

July/August 2018



Temple Talk

News you can use from the TI-JCC community

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Going to Russia

In the midst of the ongoing Russia investigation, Alla and I expect to be in Moscow and St. Petersburg in late July. I will be presenting a paper on capital punishment in Jewish law at a Jewish Law Association conference being organized at Moscow State University by the Tel Aviv University Law School. Appearing officially as a representative of the Abraham Geiger College, I will be in Moscow as an American Conservative rabbi from New Jersey on behalf of a Reform rabbinical seminary in Germany. Thankfully, my visa has been secured!



The process of securing visas was not without some stress and cost, but we are preparing as I write this for our journey to Russia. Our plan is to visit St. Petersburg for the weekend after the conference. The World Cup should be wrapped up before our arrival, as the world athletes will cede their spots to scholars and practitioners of Jewish law from across the globe.

The conference will bring together rabbis and professors from North America, Europe, and Israel—from Orthodox to secular—in the Russian capital, where current efforts are engaged in significantly expanding professional and academic training in Judaica. No one has ever known how many Jews there are in Russia. Most of us come, originally, from somewhere in the old Russian Empire, and no matter how many waves of Jewish emigration leave those borders, there seems to always remain a huge population. Our conference will take place at Moscow State University, with an evening program at the main synagogue and another evening program at the Jewish Museum. In my paper, I will be bringing forth ideas that I have been able to flesh out through our Talmud class and Muffins and Mishnah at Temple Israel.

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A Message from Rabbi Rebecca Gould

It has been a joy serving this wonderful community this past year. I wish everyone well; may you have a great summer with many blessings.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik—from strength to strength, may you be strengthened.

All the very best to each of you.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Rebecca



Jewish Communal Responsibility in the 21st Century Max Feldhake, Rabbinical Student (and TI-JCC intern), Abraham Geiger Kolleg

I often find myself in discussions with American or Israeli Jews who are, to put it bluntly, surprised not only that there are Jews in Europe today but that there is an ongoing Jewish revival (some call it a renaissance). Indeed, when asked about world Jewish demography, most correctly assume that the vast majority of Jews reside in Israel and the United States, which account for approximately 80% of the Jews worldwide.



A very large contingent, however, is surprised to learn that around 20% of the worlds Jews live elsewhere in the Diaspora. According to Sergio Della Pergola, an expert in Jewish demography, there are between 2 and 2.5 million Jews in Europe. There are additionally perhaps as many as 500,000 Jews in Latin America,

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SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

What a Busy Spring

Sisterhood and Men's Club proudly presented a program in May featuring Fraidy Reiss, founder of Uchained at Last. Fraidy discussed her experiences in a forced marriage and the life she built after escaping. She left us speechless, yet inspired, while raising our awareness around this sensitive issue.

Later the same week we held **Jewels for the Gems Night**, making beaded bracelets: some for ourselves, some as Mother's Day gifts, and some for the women at the Center for Hope and Safety. Tikkun Olam and Sisterhood co-sponsored our annual Mother's Day Dinner at the Center for Hope and Safety. A special thank you to Sue Coleman, who organized this special event, and all the volunteers who helped prepare our delicious meal.

We also had the honor of accepting an award at the conference hosted by the Garden State Region—Women's League of Conservative Judaism, where we



were recognized for our sixty years of membership. Evelyn Auerbach, Frankie Bordowitz, Carla Vogel, and Rabbi Fine represented Sisterhood and Temple Israel. Congratulations also to Carla, who completed her term as regional board treasurer; and a big thank you to Rabbi Fine who came to support us. We know his time is precious and it was so nice of him to share in the ceremony.



August 1.

Our honey sale is here. Send delicious honey along with sweet wishes for the new year to our members, staff, and faculty. Thanks to our new vendor and mailing process, we have been able to reduce the cost of sending honey to our synagogue community. **Check out our order form on the next page and return it by**

Summer Game Nights, Yoga, and More

Game night picks up again in August. Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for mah jongg, bridge, coloring, and more. Not into games? Join us for schmoozing and snacks. Since the first Wednesday in July is the fourth, we will not hold game night in July.

Yoga continues. A little stressed? Join us for yoga each Thursday at Temple Israel at 7 pm. For more information, contact Debbie Cantor at 201-612-3295 or debbiecantor@optonline.net.

Don't forget **our gift shop** for all your Judaica needs. Gifts,

President's message: Bob Obeiter

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

I just saw the Mr. Rogers documentary, *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* I was expecting a look at the history of the show. Rather, it was a moving, spiritual, and awakening tale for our times.



It reinforced my feelings about the effect that the show had on its audience of kids and their parents. It proved that everyone was and is special, and that the most important attribute a good person can have is to be inclusive in their outlook and their relationships.

Toward the end of the documentary, there is a clip of Mr. Rogers creating a public service message for the nation following the terror attacks of 9/11. In it, Mr. Rogers reminded us that even in dark times, goodness and love still exist and that we still can find reasons for optimism. Encouraging everyone to make the world a better place, he used the Hebrew phrase *tikkun olam*.

So, what does Mr. Roger's Neighborhood have to do with Temple Israel? Actually, quite a bit. Our spiritual home is a lot like Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Everyone is welcome. We may have different views on how we live our Jewish lives; our feelings towards Israel, where we stand on national, local and even global politics, and environmental issues; and much more, but we don't create splinter groups with a shtiebel on every block. We stay as a community. And, we support each other, regardless of our differences in beliefs and our political views.

When I tell friends and colleagues, and quite frankly, anyone who will listen to me about our community, they are amazed and envious. We care. We care about our shul, the larger community that we are part of, and especially about each other. We give our time and our support to each other and that is amazing.

Sometimes we forget specifics or maybe we should in some instances forget about specifics—but we always remember how being part of the TI community makes us feel, and for that I know we are all grateful.

I wish you and your family a wonderful summer.



Shabbat candles, holiday décor—we have it all. Contact Stephanie Gottesman for more information.

Keep your eye out for our pool party invitation. It's always a good time. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Shalom!
Abbie

B'YACHAD

B'yachad was started more than ten years ago by Rabbi Steinlauf in his living room on Woodbine Court. His idea was that Temple Israel needed an informal social group for its younger families. During the first few years, B'yachad was fairly small, with just a few core families attending many of the events. We have always offered low-cost, low-key events, and over time this has attracted many new families to join in. We've grown and grown, and our events have become larger and more well attended. Last year, we outgrew the capacity of our original email list (and I got to learn all about MailChimp!) and recently, some of our infamous potluck dinners have had enough attendees to cause houses to burst at the seams.

In an effort to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our now much larger group, we conducted the first ever B'yachad survey this spring. I'd like to share with you some of the results from that survey:

- 80% of you are satisfied with B'yachad and find the events fun
- 67% of respondents want to keep our events budget friendly (under \$40 per person)
- 88% of people are happy with our email communications
- There were some great ideas offered for new events that people would like to see happen

Overall, I was very pleased to find that B'yachad is meeting the needs of our community. This is a great organization to help recruit new members to Temple Israel and is just overall a lot of fun.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey, and especially those who offered to help out with B'yachad going forward. You will definitely be hearing from me. I took the results into consideration when I planned the slate of events for 2018-2019, and I think it will be a great year.

Upcoming events:

- ♦ Sunday, July 15 – Meet-up at Graydon Pool at 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, August 26 – Trip to Citi Field to see the Mets

As always, please contact me if you want any more information.

Erin Lindenber
Erinlindenber@hotmail.com



RITUAL HAPPENINGS

In June we met with Jessica Spiegel, NNJA's director, to iron out the ritual expectations for our b'nai mitzvah candidates. After discussion, we reached consensus on the curriculum the school will use to prepare students.

Summer fast days

There are two fast days over the summer: 17 Tammuz (observed Sunday, July 1, with a daylight fast), and Tishah b'Av (observed Saturday night, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, with a sundown-to-sundown fast). Please join us at services on Saturday night for Tishah b'Av, and on both Sunday mornings.

High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah is on Monday and Tuesday, September 10-11. Please join us for the annual Selichot service on Saturday night, September 1, when the rabbi will discuss the relevant issues of a Star Trek episode.

Summer minyanim

Many thanks to everyone who so generously offered to host Minyan on the Move at their home on Sunday mornings this summer: Beth and Arty Freed, David Millman, Joan and Scott Baslaw, David and Alla Fine, Linda Paige, Pam Grant, and Miriam and Todd Bakal. We are so glad we are able to continue this wonderful tradition.

Finally, a huge thanks to all the people who stepped up this summer to daven services, leyn Torah, and lead a d'var Torah.

Respectfully,
David Millman and Robert Smolen
TI Ritual Co-chairs

MUSICAL NOTES



We had a wonderful turnout for our first Shabbat Under the Summer Sky on Friday, June 22. The theme was *Celebrate Israel*.

From 6:30-7:00, Tamara Freeman led Israeli folk songs and dances, including the familiar and beloved *Eretz Zavav Chalav*, *Zemer Atik*, and *Mayim*. The joyous music segued into Shabbat services, followed by a lovely Shabbat dinner prepared by the music committee. A highlight of

the evening was honoring the families that hosted Zahal Shalom Israeli soldiers in June. We appreciated the families' reflections on the soldiers and the great program activities spanning New York City to Washington, DC. (Photos: Bruce Thaler)

Our second **Shabbat Under the Summer Sky** will take place on **Friday, July 20**. Weather permitting, we will enjoy music and services on the Grove Street patio and then dinner in the social hall. In case of bad weather, we will move the service indoors.

6:30-7:00: Music: Name That Jew Two/Too! Marc Cantor has created another contest that will test your ability to identify the Jewish connection of popular songs. Win prizes for the most correct and for the funniest answers. Marc will be accompanied by TI musicians.

7:00-8:00: Kabbalat Shabbat services with the bimah band.

8:00: Shabbat dinner – \$18 per adult, \$10 per child, \$50 maximum for a family. RSVP by July 16 to music@synagogue.org or the TI office: (201) 444-9320.

KUDOS

The music committee is in *concert*, to *sing* the praises of Marc Cantor, who created a *tenor* of joy and fun in every concert he helped produce. Marc retired as concert co-chair in June, but will continue to serve on the Music Committee, specializing in future Open Mics and Cabarets. Marc makes producing these much-anticipated events look really easy. But in reality, they require many hours of planning, creativity, and hard work.

We thank Marc for *encoring* his leadership with Open Mics and Cabarets, both of which bring together our shul family and the larger community. *Bravo!*



The music committee is delighted to welcome Debbie Cantor as the new concert co-chair. Debbie is a wonderful singer, flutist, and friend.

We look forward to many terrific events under her leadership.

Nanette Rosenbaum and Debbie Cantor, Concert Co-chairs

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



MEMBERSHIP

Wednesday, August 22 is our annual summer membership gathering at Caryn Starr-Gates' house, where we will enjoy potluck appetizers (dairy/vegetarian), drinks, and good company. Our summer party is a time to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy good food. It will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

RSVP to Jo Rosen with what you plan to bring so we can make sure we have a great and varied spread (201-805-3989 or joresnickrosen@gmail.com).



This year we are again running our **Gift of Membership** program. Each of you, as Temple members, are encouraged to **invite friends to join Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center**. Your friends are eligible **if they are not members of a synagogue**. They will receive a **free year's membership**, including High Holiday tickets. Our hope is that they will participate with you in services, fun activities, and classes and then after a year, elect to join TI-JCC officially.

We will prepare Gift of Membership packets and distribute them to you. Please call me at 201-805-3989 with any questions. **Jo Rosen, Chair**

What Community Means: A Thank You From Linda Paige

Last month I learned firsthand what community means. I live alone and have no family nearby. When I was hospitalized for a heart attack, synagogue members who work at Valley Hospital looked in on me. Rabbi Fine came to visit. I am on the synagogue board and every board member visited, called, or emailed their good wishes. Sisterhood members called and visited me at home.

I didn't really need meals or rides, but I received dinner from a Chesed Committee representative. And never forget Maureen, Tina, and Jose, because each one kept in touch with me. I never expected to need community, but I couldn't have recovered as quickly as I did without it.

I am just one example. I have seen other people benefit from the community's generosity. People are quick to offer rides to rehabilitation. You need meals? Just ask. Can't run errands? Just let someone know. So many congregants are ready to help.

I don't have relatives in the area but I do have my Temple Israel family. Thank you to everyone,

Linda Paige

A NOTE FROM RCBI

The RCBI community thanks Rabbi Rebecca Gould for her service to us for the past year. As this issue of Temple Talk goes to press, our search committee is busy interviewing candidates for the position of spiritual leader. Once again, we are looking forward to Rabbi Jarah Greenfield being with us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For those of you who don't know, Rabbi Jarah served our community for several years, as a student rabbi and after her ordination, when we were in Maywood. She led High Holy Day services for us last year and it was so nice to be together.

Through the Gift of Membership program, we have added a few new members, and look forward to growing our community even more during this coming year.

Inquiries about RCBI membership and about Reconstructionist Judaism should go to Caryn Starr-Gates, RCBI vice chair, at carynstarr@yahoo.com or rcbi@synagogue.org.

NNJJA News

A Message from Jessica Spiegel, Director



We have finished a fantastic year at NNJJA. We couldn't be prouder of our Kitah Alef students, who demonstrated great learning at their siddur ceremony. They went from not being able to read any Hebrew at all to learning the alef bet and all of the vowels and decoding, mastering so many of their tefilah goals. The siddur ceremony was heartwarming, and we are grateful to Susan Amsterdam and her family who generously support giving siddurim to Temple Israel students every year.

We are also beyond proud of our five Kitah Hey NNJJA graduates: Jonathan Amos, Jake Cohen, Lilly Goldfarb, Ethan Holden, and Jenna Lincoln. These students are truly impressive. They are smart, kind, and caring, and we wish them nothing but success in their future Jewish journeys, which they are prepared to embark on after their tenure in our school. We do hope they return to volunteer. If you see them, wish them a hearty mazel tov.

As you all know, it takes a village, and NNJJA would like to recognize that village. To our teachers, you are our backbone. Thank you. Rabbi Fine; your guidance is always welcome and appreciated, and our seventh graders were inspired by the class you taught this year. Brian Della Torre and the NNJJA board have spent countless hours on school this year: first, on a hunt for a new principal (for which I am grateful), then throughout the year and most recently, by helping us think through our curriculum for future years.

One of the important things our village does is make school events fun and delicious, so we send an extra-large thank you to Men's Club (especially David Millman and Arty Freed) for supporting field trips and feeding us hot dogs and burgers countless times this year. And of course, thank you to the NNJJA families who volunteer, who support what we teach at home, and who have made a commitment to the Jewish future.

Looking forward, we are excited to unveil our new curriculum, with updated tefilah goals and community priorities. We're confident that this shift will make our program stronger and will offer a solid foundation for our students' Jewish educations.

The summer is the time to find the next round of students for our school. NNJJA is happy to welcome students grades pre-kindergarten through grade five. Students do not need to be members prior to grade four. Please help us spread the word about our exciting and interactive program. I encourage you to pass along my email address (see below) to anyone you know who might be interested in enrolling their children.



Have a great summer, and we look forward to resuming school in September, 2018.

Jessica Spiegel
JSpiegel@synagogue.org
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Above: Education Director Jessica Spiegel and Rabbi David Fine (left) and teachers Debbie Cirkus and Phyllis Morrison (right) were all smiles with our Kitah Aleph students at their siddur ceremony in May.



Left: Our campfire Shabbat gets bigger every year in popularity and attendance. We're looking forward to firing up the grill next year!

Tikkun Olam

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 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. **Fall 2018 dates are Sunday, October 28 (cooking), and Tuesday, October 30 (serving), and Sunday, December 2 (cooking), and Monday, December 3 (serving).**



Many congregants donate food items to this important effort. If you would like to help out with cooking or serving or wish to donate, contact Nadine Genet at nzgenet@outlook.com.

Yom Kippur Food and Clothing Drive

It's not too soon to think about the High Holidays, which arrive particularly early this year. In the Haftarah we read on Yom Kippur morning, the prophet Isaiah tells us that the true purpose of the Yom Kippur fast is not to afflict ourselves but to remind us of the afflictions of others:

No, this is the fast I desire: . . .

*It is to share your bread with the hungry,
And to take the wretched poor into your home;
When you see the naked, to clothe him,
And not to ignore your own kin. (Is. 58:7-8)*

You can observe this mitzvah before the Kol Nidre service on the **evening of September 18** by bringing nonperishable food and seasonable clothing for distribution to Ridgewood Social Services and other local charities. Volunteers will be stationed in the parking lot to collect your donations.

RECENT EVENTS

Dinner at Ridgecrest, May 7

Tikkun Olam members cooked, served, and took part in a hot, nutritious dinner for 40-45 residents of Ridgecrest Senior Housing on Monday, May 7. Ridgecrest is a residence for low-income seniors, many living below the poverty level and many of whom are food insecure. We were introduced to the "United Nations" of Ridgewood; residents enjoyed the meal and the socializing that followed. The dinner was well received, and we were made very welcome and a part of the family.

Tikkun Olam provides healthy snacks on a regular basis and occasional dinners. To participate in this new venture, contact Elaine Silverstein at elasil@optonline.net. Special thanks to those who participated directly: Evelyn Auerbach, Roz Altman, Les Birenbaum, Pam Grant, Ellie Gruber, Gloria Lieberstein, Linda Paige, Risa Rohrberger, Elaine Silverstein, and Sue Ullrich. Sue has a gift with the residents and made our part in the meal flow smoothly. Here is her lovely thank-you note:



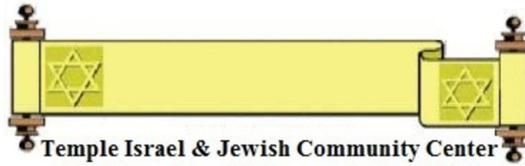
Please accept my sincere thanks for your generosity In providing such a delicious meal for the Ridgecrest residents! They all enjoyed the meal and your company. I have attached a picture from last night's festivities. Also, thank you for your generous donation of fresh fruit and Kind bars; they will be enjoyed during this week's activities!

*With much appreciation,
Sue Ullrich/ Program Director, Ridgecrest Senior Housing*

Mother's Day Dinner, Center for Hope and Safety

On May 13, Mother's Day, Tikkun Olam and Sisterhood members, led by Sue Coleman, prepared a delicious Mother's Day meal for the residents of this women's and children's shelter. This meal has been a long-standing tradition at RCBI and is now carried out by our joint community. If you would like to contribute a homemade dish in future years, contact Sue Coleman at suecoleman@optonline.net.

Brandeis Men's Club



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



Fraidy Reiss



Man of the Year



Comedy Night



Sukkah Time



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At Your Service



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Up on the "Bimah"

COMEDY NIGHT
Saturday, January 27 at 7:30PM
Temple Israel - 475 Grove Street,
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Starring Comedy Legend **UNCLE FLOYD**

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Spaghetti Dinner included, beverages available
\$54 per person, \$500 table of 10
Purchase Tickets: bit.ly/2y4nlu0
For more information, contact mensclubevents@synagogue.org
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and several tens of thousands in Africa, Oceania, and the rest of Asia.

True, outside of Israel and the United States there is no single Jewish community which numbers 1 million; the third largest community is in France with anywhere between 480,000 and 600,000 Jews. Then there are those Jewish communities whose members could fit snugly into a neighborhood of Jerusalem; perhaps 3000 Jews in Georgia, 10,000 to 20,000 in Iran, and 20,000 in Uruguay.

Many of these communities were once considerably larger and more influential in the Jewish world as well as the surrounding non-Jewish community. Many of these communities, particularly the ones in Europe and Asia, have continuities stretching back centuries, some even over a millennium.

So why am I bringing up these myriad disparate Jewish communities spread out across the globe? After all, isn't the common wisdom that the majority of these communities are slowly (or not so slowly, in some instances) dying out?

During the first half of my internship at Temple Israel, I have had the pleasure of getting to know many members. And invariably, in the course of a conversation, many members have told me from where their family originated. It is a demographic reality that most American Jews can trace their heritage to Europe. For many, it was only one or two generations ago that their ancestors still resided in Berlin, Warsaw, or Kiev. The situation in Israel is even more pronounced, with nearly the entire population tracing its roots to Europe or the Middle East and North Africa.

When the first wave of mass Jewish immigration arrived in America in the later half of the 19th century and simultaneously during the first wave of aliyah to Israel, the center of world Jewry was firmly established in Europe. Emerging from the tumult of the 18th century, having finally achieved legal emancipation and a gradual integration into civil society, the Jews of Europe were confident and secure. European Jews were instrumental in establishing and strengthening the growing Jewish communities in the United States and Mandatory Palestine.

As we all know, the Shoa nearly destroyed the entirety of European Jewry; much that once was has been forever lost. Despite the devastation, as I have already alluded to, Jews made the courageous decision to remain in and return to Europe.

I return to my question: why bring up these smaller Jewish communities? The responsibility of stewardship over the various smaller Jewish communities of the Diaspora falls in the 21st century to the Jews of Israel and the United States. These two Jewish communities have special responsibility to *Klal Israel*, the whole community of Israel; a responsibility first and foremost to protect

these smaller Jewish communities and furthermore, to support them in the monumental task of rebuilding and renewing.

I encourage members of Temple Israel to visit Jewish communities which are perhaps off the beaten path, to get to know Jews from far off and somewhat exotic lands, to let these fellow members of the tribe know that they are valued and supported.

We need only turn to the Talmud in Shavuot 39a to find the proof text for this obligation, “ כל ישראל , “ ערבים זה בזה “All of Israel are responsible for each other.”

All of Israel is enriched by the preservation and renewal of all Jewish communities. When American and Israeli Jews stand with Jews elsewhere, they are strengthening all of Israel.



Hazak — A Social Group for Older Members

There's no “aging out” at TI-JCC! Active seniors may participate in Hazak, a social group that generally meets on the second Wednesday of every month for lunch and programs of interest that participants plan together.

Dues are only \$15 per person; come join us! Contact the synagogue office for information.

Want to learn more about Reconstructionist Judaism?



Reconstructing Judaism provides congregational support, and has a wealth of information about the movement's philosophy and perspective about many issues.

Our TI-JCC website has some good information on the RCBI-related pages. We encourage you to also visit ritualwell.org for inspiration as well as access to the Hashivenu podcasts and Reconstructionist Learning Networks.



Putting ritual law aside, I have always seen the distinction between civil and criminal law in halachah as not merely categorical but also historical.

- The body of civil law represents a real working system as the rabbis served as courts of arbitration for autonomous Jewish communities.
- Criminal law, with the high bar set for capital punishment, was a theoretical high ground that the rabbis could afford to hold because they were not in a position to hear real criminal cases.

The only recorded case of a Jewish court handing down a capital sentence (before the Eichmann trial, which is the sole exception in Israel), is the trial of Jesus. The historical questions around the sources as well as the absence of any other examples prove that the Jewish courts did not practice criminal law. As a minority within a large empire, Judaism developed as a voluntary association with a strong sense of community as well as a worldview that had the chutzpah to critique what the Romans did.

Living as a voluntary autonomous community within a broad empire reflects the position in which the Jews found themselves in Russia over the centuries. While we continue to have many concerns and fears regarding the nature of freedom in contemporary Russia, I imagine that a conference on Jewish law at the state university in the capital is a step in the right direction.



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Our sincere thanks to those board members who have completed their service:

Joshua Austein, Elyse Beidner, Stephanie Gottesman, Matt Lindenberg, and Christine O'Donnell

Welcome to our new board members

Allan Weissman – Allan and his family have been members of TI-JCC since 1978; he and his wife Barbara raised their kids here. Allan previously served as treasurer (1989-90) and is very happy to rejoin the board this year as a trustee. He plays in the band, Dir Fir Kaschers (The Fire Catchers) with Marc Cantor and other members, and he and Barbara volunteer for the Family Promise program. Having taught public school for 39 years, Allan now teaches writing at William Paterson University.

Ilyse Goldman – Ilyse is a park ranger at the Paterson Falls National Park. [NEED MORE INFO HERE.](#)

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ROSH HASHANAH HONEY SALE

What's the Buzz? It's the annual Sisterhood honey sale. Share the tradition of apples dipped in honey and help Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center at the same time. Sisterhood is offering our members the opportunity to share the sweetness of Rosh Hashanah by sending gifts of delicious golden honey. You can send honey to your family, friends, teachers, synagogue staff, children in college and/or the entire congregation. Each package contains a cheerful giftcard and a jar of honey. Delivery will be made prior to Rosh Hashanah.

Individual honey gifts to member families and synagogue staff cost \$10.00 each and can be purchased by circling the names of your choice on this form or send to the entire congregation for \$198. Members may send friends and relatives honey by attaching a separate list of names and addresses for each jar of honey at a cost of \$12.00 per jar.

Thank you for supporting Sisterhood.



Please mail your check payable to *Temple Israel Sisterhood* with this form and your non-member name and address list to:



Temple Israel & JCC Sisterhood Rosh
Hashanah Honey Sale
475 Grove Street
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Orders must be received NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2018

Questions? Please email Stephanie Gottesman at stephaniegottesman@gmail.com

Your Name _____ Your Phone Number (____) _____

Total gifts from list _____ x \$10.00 each \$ _____

Total gifts to non-members _____ x \$12.00 each \$ _____

(Attach list of names & addresses)

Give to the entire synagogue (includes Rabbi, Education Dir., office & custodial staff) **\$198.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____

PLEASE **CIRCLE** THE NAMES OF THOSE FAMILIES TO WHOM YOU'D LIKE TO SEND A GIFT OF HONEY:

This list is pulled from our most recent membership roster. If your name does not appear, please forgive the oversight and let us know so that you will be included on future lists. Thank you.

AGINS, SCOTT & AUDREY MEYERS
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Summer Programs for Youth

What is your teen doing this summer?

The USY (United Synagogue Youth) has some ways for your teen to have the **best summer ever**. Take a look at what's happening at <http://usy.org/escape>.

Why USY Summer Programs?

- Traveling with USY is transformative. Teens gain insight into global issues and take on new levels of independence and they learn how to: manage money, do laundry, go grocery shopping, and more.
- By living and traveling together, teens create a unique community with bonds that last a lifetime.
- On USY summer programs, teens don't just learn about Judaism, they live it. They find new meaning in Jewish rituals and form lifelong bonds through a sense of shared identity

No teens should miss the opportunity to participate in these summer programs because of finances; there are scholarships available through USY, Hebrew Free Loan Association, One Happy Camper, Jewish National Fund. Learn more at <http://usy.org/escape/waystosave/>.

**Questions? Contact USY at
(212) 533-7800 Ex. 114 or summer@usy.org**

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET FOR ENCAMPMENT? Aug. 19-26, 2018

USY and KADIMA kids are invited to a wonderful week-long camp experience in August: Encampment at the B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Lake Como, PA. Make friends in a fun environment with kosher food, Shabbat festivities, sports, and everything else you could dream of.

The cost for the full week, including transportation, food, lodging, and activities, is \$556. All incoming 6-12 grade students are invited to attend. Go to hagalilusy.com or contact Kenny, regional director of teen engagement (USY/Kadima) at keinhorn@uscj.org.



Newly appointed FLIPPER USY Board holds first planning session for 2018-2019 with advisor.

The FLIPPER chapter of USY involves teens from Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn, Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah and Temple Israel & JCC of Ridgewood. Monthly chapter events and participation in regional events occur throughout the year; all are welcome. For more info contact the USY director, Marcia Kagedan, at edudirector@jccparamus.org or 201-262-7733.



The board met recently to plan the coming year with Marcia (3rd from left). With her are (l. to r.) Laurence Fine, VP religious education (Temple Israel & JCC, Ridgewood), Joshua Bank, VP social action (Fair Lawn Jewish Center), Julia Holzsager, VP Israel action (Temple Beth Shalom, Fair Lawn), President Brianna Leopold and Marisa Shapiro, VP communications (JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah) and Isabel Kossoy, VP membership & programming (Fair Lawn Jewish Center).

The first **regional USY event** of the coming year will be on September 16 (details to follow). Any teens who wish to get involved with the USY Board are welcome to attend future planning meetings.

NEWS FROM BCHSJS

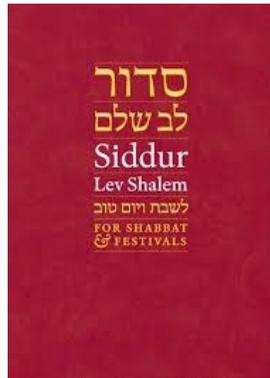
The Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies held its closing exercises on the last day of school in late May. Students received "Outstanding Students" awards if they were so named by at least four of their teachers.

We are so proud that Laurence Fine and Jillian Heit from Temple Israel both received Outstanding Student Awards!



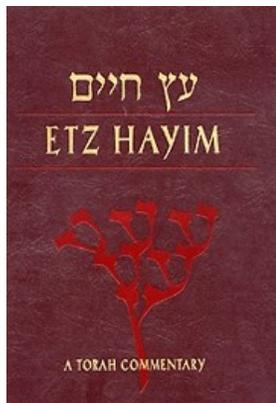
Gift Idea for Special Occasions: Honor a Loved One with a Contribution to our Siddur Lev Shalem Fund

We have purchased new siddurim, Siddur Lev Shalem ("the red books"), starting with a relatively modest collection for our Shabbat services. We want to fill *all* our book holders with these wonderful new editions and you can help!



Please consider honoring a loved one as a gift for any special occasion or milestone by dedicating a new Shabbat prayer book in their name. **All it takes is a \$50 contribution to our Siddur Lev Shalem Fund.**

Here's another beautiful gift idea — Etz Hayim



If you're looking for a special gift, consider giving the *Etz Hayim* chumash (the Five Books of Moses plus all the haftarot) that we use here at Temple Israel. The volume also has insightful commentaries, essays, and maps to enrich the Torah service as well as study sessions. Contact Maureen Nassan in the temple office for more information.



Chesed — Here When you Need Us

Did you know that the Chesed Committee maintains a collection of gently used medical equipment available for loan by congregants? We currently have canes, crutches, walkers, and a wheelchair. We hope you won't need any of these, but remember us if you do.



If you have **gently used medical equipment (small items only)** you would like to donate, or if you have need of these items, **call Elyse Levene at 201-306-1283** to make arrangements.

Temple Israel & JCC Circle of Honor

The Circle of Honor is our campaign for high-end donors ; it offers members an opportunity to make a three-year commitment with a minimum annual contribution of \$1,800.

Circle of Honor donors are publicly recognized with a plaque in the main lobby. In exchange for your pledge, you'll receive benefits such as free admission to designated TI-JCC events, reserved High Holiday parking, advertising space in the annual Ad Journal , and more, depending on your level of commitment.

Information about the Circle of Honor is on our website at <http://www.synagogue.org/support-us/circle-of-honor>.

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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

Minyan of Comfort	\$36
Mahzor Lev Shalem For Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur	\$50
Siddur Lev Shalem	\$50
Chumash Etz Hayim	\$118
Memorial Plaque	\$540 (contact the office)
Large Memorial Tablet	\$54,000 (contact the office)

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

Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund any amount

Funds charitable purposes, at the discretion of the Assistant 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 & 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.



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Follow Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center on Facebook for news, events and items of interest ; it's a great way to stay in touch with our community!
<https://www.facebook.com/templeisraelridgewood>.

To join RCBI's Facebook group, where you'll also find information from the Reconstructionist movement, go to [Facebook.com/groups/reconstructionistcongregationbethisrael](https://www.facebook.com/groups/reconstructionistcongregationbethisrael)).

RCBI's email is rcbi@synagogue.org.

