet and the continued efforts of a large group of volunteers who donate food and prepare and serve the meals.

Focus on JNF: March 5, 10:30 a.m.

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has dedicated the month of March to people with disabilities and special needs. In honor of this, we will present a special program by Yossi Kahana, Director of the JNF Special Needs Task Force. Yossi will share the variety of cutting-edge initiatives that JNF provides through rehabilitative services, special education, medical care, army service, and recreational facilities to promote accessibility and empowerment to people with special needs.

InterFaith Blood Drive, April 2, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Tikkun Olam will sponsor the semiannual Blood Drive, held jointly with St. Elizabeth's Church. Contact Jerry Birenz at JerzykB@aol.com for an appointment to donate whole blood, red cells, or platelets.

Mother's Day Dinner for Center for Hope and Safety

Each Mother's Day, with the help of Sisterhood members, we cook a festive meal for residents of the Center for Hope and Safety (CHS) shelter in Teaneck. CHS helps women and children escape the cycle of violence. If you would like to prepare a main dish, side dish, or dessert, please contact Sue Coleman (suecoleman@optonline.net).

2016 Hanukkah Toy Drive

We participated in the Bergen County Hanukkah Toy Drive. Our youth groups collected a vanful of toys that were distributed to 18 charities in the area.

NNJJA News

One of the highlights of NNJJA is our **Tarbut (culture)** program. During this period each Sunday morning, our students enjoy learning through an interactive activity. In addition to the music and cooking activities of previous years, we have added Krav Maga (Israeli martial arts), the Israeli game GaGa, and several special programs. Our students look forward to this period, which gives them a chance to highlight their talents. Recent Tarbut programs included an Iron Chef cholent cooking contest to enrich our older grades' study of Jewish immigration to America, and creation of a Joseph's coat of many colors made from graham crackers, icing, and jelly beans to reinforce the younger grades' study of that Bible story. Upcoming Tarbut programs include a Tu B'shevat seder and the always popular chocolate seder, in addition to more sessions of Krav Maga and GaGa.

ATID, our Saturday morning family education program with joint activities for students and parents, is based this year on the theme of learning unique aspects of the history and traditions of our holidays. Our first program in October was centered on Sukkot through the ages. On March 18 we will learn about and participate in the custom of Maimouna. (We look forward to discovering how many parents have ever participated in a Maimouna celebration.) Our final Saturday morning family-education program will teach about Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel Independence Day, on Saturday, May 13. *Please mark your calendars now for these events.*



This year we began **Prayer-Palooza**, a program to make the learning of tefillah and student-led prayer services more enjoyable. (Palooza is a modern term defined as an exaggerated or crazy time.) The program assigns a special location or theme to certain services during the school year. In addition to leading assigned prayers, students also participate in Prayer-Palooza activities, which this year all contain words beginning with the letter *P*.

NNJJA Prayer-Palooza

October 2016	Prayer in the Pumpkin Patch
December 2016	Pokemon Prayer Service
February 2017	Praying for our Planet
March 2017	Prayer Parody for Purim
April 2017	Prayer in the Planetarium
May 2017	Prayer in the Pool

Recent Activities

Our annual **Hanukkah celebration** included an interactive presentation by Drum Tales about the history of the holiday (in keeping with this year's ATID theme). We also created a giant mural of a hanukkiah. The program was attended by over 100 people, including many guests.

Our **first NNJJA Shabbat service and dinner, Pokemon Shabbat**, was a great success. Students and adults enjoyed wonderful student presentations about how the powers of a chosen Pokemon could be used to make our world a better place. The students led the prayers and shared posters they made illustrating a mitzvah that the Pokemon could do. During dinner, the students searched for the NNJJA Pokemon in the room; if they answered correctly a question related to a Jewish concept that the Pokemon shared, they received a valuable first-edition NNJJA Pokemon card with newly released Pokemon such as Mewtina, Blastjose, and Mauroswine. The evening concluded with Pokeball cookies for dessert.

A trip to the **Lower East Side of New York** for our students studying Jewish-American immigration included a visit to the Tenement Museum and participation in a program at the Lower East Side Conservancy. We visited the Levine family's garment workshop and the Rogarshevsky's Sabbath table at the turn of the century. We also role-played A Day in the Life of an Immigrant Child. Our day included visits to the magnificent Bialystoker Synagogue, Henry Street Settlement, Shteibl Row, Seward Park, and tastes of the Lower East Side. We thank the Brandeis Men's Club for sponsoring this trip.

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Prayer-Palooza continued with **Praying for Our Planet**, our second NNJA Shabbat service and dinner, which took place on Friday, February 10. Students in all NNJA grades led prayers and taught us a bit about Judaism and the environment, since this Shabbat fell close to our celebration of Tu B'shevat. Interactive activities allowed students and parents to learn more about how we fulfill our obligation to be *shomrei adamah*, caretakers of our world (adults and children again learned something new together about a Jewish holiday in keeping with this year's ATID theme).

The upcoming months will have more fun and creative programming

Our Gimmel class, which is studying the Jewish life cycle, will be visiting a mikvah and a funeral home and prepare for the annual Gimmel class wedding. We eagerly await learning who will be this year's bride and groom.

NNJA's Prayer Parody for Purim (which will include a Megillah reading and many exciting activities), another Prayer-Palooza program, will take place on **Sunday, March 12**.

The end of the year will have additional new and exciting events for both NNJA students and their families. *The entire Temple Israel community is warmly invited to participated with NNJA in any of these activities.*

I once again ask you to invite your neighbors and friends to come sample NNJA. My goal remains to make Jewish learning a fun and positive experience for all our young people.

Warmly,
Rabbi Estelle



Synagogue Communications – it's Everywhere you Look

At Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center, we give our members and friends many places and ways to get our information, catch the latest updates, and stay in touch with our community.

- ◆ Our website—www.synagogue.org—was completely overhauled last year and is chock full of information about our various programs and areas for engagement, and the online calendar is updated every week with events for all our committees and groups. Have you looked at it yet? There are pages about all aspects of spiritual life, communal life, religious school, adult education, leadership, clergy, and both congregations. We also have a page for photo galleries from events.
- ◆ You can always stay abreast of synagogue and NNJA events as well on the monthly calendar, and upcoming events are featured on the Home page. Check there often; click on Calendar and you'll see what's happening month by month. You can also browse by group or activity from a dropdown menu; the event categories are color-coded for your convenience. To go back or ahead by month, look for the very small arrows above the monthly calendar on the left to view other months.
- ◆ Can't find your copy of Temple Talk? No worries. PDF versions of Temple Talk are posted to the website so you can always read the current or a past version there. Go to About Us > Publications > Temple Talk.
- ◆ Our weekly Tidbits email contains a lot of what is on the online calendar as well as more "breaking news." We are working on reformatting it so it looks and reads better, with top-line info and links to relevant event or page links on the website or to other organizations. Please be patient as we iron out the layout!
- ◆ Are you on Facebook? If you are, then please go over to the Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center page and the Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel page and like them both. Check there often for TI happenings, pictures, articles of interest, and our colorful event fliers. Feel free to share the information with your Facebook friends so we can build attendance at our cultural, educational, and social events.



Youth Groups

El Al

Fourth and Fifth Graders

Mark your calendars! Join EL AL for **lunch and fun**
Sundays from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
March 5, March 26, April 23, and May 21

For more information, contact El Al Advisor Rochelle
at youth@synagogue.org.

FLIPPER Kadima for middle schoolers

March 4: Eighth Graders Almost Lock-in! Join USY at
Fair Lawn Jewish Center from 7-9 p.m.

March 26: Chocolate Seder. We'll be getting ready
for the Passover seder with our special chocolate
version!



April 2: FunPlex Trip.
Come fly with us!

April 23: Lounge Time.
Come hang out with Kadima at one of our chapter
synagogues. Food, games and more!

Contact FLIPPER Kadima Advisor Shira Goldstein
at sgoldstein621@gmail.com for more information.

FLIPPER USY for high schoolers

March 3-5: Synagogue Lock-in! Join us at Fair Lawn
Jewish Center from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 a.m. Food, fun
and more.

April 2: Chocolate Seder. A chocolate extravaganza
at Temple Beth Sholom .

May 21: Save the Date! Event to be determined.
What do you want to do?

June 4: Pool Party.

Questions? Contact USY
co-president Mollie
Bakal at
molliebakal@gmail.com.



Our B'yachad family bowling party was fun for everyone.



HAGALIL

Join with other students from northern and central
New Jersey for fun regional activities.

Hagalil Kadima

Sunday, March 5: Kadima Day. An afternoon of fun with a
wild and wacky game show, trivia contest, video games,
dance party, food, friends. and more.

March 17-18: Eighth grade Shabbaton. It's time to get
excited about USY!

April 2: Rollerama. Join regional friends for roller skating.

May 19-21: Spring Convention. Catch up with your
regional friends and make new ones. Spend Shabbat with
Kadima, followed by a dance and more.

Hagalil USY

March 25-26: Dance Marathon. Spend the night dancing!

April 28-30: Spring Convention. A weekend of nonstop
fun.

May 13: Closing Dance. Catch up with your regional
friends.



B'Yachad

B'yachad has been having a great winter so far! We had a
wonderful latke-themed potluck dinner just before
Hanukkah. Thank you so much to Jen and Scott Leiman for
opening their home to host this event. The adults were
able to enjoy some food, drink and good conversation
while the kids were entertained with a movie.

We also had a great time at family bowling in January. The
scores weren't very high, but we had fun nonetheless.

One exciting new addition to our young-family group is
the B'yachad Book Club. Anna Vladi is going to head this
up. She plans on the group reading one book a month
chosen by vote (books are pulled from various best seller
lists) and meeting at a restaurant/lounge for discussion
over food and drinks. If you're interested or want more
information, email her at anna_vladi@hotmail.com. Thank
you to Anna for taking the lead on this .

As always, watch your email for news on upcoming
B'yachad events!

Erin Lindenberg, erinlindenberg@hotmail.com

Temple Israel Ways & Means Committee

LAST CALL: DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

We're Having a Party!
Saturday, March 4, 2017
7:30 PM

Temple Israel & JCC

Join us in honoring
Sandy & Joe Wechsler and Tina Polen

Still want to take out an ad in the 2017 Journal?

Contact: waysandmeansdinner@gmail.com or see form on next page

Have a last-minute silent auction item to donate?

Contact: waysandmeansdinner@gmail.com

Still didn't RSVP?

Contact: Maureen in the office

Phone (201) 444-9320 or email mnassan@synagogue.org

Don't miss out on the fun!



Temple Israel
and Jewish Community Center

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Checks payable to "Temple Israel"
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Thank you for your generous support!

Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center *475 Grove Street* Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Brandeis Men's Club 2017 Raffle

Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center
475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, N.J. 07450

50/50

This is a 50/50 cash raffle.
The winner will receive
50% of all proceeds received
for all tickets sold.

Drawing will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017
At Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center
475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
at approximately 9:00 pm

You do not need to attend the drawing. You will be notified
by mail or phone if you win.

This is a non-profit organization. Proceeds collected are for the general
operating funds of Temple Israel, Brandeis Men's Club. No substitution
of the offered prizes may be made.

\$10.00 per ticket / \$50 per book of 6 tickets
LIC# 420-2-18012 - RLR 690

***Hurry while there's still time
to participate in the Men's
Club 50/50 raffle! We'll
announce the winner at our
Ways and Means dinner on
March 4.***



HAGALIL ENCAMPMENT - THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER! AUGUST 20-27

Encampment for Kadima (current fifth to seventh graders) and USY (current eighth to eleventh graders) is everything one would experience at summer sleepaway camp in seven special days! Meet Jewish teens from across central and northern New Jersey, build a network of friends and share experiences with new friends that will make you look forward to Kadima and USY regional activities throughout the year. USY is the Conservative movement's teen-led program and Encampment is a great way to get involved and enhance your leadership skills before the new school year, bringing back to the chapter great experiences and programming ideas.



While the USY and Kadima programs are in separate parts of the camp, both sleep in bunks with indoor plumbing (including showers) and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, color war, and social action programs, as well as several educational classes during the week geared to age and interest. Youth-led religious services are held during the day at a variety of locations and with varying emphases. It is a highly subsidized program; last year the all-inclusive week of camp with bus transportation from Ridgewood, all programs, a t-shirt and more fun than you can imagine was only \$499. More information about this year's Encampment will be available in May.

For more information about any youth programs, contact TI-JCC Youth Chair Stacy Heit at sleeheit@yahoo.com.

IT'S TIME TO SEND PURIM GREETINGS!



Don't miss the opportunity to join in the celebration of the miracle of Purim by sending small gifts of noshes to friends and family – Mishloach Manot. It's a fun mitzvah – Be part of the revelry!!!!

Below and on the following page is a list of Temple Israel and RCBI member families, non-member school families, staff and NNJA teachers. Please circle the names of those to whom you would like to send Purim greetings. Or you can choose to send to the entire congregation – including the clergy, staff and NNJA teachers – **for \$180. Please remember that all proceeds support the education of our children at Temple Israel.**

We will deliver Mishloach Manot to the following towns: Fair Lawn, Franklin Lakes, Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park, Paramus, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Saddle River, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Westwood, and Wyckoff. Bags for those living outside of these towns must be picked up by you. While NO BAGS CAN BE MAILED due to prohibitive mailing costs, Temple Israel or RCBI members who reside outside of Bergen County will receive their Purim greetings.

Mishloach Manot will be available for **pick up on Sunday, March 12th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Deliveries will be made by the students between March 12th and March 16th.

Name as it should appear on the Mishloach Manot letter: _____
 Please send my greetings to the entire Synagogue Membership \$ 180

Please send my greetings to those circled on the form Total # _____ @ \$8 each \$ _____

Please send Mishloach Manot to non-listed friends and family Total # _____ @ \$12 each \$ _____
 (Addresses for delivery in the towns listed MUST be attached or bags must be picked up on March 1)

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail this form and the attached list along with your check, payable to Temple Israel
no later than Thursday, March 2, 2017
 Temple Israel, Mishloach Manot, 475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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| AGINS, SCOTT & AUDREY MEYERS | BARUCH, YIGAL & NAOMI | BUSCH, RENEE | DOLIN, DAVID & HOPE SINGER |
| ALBARELLA, DIANE | BASLAW, SCOTT & JOAN | BUTENSKY, DEBRA | DWORKIN, BOB |
| ALBESCU, SONIA | BAUCH, DANIEL & JOANNE | CANTOR, MARC & DEBRA | EFRAT, AVIA & ANAT |
| ALTMAN, ROZ | BAYNER, JESSICA | CAPLAN, MITCHELL & CARYN | EISEN, LEONARD & BARBARA |
| AMBROSIUS, MICHAELA | BERKOWITZ, CHARLES & RACHEL | GOODMAN | EISENBERG, HARRY & DEBORAH |
| AMOS, ALBERT & TAMARA | BERNHARDT, MARC & ARLENE | CARUSO, STEPHEN & DEBRA | ELFANT, MARK & WENDY SCHOFIELD |
| AMSTERDAM, SUSAN | BIRENBAUM, LESTER & SUE HILL | COAKLEY, RACHEL | ELIAHOV, ELIE & CELINE |
| ANTEBI HENRI & KIM | BIXON, GARY & PHYLLIS | COHEN, RANDY & HEATHER | ELLING, MIMI |
| ARBEIT, ANDREW & JENNIFER | BOBER, BERNARD & JANET | COLEMAN, GENE & SUSAN | ENGLE, HOWARD & TRUDE |
| ARONEANU, ANDREI & CORINA | BORDONARO, BRUCE & JANICE | CORNELL, EUGENE & SUSAN MAYO | EPSTEIN, NORMAN & SHIRLEY |
| ARONSOHN, PAUL & MARIE | BORDOWITZ, ELI & FRANKIE | COX, DAVID & ARLENE | EZRAPOUR, LINDA |
| ATIYA, YOSEF & STACIE GEFFNER | BORTINGER, ARIE & NANCY | DAVIS, ABE & LINDA | FALCO, FRANK & DARA |
| AUERBACH, EVELYN | BRANDENBURG, IRA & ANNE WOLF | DAVIS, VIVIAN | FELDMAN, BETTE |
| AUSTEIN, JOSHUA & EMILY | BRESSLER, ARTHUR & IRENE | DELLA TORRE, BRIAN & MARCY | FELS, RICHARD & CARLA |
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| BARTLETT, JONATHAN & JULIA | BROWN, LEIGH & NADINE GENET | DOBKINS, EVAN & CHRISTINE | FLEISCHMAN, CHARLES & ROBERTA |

Circle the names of those TI-JCC members, staff, NNJA faculty, and non-member school families to whom you wish to send Purim greetings and a bag of goodies.

FLEISS, MICHAEL & VICKI
 FLICKER, KEITH & JOAN
 FORSTOT, JONATHAN & ROCHELLE
 FRANK, NEIL & SHELLY KOHEN
 FRANK, STEVE & SHERRY
 FREED, ARTHUR & BETH
 FREEDLAND, JOE & JUDY BASLAW
 FREEMAN, BARRY & TAMARA
 GLICK, JUDY
 GLUCK, JEFF & HAYLEY
 GOLDBERG, BETH
 GOLDBERG, BARRY & JOAN
 GOLDFARB, JAMES & ALYSON YASHAR
 GOLDSTEIN, SHELLY & SUSIE
 GOODFRIEND, ROBERT
 GRAIFMAN, GARY & DEBORAH
 GRANT, PAMELA
 GREEN, SUSAN
 GROSSBARD, LARRY
 GROSSMAN, SETH & LIZ
 GROSSMAN, STEVEN & MALLORY
 GRUBER, MARTIN & ELLIE
 GRUNAT, JOSHUA & JACLYN CALEM
 HABER, MANNY & SHARI
 HALENAR, JOHN & BARBARA
 HALPERN, STEPHEN & RACHEL
 HALPERN, RITA
 HAR-ZVI, RON & KATE MOWLEM
 HEIT, STUART & STACY
 HERZBERG, WALTER & MIRIAM
 HIRSCH, HARRIS & SANDRA
 HOLDEN, FRED
 HOLDEN, JOSHUA & SUZANNE
 HOROWITZ, DONALD & ROSALIND
 IDELCHIK, SEMYON & CELIA
 JACOB, LEONARD & SUSAN
 JACOBS, ALEX & DEBORAH
 KAHAN, NAOMI
 KANEN, ROBERT & ROBIN
 KASSNER, GERDA
 KATZ, HELEN
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 KIRSHNER, ELI
 KLEIN, DAVID & ABBIE
 KLEIN, ERIC & HEDY
 KOCHMAR, NATALIE
 KOGAN, LUBA
 KORNBLOT, STEVEN & SUSAN
 KORNBLOM, BARRY & ANNE
 KOTEK, FREDDIE & BETH
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 LABELL, PAUL & FRANCES
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 LANG, ARNOLD & BEVERLY
 LEIDER, JASON & JOLINDA
 LEIMAN, SCOTT & JENNIFER
 LERNER, BORIS & ELINA
 LEVENE, LOUISE & ELYSE
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 LIPKOVITZ, MARK
 LIPSKY, DAVID & DANIELLE
 LISTER, STEPHEN & CAROL
 MARCYES, THOMAS & SYLVIA FLESCHER
 MARGULIES, JAMES & MARTHA
 MATTHEWS, ALYSSA
 MATZA, ILENE
 MELAMED, ELAN & GILA
 MELTZER, JEFFREY & LAURIE
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 MILLMAN, DAVID
 MOSCOWITZ, GLEN & JACQUELINE CRANE
 MOSENKIS, DAN & SHARON
 MULLER, ROBERT & MELONY
 NACHAJON, ROBERTO & RAQUEL BURLAC
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 PLOTNICK, MURRAY & FLORENCE
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 SMOLEN, ROBERT & BARBARA SCHNEIDER
 SOLOMON, LORI
 SOMMER, ROBERT & MARJORIE
 SPAR, IRA & REBECCA
 SPIRA, SEYMOUR & JEANETTE
 SPRINGER, MARTIN & JULIE GOLDBERG
 STARR-GATES, CARYN
 STEINBERG, ERIC & MANDY
 STRACHMAN, HOWARD & NAOMI
 SUSSMAN, ROBERT & GAYLE
 TERHUNE, DEBORAH
 THALER, BRUCE & ELAINE SILVERSTEIN
 TOLEDANO, BARUCH & JESSICA
 TRIMBLE, CASEY & MADELINE
 TRUGMAN, LEONARD & RIVA
 ULIN, STEVE
 UNGER, ROBERT & JULIE
 UNGER, DANIEL & WALTRAUD
 VAN GROVER, ROBERT & LINDA
 VOGEL, DENIS & CARLA
 VOLIN, DAVID & CHRISTINE O'DONNELL
 WALKER, SCOTT & ELIZABETH
 WEISS, DAVID & BONITA
 WEISSMAN, ALLAN & BARBARA
 WEITZ, EVAN & JEN BLANCH
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Donations & Dedications

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

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

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

Temple Israel Operating Fund any amount

DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Mahzor Lev Shalem For Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur	\$40
Siddur Lev Shalem	\$50
Chumash Etz Hayim	\$118
Memorial Plaque	\$540 (contact the office)
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

Temple Israel Torah Campaign: Funds ritual needs such as Torah scroll repairs, prayer books, etc **\$1800 Parsha**

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

Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund any amount
 Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Cantor

Endowment Funds

TEMPLE ISRAEL GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND
PURPOSE: To fund maintenance and/or capital improvement projects to Temple Israel properties.

AMSTERDAM FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
PURPOSE: To provide siddurim to Temple Israel religious school students.

DONALD & HELEN FELLOWS MEMORIAL HOLOCAUST EDUCATION 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.

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 _____



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INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Rabbi Fine and the Rev. Canon John Hartnett of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Ridgewood conducted an interfaith dialogue at the Ridgewood Public Library on January 25th, on the recently published *Passionate Centrism: One Rabbi's Judaism* by Rabbi Fine.



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