



# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

December 2014 Kislev/Tevet 5775

## Services

### Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

### Weekday Evenings

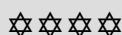
Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

### Shabbat Evening Services

1st, 3rd, 4th Friday ~ 6:30pm  
2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm

### Shabbat Morning Services

9:00am



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## Congregation Torat El Hanukkah Party

SPONSORED BY CTE MEN'S CLUB

**Sunday, December 14th**  
**11:30am - 1:30pm**



Come one, come all  
to the annual Hanukkah Party!

All are welcome to attend,  
bring your family and friends  
along to join in the fun!

No RSVP necessary  
No charge!

**Special Entertainment  
and Activities**

**Men's Club Famous Latkes**

**Yummy treats from Sisterhood**

**Dreidel Games**

Bring your own menorah and  
candles. We will light them  
together in a ceremonial sign  
of community.

Enjoy famous Men's Club Latkes in the comfort of your home. Anyone wishing to purchase latkes from Men's Club must fill out the form below and return it to the Temple office no later than December 10th. The cost, pre-paid is \$10 for a baker's dozen. Make checks payable to CTE Men's Club. Pickup is at the end of the Hanukkah Party. Call the office for more details or questions at 732-531-4410.

### Latke Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dozen: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

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# December Service Announcements



**Friday, December 5, 2014**

**Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:12 pm**

Yahrzeits: Arnold Bienenstock, Harold Chidnoff, Jacob Friedman, Bertha Froot, Ben Goldwasser, Irving Granoff, Theodora Granoff, Sidney Grossman, Morris Handel, Morris Kantrowitz, Esther Kaplan, Herman Kaplan, Harry Luria, Sharon Mandel, Minnie Miller, David Nagrod, Ruben Pellmar, Joseph Rediker, Ernest Rubovitz, Jakob Safier, Harriet Schletter, Claire Schwartz, Dora Sulkin, Phyllis Weinstock, Lea Weiss, Norman Weiss, Ben Zimmern

**Saturday, December 6, 2014**

**Parsha: Vayishlah 34:1-35:15**

**Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Bat Mitzvah: Madyson Einhorn**

**Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud parents Kim & Rob**

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**Friday, December 12, 2014**

**Shabbat Service 8:00 pm**

**Candles 4:12 pm**

Yahrzeits: Helayne Berger, Manny Berkowitz, Maxwell Colby, Sylvia Colby, Harry Cooper, Alex Cotler, Mildred Crystal, Esther Deitelbaum, Harold Eder, Julian Eisenberg, Marvin Friedman, Joseph Furie, Albert Ginsburg, Harold Gitten, Charles Goldstein, Andrew Gordon, Belle Horenstein, Jessie Ingber, Steve Kirsch, Jacob Krivins, William Kronengold, Hyman Marowitz, Kate Marowitz, Iris Maurer, Joseph Rediker, Marilyn Rosset, Sadie Schlam, Irene Schreiber, Irene Schreiber, Wesley Steinman, Sanford Tabakin, Jenny Toomey, Shirley Yaskulka

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

**Parsha: Vayeshev 38:1-30**

**Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am**

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**Friday, December 19, 2014**

**Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:14 pm**

Yahrzeits: Owen Lloyd Altman, Greta Boden, Abraham Brand, Emil Cohen, Joseph Crawford, Nelson Farber, Esther Fleishman, Vivian Forman, Rita Friedman, Joseph Gaffin, Adrienne Gordon, Mildred Hirsch, Emanuel Joseph, Shirley Kantor, Ethel Lorman, Benjamin Mayerowitz, Elizabeth Medwin, Sally Meyer, Cecelia Ostroff, Barry Parnes, Betty Parness, William Parness, Yoseph Reuven, Reuben Samuel, Harry Schutzer, George Schwartzstein, Victor Shain, Abraham Teitel, Lawrence Warm, Roz Weinstein, Herman Wilk, Bernard Yeamans

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

**Parsha: Mikkets 41:53-42:28**

**Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7**

**Maftir: Numbers 7:30-35 (Chanukah)**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Kiddush Luncheon is co-sponsored by Sam Segner in memory of his beloved wife, Barbara and by Michele and Andrew Robins in honor of Michele reading Torah**

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**Friday, December 26, 2014**

**Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:18 pm**

Yahrzeits: Donald Arm, Allan Axelrod, M. Harvey Brown, Ken Curtis, Anna Davis, Rae Donner, George Fink, Betty Fromer, Norman Gayton, Tema Gerechoff, Minnie Ginsburg, Joseph Gold, Adelaide Goldstein, Jerry Goldstein, Barbara Jacob, Harry Kantor, Marilyn Kaplan, Bernard Karasic, Eugene Kirsch, Alice Kohnheim, Beatrice Kraus, Pearl Krongelb, Lily Laster, Betty Parker, Zimel Resnick, Ronald Rosen, Ernest Rosset, Sheldon Sacks, Simon Samuel, Max Sandberg, Robert Schneider, Nathan Schulman, Phillip Schwartz, Alfred Silverstein, Abraham Slovin, Sylvia Smith, Rosalind Stern, Bob Stone, Ruth Wilk

**Saturday, December 27, 2014**

**Parsha: Vayiggash 45:28-46:27**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

# Dialogue on Dues - Frequently Asked Questions

When I spoke on Yom Kippur about the idea of moving to a Sustainability Model for revenues instead of our current dues structure, my goal was to start the conversation going. From all of the questions and comments we have received, I am happy to report that I was successful.

Our efforts to open the topic of how we work together to keep our congregation financially supported are continuing. In addition to the reprint of my Yom Kippur speech in our November bulletin, I am dedicating the space usually used for my column to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) we have developed so far about the Sustainability Model.

***Q. Why are we considering this change?***

Our goal is to switch to a giving program that:

- ♦ encourages engagement and thoughtful giving
- ♦ focuses on our community working to sustain our congregation
- ♦ maximizes individual choice
- ♦ attracts new members, particularly younger members, and returning members

***Q. Have other congregations successfully moved to this format?***

Other congregations have successfully moved to the dues structure with increased participation and revenues.

***Q. Are dues being increased?***

No

***Q. Is tuition for religious school included in the giving level we select?***

No, tuition for Religious School will continue to be charged with the congregation continuing to cover over half of the costs to operate the school programs.

***Q. Will there still be a Kol Nidre Appeal?***

Yes. We are considering having a check-off box allowing congregants to include their Kol Nidre appeal within their Giving Level. We will continue to run other fundraisers.

***Q. Will there be different privileges of membership for different giving levels?***

No, other than Associate Members all will be full members of Congregation Torat El, with voting rights, High Holy Days tickets, life cycle event services and membership discounts.

***Q. Will there be any incentives for giving levels?***

Yes, we are planning on giving incentives as special thank you's for those who choose a giving level at or above the Sustaining Level.

***Q. Will we be publishing who chooses which giving level?***

We would only publish the names of those who choose giving levels above the Sustaining Level and then, only if they want their names to be published.

***Q. Who gets to know who is in each category?***

Our plan is to maintain the level as confidential, limited to key staff and lay leaders involved in our finances. The Board and general membership will be informed of how many members selected each giving level.

# Dialogue on Dues - Frequently Asked Questions

## ***Q. Will there still be assessments?***

No

## ***Q. Will there be a minimum giving level?***

Yes, except for members who need dues relief and Legacy Members. Associate Members will have a different minimum giving level.

## ***Q. What is the Sustaining Level and how is it calculated?***

The Sustaining Level represents what we need from each member to sustain us financially. The calculation is based on our budget (not including fundraising and rental revenue) divided by the number of members (adjusting for members who need dues relief and Legacy Members).

Please come to one of our information sessions, so we can discuss these ideas further. I look forward to seeing you there. Of course, please feel free to reach out to me at [president@toral-el.org](mailto:president@toral-el.org).

L'hitorao,

Andrew Robins  
President

## “Dialogue on Dues” Information Discussion Sessions

This fall we are exploring a new dues model. Our Financial Sustainability Committee has studied a variety of dues models that have been successfully implemented by other congregations. As a result we have identified an approach we hope will increase both revenues and engagement and in doing so will create a healthier holy community.

We have 2 remaining sessions (***Dec. 10 at 7:30pm, and Dec. 21st at 9am***) during which we will discuss:

- Highlights of the “Sustainability Dues Model”
- Our “Sustaining Number” determined based on our budget
- How the approach removes financial barriers to synagogue membership
- The advantages of members voluntarily selecting the amount they wish to commit
- How each family or single member sets their own giving level
- Our timeline for implementation



## CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - 9:00am

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST, UPDATES ON TEMPLE  
BUSINESS AND OF COURSE DISCUSSION ON THE  
EXPLORATION OF A NEW DUES MODEL!!**

# Hanukkah & The Mitzvah Of Going Public

Where do you light your *Hanukkah* on Hanukkah? In the kitchen? On the dining room table? Or someplace where you are sure that it won't start a fire? When I was growing up, we actually had two places for candle lighting. We lit our main *Hanukkah* in the kitchen (probably because we had a tile counter and that was the "safest" thing to do), and we lit our "electric" *Hanukkah* in the window. As a young child, I always thought that the electric *Hanukkah*, with its orange bulbs and plastic frame was a bit cheesy and I never understood exactly why we put it in our window in the first place. Little did I know that our electric Hanukkah was actually put in the "traditional place" -- as a public proclamation of Hanukkah for all to see.

Indeed the rabbis teach us that our celebration of Hanukkah is supposed to be "public," more so than our other holidays, many of which are primarily focused inward -- at home or in the synagogue. More specifically, on Hanukkah we are taught to publicize the miracles of the Hanukkah story (*Pirsumei Nisa*) for all to see. As the Talmud teaches:

*One must place the Hannukkah by the door of one's house or on the outside. If one dwells on an upper floor, one places it by the window nearest to the street (Tractate Shabbat 21b).*

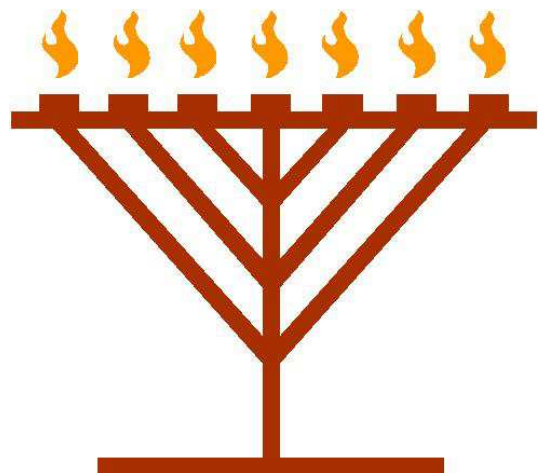
Each night, as we light another candle in our homes, we watch as the lights get brighter. In our home, we have the custom of lighting one Hanukkah for each member of our family. By the end of the Festival, the beauty of the light in our home is breathtaking. We place a huge table in front of the window, cover it with foil, and *carefully* proclaim to all who pass by that we are proud, hopeful, and confident. **We are proud** -- of who we are as Jews, of our history, of our people's tendency to overcome adversity, and of our family's attempts to stay true to our values and practices as Jews, just like the Maccabees of old. **We are hopeful** -- that a world which can seem very dark at times will always contain some light. And we are reminded that many times, it is our job to be the light, to bring more light into the world each and every day through our actions.

**We are confident** -- that small everyday miracles do indeed exist if we are willing to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to notice them. And precisely because we are proud, hopeful, and confident; precisely because we are secure in our beliefs and bursting with love and pride as the candles are lit each night, we are inspired to share our energy, our hope, and our passion with the world.



So this year, as you light your Hanukkiyot, I invite you to try lighting them in the window (carefully, of course)! And then, I encourage you to take this practice a step further. Light with intention. Ask yourselves and your family the following: **How do I demonstrate my Jewish pride?** Do I live out my Jewish values? Do I talk openly with others about my beliefs or tell others about my Jewish practices and traditions? Do I share with my friends why I care about being Jewish? **Am I hopeful?** Do I believe that things in my life and in our world can get better? Do I have faith in God? Have I lost the ability to hope, and if so, how might I get it back? **Am I confident?** Do I know what I stand for as a Jew? Am I confident that miracles do indeed exist and do I know how to recognize them as such?

The traditional greeting on Hanukkah is *hag urim sameach*, literally "may this festival of lights be joyous." My wish and prayer for each of you is that by lighting your Hanukkah for all to see, and taking time to consider some of these questions, the joy and light of our tradition fills your heart and soul just as those delicious latkes fill your stomach!





# History of the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation

It's just about ten years ago that its first grant of \$3,400 for a Scholar in Residence weekend at Temple Beth El launched a program of giving by the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Charitable Foundation. Since that time, the Foundation has granted almost \$400,000 for endeavors by deserving Monmouth County non-profit organizations.

The Foundation, which is affiliated with Congregation Torat El, was endowed completely by proceeds from the sale of real estate by Congregation B'nai Sholom as part of its merger agreement with Temple Beth El, along with a half million dollars for Temple Beth El capital improvements.

The mission of this lasting gift is to support community-wide religious, cultural and educational programs which reflect credit on Congregation Torat El. Income from its invested assets are awarded annually, with its capital nurtured so our Foundation continues as a significant legacy. Presently, the Foundation has financial assets equal to its initial funding.

Major recipient organizations have included:

Congregation Torat El	\$150,000
Temple Beth El	\$120,000
Chhange (Brookdale Community College Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Center)	\$ 57,000
Jewish Community Center	\$ 24,000
Jewish Federation of Monmouth County	\$ 20,000

Program highlights have included Madeleine Albright, Eli Weisel, Rabbi Harold Kushner, Debbie Friedman, Tovah Feldshuh as Golda Meir, Israeli musical star Rami Kleinstein, annual Martin Luther King observances, three New Jersey Cantors' Choir concerts, African-American Cantor Joshua Nelson, and a wide variety of other special musical programs.

Publications include *Flowers From Ashes*, an anthology of Holocaust poetry, prose and artwork by 5-12 grade students (a Brookdale Center project) for school teachers and libraries that had such nationwide demand it went to four printings; *To Tomorrow's Children*, a traveling school and library display with accompanying literature, focusing on personal Holocaust experiences; and Hebrew/Jewish Songbook with CD.

Members of the Foundation Board are Zeke Rose, President; Regina Weiss, Vice President; Alan Winters, Treasurer; Adam Bogner, former president; Sandy Bernstein; Andrew Robins; and Alan Stern.



**all different  
all equal**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**CONGREGATION TORAT EL  
10TH ANNUAL  
REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH  
7:30PM**

**PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THIS  
INSPIRATIONAL AND MEANINGFUL PROGRAM!**

**(MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)**

# Ritual Engagement

## YASHER KOACH!

During the month of **October 2014**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service.

Sarah Bercovicz  
Mark Engel  
Steven Fineberg  
Lewis Fisher  
Bruce Forman  
Mike Gordon  
Mitch Grayson

Harvey Jacob  
Randi Kervick  
Rabbi Metz  
Alan Morris  
Sheila Morris  
Bonnie Reiss  
Rabbi Schonbrun

Josh Schor  
Lori Schor  
Steve Schwaber  
Cantor Siegel  
Jessica Weinstein  
Neil Weitzenkorn  
Rachel Weitzenkorn

## Yasher Koach To All!!!

### ***JOIN THE GROWING CADRE OF TEENS AND ADULTS WHO ARE LEADING SERVICES AND CHANTING TORAH AND HAFTARAH***

If you are interested in chanting your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Haftarah, or if you are interested in learning to become a CTE Leader/Reader, please contact Ben Laskowitz at [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org), cell # 732-861-7450.

*The Ritual Committee thanks all who participated in setting up and breaking down for the High Holy Days. It is a thankless task that must be done and we wouldn't be able to enjoy the holidays without all your help.*

*Dorothy Secol and Richie Marlieb  
Ritual Co-Chairs*

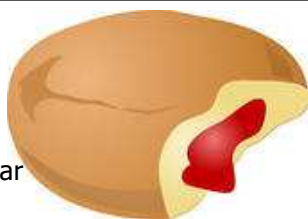
### **Easy Jelly Donuts**

#### **Ingredients:**

3 cups unbleached flour sifted  
2 tsp. baking powder, 2 tbs. sugar  
2 eggs, 2 cups sour cream  
Canola oil for frying  
Jelly of your choice, Powdered sugar

#### **Directions:**

1. In a bowl combine first five ingredients and mix until well blended
2. Heat the oil to 375°
3. Add 1 tbs batter for each donut making sure not to over crowd the dough
4. Fry until lightly browned and puffed and turn to cook on other side
5. Drain donuts on paper towel
6. Poke a small hole in each donut and fill with your choice of jelly and sprinkle with powdered sugar



### **Sweet Potato Latkes**

#### **Ingredients:**

2 sweet potatoes, shredded  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 tbs. brown sugar  
2 tbs. all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Vegetable oil for frying

#### **Directions:**

1. Place sweet potatoes in a strainer. Squeeze with clean kitchen towel or cheesecloth to release as much liquid as possible. Let sit and squeeze again.
2. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl except the oil.
3. Heat oil in heavy skillet to 375°
4. Form mixture into pancakes and fry 2-3 minutes on each side.





# Sisterhood Chai Lites

## Sisterhood's Torah Fund Supper

2014-2015 Theme is "Mishpachah"



Women's League & our Sisterhood have supported the Torah Fund Campaign for the Jewish Theological Seminary, its affiliates, and its students. The Torah Fund Campaign is celebrating its 72th Anniversary this year. Torah Fund contributes to the spiritual, aesthetic, and material well-being of the JTS community which provides many of our Conservative Rabbis, Cantors, Educators & Jewish Leaders for our future.

Please bring a dairy/pareve entrée, latkes, salad or dessert

When: 7:00pm Thursday, December 18, 2014

Where: 132 Old Orchard Lane, Wayside *Home of Andrea Fishbein*

Cost: \$24 *Receive 8 beautiful Torah Fund greeting cards as a thank you gift*

RSVP: Andrea Fishbein 732-922-1923 amfish53@aol.com  
Henrietta Graber 732-493-2562 henrietta.graber@gmail.com

*Call or email to reserve your TORAH FUND PIN!!!*

**Join the 2015 Torah Fund Club!**

**\*\* Contribute \$180\*\***

**Receive the "Mishpachah" Torah Fund Pin & a bonus pack of Torah Fund cards**

**\*\*Bring your Tzedakah boxes to empty into our Torah Fund Tzedakah Barrel\*\***

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THANK YOU TO FREEHOLD FOODTOWN for its donation of A CASE of apples for  
OUR APPLE AND HONEY BASKETS.

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### ***Min Pincow Raffle Update***

Sisterhood's Min Pincow Memorial Raffle has gotten off to a good start this season. We've held two drawings thus far, with Marilyn Rosen winning the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> drawing, and Phyllis Schwarz winning the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> drawing.

There will be eight more drawings, starting in January, on the following dates:

January 8	February 5	March 5	April 23	May 21	June 25	July 10	August 20
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The following lucky ticket numbers are still available: 39, 45, 46, 48, 56, 60, 63, 65, 70, 79, 80, 83, 84, 86, 87, 90, 92, and 93. If one (or more) of these numbers is calling out to you, just phone Phyllis Schwarz at 732-988-0928, and it will be yours. Since there will be only eight more drawings, the cost will be \$80, payable to **CTE Sisterhood**. You may purchase your ticket alone, or as many do, you may choose to share it with a friend.

Remember, this a true 50/50 raffle, so the more tickets we sell, the larger the check for the winner (plus Sisterhood, and, of course, ultimately, the Temple). This is a Win-Win situation, you see; so come join the fun, and participate.

# Yasher Koach to our Bat Mitzvah

Hi! My name is Mady Einhorn and I cannot wait to become a Bat Mitzvah on December 6, 2014. As my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to do something very dear to my heart, a beach sweep. A beach sweep is where you clean up the beach. I started doing these with my Girl Scout troop when I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and have been doing them every year since. Each year I get the same feeling of accomplishment I got when I first started. The reason this is such an important project to me is because ever since I can remember, the beach has always been like a second home. I go all the time with camp and even during the school year. It always hurts me when I see a crushed soda can being washed away or seeing innocent seagulls chewing on paper from the ground. That is why this project means so much to me. I would like to thank all the congregants who helped me do my project, I could not have done it without your support.



## This and That

### ***Our Synagogue Families***

#### **The Torat El Family extends condolences to:**

Herb Popok, on the loss of his sister, Jean Lillian Popok Kasliner

Len Rokaw, on the loss of his step-son, Robert Agris

Jeff Klein, on the loss of his father, Marshall Klein

Alison Block, on the loss of her mother Annette Block Berger

#### **Mazel Tov to:**

Betty and Marvin Goldin on the celebration of their "golden" wedding anniversary!

Grace Wolf, on the birth of her first grandchild, Jasper James, son of Marc Wolf & Missy Silver, who reside in San Francisco

Sandra & Carl Koreen on the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Rose, daughter of Drs. Larry & Irina Koreen

Irwin & Nancy Gerechoff and Steve, Abby & Samantha Scheer, on G&G Realtors being named a semi-finalist in the *New Jersey Monthly* 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Business Awards program which honors the state's outstanding family-owned enterprises

Alan Rosenheck on being named Man of the Year by CTE Men's Club

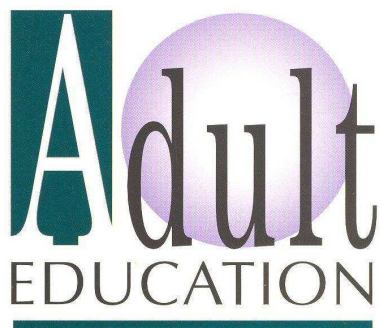
Pam Cardullo on celebrating her 10-year anniversary as our Executive Director



*If you have a simcha to share with the Congregation Torat El family please call the temple office at 732-531-4410!*

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our friends at Congregation Torat El for their tremendous outpouring of love and support during this very sad time. We deeply appreciate your kindness.

*Joseph Cooper, Gayle Ardakanian and the entire family of Elaine Cooper*



# 2014-2015 RABBI SCHONBRUN'S COURSE OFFERINGS

## **Chai Mitzvah Program**

***And now for a "less traditional" adult education option!***

Please join us as we participate in this nationally recognized, individualized framework for deepening your engagement with Judaism and your community. Our inaugural Chai Mitzvah cohort will meet every three weeks from the Fall through the Spring, using the Chai Mitzvah curriculum to help participants grow their Judaism in their own way. We will study a variety of topics together as a group during the sessions listed below. Between sessions, students, in conjunction with Rabbi Schonbrun, will be encouraged to follow their own program designed to help them grow and deepen their Jewish lives in any way that they choose (eg. areas of social action, ritual, or study). For more details on how other communities have taken advantage of this program, check out: [www.chaimitzvah.org](http://www.chaimitzvah.org).

**Sundays: 9:30-10:30am** - December 7, December 21, January 11, February 8, March 8, March 29, April 19, May 10

## **Wednesday Lunch 'n Learn (Jewish Ethics 101)**

Are you looking for a way to add more meaning to your life? Do you enjoy learning and meeting new people? Do you like to eat lunch? Join us and take one hour out of your busy week to engage in Jewish learning.

This year we will be exploring Rabbi Joseph Telushkins "Code of Jewish Ethics" series. Discussions will center around a wide range of topics from judgment of self and others, civility and good manners, forgiveness, anger, humiliation, the laws of fair speech, and proper versus improper criticism. Come and join us for this interactive, informal, and engaging experience. No experience or background necessary. Please bring a friend!

**Wednesdays: 12:00-1:00pm**

## **Jewish Mysticism 101- Beyond Red Strings and Madonna**

What are the basic concepts, beliefs, and practices of Jewish Mysticism? What is the Kabbalah and why has it become so popular in the past decade? Do the secrets of Jewish Mysticism, particularly Kaballah have something to say to our daily lives in the year 2014? Come and join us as we explore this topic. Come with your topics and your questions and please bring a friend. We look forward to learning with you!

**Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm** - December 3, 10

## **The Joys and Challenges of being a Parent to Jewish Teens**

Being a parent is one of the most rewarding experiences in the world, but it can also be one of the most challenging-- especially during the teenage years. During this course we will explore the joys and challenges of being a Jewish Parent. We will use our tradition to guide us as we study Jewish voices and texts together, and create an environment that allows for thoughtful reflection on your personal experiences. Using the book, "*The Blessing of a B- Using Jewish Teachings To Raise Resilient Teenagers*" by psychologist and author Dr. Wendy Mogul, we will delve into topics such as teenage narcissism, living with rudeness, risk taking, and when to step in versus when to step back. Judaism has much wisdom to offer when it comes to being a parent. Come join us as we learn and share together in a thoughtful, safe, and engaging environment.

**Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm** - January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 11, 18, 25

## **Caregiver Support Group**

*Share, Learn and Support One Another*

The Caregiver Support Group will provide a supportive and educational environment to caregivers taking care of parents, spouses and family members in a safe and non-judgemental environment. The group will aim to provide comfort to members by creating the opportunity to share common experiences and learn coping strategies. Members will gain perspective and caregiver stress management tools that come from hearing others talk.

Cindy Hyman, LCSW will facilitate this on-going monthly support group.

The Caregiver Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting date is December 15th 7:30pm.

This program which will be held at Congregation Torat El, is open to the community and has been made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County.



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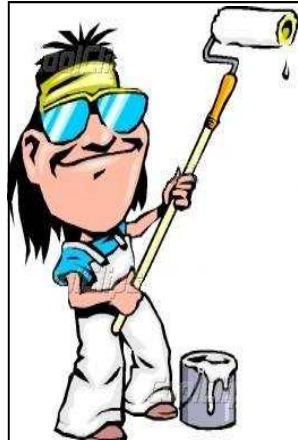
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	1	2 Board of Trusees Mtg 7:30pm	3	4 Sisterhood Board Mtg 7:30pm	5 Candle Lighting 4:12pm  Shabbat Service 6:30pm	6 Bat Mitzvah of Madyson Einhorn 9:00am  Kiddush Luncheon to follow
7  Adult Ed - Chai Mitzvah w/Rabbi S. 9:30-10:30am  Hazak Movie 3:00pm  USY Pottery & Movie Night	8	9 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	10 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm  Adult Ed w/Rabbi S. 7:30pm  Dialogue on Dues 7:30pm	11	12 Candle Lighting 4:12pm  Shabbat Service 8:00pm	13 Shabbat Service 9:00am Lunch & Learn  Jr. Congregation 10:30am
14 Congregation Hanukkah Party 11:30am	15 Caregivers Support Group 7:30pm	16 1st Candle Hanukkah	17 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm	18 USY Hanukkah Party	19 Candle Lighting 4:14pm  Shabbat Service 6:30pm	20 Shabbat Service 9:00am  Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
21 Congregation Mtg& Dialogue on Dues 9:00am  2nd & 3rd Grade RS Family Ed	22	23	24 No Religious School	25 Temple Office Closed	26 Candle Lighting 4:18pm  Shabbat Service 6:30pm	27 Shabbat Service 9:00am
28 No Religious School	29	30	31 Temple Office Closes at 2:00pm  No Religious School			