

Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Nissan/Iyar 5770

April 2010

Weekday Mornings Roseld Ave.

Sunday: 8:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

Weekday Evenings Roseld Avenue

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 pm

Shabbat Evening Services*

6:00 pm Roseld Ave.

8:00 pm Monmouth Rd.

Shabbat Morning Services*

9:00 am both locations

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Hazak Movie—April 18

Challah Baking Workshop—April 19

Men's Club Pin Ball Party—April 25



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Shabbat Evening Services

A Choice for the Members of our Congregation

Kabbalat Shabbat Services



With Instrumental
Musical Accompaniment

Roseld Avenue
6:00 p.m.
Schmoozin' 5:30 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Services

Followed by an Oneg & Schmoozin'



Monmouth Road
8:00 p.m.

Yahrzeits for the week being observed by all members of our unified congregation will be honored at both Friday night services conducted each week. We encourage those who wish to attend Friday night services to consider the 6:00 pm service at Roseld Ave. or the 8:00 pm service at Monmouth Rd. as possible options. Choose the time and type of service that best fulfills your spiritual needs.

April Service Announcements...

Friday, April 2, 2010	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00pm at Roseld Ave	Candles 7:03pm
	Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 8:00pm at Monmouth Rd	

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Arlene & Donald Brodie, Carol & Steven Miller, Fran & Steven Nudelman, Linda & William Reinman, Debbie & Ira Samilow, Doris & Ludwig Selikowitz, Joy & Richard Tretsky, Phyllis & Philip Unger

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Saturday, April 3, 2010	Parsha: Exodus 33:12-34:26	Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14
	Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am - Monmouth Road ONLY	

Sunday, April 4, 2010	Pesach Service ~ 7:30pm Roseld Avenue ONLY
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Monday, April 5, 2010	Pesach Service ~ 9:00am Monmouth Road ONLY PM Minyan & Yizkor Service ~ 7:30pm Monmouth Road ONLY
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Tuesday, April 6, 2010	Pesach & Yizkor Service ~ 9:00am Roseld Avenue ONLY
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Friday, April 9, 2010	Musical Birthday Shabbat ~ 6:00pm at Roseld Ave	Candles 7:10pm
	Traditional Shabbat Service ~ 8:00pm at Monmouth Rd	

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Isabelle & Rob Farber, Shirley & Irving Kullback, Allison & George Ryan

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Kurt Gruenwald, Sadie Sheps, Philip Wiser, Donald Horowitz, Herman Soloway, Betty Zuckerman, Fred Chester, Frederick Herman Chester, William Furie, David Resnikoff, Joseph Charles Robinson, Beatrice Schreiber, Lester Cutler, Katie Kalika, Isidore Balton, Nathan Haber, Hyman Shapiro, Berthold A. Sherman, Nettie T. Sulkin, David Meckler, Celia Miller, Ruth Spechler, Bess Walden, Jeanne Berger, Sharon Lager, Rivka Servetnick, Tessie Yoskowitz, Sonia S. Gnesin, Louis Weber, Bae Freedman, Lillian Weiner, Noreen G. Hunt, Lillian Eder, David Bruce Mogelever, Augusta Wiener, Raymond Glaser, John Steinbach, Lena Kneip, Albert Singer, Jeffrey Bruck, Ethel Rebecca Tumen, Irving Bressler, Marilyn Heyman, Pessin Carr, Beatrice Kirschner, Lucy Raskin, Gertrude Robinson Cooper, Jack Lieberman, Jack I. Rosenberg, Robert Mendel, Bess Tucker, Leonard I. Kraut, Garry Perchik, Sidney H. Zauber, Jack Abrahams, Alice Schultz, Harry Sachs, Gloria Rediker, Jennie Askin, Nancy Stalberg, Stella Meyers, William Novogrod, Abe Goldberg, Benny Wildman, Edward Barnett, Morris Miller, Samuel Lehrman, Harry Toffel, Joseph Meyer

Saturday, April 10, 2010	Parsha: Leviticus 9:1-11:47	Haftarah: Samuel II 6:1-19
	Shabbat Services at both locations ~ 9:00am	
	Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Karasic ~ 9:00am Roseld Avenue	
	Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by proud grandparents Honey and Larry Karasic	
	Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Yaffe at Monmouth Road following services	

April Service Announcements...

Friday, April 16, 2010

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00pm at Roseld Ave
Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 8:00pm at Monmouth Rd

Candles 7:17pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Gloria & Noel Kirchner

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Samuel J. Gordon, Robert Franklin, Mary Rosenthal Adler Singer, Robert Sukinik, Sylvia Zimmerman, Jacob Cohen, Lillian Ravitz, Simon Weinstein, Allan Meyers, Sarah Bohm, Albert Brown, Eva Cotler, Dorothy Russo, Freida Deitelbaum, Sidney L. Goldstein, Rose Schoenberg, Berish Benjamin Wetstein, Minnie Berenbaum, Sima Furie, Marjorie Golden, Florence Hertz, Murray Van Glish, Aaron Roth, Rae Leventer, Abraham Sorblum, Howard A. Sobel, Benjamin Chaiken, Dora Krantz, Samuel A. H. Rothstein, Samuel Schwartz, Hyman Goldberg, Rose Robinson, Mollie Hyman, Julian L. Ament, Johanna Marx, Sidney L. Goldstein, Ethel Weich, Ruth Light, Gerald McGrath, Carolyn Rebhun, Fay Baumgarten, Kate Miller, Pearl Jacobs, Regina Frankel, Sam Margulis, Leonard Bergen, Morris Grebler, Lewis Meyers, Anne Kreizman

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Parsha: Leviticus 14:33-15:33

Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

Saturday morning Shabbat service held at both locations - 9:00am
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Zimmerman ~ 9:00am Roseld Avenue

Friday, April 23, 2010

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00pm at Roseld Ave
Traditional Birthday Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 8:00pm at Monmouth Rd

Candles 7:25pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Carrie & Alan Klein, Adria & Tom Glass, Nancy & Doug Roberts, Bonnie & Alan Welt, Marcy & Barry Young

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Bella Bernstein, Louise Bosmans-DeVleeschowwer, Bernard Eliscu, Morris Feinstein, Samuel Levinson, Philip Bosmans, Irving Fishbein, Irving Gershon, Sam Kaplan, Rose Rosenberg, Maurice Benson, Alicia Rene Casey, Betty Resnikoff, Muriel Alpern, Sigmund Lipson, Sara Reiter, Bessie Slovin, Yetta Wilk, Abraham Abarbanel, Rebecca Bashkow, Rebecca Becker, Jeanette Kirschner, Irving Konner, Harry Negin, Naomi Glickman, Fannie Konvitz, Rose Kurman, Nathan Lichtman, Samuel Reich, Ruth Wolf, Rae Breslow, Emanuel Kuskin, Samuel Leffler, Lillian Levine, Harry Noritsky, Bernice Shutman, Charles Sidran, Ronald Tisman, Sophia Bernstein, Bernice Shutman, Beatrice Sobel, Sol Dorfman, Mary Gottstein, Benjamin Gellington, Reba Mildred Liebesman, Morris Abraham Fertell, David Tumen, Rose Mednikoff, Morris L. Liebesman, Frank M. Marx, Ida C. Friedlander, Philip Kaufki, Yetta Cohen, Robert Weintraub, William Rediker, Gary Jay Mandel, Sylvia Rudnick Levy, Mary Mendel, Gertrude Madnick, Mildred Michelson, Stanley Robins, Albert Paskow, Evelyn Dauer, Bessie Levitt, Harriet Drapkin, Miriam Rauch, Beatrice Lehrman, Goldie Rubin, Minnie Rachles, Bertram Roberts, Joseph Fox, Alfred Bahary, Abe Fischbein, Abraham Brustein, Morris Brodsky, Seymour Wallick, Alex Rosenblum

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Parsha: Leviticus 19:15-20:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 22:2-20

Saturday morning Shabbat Service at both locations - 9:00am
Bar Mitzvah of Jake Ryan ~ 9:00am Monmouth Road
Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by proud parents Allison and George Ryan

Friday, April 30, 2010

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00pm at Roseld Ave
Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 8:00pm at Monmouth Rd

Candles 7:32pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Lisa & Howard Guss, Eva & Paul Klenoff, Judy & Rick Rosner, Tina & Alan Chester

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Benjamin Karasik, Rae Littenberg, Helen Meckler, Herbert Schwartz, Sigmund Chapman, Harold A. Goldberg, Eugene Meyer, Haya Basin, Haya Basina, Eli Shooman, Bertha Cohen, Irving Davis, Lester Hodax, Robin Kaufman, Dora Koyner, Larry Cohen, Perle Lifshotz, Lillian Malkin, Isidore Lipschitz, Harry Mille, Jacob Przytyk, Anna Pearl, William Chamlin, Minnie Bragar, Arthur Fox, Yetta Nansin, Raymond David Roth, Clara Miriam Segner, Benjamin Abrams, Sarah Hassman, Gerson A. Gordon, Albert Kramer, Jacob Rosenbaum, Stella Rediker, E. Kenneth Rediker, Stewart Roy Rediker, Bonnie June Rediker, Frances Schulman, David Bernstein, Joseph B. Sugarman, Benjamin Karasik, Frank Lewis, Ethel Friedman, Susan Howard Zaubler, Ida Urovsky, Mary Lachow, Ida Lesnik, Jean Ontellm, Ethel Seldin, Jack Bohrer, Abraham Ledwitz, Herbert Friedman, William Berger, Max Levine, Harold Zale, Bertram Brooks, Bertha Wilson

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Parsha: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Saturday morning Shabbat Service at both locations - 9:00am

From The Rabbis' Study...

COUNTING THE DAYS



Pesach came early this year. By the time you read this column, Pesach will be nearly over. However, this does not mean that celebration is over or that the calendar is now devoid of Jewish events. The end of the Hebrew month of Nisan and the month of Iyyar include a significant number of Jewish events. The opportunity for us collectively to remember loved ones takes place on the 8th Day of Pesach (Tuesday, April 6th) with Yizkor. Monday, April 12th marks Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. On April 20th, we will celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day. These all are public commemorations. They provide opportunities for us to tell a story, to remember the impact of others' actions and lives upon our own and to instill a sense of belonging and connection within the younger generation. Indeed, on each of these days our community will gather and I strongly encourage us both to be present and to lend our support. I also hope that we will support those in our synagogue community who will come to participate in Yizkor. Our presence offers comfort at a time of difficult memories.

The above events are specific and limited to one day each. During this month and continuing into May, Jews mark another set of days. The Torah commands us that from the second night of Pesach until Erev Shavuot, Jews are to count forty-nine consecutive days of the *Omer*. Jewish tradition suggests that this is the time that elapsed between our ancestors' departure from Egypt and their arrival at Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah. Like so many other observances on the Jewish calendar, there is an agricultural connection. An offering of barley was made each day at the Temple beginning on the second day of Pesach. The Torah says that we are to mark the fiftieth day by cutting the first of the wheat harvest in the quantity of an omer and bringing it to the Temple as an offering of "first fruits". An omer is a measurement equal to approximately 3.5 liters or 3.7 quarts. It is interesting to note that the rainy season in Israel ends around the time of Pesach. It is possible to harvest barley while the fields are still wet. However, wheat requires time to ripen after that and must be dry when it is harvested. The Torah's command is in keeping with this pattern and so first barley is ready and then wheat.

Today, we announce the count of the Omer each evening as part of Maariv, the Evening Service. We sanctify the act of counting by making a bracha prior to formally declaring the new day. This is also a period of semi-mourning. This is one of the two periods in the year when weddings are usually not held. Many traditional Jews do not cut their hair or wear new clothes during this period of time. Rather, the period of Counting the Omer is a time of introspection and reflection as we prepare for the awesome experience of reenacting receipt of the Torah on Shavuot. Just as our ancestors had to prepare themselves physically and psychologically for getting the Torah, so we need to put our focus more on internal matters and less on the passing aesthetics of external appearance. Since this aspect of Counting the Omer is not ordered by the Torah but is a rabbinic addition, there are different ways of calculating when within this period of days one observes these practices. It seems to me that the most important thing is for us to be aware that we need to reconsider every year what the Torah means to us and how we will "take possession" of it once again. Truly, this period of seven weeks encourages us to make every day count.

Rabbi Michael Goldstein



As we anticipate the first Seder that will be on Monday night, March 29, I would like to share with you a few ideas that have been part of our Pesach experience for many years.

As people arrive, tape a piece of paper to their back with the name of an item from the seder or a personality from the Haggadah. From the time that people arrive and the time that the seder begins everyone has to figure out who they are by asking others questions about their identity. If you have a predetermined seating arrangement, the place cards should have the identities of your guests on them rather than their names.

Instead of simply hiding the Afikomen, cut up 15 small pieces of paper. On each piece, write a step of the seder from "Kadesh Urchatz". There are 15 steps. Keep these in order and on the other side write letters that will spell out a clue that will lead them to the hiding place of the afikomen. Clearly, you have to determine ahead of time what your hiding place will be and then make up an appropriate clue. For example a clue might be: I N T H E P I L L O W C A S E. The afikomen would then have to be hidden in a pillow case on someone's bed. Alternatively, in a pillow case you can plant another clue that will send them to the afikomen with something like this: You thought this was it, that would be too easy, now you must find the game Parcheesi! The afikomen will be found inside the box of the game Parcheesi that is hidden away in a closet or cabinet somewhere. This gets the kids to work together on a project that is a lot of fun and takes some time so that the adults can sit and have a relaxing dinner. Every year this is a definite highlight of our seder.

If you have people at your seder who speak other languages, ask them if they would like to ask the 4 questions in another language.

Instead of filling Elijah's cup with wine, leave it empty and when it is time to invite Elijah to the seder, pass the cup around and have everyone put a little wine from his or her cup into it as a way of illustrating that each of us has a role to play in the bringing of peace and harmony to our world.

Set the table with appetizer types of foods and encourage people to nibble at the time of the dipping of the parsley in salt water so that people will not be so focused on when the meal will begin.

Take the time to review the Haggadah that you will be using and decide which parts you will be doing and which you will be skipping. Use supplementary songs and readings as appropriate.

When it is time for Elijah, which is after the meal, invite whoever wants to take a walk around the block. There is always a full moon and this will help everyone to be able to remain at the table until the end of the seder.

Encourage questions and discussion.

With best wishes for a Zissen Pesach,
Rabbi Gordon Yaffe



CANTOR'S NOTES

By Hazzan Marcia Lane

Sing Unto God a New (and an old) Song!

When I first came to the Jersey Shore, I'll admit I was pretty dismissive about a lot of things. After all, I was a New Yorker. The beach? Just a lot of sand and water. Delicious Orchards? Like the Union Square Farmers' Market, only further away. Ocean Grove? Please! Greenwich Village. I was suffering the angst of having to leave the place I'd called home for twenty+ years. But there was one special thing that New Jersey had with which New York couldn't compete: New Jersey had the NJ Cantors Concert Ensemble. I totally love the NJCCE.

The exact history is a little shrouded in the mists of time, but one thing is particularly clear: at more than 35 years old, the NJCCE is the world's oldest continually performing chorus of cantors. Period. When women joined the cantorate — Reform cantors in the mid-70's and Conservative cantors in the mid-80's — we joined the ranks of the group. It's a strange thing, but as a chorus we have the opportunity to do something cantors rarely, if ever, do: sing in a choir. We are, by nature, soloists, and except for leading our own synagogue choirs, we don't often have the chance to make that larger-than-life sound of a chorus. Our repertoire is classic and modern, reverent and "ir". We sing in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and English.

We meet about twice a month, about 23 of us. The rhythm of the meetings goes like this: Come in and complain about the drive (no matter to where and from where!), eat a little breakfast, schmooze, get down to the business of rehearsing. We *kibbitz* poor Sheldon Levin, our wonderful music director, we tease each other, we *kvell* at the voices of our colleagues who solo in this or that piece. We *kvell* at David's touch at the keyboard! We play with Emily's baby. This goes on for about 90 minutes, then we eat lunch and conduct business. We applaud each others' accomplishments, congratulate family members, and support each others' sorrows. We share those professional challenges and triumphs that are unique to this curious calling. We learn together, we network, we show up. Month after month, year after year, we show up.

Four or five times a year we present a concert. At the end of every season we perform the mitzvah of supporting study by contributing all our proceeds as scholarships to the various cantorial schools (including the Academy for Jewish Religion, from which I graduated.)

I've grown to love the boardwalk, and I take lots of visitors to Ocean Grove or Delicious Orchards. I've grown to feel at home here. And I truly cherish the NJCCE. On Sunday, May 2nd, at 4:00 pm I will be delighted to sing with our ensemble as part of the final Cantor's Concert in the series that started in 2007, featuring the men and women of the NJCCE. Please plan to join us. It's going to be quite a celebration!

SING UNTO GOD A NEW SONG!

Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 pm

A reception follows the concert

From the Desk of...

Alan Stern, President

As I write this, the Rabbinic Search Committee (RSC) is within days of making a recommendation of who will be the first spiritual leader of our congregation. Having chaired or co-chaired 3 RSCs in the last 9 years, I know that this work is demanding, time consuming, emotionally and intellectually draining, and filled with surprises and problems. Combine that with the complexity of unifying our two Heritage congregations, and you have one huge daunting task!

By the time you read this, it is likely that our new rabbi will have been chosen. And although I do not know how the process will turn out, the RSC, its members, and their work have inspired my message to all of you this month.

On behalf of the Torat El community, let me extend a heartfelt *yasher koach* and *todah rabbah* to Co-chairmen Peter Gurman and Joel Schulman, along with the members of the committee. These great men and women began this process one year ago. They were ethical, organized, ethical, meticulous, ethical, bright, ethical, insightful, ethical, experienced, ethical, and smart. They established one and only one goal—to get the best spiritual leader for Torat El—and never lost their focus through hundreds of human hours of work. The end result of their work is that they made the right choice for all of us. We owe these people a debt of gratitude that can never be adequately expressed.

The members of the committee unified in the fullest spirit of Torat El. It was amazing for me to speak to the members of the committee as the differences we thought we had in Heritage Temples Beth Torah and Beth El became obscure. There was no "us and them" in this group. This speaks volumes about the committee's leadership, its members, and, most importantly, the nature of our congregation. The RSC is truly a model of what our congregation will be.

It's also very clear that the members of the RSC have formed a bond of friendship and solidarity in the service of God and community. They have all become fully vested in our brand new Congregation Torat El, and they have reaped the reward of working for a cause that is larger than any one person. And the same thing is happening right now in our ritual committee, our education committee, our Executive Board, and our Board of Trustees. The people who are giving their time, talent, and love to this congregation have become *all-in*. Not only is this a great thing to see; it is also a true-to-life affirmation of what those of us who started this unification process thought all along—that we are stronger and better together than we ever were as two great congregations.

As I thank the RSC and all of our other working committees, I invite and encourage all of you to avail yourselves of the opportunity to add your special touch to our new congregation. Help on a committee, use your talents, make new friends, and reap the rewards of service. Join us in our labor of love—the rewards are waiting for you.

Faternally,

Alan



Our Synagogue Families

Baruch Dayan Emet

The Temple family mourns the loss of:

Pauline Giugno

and

Molly Rosenstein and sends condolences to her daughter, Sherril Kobb

The Temple family extends condolences to:

Susan Berkowitz on the loss of her mother, Yehudit Millender

Donald Nissim on the loss of his father, Albert Nissim

Steven Berkowitz on the loss of his mother, Ann Berkowitz

Jeryl Krupnick on the loss of her mother, Mildred Hipschman

Mazel Tov to:

Marilyn and Marvin Rosen on the birth of their grandson, Sebastian Liam.

Proud parents are Bill and Kristin Rosen.

Refuah Shleima

We wish the following members of our congregation good health in both body and spirit:

Bob Grill, Gene Kahn, Barbara Krupkin, Eva Wiener

The entire Resnick and Raby families would like to thank the many families, friends, and minyanaires of Congregation Torat El for all of your support and kindness on the loss of our mother, grandmother, and loving wife Anita Resnick. Your outpouring of concern and prayer was extremely comforting and a source of strength...It will always be remembered and cherished by our family.

Jules Resnick

*Steve, Diane, Rachel, David, and Sarah Resnick
Karyn, Bill, Harrison and Rayanna Raby*

To All Members of Torat El:

Thank you to everyone for your care, concern, prayers, and good wishes for my speedy recovery.

Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Rabbi Jacob Friedman

April Birthdays Celebrated at Shabbat Services



April 9, 6 pm at Roseld Avenue
April 23, 8 pm at Monmouth Road

If you have a birthday in April, join us, together with your family and friends, and receive a special blessing in honor of this Simcha

High School Open House

Monday, April 19
6 - 8 pm

All 7th Graders, as well as all other high school age students, are invited to join the current high school class to experience our High School Program (The 7th grade class will be canceled on that day!)



The Jewish Community of Monmouth County's Annual Yom HaShoah Observance

With a Memorial Candle Lighting Service

Sunday, April 11, 2010

4:00 PM

Ruth Hyman Jewish Community Center
100 Grant Avenue Deal, NJ

In Memory of Those Who Perished
In Honor of Those Who Survived
In Tribute to Those Who Saved Lives



Short Feature Presentation by Susan Stein of: The Diary of Etty Hillesum

Using only Etty Hillesum's words, Susan Stein's adaptation brings us to 1943 when Etty, a young Jewish woman, is about to be deported out of Holland. As she prepares for the three day journey eastward, she digs deeper into her soul to understand this piece of history and root out any hatred or bitterness, believing that humanity is the best and only solution for survival. Etty's words, insights and beliefs reach out from the Holocaust and allow us to see the power of hope and individual thought in the most extreme circumstances. In her gentle yet forthright way, Etty asks us not to leave her at Auschwitz but to let her have a bit of say in what she hopes will be a new world.

All Are Welcome To Join Us!

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Café & Conversation...With Myron Samuel



A delightful chat in our Torat El "café" would begin with that inevitable question for Myron Samuel -- what type of coffee and favorite pastry would he wish upon our table? But this Lynn, MA native, a Shore transplant since 1962, has become such a Jersey boy* he starts off our conversation with, "It's ice cream I love! I took my dates to ice cream parlors!" When asked for specifics, Myron (wistfully recalling dripping hot fudge), finally provides details: "Hoffman's, of course! Coffee Royale!"

Don't bother to look at the bottom of the page for an explanation about that asterisk; having grown up in one of Boston's bedroom communities, you know that old cliché about "you can take the boy away from the Red Sox but you can't take the Red Sox away from the boy," or something like that. Myron never did become a Jersey boy through and through, but some believe a higher power sent fellow Red Sox fan Rabbi Jack Friedman to Ocean Township the same year that the Samuels joined Temple Beth Torah to help Myron stave off the abuse of local Yankee fans.

Myron started off life "in an Orthodox household, the grandson of a Kohen. My bubbe, who was Shomer Shabbos, lived with us and, together with my parents, instilled in my sister and me what it meant to be Jewish and live like a Jew." It isn't difficult to imagine the holiday scene in the family's small apartment: It "was always the focal point of family gatherings...especially Pesach. My sister and I couldn't wait to bring up the barrel of Passover dishes [from the basement] so we could help make the changeover. It was fun to jump in...and get covered with the paper wrappings," he describes. Myron enjoyed the hustle and bustle of seder preparation, "cooking the matzah balls, baking the sponge cake...the chicken soup." "Not with ice cream, of course," he reassures.

When Myron was only eight and in Hebrew school, he met his first love Susan, who would become his wife upon his graduation from Northeastern University. In school he balanced studies with Army R.O.T.C. service and the fraternal ties of his Tau Epsilon Phi brothers. The U.S. Army Signal Corps brought Myron to Ft. Monmouth as an officer in 1962. He served on active duty through 1964 and continued in the Army Reserve through 1967, leaving with the rank of Captain. When he completed active duty, he began a long career in Civil Service at Ft. Monmouth's Communications-Electronics Command, retiring in 1998. The various management positions he held included Director, Army Communications' Computer Software Development and Support Center. During his Civil Service career, Myron's love of learning drew him back to school, where he completed an M.B.A at Fairleigh Dickinson. Never one to rest on his laurels, Myron currently works as administrator in one son's periodontics and dental implants practice.

More than a decade before the Samuels arrived in town, incredible things happened at Ft. Monmouth and within the congregation that directly impacted its identity. Senator Joe McCarthy's witch-hunt to ferret out Communist Party members stretched from Broadway to Hollywood, from every government sector in Washington to alumni of City College of New York, alma mater of infamous Jewish spies, the Rosenbergs.

Myron explains that the McCarthy Hearings commenced just a year after the first constitution and by-laws were drawn up for what was then The Jewish Center of the Township of Ocean (JCTO). Only a couple of years earlier, "families, attracted by Brower-constructed homes built for returning servicemen, moved into Wanamassa and from Orthodox congregations in Asbury and Bradley Beach, and the community grew outward," he explains. They began meeting in each other's living rooms and, as families grew, High Holiday services were moved to the firehouse.

"Many members of the JCTO worked at Ft. Monmouth," Myron explains. "They were potential targets. Fear was so prevalent, many dropped their JCTO membership. Some even quit their jobs and left town," he notes. In fact, membership dropped so substantially as a result, dissolution was considered until "a few brave people not associated with the Fort would not give in to this thinking" and stepped forward to save the JCTO. Myron credits the Epstein Brothers, Bill and Henry, and Gert and Ben Schwartz, for their courage and vision.

This sink-or-swim turn of events also precipitated the congregation's eventual decision to join the Conservative movement and rename itself Temple Beth Torah. "The decision to go Conservative proved to be soul-searching times for Orthodox families," Myron emphasizes. "Congregants were torn between their Orthodox roots and the prospects of not being comfortable in a traditional Conservative congregation." Ultimately, he notes, "some chose to go back [to Sons of Israel in Asbury] but the Conservative group prospered." The parcel of land at Logan and Roseld was acquired, the first building built in 1958, and two major expansion projects completed since, the last in 1978.

This identity crisis helped to make Temple Beth Torah a tight-knit, "TRADITIONAL Conservative congregation" (Myron adds the upper-case emphasis). "One of the first things my wife Susan (of blessed memory) and I did when we joined TBT was to join the Couples Club and shortly thereafter the Men's Club and Sisterhood... We soon learned it *was* "The Family of Families" congregation that everyone said it was. Between these three organizations...we were kept pretty busy...family weekends in the Catskills, family picnics, New Year celebrations, dinner dances...something for everyone."

Myron became a member of the Men's Club Board, served as Men's Club President (1969 – 71), and followed that with election to the TBT Board. He explains, "Over the years, I've been a member of probably every temple committee and chaired many of them." Myron also made time to serve as president of the Gibor Zimel Resnick Chapter, American Friends of Red Magen Dovid Adam for Israel (1996 – 98); as a life member, Jewish War Veterans Post 125 of Asbury Park and Ocean; and member of B'nai B'rith Shore Finkel Lodge. He is especially proud of his term as synagogue president, from 1979 – 1981, however.

"Serving as president is very rewarding, but not without its challenges. I entered the presidency when our congregation voted to count women for *minyanim* and allow women *aliyot*," Myron shares, with the emphasis in his voice such milestones deserve. These sunset years for the Feminist Movement had inevitably required such decisions within a movement

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



Hebrew High School Open House Scheduled for Monday Apr. 19

On Monday April 19th, the 7th grade students and all other potential high school students are invited to join our regular Hebrew High School students from 6 pm to 8 pm. Come join us and experience what it will be like when you participate as a high school student next year. The regular 7th grade class will be cancelled on Monday April 19th in anticipation of the students coming to the high school that night from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Religious School Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year **Will Take Place on April 25-26**

Religious School registration for the 2010-2011 school year will take place on Sunday, April 25 and Monday, April 26. You should be receiving your registration mailing during the week of April 12. Thank you in advance for making every effort to register on time!! We look forward to seeing all of you at registration!

Please note: Religious School registration was originally scheduled for April 11-12, and has been rescheduled for April 25-26.

April Mini-Minyan and Junior Congregation Schedule

Mini-Minyan: Apr. 17 at Roseld Avenue

9:30-10:30 – Children up to and including Kindergarten (w/ Parent)

10:30-11:30 – Students in Grades 1 & 2

Junior Congregation for Students in Grades 3-7 (10:15 am):

Apr. 3 No Junior Congregation

Apr. 10 10:15 at Monmouth Road

Apr. 17 10:15 at Roseld Avenue

Apr. 24 10:15 at Roseld Avenue

Mark Your Calendars:

Sun. Mar 28-Tues. Apr. 6

Wed. Apr. 7

Sun. Apr. 11

Sun. Apr. 19

Sun. Apr. 25 – Mon. Apr. 26

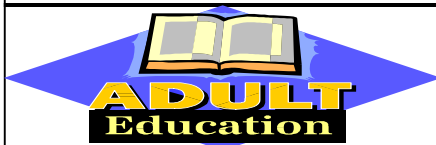
No Religious School – Spring/Passover Break

Religious School Resumes

6th Grade Bnai Mitzvah Seminar

High School Open House

Religious School Registration



Call the synagogue offices to leave a message for the instructor to let him or her know that you are interested in the class.

Monmouth Road: (732) 531-0300 ~ Roseld Avenue: (732) 531-4410

We Gotta Get Out Of This Place!

Exodus: A New Look At An Old Book

**Sunday Mornings from 10-11 am in the
Roseld Avenue library**

Dramatic narrative, character development, the underpinnings of Jewish law, and the emergence of our people as a People — Exodus has it all. Join *Cantor Siegel* and dig deep into the meaning, the sources, the commentaries old and new, and the relevance of this book to the 21st century.

Conversational Hebrew For Beginners with Cantor Lane

Some grammar, some vocabulary, and some chat!

**An ongoing user-friendly look at the
ins and outs of the Hebrew language**

Wednesdays at Monmouth Road ~ 2:00-3:00 pm

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Yaffe

Saturday, April 10, 11:30 am at Monmouth Road



From Liturgy to Midrash to Jewish Ethics to Parshat HaShavua

Contact *Cantor Lane* at 732-531-0300 ext. 2 or via email
at tbehanlan@optonline.net for more details

Mon. Morning Class: 10:00-11:30 am ~ at Monmouth Rd. library
Women of the Bible and other Jewish heroines

Thurs. Evening Class: 8:00- 9:30 pm ~ at Monmouth Road library
Shabbat Laws, Customs, and Rituals

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(MON) APRIL 12- ISRAELI NIGHT

APRIL 23 -25 – REGIONAL SPRING CONVENTION

KADIMA

(WED) APRIL 21 – MINI GOLF AT
TWINBROOK GOLF CENTER

(SUN) APRIL 18 – REGIONAL ROLLER RAMA,
WOODBIDGE

PRE-KADIMA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
MINI GOLF AT TWINBROOK GOLF CENTER

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN
CONTACT ABBY SCHEER YOUTH ADVISOR
(732-531-7543)

Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah

Hi, My name is **Jake Ryan**, and I am becoming a Bar Mitzvah on April 24, 2010. I live in Ocean Township with my parents Allison and George and my sister, Lindsay. I also have a dog, Rudy and a California king snake, Mickey. I am in 7th grade at Ocean Township Intermediate School where my favorite subjects are science and math. I enjoy snowboarding and playing lacrosse.

My Bar Mitzvah project involved working with ARC of Monmouth County. I volunteered with their bowling program as well as during movie night. I also visited the Asbury Tower Retirement House over the holidays with the Hebrew School class.

I look forward to my Bar Mitzvah on April 24th.



A Message to Torat El

It is written: "For my house shall be a house for all people." The fulfillment of this verse will become a reality on Erev Shabbat, March 26, when two prestigious congregations celebrate their union. The Shabbat for this unification ceremony takes place on "Shabbat Hagadol." Indeed, this Shabbat will be a "Great Shabbat," bringing together the best of the two synagogues. In its former lives, each synagogue was devoted to what its names heralded. Beth El was committed to being "the House of God." Beth Torah was committed to being "the House of Torah." Two noteworthy values. Each congregation followed the path reflected in its name. Now, in a wise step, with the unification of the congregation, "Torat El," the new congregation will be a place where God's house will reflect a commitment to the teachings of Torah. For the future, there will be one synagogue where the words "us" and "them" will be relegated to the past and the key descriptive word will be "our." Mazal Tov to the leaders and membership on reaching this milestone.

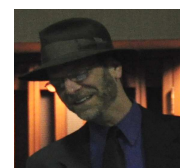
Purim Extravaganza:

A Fun, Meaningful and Memorable Evening

Over \$1,000 donated to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

More than 100 members of our community attended this year's Purim Extravaganza, on February 28. The evening began with a wine and cheese reception that was followed by a jovial rendition of Ma-ariv led by **Cantor Siegel**. The fabulously successful, riotously funny, over-the-top Purim Shpiel was next with a hilarious guest appearance by a rabbinic candidate with a unique request "Rabbi for Hire: Will Work for Shlivovitz". Yasher Koach to the outstanding cast of this year's Purim Spiel, which was led by **Cantor Lane: Albert Levitt, Mort Burke, Maddy Cohen, Heather Krim, Madeline Schulman, Art Tauber, Ferris Ginsberg, Andy Robins, Richie Marlieb, Rabbi Michael Goldstein, Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, Emily Fineberg, Art Steinman, Dulci Mizrahi and Be Yeamans**. Yasher Koach to **Anne Siegel** who did a fabulous job making all the props and **Carolyn Moore**, our stellar accompanist, who helped us keep the Motown beat. The party that followed gave everybody the chance to rejoice and to feel the true spirit of Purim.

We can all be proud to know that part of Torat El's Purim celebration was to make a donation of \$1020 to the Disaster Relief Fund of the United Synagogue to help with the relief effort for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Yasher Koach to all who made this donation possible.



Shore Area Hazak Presents...

Film Fest for Grown-Ups

Sunday, April 18th ~ 5 pm

"West of Hester Street"

Join us for a great afternoon!

Movie and Baked Ziti Dinner

No charge to Hazak members ~ Guests \$5

ADMITTANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY!

RSVP to the Roseld Ave Office at 732-531-4410



Shore Area Hazak Presents...

Challah Baking Workshop

**New Date
and Time!**



**Monday, April 19th 11:00 am
1200 Roseld Avenue**

This program is open ONLY to Hazak members at the cost of \$6 per person.

Bring your own dairy lunch (we'll provide beverages) and while our dough rises, we will join Rabbi Goldstein for a lunch and learn discussion entitled "Almost everything you wanted to know about challah." The workshop will begin at 11:00 am and should conclude by 3:00 pm.

Please send your PAID reservation no later than April 12th. Checks are to be made payable to TBT Hazak and sent to 1200 Roseld Ave. Ocean, NJ 07712

Ocean Township Hadassah Honors Past Presidents

Your Ocean Township Hadassah has exciting news to share with you! We have come together and set a date to honor our past presidents. We want to show our appreciation for their part in helping to get us where we are today. Please keep in mind that this event is not for women only and not a fundraiser. We are hoping to see husbands, sons, son-in-laws and grandchildren as well.

Our Ocean Chapter will be hosting a brunch at the Jumping Brook Country Club on Sunday, April 18 from 10:30 until 1:00 pm. Please e-mail Jill or Teri if you plan to join us by April 5th. The cost is \$36.00 per person and \$15.00 for children 10 years old and under.

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Our past presidents being honored are Joan Kreizman, Connie Gatta, Judy Frankel, Lynn Frankel, Diane Schwartz, Beverle Richelson, Marjorie Cotler, Marjorie Forgant, Tanis Deitch, Anise Kaplan, Carole Kaufman, Jan Greenspan, Carol Berley, Abby Scheer, Elynn Shapiro, Shelley Kaplan, Lori Schneider, Marissa Cook, Amy Green, Kathy Schneider, Helene Messer, Leslie Posnock and Cindy Levi.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing all of you very soon for this most special occasion.

Jill Eisenberg & Teri Rebhun, Co-Chairs



Sisterhood Chai Lites

Sisterhood, what is Sisterhood?

Your Sisterhood is affiliated with the Women's League of Conservative Judaism. We bring together women of the congregation for a dynamic combination of service, fellowship, fundraising, and of course, fun! Don't miss the opportunity to take part in some of the wonderful activities that Sisterhood has to offer. Come to meetings, come to special events, meet the women of your Sisterhood. Whether you have children in Preschool, are preparing for a B'nai Mitzvah, have grown children, are a young single person or even a grandmother, Sisterhood is a way to stay connected. Connect to your heritage, to community and to all the Jewish women around the world.

For more information, please contact me at: sisterhood@bethtorah.com or you can reach me personally at 848-466-9222. Gidget Friedman, Sisterhood President

Executive Board:

We are happy to announce the proposed slate for the 2010-2011 Sisterhood Executive Board, Congregation Torat El.

President: Judy Solomon

Vice President: Carol Klein

Vice President: Carri Silverberg

Vice President: Leslie Smigler

Vice President: Denise Mark

Financial Secretary: Robin Bauer

Corresponding Secretary: Fran Meyer

Recording Secretary: Janet Attner

Treasurer: Bonnie Zimmerman

Save the Dates:

Luncheon April 14, 2010...see ad on following page.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you once again for everyone who made our first ever "Vashti's Banquet" the success it was! Thank you to **Pam Cardullo**, **Judy Solomon** and **Toby Sukinik** for all their help in making this evening possible. To all those who attended, and you were many, I hope you had a wonderful time. It was because of you that the evening had "Ruach" that it did! Here's wishing for many more of these evenings.

A very special thank you to, **Billy Kessler** from "Kessler Catering". Billy not only donated all of the food for Vashti's Banquet but all of his time and talent. Thank you again to Billy and Bruce for staying and allowing the event chairs to enjoy the evening!

Also an addition to the March Bulletin, special thank you to **Michael Kless** and **Neil Weitzkorn**. We needed a couple of extra hands this year for Hamentaschen, and these wonderful gentlemen stepped up to help us out in SH, Todah Rabah!

Thank you to **Laurie Gross** and all her helpers for the wonderful luncheon program. Laurie you did it again, Todah Rabah!

Thank you to **Andrea Fishbein**, and all her helpers for the wonderful evening program. Great program, Andrea, you did it again, Todah Rabah!

Temple Grams: To send a gram (\$5.00 each, checks payable to TBT Sisterhood) call Beverle at 732-493-1595.

Gift shop: Remember to support your SH Gift shop. Shop at your convenience. If you need help and no one is around, the girls in the office will gladly help you. If you don't see something and would like to place an order, please call **Hagit Morgan** at 732-300-2571.

Catered Luncheon: Having a special event? Let SH caterer your luncheon through "Lox Stock and Deli." For more information and details, please call **Diane Resnick** at 732-531-3802.

Adie Gordon Religious School Fund and the Naomi Axelrod Garden Fund: Sisterhood has established these special funds, both operating on a continuing basis. To make a donation in honor of, or in memory of, etc., please call Joan Edelsberg at 732-918-0488.

Join us at our Sisterhood Luncheon
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 12 Noon—TBT Social Hall

THE ART OF BEEKEEPING

With Mary Kosenski of E&M Gold Beekeepers in Tinton Falls

Learn about chemical-free beekeeping techniques, the process of making honey
and the production of beeswax products.

Receive recipe handouts and sample different varieties of honey.

Members—\$12.00 ~ Non-members \$15.00

RSVP to Laurie 732.531.0511 by April 7th

Sisterhood Luncheon Celebration!
All Heritage Congregations' Sisterhood Women & Guests Invited!

April 20, 2010 at 11:30 am
Congregation Torat El Social Hall, Monmouth Rd.

Honoring the Birth of the Jewish State

Israel

Admission \$10.00

Call Charlotte ASAP for reservations: 732.577.0181

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank

Sisterhood Program ~ Clinical Psychologists

Dr. Mindy Breyer
Dr. Brenda Occhipinti

are making a return visit to speak to our Sisterhood on the topic of

Wellness ~ A Mind/Body Perspective

Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 7:30 pm

Congregation Torat El Social Hall, Roseld Avenue

If you were unable to attend last year's event,
make it a point to attend this most informative evening.

Please RSVP By April 18 to:
Andrea Fishbein at amfish53@aol.com or call 732.922.1923

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

**Ever since I was a young boy, I've played the silver ball.
From Red Bank down to Seaside I must have played them all.
But I ain't seen nothing like them in any amusement hall.
That Torat El Men's Club, sure plays a mean pinball!**

**Come join the Men's Club at the Silver Ball Museum
for the Men's Club Paid Up Event!**

**When: Sunday, April 25, 2010
6-9 PM**

**Where: Silver Ball Museum
1000 Ocean Ave.
Asbury Park**



**Unlimited play on dozens of Antique & Classic
Pinball Machines.**

Free for all members who have paid in full.

\$ 15.00 for guests of any age!

More Information is coming soon.

Please RSVP to Pam 732-531-4410 by April 10, 2010!

SAVE THE DATE!

**Congregation Torat El Men's Club joins the Lakewood Blueclaws in
inviting you to celebrate:**

Jewish Heritage Night With The BlueClaws

Tuesday, June 8th ~ 7:05pm



Ticket prices and additional information will follow



Library Greetings

A Book Review by Charlotte Ginsburg

“Tough Jews”

A Biography by Rich Cohen

In the 1930's and 40's in the Bronx, Brooklyn, lower East Side, and Queens, Jewish families were working hard at making a living to make a good life for their families. Some became owners of diners, candy shops, butcher shops, bakeries, and tailor shops to name a few. So who were these “Tough Jews”? The sons of these hardworking parents. These boys were Bar Mitzvahed and went to school, but they were not going to be like their parents. They became hoodlums dealing in drugs, prostitution, running numbers, bootlegging, extortion, collecting protection money, and even murder. They would meet in the back rooms of their parents' stores. They became allies of the Mafia, only instead of eating lasagna and spaghetti, they ate matzah ball soup, pastrami and corned beef sandwiches, knishes, and sour pickles from a barrel. There was Meyer Lansky, Dutch Schultz, Louis Lepke, the Shapiro brothers, Bugsy Siegel, and Abe Reles to name a few. Into that midst came a man from a well-to-do family from upper Manhattan who was a respected man by the police and government officials. They didn't know about his other dealings and who organized these “Tough Jews.” He taught them to dress well like businessmen, get into legitimate businesses, and work along- side the Mafia. The name of this notorious leader was Arnold Rothstein and their organization became known as Murder, Inc. (I didn't know this was a Jewish organization.) The “nice Jewish boys” became the most notorious gangsters of Murder, Inc. Two of their friends from school did not become gangsters or part of their organization. Their name were Herbie Cohen, the author's father, and Larry King, who became the noted radio and television personality.

Read all about the lives of these “Tough Jews,” these notorious gangsters of Murder, Inc. Read how they helped in World War II and supported the State of Israel. This book can be found in the library at Monmouth Road.

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of Judaism Myron regards as “flexible.” He explains, “Initially it was difficult for many with traditional backgrounds to accept this major change. It was then that I realized that ‘there is nothing as constant as change,’ especially in the Conservative movement. I could not allow splitting up the congregation...We overcame the challenge.” A sign of the times, during Myron's last year as president, the first women were named Supreme Court Judge (Sandra Day O'Connor) and U. N. Ambassador (Jeane Kirkpatrick).

Myron's family, sons Andrew and Ken, and wife Susan, did not sit on the sidelines. Andy, a periodontist in Ocean Township, and Ken, a senior vice president at NBC Universal in Los Angeles, were educated in the congregation's Hebrew School, served as *Baal Tafelah* on High Holidays for many years, stepped up to Kadima and USY leadership roles, and are now active with their families in their respective congregations. Susan, active in Sisterhood, was president from 1976 – 77 and served for many years on the TBT Board of Education, chairing it for several years. Upon her death in 1998, Myron established the Susan L. Samuel Computers for Education Fund to provide computers, software, subscriptions for classroom and library applications, which continues to provide automated support to the congregation's library and to teachers and students within the Jacob S. Friedman Religious School.

“During this difficult time in my life, TBT membership did not let me down. They gave me great comfort, especially by making it possible to maintain morning and evening *minyanim* for Kaddish.” When Myron entered a new chapter in his life four years later and married Ellen, “Our TBT family made her feel comfortable,” says Myron. Myron and Ellen had known each other for years and their marriage seemed *bashert*. “Ellen encouraged me to continue my work at TBT and has become a participant in Sisterhood and Temple functions.”

As for the future, Myron reflects on the past for context. Over the past 16 years, he led several demographic studies indicating the Ashkenazi population in the area was in decline. “Our unification is the challenge of today. The unification of our Ashkenazi Conservative community is a must, Together we must make the Ashkenazi community strong. There are plenty of [us] around here.” To do so we must build a strong, Conservative Congregation Torat El: enhance our membership, improve our financial positions and ensure a sound future for our older and younger generations, proposes Myron. The key, he believes, is in front of our eyes, above the TBT *bima*: “*B'naarenu u b'ziknenu nelech'*” – “With our Youth and with our Elders we will Walk.” If we can tap into our collective wisdom, offer opportunities to make life-long friendships as he did, re-create a “Family of Families” environment, and bond the generations, Myron believes “We've got it made.” ~ Maddy Cohen

NEXT MONTH: Karen Belfer

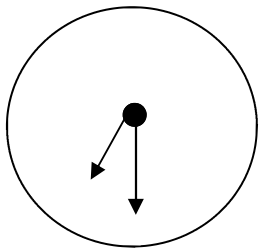
Sefer So Good--April 2009

New On The Shelf Since We Last Talked



Adult Non-Fiction

- 220 Us *Secrets of the Bible*
- 220.75 De *The Genesis of Justice: Ten Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the Ten Commandments and Modern Law*
- 220.75 He *Battles of the Bible* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 220.75 Sa *Exploring Exodus: The Heritage of Biblical Israel*—gift of Lewis Fisher
- 243.2 Ce *Celebration Pesah* — gift of TBT Sisterhood
- 250 Gr *1,001 Questions and Answers About Judaism*
- 220.75 Je *The Jewish Bible Quarterly*
- 283 Gr *Ehyeh: A Kabbalah for Tomorrow*
- 283 Ro *Kabbalah Cards: Using the Ageless Wisdom for Guidance, Insight and Greater Self-Awareness*
- 283 Sa *The Kabbalah Handbook: A Concise Encyclopedia of Terms and Concepts in Jewish Mysticism*
- 290 Gr *Great Religions of the World*
- 297 Fi *An Introduction to Islam for Jews* — gift of Rabbi Michael Goldstein
- 641.5 Sh *Our Own Cuisine* — gift of Eva Wiener
- 791 Me *In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture*
- 808 Po *Poetica Magazine: Reflections of Jewish Thought*
- 817 Pa *It's Good to Be the King: The Seriously Funny Life of Mel Brooks*--gift of Fred Singer
- 871.2 Pe *Anthology of Modern Hebrew Poetry* — gift of Lewis Fisher
- 902 Ab *Jewish Life in the Middle Ages* — gift of the Wigdortz Family
- 940.4 Gi *Holocaust Journey: Travelling in Search of the Past*
- 940.42 Ch *The Terezin Ghetto* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 940.42 Gr *Warsaw Ghetto* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 940.43 Go *Anton, the Dove Fancier and other Tales of the Holocaust* — gift of Carol Roman
- 940.43 Ki *Anus Mundi: 1,500 Days in Auschwitz/Birkenau* — gift of Lewis Fisher
- 940.43 Ru *The Diary of Dawid Rubinowicz* — gift of Miles Opatosky
- 940.43 Su *Jack and Rochelle: A Holocaust Story of Love and Resistance* — gift of Carol Roman
- 940.44 Le *Fugitives of the Forest: The Heroic Story of Jewish Resistance and Survival During the Second World War*--the inspiration for the movie *Defiance* — gift of Charlotte Silverman
- 940.44 Sy *Blessed is the Match: The Story of Jewish Resistance* — gift of Michael Haber
- 940.478 La *The Holocaust and the Literary Imagination* — gift of Carol Roman
- 940.52 De *Castles Buring: A Child's Life in War*
- 940.52 He *Against All Odds: Holocaust Survivors and the Successful Lives They Made in America*--gift of Lewis Fisher
- 940.53 Ei *I Was a Child of Holocaust Survivors* - a graphic memoir — gift of Fred Singer
- 943.7 Vi *Jewish Prague* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 940.48 Br *Elie Wiesel: Messenger to All Humanity* — gift of Eva Ronnen
- 950.23 St *Strike Zion!* — gift of Liz & Paul Weiss
- 953.21 Pe *The Life and Times of Menachem Begin* — gift of Sara Marton
- 953.23 Me *Big Lies: Demolishing the Myths of the Propaganda War Against Israel*
- 958 De *Our Visit to Israel* — gift of the Wigdortz Family
- 958 Sa *Fodor's Exploring Israel* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 958 Ul *Frommer's Israel* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 958.1 Av *Pictorial Guide to the Model of Ancient Jerusalem at the Time of the Second Temple on the Grounds of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem* — gift of Judy & Alan Sherman
- 959.7Bl *The Gold of Exodus: The Discovery of the True Mount Sinai* — gift of Eva Ronnen



Come and Pray with Us Monday-Thursday

Below is a list of members of our congregation who have been asked to help make the evening minyan this month. If you see your name, please make every effort to attend. If, for some reason, you know that you can never make the evening minyan, please contact the Temple office and we will remove your name from our minyan lists.

April 5

Ivis and Phil Rachmelowitz
Teri and Bob Rebhun
Larry and Sharon Richmond
Nancy and Doug Roberts
Michele and Andy Robins
Sally and Zeke Rose
Julie and Larry Rosenblatt
Jody Rubin
Lucille and Mortimer Rubin
Allison Ryan
Susan Sager
Barbara Saint John
Ava and Alan Salowe
Deborah and Russell Scheer/
Alpert
Janet and Daniel Schiff
Howard Schiff
Joan and Scott Schlachter
Bernard Schreibman
Steven Schreibman

April 12

Madeline & Joel Schulman
Audrey Schwartzman
Phyllis Schwarz
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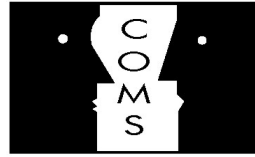
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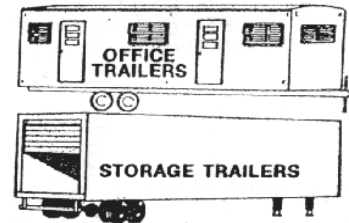
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Morning minyan service is at Roseld Ave 8:00am Monday-Friday
8:30am Sunday
Evening minyan service is at Monmouth Rd 7:30pm Monday-Thursday

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 TBT Sisterhood Bd Mtg Roseld Ave. 7:45pm Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm <i>Pesach III</i>	2 Candle Lighting 7:03pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm Pesach IV	3 Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd ONLY 9am <i>Pesach V</i>
4 No Religious School Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Pesach Svc 7:30pm Roseld Ave ONLY <i>Pesach VI</i>	5 No Religious School Temple Office Closed Pesach Service 9am Monmouth Rd ONLY PM Minyan & Yizkor Svc 7:30pm Monmouth Rd ONLY <i>Pesach VII</i>	6 Temple Office Closed Pesach & Yizkor Svc 9am Roseld Ave ONLY <i>Pesach VIII</i>	7 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm	8 Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm	9 Candle Lighting 7:10pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Birthday Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm	10 B/M of Zachary Karasic 9am Roseld Ave Shabbat Service 9am Monmouth Rd with Lunch & Learn led by Rabbi Yaffe
11 6 th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 9am Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Men's Club Breakfast Program 9:30am Roseld Ave Yom Hashoah	12 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am	13 Board of Trustees Mtg Roseld Ave. 7pm	14 TBT Sisterhood Luncheon Program 12pm Roseld Ave Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm Pre-Kadima Mini-Golf 6pm	15 Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm	16 Candle Lighting 7:17pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm	17 B/M of Jonathan Zimmerman 9am Roseld Ave Shabbat Service 9am Monmouth Rd
18 Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Hazak Movie Night 5pm Roseld Ave	19 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am Hazak Challah Baking Program 10:30am Roseld Ave	20 TBE Sisterhood Lunch Monmouth Road 11am <i>Yom HaAtzma'ut</i>	21 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm Kadima Mini-Golf 6pm	22 TBT Sisterhood Program 7:30pm Roseld Ave Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm	23 Candle Lighting 7:24pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Birthday Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm	24 B/M of Jake Ryan 9am Monmouth Rd Shabbat Service 9am Roseld Ave
25 Rel.School Registration 9am – 10:30am Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Men's Club Paid Up 6pm Offsite	26 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am Rel.School Registration 4:30pm	27	28 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm	29 Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm	30 Candle Lighting 7:31pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Trad'l Shabbat Svc Monmouth Rd 8pm	