

November/December 2018



Temple Talk

News you can use from the TI-JCC community

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Meaning of the Sukkah

Writing this column just a week after the conclusion of the fall holidays, I am reflecting on the symbolism of the sukkah and what it means for our community.



The sukkah is a kind of shelter, but not a very good one. In explaining the sukkah this year during a week when it seemed to be raining every other day, I realized that what makes a sukkah kosher is the fact that it will not work to keep us dry. The sukkah needs to fail in protecting us from the rain in order to be a kosher sukkah. What kind of a shelter is that then?

We see the word "sukkah" used in the Bible to signify shelter, such as the verse from Psalm 27 asking that God hide us in the secret corners of God's sukkah to protect us from danger. What secret corners? There are no secret parts of a sukkah, and no sukkah can offer any protection worth noting! We also pray from the Siddur every Friday night that God spread God's "sukkah of peace" over us. God's sukkah is apparently quite more effective than ours!

The powers of God's sukkah to protect us from harm and grant us peace make evident the shortcomings of our own ineffective home-built temporary structures. And yet, sometimes those are all we have. When I went to spend my junior year of college at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, we were housed for the mandatory two-month Ulpan (intensive Hebrew language course) before the start of the academic year in "temporary" housing units at the university's Givat Ram campus (the regular dorms at the Mount Scopus campus would not be ready for us until September). Those temporary units, called *Shikunei Ha'Elef* (or "Neighborhood A") were built in the 1960s.

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI LEIAH MOSER

עֲבְדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה
בְּשִׂמְחָה בְּאוֹרְ לְפָנָיו
בְּרִנָּה

*Serve HaShem with joy,
come before Hir with
singing (Psalms 100:2)*



Last week marked the beginning of the Jewish month of *Cheshvan*, often called "*Mar-Cheshvan*," the prefix "*mar*" generally understood to be the Hebrew word for "bitter." According to tradition, this month is "bitter" on account of the fact that it contains not a single holiday, a fact which sets it apart from the month of *Tishrei* immediately before, which is chock full of 'em.

But is it really such a bitter thing to have a break from holidays once in a while? Leaving aside the perfectly true fact that the nonstop rush of the High Holidays can be pretty exhausting for everyone, it occurs to me that it's not such a bad thing to have an entire month devoted to that highly under-appreciated feature of the Jewish calendar: *chol*. *Chol* refers to every day that isn't Shabbat, a festival, or some other holiday. *Chol* is "ordinary" time as distinguished from "sacred" time, and as such, tends not to get a lot of focus in the synagogue, whose activities tend to be centered around the sacred.

And yet, it is precisely the activity which takes place during so-called ordinary time that frames these sacred moments and gives them their context. This division has been with us from the very beginning—in the opening verses of *Bereishit*, God rests on the seventh day and calls it holy, but the holiness of that rest is enabled by and derives its meaning from the labor of the previous six days.

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Ways to Support TI-JCC

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

Shalom! It is so much fun to look back on our activities over the last few months and to also let you know what's coming up! We hope you're having as much fun as we are.

It was great to have all our bakers in the TI kitchen for our Annual Kugelthon. Friends, old and new, worked together to prepare a delicious break fast. Just a few days later, we gathered again for Sisters in the Sukkah, with chocolate, games, sweets, and good company!



We hope everyone enjoyed our book talk and signing with Fran Hawthorne held in October. What a great morning! Have you finished the book yet??

Thanks to all that joined us at our Progressive Dinner. From the awesome appetizers to the delectable desserts, a great time was had by all. A special shout out to all of our gracious hosts who prove to be remarkable chefs. We are already planning for next year.

Hanukkah Boutique, November 11th & 18th. Our gift shop is available for all of your holiday and Judaica needs! You'll find holiday gifts, décor, candles, dreidels, and menorahs . . . and as always, hostess gifts, beautiful Shabbat candles, and wedding gifts are on hand. Contact Stephanie Gottesman for more information.

Sisterhood Shabbat, January 19th. It is so special to come together for a service where so many of our Sisterhood members lead us in prayer. Of course, a fabulous Kiddush will follow.



Game night continues. Join us at the temple the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.** for Mah Jongg, our expanding Bridge game, coloring, etc. Not into games? No worries. Join us for some schmoozing and snacks.

Yoga. A little stressed? How about yoga? Join us for yoga **every Thursday at Temple**

Israel at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Cantor at 201-612-3295 or debbiecantor@optonline.net.

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

Abbie

Goodwill Report 2018

On behalf of Merille Siegel and I, and our Board of Directors, I'd like to thank everyone who has either made a pledge or a payment towards our annual Goodwill campaign. I am pleased to report that our pledge cards were a huge success; we received 42 pledges from first time donors! That is really terrific and we are so pleased to have so many participate.

If you have not yet made your annual pledge, will you consider doing so? Our goal is two-pronged; 1) to have as many participate as possible to show our support of our synagogue, and 2) to raise enough money to support our facility and our many activities.

You can pledge via email to Goodwill@synagogue.org or you can call Maureen in our temple office. Our final report will follow in the next Temple Talk, but thank you all again for your support of your shul!

Howard Schreiber, Goodwill Co-Chair

Kiddush Club

Catering kiddush by a kosher restaurant is almost twice as costly as having the Kiddush Club buy and prepare the food. It's time to think about making your once-yearly \$144 contribution, which ensures we have a nice Kiddush lunch when there is no other sponsor. 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 shop and/ or prepare the food. Please tell us what you like, or don't like, or suggest new items. Email kiddush-club@synagogue.org and we'll see what we can do to accommodate you.

If you can volunteer to buy (Wed. or Thurs.) or prepare food (Fri.) , please let us know that, too. We will shop with you the first time and show you how to prepare food and use the temple kitchen properly.

Bob Dworkin, Chair

TI-JCC Mission Statement

TIJCC offers a choice of Conservative and Reconstructionist services, and a variety of cultural, social and educational programs for those who are committed to creating an evolving and vibrant Jewish community in northern New Jersey.

B'YACHAD

Over the past few months, B'yachad has taken advantage of the warm weather and enjoyed some time in the great outdoors. We attended a Mets game where the home team did not do so well, but the kids all really enjoyed running the bases after it was over!

We also went on our annual apple picking trip to Maskers Orchard in Warwick, NY. It was a REALLY hot day and not the best for picking apples, but we had a nice picnic nonetheless.

Finally, we welcomed many new families at the welcome back BBQ at Temple Israel during Labor Day weekend. Fun times were had by B'yachad members new and old! Keep a lookout in your email for upcoming B'yachad activities!

B'yachad Calendar

- Friday, November 30:**
Latkefest/potluck dinner
- Saturday December 8:**
Hanukkah party
- 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
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MEMBERSHIP

Over 70 people attended Shabbat dinner on Friday, October 12 when we welcomed our newest members to our Temple Israel and RCBI community. It was such a pleasure to see so many families with kids of all ages, and empty nesters, enjoying a Shabbat evening together. Thanks to the Bimah Band, TI's services that followed were lively.

Please put December 8th on your calendar for a community-wide Chanukah party that will begin at 6:30 p.m., featuring our "famous" latke bar with wonderful and unusual toppings. There will be entertainment for kids and beer and wine for adults. We can all celebrate miracles with a community lighting of our menorah, before dinner. Please bring your own menorah from home to join in the fun.

Remember, if you have any unaffiliated friends who you think would enjoy being part of our community, please extend to them a gift of membership.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova! May you all have a sweet and healthy and prosperous year.

Best,
Jo Rosen and Jennifer Blanck Weitz
Co-chairs, TI Membership

MUSICAL NOTES

HIGH HOLIDAY CHOIR & TEMPLE ISRAEL'LIGHTS BIMAH BAND

Thanks to our many Shul friends who worked throughout the summer to prepare sacred music, which enhanced our 5779 Yom Tovim worship.

The Choir and Bimah Band, under the direction of Tamara Freeman, enriched our worship for Selichot, Rosh HaShanah, Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur. The bimah band, under Marc Cantor's direction, played spirited dance music for our Erev Simchat Torah service. Irene Bressler was our marvelous piano accompanist.



Barbara Schneider and Bob Smolen attended many additional rehearsals with Tamara to learn the Kol Nidrei prayer, which they davened exquisitely with heartfelt *kavanah*. Irene played prelude music on her harp to welcome us into the sanctuary for Erev Rosh HaShanah services. Tamara and Irene played the virtuosic *Kol Nidrei* by Max Bruch on their viola and harp to welcome us into the Kol Nidrei service. The Musaf ensemble also attended many extra rehearsals to prepare challenging and lyrical arrangements of several evocative prayers.

Kudos and y'shar kochachem to all our dedicated and talented musicians:

Sopranos: Debbie Cantor, Tammy Lane, Barbara Schneider

Altos: Irene Bressler, Jo Rosen, Tova Samuels, Elaine Silverstein

Tenors: Marc Cantor, Elyse Beidner Levene, Bob Dworkin, Bill Scher

Basses: James Goldfarb, Harlan Rosenthal, Bob Smolen

Flutes: Debbie Cantor, Anne Wolf

Guitars: Marc Cantor, Susan Kornblit

Viola: Tamara Freeman

Harp & Piano: Irene Bressler

Percussion: Wayne Miller

Musaf ensemble: Debbie Cantor, Elaine Silverstein, Tamara

Freeman, Marc Cantor, Bill Scher, James Goldfarb and Harlan Rosenthal.



The Temple Israel High Holy Day Choir and Bimah Band. Front row (l-r): Irene Bressler, Tammy Lane, Elaine Silverstein, Jo Rosen, Tamara Freeman, Tova Samuels, Anne Wolf, Debbie Cantor, Susan Kornblit, Wayne Miller.

Back row (l-r): Harlan Rosenthal, Bob Smolen, Bill Scher, Bob Dworkin, Marc Cantor (Not shown, Elyse Beidner Levene). Photo: Bob Kern

SOUND OF MUSIC SINGALONG

People of all ages delighted in singing along to all the iconic songs at the screening of "The Sound of Music."

Movie refreshments were served. A wonderful time was had by all.

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

Sunday December 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m: Open Mic. Enjoy the talents of our Shul family in a relaxed atmosphere of fun and fellowship. You are invited to sing, play and instrument, tell a story or a joke, or share any of your great talents. Refreshments will be served. A perfect event for people of all ages!

Saturday night, February 9: Speakeasy. Entertainment. Munchies. Drinks. **Stay tuned for the secret password!**

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

RITUAL HAPPENINGS

We hope everyone enjoyed their 5779 High Holidays. So many people to mention, all of whom contributed to an enjoyable and meaningful High Holiday experience. Thanks to:

- **Bob Obeiter, Nanette Rosenbaum** and **Ilyse Goldman-Krebs** - *Davening the Pesukei D'zimra, Shacharit and Musaf services*
- **Chris Dobkins, Elaine Silverstein, Abe Davis** and **Ilyse Levine** - *leyning Torah*
- **Tamara Freeman, Howard Schreiber, Stephanie Gottesman** and **David Millman** - chanting *Haftarah*
- **Ariel Fine** and **Jonathan Bartlett** - blowing *shofar*
- **Tamara Freeman** - leading the choir
- **Tamara Freeman** and **Irene Bressler** - musical *Kol Nidre* performance
- **Bob Obeiter** and **Bob Smolen** - *Gabbaim*

Thanks to our ticket checking greeters, school assistants and ushers.

Thanks to Sisterhood for a wonderful break-fast meal (*Kugel* - yum!)

An immeasurable thanks to **Jose** and **Tina** for the countless things they did to ensure a smooth operation.

Kudos to the Brandeis Men's Club for *Sukkah* management (love the new *s-hach!*) and their signature Steak 'n' Scotch in the *Sukkah* event.

Congratulations to **David Millman** and **Linda Paige**, our most-deserving *Chatan Torah* and *Kallah Bereshit* honorees.

Enjoy your leaf-turning football season, as we soon get set for *Hanukah* (first candle on December 2).

Respectfully,

David Millman and Robert Smolen
TI Ritual Co-chairs



ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Fine's American Jewry class begins on **Sunday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.**. 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. Sessions will be **on November 4, 11, and 18; February 24; and March 3, 24, and 31**, all at 10:00 a.m., and will culminate with a trip to the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia on June 2, 2019. So for you history buffs or anyone interested in a great class, please attend and spread the word!

Rabbi Fine's **Talmud classes are on Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m.** No knowledge of Hebrew nor Talmud is required.

Mystical Parshat HaShavua — Join Rabbi Moser for a weekly delve into the Torah portion as seen through the lens of some of the classics of Jewish mysticism. Sessions are **every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** Participants will read a part of the parasha alongside commentary from the Zohar or the Chassidic masters and discuss the insights contained therein. RSVP to rabbileiah@synagogue.org.

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 works 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 and assisting neighbors such as the residents of Ridgcrest Senior Housing, a low-income housing complex in Ridgewood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sixth Annual Anti-Gun Violence Shabbat

Join us on **Saturday morning, December 15**, for a talk, "Student Activism against Gun Violence," by Laurence Fine, son of Rabbi David and Alla Fine, and a sophomore at Ridgewood High School. Laurence will represent Students Demand Action Bergen County, a group made up of students from dozens of high schools in Bergen County that works for change in anti-gun violence legislation, organizes rallies, and works to register students to vote. (Photo: Jo Rosen)



Our community is proud to be one of hundreds of congregations nationwide, of all faiths, that participates in this commemoration of the Sandy Hook shootings, which is intended to raise awareness of the issue of gun violence. Please attend, and bring friends from outside our community. Kiddush sponsors are welcome; contact Elaine Silverstein at elasil@optonline.net.

Dinner at Ridgcrest

Starting with the NNJJA Hanukkah party in 2017, the Tikkun Olam Committee has forged a very pleasant relationship with the staff and residents of the Ridgcrest Senior Citizens Center in Ridgewood. Many of the residents are food-insecure and in need of opportunities for socialization. We regularly provide healthy snacks and on Monday, December 10, we'll be cooking and serving dinner and joining the residents for the evening's social activities. If you'd like to join us, contact Elaine at elasil@optonline.net.

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. **The remaining Fall 2018 dates are 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

On Mitzvah Day, Sunday, October 14, NNJJA students assembled 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 discreetly 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 coordinated this program for Tikkun Olam.



RECENT EVENTS

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. This year's donations totaled 89 bags of food and 25 contractor bags of clothing. Many thanks to Sue Hill for spearheading the clothing drive and to everyone who donated. Special thanks to Tina and Jose who assist and work with the charities on ensuring the goods are delivered.

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



It's been a great start to the new NNJJA school year! Our first Sunday was the sweetest because of a visit from the ice cream truck! It was a treat to eat our treat in the sukkah. A special thank you to the Men's Club for sponsoring the event.

We've since gotten to know our new teachers and new students a little more. The NNJJA community is so warm and welcoming. There's still space, so if you know anyone looking to join, please feel free to send them our way!

Last year, we spent some time listening to NNJJA parents and then revamping our curriculum to meet the needs of current families. To that end, you'll notice a new attendance box on Shabbat. Our sincere hope is to have Shabbat mornings be filled with NNJJA students meeting their synagogue attendance requirements. That might mean a little more noise and chatter in the sanctuary, but it will also mean a whole

new crop of students who will be becoming adults that are comfortable in a shul. It's Jewish continuity in action!

Something else new that we've been enjoying is a weekly tefilah session for grades 3 through 7 with Rabbi Fine on Wednesdays. We do our tefilah in the main sanctuary to create a level of comfort and familiarity for our students.

We've also got some awesome new Tarbut activities. Each Sunday, the entire NNJJA community participates in a culture activity, not always connected to what they're studying in their respective classes. In October, we had a three-week Krav Maga intensive! Sensei Gil, a native Israeli, taught us some Hebrew words along with some Israeli self-defense. It was really cool! The course let us improve on skills over the course of time. We also participated in a Tikkun Olam activity where we packed snack packs for the Center for Food Action, and we're collecting used, clean, t-shirts as part of the Jewish Federation of North Jersey's Mitzvah Day. They're going to make them into pet toys!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 11th when Jewish Family Services will come present a lecture on "How to Raise Selfless Children" for our NNJJA parents. We'll also have our first **NNJJA community Shabbat dinner on November 16th**. And then, Chanukah is right around the corner! **Our NNJJA Chanukah party is going to be a Matty Roxx concert on December 2nd**! It's going to be a busy fall!

Jessica Spiegel
JSpiegel@synagogue.org
201-444-4194

Our Hebrew School students stuffed 550 snack packs for children just like them who face food scarcity across Bergen County.

The program is organized by Center for Food Action and provides food over the weekend for children who receive food assistance at school during the week.

Teachers and students alike appreciated the chance to do something for others in need.

Each snack pack not only feeds a child in need but helps teach other children the importance of giving back to others as well. This program was sponsored by the TI-JCC Tikkun Olam committee and funded through generous donations.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Please register 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.](https://www.synagogue.org/youth/youth-groups), as are the permission slips. Our upcoming events are noted below. As details are confirmed, we will send you updates.

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.

Marcia Kagedan, Youth Director

FLIPPER Chapter and HAGALIL Regional SCHEDULE November 2018-January 2019

- ◆ **November 14** — FLIPPER Kadima bowling at Bowler City
- ◆ **November 16-18** — Hagalil USY fall convention
- ◆ **December 1** — FLIPPER USY movie night
- ◆ **December 14-15** — FLIPPER USY & 8th grade Shabbaton with BCHSJS at JCCP/CBT
- ◆ **December 16** — FLIPPER Kadima
- ◆ **December 23-27** — USY International convention, Orlando, Florida
- ◆ **January 12** — FLIPPER USY & Kadima Bingo Night at JCCP/CBT
- ◆ **January 18-19** — Hagalil USY Freshman Shabbaton in Metuchen
- ◆ **January 19** — Hagalil USY Dance in Metuchen
- ◆ **January 27** — FLIPPER USY & BCHSJS ice skating party at Ice House

B'NEI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHTS

AARON LERNER



My name is Aaron Lerner, and I became bar mitzvah on October 27th. I am currently in 7th grade at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Ridgewood. Besides Hebrew School, I am on a competitive gymnastics team at US Gym Mahwah, which takes up a lot of my time. In any spare time that I have, I like to draw.

Being Jewish means I am part of one of the oldest religions in the world. My most favorite holiday is Yom Kippur because it's a solemn but also light holiday, and because my parents don't ask me to eat on that day. I do like to cook for my family and for others. My mom and I periodically cook at "Healing Meals," a local organization that provides meals to kids in hospitals. It's fun to cook healthy food, and know that it's for a good cause!

DANIEL RIGANTE

My name is Daniel Rigante. Through 6th grade, I attended the Gerrard Berman Day School and now I am at Golda Och Academy for 7th grade. I have worked for the past nine months a lot on my bar mitzvah (October 20) and on the parsha Lech Lecha. It is the parsha where we meet our forefather Abraham who makes a covenant with God. I have learned so much through my bar mitzvah, I have taken the time to come to Friday night and Saturday morning services each week and have really gotten to know Temple Israel and my community.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing basketball, watching YouTube, and hanging out with my friends. During the summer I attend NJY's Cedar Lake Camp; it's my favorite time of year! I love being with my friends at camp where we hike, swim or just take it easy on a Shabbat afternoon. I look forward to continuing my Jewish education and coming back as an adult to Temple Israel





Meet Dr. Ira Spar — leader of our upcoming Israel trip

TI-JCC member Dr. Ira Spar, professor of history and ancient studies at Ramapo College, will lead the trip to Israel this year. He is formerly co-director of excavations at Tel Hadar, Israel and research Assyriologist at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Ira co-authored, with Michael Jursa, *The Ebabbar Temple Archive and Other Texts from the Fourth to the First Millennium B.C.* Cuneiform Texts in The Metropolitan Museum of Art, vol. IV, New York: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2014.

Other published works:

Articles

“Babylon and the Bible,” in J. Aruz (ed.), *From Assyria to Iberia*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2014

“Cyrus and the Judean Diaspora,” July 2013
<http://www.metmuseum.org/about-the-museum/now-at-the-met/features/2013/cyrus-and-the-judean-diaspora>

“Imperial Attire and National Identity in Ancient Assyria, Qajar Iran and Qing China,” *World History Connected*, Spring 2012

“Ashurbanipal,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*. Henry Louis Gates Jr. (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2011

Papers

“Ancient Temple Economies: A Comparative Typology,” University of Hanoi, Hawaii Pacific University and the World History Association, Vietnam Symposium, University of Hanoi, December 2013

“Israelite and Egyptian Exiles in the Babylonian Diaspora,” World History Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 2013

See pages 10 & 11 for details about this May 2019 excursion.

Baking Sweets for RCBI's High Holy Day Visitors



In a custom that began with Rabbi Jacob Lieberman (and his “famous zucchini bread”), members of RCBI gathered in the temple kitchen to bake something sweet for our High Holy Day guests. Rabbi Leah supervised a banana bread-baking session and members delivered the fresh-baked loaves to our first-time attendees. Not only was the finished product delicious, everyone had a great time together.



Jerusalem and the Holy Land: Art & Archaeology

with Dr. Ira Spar

Ramapo College/The Metropolitan Museum of Art

May 26 – June 7, 2019

Sponsoring Institutions:

Community Church of Glen Rock, NJ

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Pearl River, NY

Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center – Ridgewood, NJ

"One does not travel to Jerusalem, one returns."



Tour Package Includes:

- Hotels: Mt. Zion–Jerusalem, Nof Ginosar–North, Dan Panorama–Tel Aviv
- Daily buffet breakfasts; five dinners including Shabbat; three lunches per the itinerary
- Touring with Dr Ira Spar and one of Israel's Top Tour Guide educators in a WiFi enabled deluxe touring Motor Coach

A Few Tour Highlights:

- Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tzfat, Old Jaffa, Megiddo, Caesarea, Capernaum and Sea of Galilee area
- Old City of Jerusalem focusing on the city's walls, gates, rooftops division into "four" quarters
- Lectures by Ira Spar on JERUSALEM, ARCHAEOLOGY AND BIBLICAL HISTORY
- Tour the City of David, Second Temple Period at Robinson's Arch, Western and Southern Wall
- Temple Mount (Haram Esh-Sharif) – Islam's holiest site, Dome of the Rock and Al-Aksa Mosque
- Follow the Stations of the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Jerusalem's multiculturalism and modern history on El Wad Street and at the Austrian Hospice
- Visit to St. James Armenian Cathedral in the Armenian Quarter
- Tour of Yad Vashem Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum and Children's Memorial
- Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Shrine of the Book and the Model of Jerusalem
- Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations (Church of the Agony), Desert monastery of Dir Hogla
- Tour of Tel Megiddo led by Archaeologist Norma Franklin, Ruins of Caesarea, Roman Theater
- Guided tour of the Reuven Rubin Museum, hear about the landmark work of this modern Israeli artist

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/ispar

For additional information please contact Dr. Ira Spar at ira.spar12@gmail.com

Tour arranged by ITC Tours Tours LLC - Tour manager yafa@israeltour.com 973-535-2575

Trip Costs and Reductions

Land Only Package – \$3595**

Discounted price for check payment

Land and Air Package – \$5145*

Discounted price for check payment

Single Room Supplement – \$1265

Discounted price for check payment

Land Only Package – \$3739**

Full price for credit card payment

Full cost Land and Air Package – \$5350*

Full price for credit card payment

Single Room Supplement – \$1309

Full price for credit card payment

3rd person adult in triple room
Subtract \$300

Optional Jordan Aman Petra Extension

Grand Palace Hotel – Amman, Movenpick Nabatean Castle

Hotel – Petra (Wadi Musa)

\$1475 minimum 5 participants

**Prices based on 15 paying participants. If less than 15, price will increase, with more than 20 price will be reduced.

Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Porterage – \$180

Flights – NB: Rates are estimates and depend on when booked and contract received from the airline; fuel surcharges are subject to fluctuation

Sunday, May 26
Depart USA

Monday, May 27 – Going up into the Land
Arrive in **Israel** to be met and assisted by your ITC representative (today's program depends on arrival time) • Travel to **Jerusalem** through the biblical **Ayalon Valley** • Look out over the **Old City of Jerusalem** and **Temple Mount** - Introduction to the "Holy Basin" • Walking tour to the **Old City of Jerusalem** focusing on the city's **walls, gates, rooftops** and division into "**four**" **quarters** • Lunch on own • Check-in to the **Mt. Zion Hotel** in **Jerusalem** • **Lecture by Prof. Ira Spar:** Introduction to Jerusalem (at hotel, room needed) • Welcome dinner at **Olive and Fish Restaurant**
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 28 – Urban Story: 1,500 years in Jerusalem from David to Justinian

Tour the **City of David**, including its ancient water system without getting wet, as we use archaeology and the Bible to trace Jerusalem's history from a small settlement closely connected to its basic needs of water and defense to the political and religious capital of biblical Israel (Judah) • Follow Jerusalem's urban growth and cultural transformations into the Second Temple Period at **Robinson's Arch, Western Wall, Southern Wall and Davidson Center** • Lunch at **Between the Arches Restaurant**, located in ancient cistern • Unique tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels** with Dr. Avi Solomon, the site's chief archaeologist (subject to availability) • Tour of archaeological sites in the **Jewish Quarter**, including **Broad Wall, Israelite Tower** (closed site to be opened specially for this group), **Herodian Mansions** and **Cardo** • Free time to shop and explore on own • Dinner on own
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, May 29 – Temple Mount, Holy Sepulcher, Mt. Zion

Early departure to tour the **Temple Mount (Haram Esh-Sharif)** – Islam's holiest site in Jerusalem to see the **Dome of the Rock** and **Al-Aksa Mosque** • Follow the Stations of the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. En route we will encounter Jerusalem's multiculturalism and modern history on **El Wad Street** and at the **Austrian Hospice** (Great Powers in Ottoman Jerusalem). Then seen the **Sabils**, Ottoman Fountains installed by Suleiman the Magnificent • Lunch on own • In depth tour of the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, examining history, religion/sanctity and inter denominational relations (Status Quo) in the church • Special visit with **Abu Halaf, purveyor of textiles to the Vatican** • Visit to **St. James Armenian Cathedral** in the **Armenian Quarter** • Visit to **Mt. Zion**, including **Cenacle (Upper Room of the Last Supper)** and **David's Tomb** (both in the same building crowned by an Moslem minaret) • Dinner on own • Watch the **Night Spectacular** – Sound & Light show at the **Tower of David**
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, May 30 – The City and the Desert Nearby: Masada and the Dead Sea Region
Set out across the Judean Desert on

the **Good Samaritan Route** • Tour the ruins of **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered and hear about the ascetic Jewish sect that lived there 2,000 years ago • Ascend **Masada** by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence • Lunch at **Dead Sea resort** • Swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments available by prior reservation at own expense • Free evening • Dinner on own
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, May 31 – Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

Tour of **Yad Vashem** Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the **Holocaust History Museum** and **Children's Memorial** • Lunch on own • Explore the bustling **Machane Yehuda Market** and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites begin preparing for Shabbat and then tour the nearby quaint Nachlaot neighborhoods • Free time to explore on own • Attend festive **Greeting of the Sabbath** at the **Western Wall** • **Festive Shabbat Dinner** at hotel
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, June 1 – And on the Seventh Day...in Jerusalem

Optional walking tour to the First Temple period burial site at **Ketef Hinnom** (below Scottish Church) – Where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found (exhibited at Israel Museum). Then continue to **Mishkenot Sha'ananim**, the first neighborhood built outside the Old City walls. Its founding in the 19th century marked the birth of the **New City** • Visit to the **Israel Museum** to see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** in the **Shrine of the Book** and the **Model of Jerusalem** in the first century. Free time to explore additional exhibitions on own – **Our Recommendations: Modern Israeli art, Synagogue interiors** in the **Judaica** section and the **Archaeology Wing** • Bethlehem excursion to visit the **Church of the Nativity** in **Manger Square** and the nearby **Milk Grotto**. Then drive to the **Shepherds Fields** in **Beit Sahur** • Free evening • Dinner on own
Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, June 2 – From Gethsemane to the Galilee

Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All Nations (Church of the Agony)** • Travel to the **Jordan Valley** to tour the **desert monastery** of **Dir Hogla**, dedicated to St. Jerome • Visit the **Qasr El Yahud Baptistal Site** on the **Jordan River** east of Jericho, which is also associated with where the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan and where the Prophet Elijah ascended to heaven in a Chariot of Fire • Visit the ancient synagogue of **Beit Alfa** and discover why its 1,500 year old mosaic floor features a wheel of the zodiac • Tour the exquisite Roman ruins of **Beit Shean**, once a splendid city of the Decapolis • Check in to the **Nof Ginosar Hotel** on **Kibbutz Ginosar** by the **Sea of Galilee** • Dinner at hotel • **Lecture by Prof. Ira Spar:** War & Peace in the Age of the Patriarchs (at hotel, room needed)
Overnight: Nof Ginosar

Monday, June 3 – Sea of Galilee and Mystical Tzfat

Explore the ruins of **Capernaum**, where Jesus began his Ministry in the Galilee, including its coastline, octagonal Byzantine church – Peter's House and massive ancient stone synagogue • See the iconic **Fish and Loaves mosaic** at **Tabha**, site of the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and the Loaves • Visit the Mt. of the Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount and see Barluzzi's octagonal church • Lunch on own • Tour old synagogues and picturesque alleys of **Tzfat**, cradle of Jewish mysticism in 16th century, including the ofante **Abhav Synagogue** to see its symbolic art and architecture and the **Ari Ashkenazi Synagogue** • Dinner at hotel
Overnight: Nof Ginosar

Tuesday, June 4 – Megiddo and Caesarea

Tour of **Tel Megiddo** led Archaeologist by **Norma Franklin**. Megiddo was an important city in biblical Israel, associated with Armageddon from the Book of Revelations, including its ancient water system • Lunch on own • Visit the ruins of **Caesarea**, including its **Roman Theater, Amphitheater, Hippodrome, Promontory Palace, ancient port** and **aqueducts** • Travel to **Tel Aviv** • Check into the **Dan Panorama Hotel** on **Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast** • **Lecture by Prof. Ira Spar:** Excavations at Tel Hadar • Free evening • Dinner on own
Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, June 5 – The Hebrew City and the Jewish State

Walking tour of historic "**Little Tel Aviv**" - Discover the quaint **Neve Tzeddek** neighborhood that gave birth to the "first Hebrew city in 2,000 years" • Discover **City of Sand and Sea**, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman portraying scenes from the history of Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Then see his wall mosaic portraying early Tel Aviv as the artist remembered it in the **Shalom Towers** • Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv at the **Founders' Monument** then stroll down **Rothschild Boulevard** to view the **Bauhaus** architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Lunch on own • Guided of the **Reuven Rubin Museum** to hear about the landmark work of this modern Israeli artist, who documented Tel Aviv in its early years • Free time to **swim** in the **Mediterranean Sea** and enjoy **beachside Promenade** • Free evening • Dinner on own
Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, June 6 – Graffiti, Antiquities and Charm in Tel Aviv and Jaffa

Discover Tel Aviv's remarkable street art on a **graffiti tour** of the hip **Florentine neighborhood – The Soho of Israel** • Tour **Old Jaffa**, where paintings and sculptures have been installed in the alleys of the ancient port city once known as the Gate of Zion • Lunch on own • Afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping • Farewell dinner at **Maganda Restaurant** in Tel Aviv's old **Yemenite Quarter** • Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport – **See you again soon!**

Thursday, June 7
Arrive in USA



KADIMA YOUTH GROUP MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018-2019



FLIPPER CHAPTER

Fair Lawn-Paramus-Emerson-Ridgewood

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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

Marcia Kagedan (201) 262-7733 edudirector@jccparamus.org

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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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Rabbi Fine, cont'd. from page 1

I don't think anyone intended them to still be in use a quarter century later, even by visiting university students. Sometimes the impermanent nature of a building can remind us of our tenuous claim to the land beneath it.

The insecurity of the structure is really just a symbol of the insecurity of those seeking its shelter. That is why the Bible and the Siddur refer to our seeking shelter in God's sukkah. The insecurity is our own, even as God's embrace is redeeming.

As we have completed another season of holidays, we should remain mindful of the many in the world who have no security and are in desperate search for shelter. We should commit ourselves to rebuilding our society as a sukkah, as a shelter of peace.

Our sukkah at Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center was open throughout the festival. Despite the rain we managed to host Men's Club, Sisterhood and youth group events, a congregational dinner, multiple Muffins and Mishnah coffees before services, and Kiddush and onegs after services. And perhaps most fittingly, our last event was a breakfast meeting of the Ridgewood interfaith clergy association, where Ramon Hache, the Village's new mayor, discussed his priorities since assuming office. As I kept running into the synagogue to find more chairs to bring out for the very well-attended clergy meeting, I felt honored by my interfaith colleagues' visit to our synagogue sukkah. I explained to those gathered, in my closing benediction for them (which as the host it was my duty to offer), that we Jews conclude each and every worship service with the prophetic vision of the day when all will worship together as one (that's the end of the Aleinu). I thanked them for coming together in our sukkah, giving us all a taste of that vision. To attain it, though, we have to build a community and society that can be a sukkah to all.

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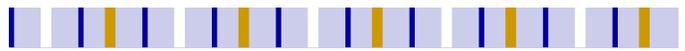
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Rabbi Moser, cont'd. from page 1

It is significant in this context that the same Hebrew word, *avodah*, refers both to labor and to prayer. This is perhaps indicative of the particularly Jewish way of looking at life, wherein the work of our hands and the soulful yearnings of our hearts are both held up as indispensable elements of the holy service we are called on to perform in the world. In this union of the ordinary and the extraordinary, the secular with the sacred, we begin to approach the stance of "normal mysticism" which for Max Kadushin characterizes the religious approach of rabbinic Judaism.

And so, spurred on by the elevated awareness of holiness cultivated in us by the holidays of *Tishrei*, may we encounter in the comparatively placid month of *Cheshvan* with hearts open to the holiness to be found in the work of our hands, the support we provide for one another, and in a thousand ordinary moments of everyday life.



The Trailblazing Rabbi who Persisted



Many Reconstructionist Jews are aware of Rabbi Sandy Sasso, a trailblazer in the movement. She was the first woman to become a Reconstructionist rabbi, and as far as she knew, the second woman ever to be recognized as a rabbi. (The first was Sally Priesand, ordained in 1972 by the Reform movement.) During the course of her studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, she married

classmate Dennis Sasso and they became the world's first married rabbinic couple upon their graduation.

Although Rabbi Sasso was not always met with glowing acceptance early in her professional life, she persisted and built a remarkable career that included leading Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis alongside her husband, and becoming a noted author of children's and adult books and community activist.

After 36 years as rabbi there, Rabbi Sasso co-founded Women4Change Indiana, a nonpartisan organization that empowers women to lead in the field of civic affairs, and created the Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Initiative, now at IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis) Arts and Humanities Institute. You can read about her story, her work, and her books on the Reconstructing Judaism website at <http://bit.ly/2Esh533>.

Brandeis Men's Club – Come have fun with us!

The year started off with a bang. Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah has become a signature event for the Men's Club. Once again we were at capacity with 50-plus guests in attendance. Member families enjoyed a fabulous meal, a televised NFL football game in the Sukkah and music for a festive evening.

As the Hebrew School classes came out to see the synagogue sukkah, BMC sponsored the "Sweet Guy Ice Cream" truck, treating all the kids to a late-summer indulgence.

In 2018 Men's Club initiated an NFL Survivor Pool where players pick one winning game each week to continue on. Many of our 40 entrants fell prey to major upsets. Congratulations to our round one winners, Bob Obeiter and Joe Wechsler. We had so much fun that everyone asked to play again.

Stayed tuned for more information about "Hearing Men's Voices" on elder care and plans for Hannukah.



Members of Brandeis Men's club getting ready for another season (with Steak & Scotch) in the sukkah.

A FINE EVENING OF FUN—SAT., DEC. 1

Karaoke, dancing, schmoozing ... plus a vodka bar and light cuisine, hosted by with Rabbi David & Alla Fine. **RSVP by Nov. 25 to temple office.**

Cost: \$25 per person. RSVP by Nov. 25

Sponsorships: \$360 for two tickets, 5 songs in a row, bottle of vodka for table; \$100 for two tickets, three songs in a row.

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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In Memory of Ephraim & Geri Nelinson

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OUR FACILITIES ARE VERY, VERY SPECIAL!

This is true for a number of reasons.

- Ours is the only synagogue in Ridgewood.
- It is home to Conservative egalitarian Temple Israel and Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel.
- Our membership directory shows that we live in 43 different communities, mostly in New Jersey, some in New York, and a few as far away as Maine and Hawaii.

We use our indoor rooms and outdoor spaces for religious services, NNJA classes and activities, Sisterhood and Men's Club events, and educational and outreach programs. To varying extents, individuals and organizations rent some of the rooms from us.

We are very pleased that Naaleh High School for Girls has chosen to rent classrooms and offices from TI&JCC for its start-up, beginning this past September. The staff, faculty and students really seem to enjoy our facility, which is conducive to learning, socializing and making lasting friendships. Naaleh's presence also makes us a very special and incomparable religious facility in Bergen County.

We could always use additional rental income, so please consider renting space at TI&JCC for your special milestones and life cycle events. Also recommend us to non-members and outside organizations that may wish to rent space for their events and meetings.

Convincing reasons for non-members to rent space from us includes lovely indoor areas such as the sanctuary, banquet room, kiddush room and classrooms; elevator, rest rooms on the first and second floors, ADA-compliant access ramps leading to the building; plenty of off-street parking, including handicapped parking spaces; full custodial services; and locally competitive rental fees.

Once rental contracts for your referrals have been signed, you will be monetarily rewarded for helping us raise additional operating funds. Simply contact Maureen Nassan in the office or me, Bob Dworkin, Facilities Chair, at bobenroute@aol.com.

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 website has some good information on the RCBI-related pages. In addition, we encourage you to visit ritualwell.org for inspiration as well as access to the Hashivenu podcasts and Reconstructionist Learning Networks.

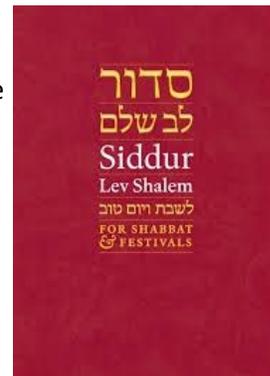


Gift Idea for Special Occasions: Honor a Loved One with a Contribution to our Siddur Lev Shalem Fund

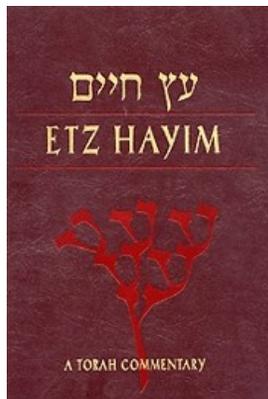
We have purchased new siddurim, Siddur Lev Shalem ("the red books") for our Shabbat services. We want to fill *all* our book holders with these wonderful new editions and you can help!

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.

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
<i>Chumash Etz Hayim</i>	\$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

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.

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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.
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SOME PICTURES FROM HOSHANAH RABBAH—ENJOY!



Hoshanah Rabbah is observed on the seventh day of Sukkott; its name means “the great hoshanah.” A hoshanah is a series of seven liturgical poems calling upon God to rescue and redeem the Jewish people, primarily by sending rain. It was viewed by the rabbis of the Talmud as a mini-Yom Kippur, a day on which the entire Jewish community is judged to be worthy or not of the seasonal rains. All seven hoshanot prayers are recited in seven *hakkafot* (processions) around the sanctuary.

For many communities, it is the last day one shakes the lulav and etrog and dwells in the sukkah although others use the sukkah through Shemini Atzeret. After the *hakafot*, it is customary to beat the willows; this is a symbolic prayer for rain, in which the falling leaves symbolize the much-needed rain for the season.



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October 31 - November 18, 2018

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SCAFFOLDING

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Wednesday, October 31

Teaneck Cinemas



BENEATH THE SILENCE

הלומים

PLUS SHORT FILM

STANDUP

סטנד-אפ

Tuesday, November 13

Teaneck Cinemas



OUTDOORS

בית בגליל

Monday, November 5

Wayne YMCA



SHELTER

מסתור

Wednesday, November 14

Warner Theatre, Ridgewood



HEADING HOME

PLUS SHORT FILM

GETTING SERIOUS

אוברדוס

Tuesday, November 6

Warner Theater, Ridgewood



THE CAKEMAKER

האופה מברלין

Sunday, November 11

Hamilton House, Jersey City



THE TESTAMENT

העדות

Thursday, November 8

Teaneck Cinemas

Sunday, November 18

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