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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Two Beautiful Gifts in Memory of Len Eisen

Last April, we lost a long-time member of the congregation, Leonard Eisen. Len was a regular at our Friday night services. He was always there, usually early. He sang along, and he raised his hand week after week with a question to get our discussion going for "Ask the Rabbi." He was also a warm presence at the oneg after services. Always happy to talk, with a smile on his face while he sipped his tea and enjoyed a cookie or piece of cake. The Hebrew word *oneg*, what we use for *reception*, really means *enjoyment*, and Len enjoyed being a part of our community on Shabbat evenings.



In Len's memory, his family has made a donation to sponsor our Friday night onegs for at least the next two years. There will still be various onegs sponsored by individuals or families, and we still encourage our members to do so. When we do not have a specific sponsor, the oneg will be sponsored in memory of Leonard Eisen, supported by the fund that his family has contributed for this purpose. The days of old dried up and frozen cookies are over. We will welcome Shabbat now with the warmth of the legacy of Len's commitment and devotion. The *Shalom Aleikhem* prayer that we sing on Friday nights explains poetically the legend that angels accompany us on Friday night from synagogue safely home. Embedded in that imagery is the idea that we are embraced by those around us, both in bodily presence and in spirit. That is what an Oneg Shabbat is about.

Len Eisen was a careful listener. He listened attentively in services, he listened at the oneg after services, and he was also known as a consistent listener at village council and other public meetings in Ridgewood.

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI LEIAH MOSER

Dear members of TI and RCBI,

I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of you during my visit last month, and some of you I have yet to meet. To all of you, I say hello, and chodesh tov! It is a tremendous honor to be serving in this community, and my spouse, Ross, and I are both looking forward to getting to know you all better in the months ahead.



There is a certain creative tension to be found in starting a new phase of one's life just as we are entering into the month of Elul. The final month in the Jewish calendar, Elul has traditionally been a time for reflection, for looking back at our actions, both good and bad, over the previous year and beginning the process of repentance and self-correction that will reach its culmination in the upcoming Days of Awe. At the same time, embarking upon a new endeavor is a time for looking forward, for articulating the values and goals that will inform our actions as we move ahead.

It is this same tension that I find embedded in the very idea of teshuvah, which serves as the orienting principle of this part of the Jewish calendar. The word *teshuva* literally means *return* to a prior state. In the language used in our prayer book during the closing of the ark after the Torah service, we pray for G-d to "renew our days as in times of old." And yet, is it not in this same cherished past that we are to find the seeds of our own present troubles?

Looking backward without looking forward, we either lose ourselves in the nostalgia of an idealized past or sink in the mire of regret. Looking forward without looking back, we are in danger of being overcome by anxiety or seduced by the endless fascinations of the

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SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

Happy New Year!

We were very excited to welcome so many women to our second annual rained-out pool party over the summer, hosted by the Freeds. Despite the weather, a good time was had by all. It is great to gather with old friends, meet new friends, and have some fun.

If you are looking to show off your baking skills, try a new recipe, or want to learn how to make a kugel, **join us in the temple kitchen at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 16, for our annual Kugelthon.** The smell will have you looking forward to our Yom Kippur break fast on Wednesday evening.

Sisters in the Sukkah will take place on September 27 at 7:30 pm. This year's theme is "Sweets in the Sukkah." Join us for a sweet evening.

On **Sunday, October 28, at 10:00 am**, we will welcome Fran Hawthorne, the author of *The Heirs*. Fran has spent a three-decade career writing award-winning nonfiction, including eight books, mainly about consumer activism and business social responsibility. *The Heirs* is her debut novel. Based in Bergen County, it is historical fiction that discusses family life in suburbia, the sandwich generation, and the struggles that still haunt families from their past. We will send out more information about the event and ways to purchase the book (available before, during, and after the discussion) in the weeks to come.

We are getting ready for **Progressive Dinner**, which will take place on **November 3**. It is a fun evening to meet people and have some great food. A three-course dinner at three locations! Don't forget!

Game night picks up in September. Join us at the temple the **first Wednesday of each month** for mah jongg, our expanding bridge game, coloring, etc. Not into games? No worries. Join us for schmoozing, wine, and chocolate.

A little stressed? How about yoga? Join us for yoga **each Thursday at Temple Israel at 7:00 pm**. Contact Debbie Cantor at 201-612-3295 or debbiecantor@optonline.net for more information.

Don't forget our gift shop for all your holiday and Judaica needs. Hostess gifts, wedding gifts, holiday decor, Shabbat candles . . . we've got it. Before you know it, Hanukkah will be here. Contact Stephanie Gottesman for details.

Mark your calendars. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events—wine and chocolate included.

See you soon.

Abbie

President's message: Bob Obeiter

I hope you and your family are enjoying the remainder of the summer and that you are looking forward to full slate of activities to reunite you with your synagogue family this fall.



This fall you will notice that our building will be full during weekdays as we welcome our new tenant, Naaleh High School for Girls (<https://www.naalehhightschool.org/>). Naaleh will have two classes of ninth graders and a full-faculty and staff. Over the summer Naaleh made many improvements to our facility, including painting the school wing and updating some of the classrooms.

Starting in the fall, we will begin adding additional security measures to our building, funded through a grant from Homeland Security. The available funding will be used to provide access controls on our main doors and on the door near our office, allowing us to keep doors locked when services are not in session. Each door will have an intercom system to allow guests and visitors to enter our building and maintain safety for our occupants. Also included are enhancements to our video surveillance system and special window film that is designed to keep glass from breaking and deter intruders from breaking into our building.

I want to thank Joe Landau, John Halenar, Wayne Miller, and Bob Smolen for writing the grant proposal, seeking bids from multiple vendors. and managing the project once installation begins.



SISTERHOOD DATES TO REMEMBER:



September 16: Kugelthon

September 27: Sisters in the Sukkah

October 28: Book discussion & signing—*The Heirs*

November 3: Progressive Dinner

January 19: Sisterhood Shabbat



B'YACHAD

Here at B'yachad we've had a great start to the year, and we have a full calendar of activities coming up for young families. We'll meet about once a month for a fun get-together, sometimes for the whole family and other times for adults only. The best way to stay up to date with B'yachad is to join our email list; that's where you'll get all the details you need to join in the fun. Please contact the synagogue office if you're not getting B'yachad updates and mark your calendars for this year's events.

B'yachad Calendar 2018-2019

Sunday, October 28: Afternoon at Humdingers
Friday, November 30: Latkefest/potluck dinner
Saturday December 8: Hanukkah party at Temple Israel
Thursday, January 10: Ladies' night out
Thursday, January 17: Men's night out
Saturday, February 23: Adult night out
Sunday, March 31: Afternoon rock climbing
Friday, May 17: Potluck dinner
July: Pool party

I hope you can join us!

Erin Lindenber
Erinlindenber@hotmai.com



MEMBERSHIP

Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center welcomes the following people to our community as new members:

Rina and Alexander Chase and their three children
Aimee DeSheplo and her two children
Henry Finke
Liz Goldstein, Uri Bussi, and their two children
Mickey Hamell
Anne Heller

Jason and Elissa Hyne and their two children
Becky Katzman, Adam Barth, and their three children
Amanda Leiman, Kent Mackzum, and their three children
Anna Rektman, Shai Attas, and their three children
Deborah Sinnreich-Levi, Ron Levi, and their daughter

Our new members come from Ridgewood, Glen Rock, Wyckoff, Fair Lawn, Hackensack, Ringwood, and Wood-Ridge, and their ages range from under a year to the their sixties.

On **October 12, 2018**, we will welcome our new members at services, accompanied by the bimah band, and at a Shabbat dinner that is open to our entire community. Please save the date.

Many of our new members joined after having received a gift of membership from a TI-JCC member. We are running this program again, and you each should have received a letter, with an enclosed gift of membership. Please think of bestowing this gift on friends or neighbors who are Jewish, not already affiliated with a synagogue, and who you think would enjoy being part of our community. If they accept, we hope you will bring them to our services, social activities, and classes. And maybe next year, their names will be on this list.

Thank you to Caryn Starr-Gates for hosting our annual summer membership party. We all enjoyed tasty food and drinks at this summer potluck. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Wishing you all a healthy and a happy (and a sweet) new year!

Jo Rosen and Jennifer Blanck Weitz, Co-chairs



MUSICAL NOTES



SHABBATOT UNDER THE SUMMER SKY (SUSS)

The Music Committee hosted Shabbatot Under the Summer Sky on June 22 and July 20. We enjoyed a musical program and services on the Grove Street patio, basking in the warm setting sun and cool breezes. The idyllic evenings included the lyrical Temple Israe'lights bimah band and a surprise performance of the High Holy Day choir. Delicious Shabbat dinners were prepared by music committee members Frankie Bordowitz, Evelyn Auerbach, Elaine Silverstein, Debbie Cantor, Tamara Freeman, and Deana Rothenberg. Thanks to Maureen, Tina, and Jose for their wonderful assistance in setting up the patio sanctuary and dinner tables. Thanks also to Harlan Rosenthal and Steve Kornblit for helping with the extra chairs for the many congregants who filled our patio.

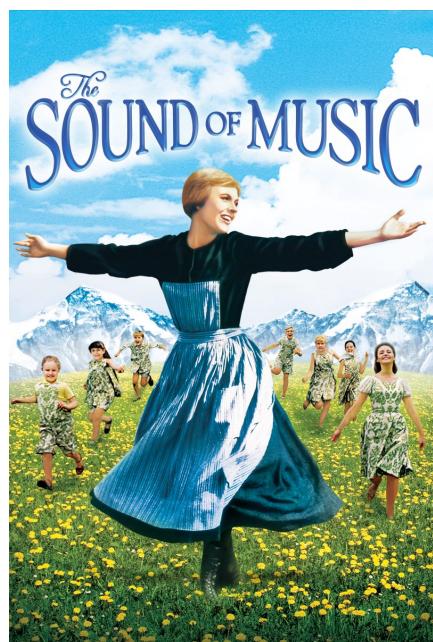


The July 20 SUSS music encored Marc Cantor's song contest, Name That Jew Two/Too. TI musicians sang and played music with a Jewish connection; congregants filled out answer sheets, which were collected after all the music had been presented. This year, we had a tie! Congratulations to Michael Rosen and Deana Rothenberg for the most correct answers. Thanks and kudos to the TI musicians who shared their singing and playing talents: Bill Scher, Susan Kornblit, Evelyn Zaents, Eddie Zaents, Tamara Freeman, Marc Cantor, and Iven Rothenberg.



Here are the answers for the Name That Jew Two/Too contest:

Marie – Randy Newman – Jewish
Dance Me To The End Of Love – Leonard Cohen
Leibisleid - Fritz Kreisler
If You Knew Susie – Eddie Cantor
Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me – Eddie Cantor
Mammy – Al Jolson
Talkin' Hava Nagelia Blues – Bob Dylan
Sweet Jane – Velvet Underground – Lou Reed
Lawyers, Guns and Money – Warren Zevon
It Ain't Me Babe – Bob Dylan and The Turtles
The Boxer – Simon and Garfunkel
Up On Cripple Creek – The Band – Robbie Robertson –Jewish
Over The Rainbow – Arlen & Harburg
God Bless America – Berlin



5779 MUSIC EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES! Details to follow!

- Sunday afternoon, October 14: Sound of Music Sing-along.** Watch the movie and sing the songs with subtitles. Movie munchies included!
- Sunday afternoon, December 16: Open Mic.** Sing, play, tell a story or a joke. Refreshments served.
- Saturday night, February 9: Speakeasy.** Entertainment. Munchies. Drinks. Secret password!
- Sunday afternoon, May 5: Annual America Israel Cultural Foundation Concert.** Young Israel virtuosi perform in our very own sanctuary. Festive reception.

*Debbie Cantor & Nanette Rosenbaum, Concert Co-chairs
Tamara R. Freeman, D.M.A., Sacred Music Chair*

RITUAL HAPPENINGS

לשנה טובת כתבת וחתמת

Leshana tovah tikatev v'tichatem — May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Please join us for **Simchat Torah on Tuesday, October 2, at 9:00 am** as we honor:

David Millman as our hatan (groom) Torah, and
Linda Paige as our kallat (bride) Bereishit

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



A NOTE FROM RCBI

The RCBI community welcomes Rabbi Leah Moser as our new spiritual leader. We're looking forward to working with her on building community, gleaning new insights into Jewish texts, and much more. She will be joined during the High Holy Days by Rabbi Jarah Greenfield, who led our holiday services last year (and was our rabbi for several years when we were in Maywood). Rabbi Moser will also serve as the assistant rabbi of Temple Israel & JCC. We will be updating the website soon with Rabbi Moser's bio. You can always read more about RCBI and Reconstructionist Judaism on the synagogue website (<https://www.synagogue.org/spiritual-life/rcbi/>) and more about Reconstructing Judaism at reconstructingjudaism.org.

We hold our services every Friday evening (8pm) and Saturday morning (10am) with a few exceptions, when we join Temple Israel for joint services. RCBI and TI also share some holiday services throughout the year, so always check the online calendar and watch your email for Tidbits.

We meet in a lovely space upstairs (accessible by elevator, but we are enjoying the wonderful purple wall mural in the stairwell, courtesy of Naaleh!). We come together with TI for the oneg Shabbats and Kiddush lunches after each congregation's services.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Fine will offer a new adult education course on **Sunday mornings beginning on November 4**. He will focus on the **history of Jews in America**, with topics including Jewish settlement in America, Jewish integration, the development of American Judaism, and demographic patterns. The overarching question will be: What is the legacy of American Jewry and where are we going? Sessions will be held at **10:00 am on November 4, 11, and 18; February 24; and March 3, 24, and 31**. The adult education year will culminate on June 2, 2019 with a trip to the fascinating Jewish Museum in Philadelphia.

Jo Rosen, Chair



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.



Tikkun Olam

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.

This fall we are focusing on our regular activities of feeding the homeless, collecting blood donations, and assisting neighbors such as the residents of Ridgecrest Senior Housing, a low-income housing complex in Ridgewood.



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:**

Sunday, October 28 (cooking) and Tuesday, October 30 (serving)
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 to donate, contact Nadine Genet at nzgenet@outlook.com.

Mitzvah Day October 14

Mark your calendars for a community-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, October 14, the date of our next biannual blood drive. To make an appointment to donate, contact Jerry Birenz at JerzykB@aol.com.

Also on October 14, NNJJA students will assemble snack packs for the Center for Food Action (CFA) to deliver to children in need throughout Bergen County. Many children who receive free or reduced-price school meals are left without adequate nutrition on weekends and holiday breaks. CFA's Weekend Snack Pack Program is designed to fill this gap by providing healthy, kid-friendly, and easy to prepare snack foods to children at risk of weekend hunger. On Fridays, a sealed plastic bag of nutritious snacks is discretely placed into the backpacks of children who participate in the free and reduced-price school lunch program. As she has in the Past, Roz Altman will be coordinating this Tikkun Olam program.

RECENT EVENTS

Paterson Task Force Summer Weekend Food Program

For the past two years during the summer months, the Paterson Task Force has provided weekend food packs to children who attend the Paterson Recreation Summer Camp Program.

The Paterson Division of Recreation assists us by choosing the camps with the children they know are the most in need. This summer, through the Susan Reeve Feed the Hungry Fund, Tikkun Olam supplied the 100 campers most in need for six weeks. Weekend food packs include two breakfasts, two lunches, two snacks, and milk or fruit juice. Counselors from the summer camp stated, "The kids looked forward to receiving the bags and were happy. For some of these children it made a difference of eating or not eating over the weekend."

Yom Kippur Food and Clothing Drive

On Kol Nidre, Tikkun Olam members assisted volunteers from Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Catholic Charities in collecting food and clothing for our neighbors in local communities. Many thanks to Sue Hill for spearheading the clothing drive and to everyone who donated. See more on page 9.

New committee members, as well as ideas about programming, are welcome: contact co-chairs Bob Rohrberger (rrohrberger@foxrothschild.com) or Elaine Silverstein (elasil@optonline.net) for more information.



NNJJA News

A Message from Jessica Spiegel, Director



Welcome back to our returning NJJJA families and a hearty welcome to all of the new families joining us for their first NJJJA experience. We are so glad to see everyone. Parents, did you send your children to vegetable camp this summer? They all certainly sprouted!

There is so much fun and excitement packed into our upcoming NJJJA year. Krav Maga has been such a crowd pleaser that this year we are doing a three-week winter intensive where our students will be able to progress and work with their teacher. Sensei Gil teaches in camps all over Rockland County and Westchester and has been a Krav Maga instructor at the Jewish Journeys Project.

We're also welcoming a new music teacher to our team. Approximately once a month, Keli will be coming to sing with our youngest students in prekindergarten through grade two, and with our Torah Tots. We also can't wait to do new and great art projects, have interesting conversations, learn tefilot, and do the super things the amazing Hebrew school staff has planned. Our teachers have been hard at work planning lessons based on our new curriculum, and it's been a great start to the 2018-2019 school season.

We still have space for new students, so if you've got friends looking for a warm and welcoming Jewish environment, please send them our way!

Mark your calendar for our first NJJJA Shabbat dinner on Friday, November 16. It's an evening not to be missed.

Jessica Spiegel
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A Note of Thanks to the Tikkun Olam Committee on Behalf of Some Adorable Snack Bag Recipients

"Paterson Recreation summer camp at the Eastside Park site genuinely appreciated our weekend bags, that were provided throughout our picture-perfect summer. The campers were overjoyed and excited to receive their packages, which contained a variety of food. You made a great contribution to the happiness of our camp! Every year it's been a spectacular experience. Once again many thanks for your generosity!!"

Roberta Farber, Paterson Task Force



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Shalom Everyone!

Rosh Hashanah is around the corner as is the beginning of Hebrew School and youth activities. I have been putting together the paperwork for our Flipper Programs.

On pages 12 and 13, you will find the registration forms for both Kadima (6-8 grades) and for USY (9-12 grades). They are also downloadable from the synagogue website at <https://www.synagogue.org/youth/youth-groups>, as are the permission slips. You'll also find preliminary dates of events from September through January, here in our neighborhood and for our regional Hagalil events, on page 8. As details are confirmed, we will send you updates. In the meantime, mark your calendars:

- ◆ **The opening Flipper USY event will be on Sunday September 30th, in the Temple Israel Sukkah, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **The opening Flipper Kadima event will be after Simchat Torah on Sunday October 7th at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center from 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

Lets hope and pray for a Shana Tova—one of peace, health, and happiness and an awesome FLIPPER year!!!

Marcia Kagedan, Youth Director

NOTE: Temple Israel & JCC's youth groups are open to all Jewish youth in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation. For membership information, visit our web page (<https://www.synagogue.org/youth/youth-groups/>) or contact our Youth Advisor Revi Glasser at youth@synagogue.org.

FLIPPER Chapter and HAGALIL Regional SCHEDULE September-January 2018

Date	Group	Activity	Location
September 16	Hagalil USY	Opening event	
September 30	FLIPPER USY	Opening event Sushi/Pizza in the Sukkah	Temple Israel
October 7 th	FLIPPER Kadima	Opening event	Fair Lawn Jewish Center
October 14 th	Hagalil Kadima	Opening event	
October 19-21	Hagalil	LTI	
October 28 th	Flipper USY + 8 th grade	Chapter event wi/BCHSJS	SKYZONE
November 4 th	FLIPPER Kadima	Bowling	Bowler City
November 16-18	Hagalil USY	Fall Convention	
December 1 st	FLIPPER USY	Movie Night	
December 14-15	FLIPPER USY + 8 th grade	Shabbaton with BCHSJS	JCCP/CBT
December 16	FLIPPER Kadima		
December 23-27	USY International	International Convention	Orlando Florida
January 12 th	FLIPPER USY + KADIMA	BINGO NIGHT	JCCP/CBT
January 18-19	Hagalil USY	Freshman Shabbaton	Metuchen, NJ
January 19 th	Hagalil USY	USY Dance	Metuchen, NJ
January 27 th	FLIPPER USY + BCHSJS	Ice Skating	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ



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Brandeis Men's Club: A Busy Year Ahead

The Brandeis Men's Club has great things in store for the coming year. We have social events like Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah, a fabulous Comedy Night, Family BBQ's and much more. We'll sponsor Sports Pools – a weekly NFL suicide pool, SuperBowl box pool and March Madness Tournament. Service projects are a great way to give back. You can volunteer for the High Holidays, build the Sukkah, clean up the Temple Israel Cemetery plot, volunteer at events or work around the building. Projects generally involve 5 to 10 members and take 1 to 2 hours. Your participation makes a difference.

We invite you to become active members. What does active mean? Becoming involved a lot or a little. We would love to have you participate in at least ONE Men's Club activity. It is a great way to meet other men in the temple, provide service and you'll have fun! Here's our most recent outing to the Rockland Boulders.



Brandeis Men's Club: 2018 Temple Israel Calendar dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Thu, Sep 6	1pm	High Holiday chair setup	Weekday < RH
Sun, Sep 9	10:30am	BMC Cemetery Cleanup	1 week before service
Sep 10-11	various	High Holiday ushering	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 18-19	various	High Holiday ushering	Yom Kippur
Sun, Sep 23	10:00am	BMC Sukkah setup	Sunday < Sukkot
Sun, Sep 23	5:30pm	Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah	2018: Erev Shmini Atz.
Sun, Oct 7	10:30am	BMC Sukkah takedown	Sunday > Simchat Torah
Wed, Nov 14	6pm	NNJR Man of the Year Dinner	Springfield, NJ
Sun, Dec 2	10:30am	Latkes at Hanukkah celebration	At Temple Israel ??
Sun, Dec 16	10:30am	Hearing Men's Voices	Elder Care

Rabbi Fine, cont'd. from page 1

Because hearing was important to him, and because the system was aged and ready for replacement, the Eisen family has also made a generous contribution in Len's memory towards a new sound system for our sanctuary and social hall. A small group of generous synagogue members have donated funds supplementing the Eisen donation; together these funds have allowed us to install an entirely new sound system. In addition to new speakers and better mics, we are also able to provide a handful of headsets for the hearing impaired. Now the pressure is on me and our other service leaders to do our best so that the sound is worth hearing. But Len was always listening, even when he did not agree!

With these two beautiful donations, the memory of a good man will live on as a blessing.



Rabbi Moser, cont'd. from page 1

next new thing. In the end, the ideal of ethical responsibility represented by teshuvah can only be attained by looking forward and backward simultaneously, by remaining grounded in our collective past even as we reach out toward our shared future.

As a new member of this community, I look forward to exploring our shared future together.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,

Rabbi Leah Moser

Placing an Order with the Reconstructionist Press



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There are dozens of great books that offer fresh perspectives and deep insights into contemporary Jewish life, ancient texts, and so much more.

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Scenes from our summer membership party, Aug. 23

Approximately 40 members from both congregations—long-timers and newer members—gathered at Caryn Starr-Gates' s home for another great summer party. Everyone brought colorful, delicious salads, side dishes and desserts, and we ate, drank, and gabbed for hours. It's a wonderful way to get to know each other and wow! The weather could not have been any better. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year! Here are some shots to give you a taste of what we enjoyed (photos by Jo Rosen).



EVELYN AUERBACH, THE NCJW AND MAKING MUSIC, PART 2

Back in November of last year, Evelyn Auerbach asked me to put together a musical group to entertain the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Jersey Mills Section, for their paid-up membership meeting. Apparently the ladies seemed to enjoy what we did, so they invited us back for their May 24, 2018 installation meeting.

Ad Hoc Temple Israel Band

Marc Cantor on electric bass, Ivan Rothenberg and I on electric guitars, Wayne Miller on drums, Artie Bressler on woodwinds, and Bill Scher singing his heart out performed a totally new set of songs, including, *Bashana Haba'a*, *Hallelujah*, and *If I were A Rich Man*. When we played *At The Hop*, the ladies showed off some of their best dance moves.

Thanks, but What's the Band's Name?

When we finished our final song, we were thanked profusely. Evelyn then said the ladies enjoyed our little show so much they want to create tee shirts for us with our band name on them. The problem was, we didn't have a band name. It took us about two and a half months to decide on one. Thanks to Marc Cantor, we will be called the **AUER BACH STREET BOYZ**. Yeah. It's kind of corny, but it's cute. Thank you, Bill Scher, for deciding on the font.

Within a week, we received a beautiful thank-you note in the mail. It read:

*Dear Robert,
On behalf of the Jersey Hills Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, we would like to thank you for the outstanding performance of your band at our Installation.*

It was entertaining and our members truly enjoyed it. What a way to end the year!!!

Many thanks.

Yours truly, Jan Laman

Here's to the boys in the band who helped cover some of my amateur musical mistakes. While it wasn't perfect, it sure was fun. Hey! What could anyone expect for free?

Bob Dworkin

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. Visit reconstructingjudaism.org.

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.

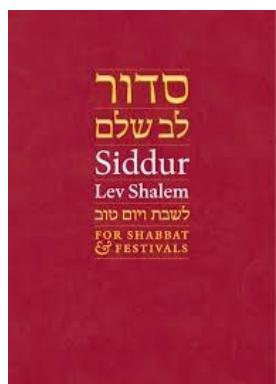


Gift Idea for Special Occasions: Honor a Loved One with a Contribution to our Siddur Lev Shalem Fund

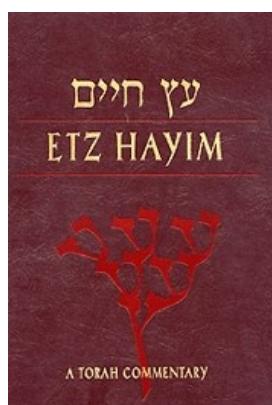
We have purchased new siddurim, Siddur Lev Shalem ("the red books") for our Shabbat services. We want to fill *all* our book holders with these wonderful new editions and you can help!

Please consider honoring a loved one with a gift for any special occasion or milestone by dedicating a new Shabbat prayer book in their name.

You can do so with 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.



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For all kids in 6th-8th grades

Youth's Full Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age as of Sept. 2018: ____ Grade as of Sept. 2018: _____

Home Address: _____

Youth's Email Address: _____ Youth's Cell Number: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Number: _____

Mother's Email Address: _____

Mother's Home Address (if different than above): _____

Father's Name: _____ Hebrew Name (if applicable): _____

Home Phone: _____ Father's Cell Number: _____

Father's Email Address: _____

Father's Home Address (if different than above): _____

Synagogue Membership & Kadima Membership

Is the family affiliated with a synagogue? Yes No If yes, which one? _____

Has the student already been a Kadima member? Yes No If yes, for how many years? _____

QUESTIONS?

Contact FLIPPER Advisor

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Student's Full Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age as of Sept. 2018: _____ Grade as of Sept. 2018: _____

Home Address: _____

Student's Email Address: _____ Student's Cell Number: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Number: _____

Mother's Email Address: _____

Mother's Home Address (if different than above): _____

Father's Name: _____ Hebrew Name (if applicable): _____

Home Phone: _____ Father's Cell Number: _____

Father's Email Address: _____

Father's Home Address (if different than above): _____

Synagogue Membership & USY Membership

Is the family affiliated with a synagogue? Yes No If yes, which one? _____

Has the student already been a USY member? Yes No If yes, for how many years? _____

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Kiddush Club

*Magical Food! Wonderful Food! Marvelous Food!
Glorious Food!*

Catering kiddush by a kosher restaurant is almost twice as costly as having the Kiddush Club buy and prepare the food. Due to financial issues, on August 19, 2017, the Saturday kiddush consisted of only wine, grape juice, and challah. The shock to many of those who were there was reminiscent of the orphan children in *Oliver Twist* only getting a daily allotment of gruel.

Since then, the Kiddush Club has been reactivated and we have never had to feel like Oliver, who asked for more and was flogged and threatened with hanging. [See [https://youtu.be/BbdNgbCOq_s.\]](https://youtu.be/BbdNgbCOq_s.)

Last year, 27 generous families donated to the Kiddush Club , thus ensuring a non-toothpick kiddush whenever there was no other sponsor. When members sponsor a kiddush for their family lifecycle events, the money in the Kiddush Club account is not touched.

It's a new year and it's time to think about making your once-yearly \$144 contribution. If that's too much for your budget at this time, please consider giving a lesser amount, perhaps \$75 or \$50.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers who either buy food on a Wednesday or Thursday or prepare the food on Friday mornings.

We like to change things every once in a while, as is evidenced by gluten-free and sugar-free items. But the biggest innovation was the Cinco do Mayo kiddush, thanks to Linda Paige and her crew of volunteers.

Please tell us what you like, or don't like, or suggest new items. Email kiddushclub@synagogue.org and we'll see what we can do to accommodate you. If you are in a position to volunteer to buy or prepare food, please let us know that, too. We would be happy to shop with you the first time and show you how to prepare food and use the temple kitchen properly.

L'shanah tovah!

Bob Dworkin, Chair



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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