

## Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El  $\sim$  Jersey Shore Jewish Center December 2016 - Kislev/Tevet 5777



Celebrate Chanukah with Congregation Torat El

Chanukah Book Reading with Rabbi Schonbrun at Barnes & Noble (Monmouth Mall)

Bring your kids & grandkids to hear Rabbi read Chanukah stories. Gelt, dreidels & fun!

Sunday, December 4th, 11:00am

Kadima Pre-Chanukah Paint Your Own Pottery Party
Sunday, December 11th

Dough Co Chanukah Donut Making with Religious School **Wednesday, December 14th, 4:30pm** 

Congregation Chanukah Party
Sunday, December 18th, 11:30am-1:30pm (see page 8)

USY Chanukah Party - Wednesday, December 21st

Chanukah First Candle - Saturday, December 24th

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## **Service Schedule**

Weekday Mornings
Sunday: 8:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am
Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Weekday Evenings Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 1st, 3rd, 4th Friday ~ 6:30pm 2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm



Friday, December 2, 2016 PJ Shabbat 5:30pm, Shabbat Service 6:30pm

Candles 4:12 pm

YAHRZEITS: Marcia Baker, Betty Casper, Hilda Cohen, Bernard Cook, Bertha Crawford, Jacob Droisen, Zipporah Epstein, Estelle Ezechel, Anne Fishbein, Blanche Furie, Albert Gerechoff, Charlotte Gershon, Daniel Gold, Cynthia Latish Gould, George Hirsch, Sheldon Horvitz, Irving Kalika, Harry Laufer, Jeanne Leibowitz, Milton Lewis, Hilda Nagrod, Fanny Osher, Samuel Osher, Yenita Rosenbluth, Nelson Sabin, Philip Sabin, Esther Schulman, Frank Schwartz, William Shorr, Rebecca Siegel, Elaine Silverberg, Laura Tabakin, Joseph Weiss, Frances Zimmerman, Leo Zimmerman, Minnie Zislin, Mala Zolty

Saturday, December 3, 2016 Parsha: Toledot 25:19-26:22 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Learn & Burn ~ 9:00 am

**Farewell Kiddush Lunch for Rabbi Metz and Family** 

Friday, December 9, 2016

Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candles 4:12 pm

YAHRZEITS: Herman Adler, Arnold Ansell, Harriet Bazer, Arnold Bienenstock, Jacob Friedman, Bertha Froot, Irving Granoff, Theodora Granoff, Hilda Greenstein, Etta Haiken, Laurie Harris, Belle Horenstein, Estelle Joseph, Maurice Karasic, Alex Kaufman, Peggy Kaufman, Samuel Klang, Sigmund Kohnheim, Yetta Kullback, Zina Lapides, Frances Morris, David Nagrod, Joseph Nelson, Seymour Rachles, Rose Rosen, Mildred Rubin, Mildred Rubin, William Rubin, Harriet Schletter, Harriet Strauss, Morris Tauber, Emil Weiss, Lea Weiss, Sylvia Wilk, Bess Wizansky, Louis Zimmerman, Ben Zimmern

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Parsha: Vayetse 28:10-30:13

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Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am
Bar Mitzvah: David Gelman

Kiddush Luncheon in honor of David Gelman becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, December 16, 2016

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:13 pm

YAHRZEITS: Helayne Berger, Sylvia Colby, Albert Ginsburg, Charles Goldstein, Sadye Goldstein, Ben Goldwasser, Sidney Grossman, Morris Handel, Morris Kantrowitz, Esther Kaplan, Harry Luria, Sharon Mandel, Minnie Miller, Ruben Pellmar, Joseph Rediker, Jakob Safier, Claire Schwartz, Dora Sulkin, Sanford Tabakin, Messody Thomas, Jenny Toomey, Phyllis Weinstock, Norman Weiss, Arlene Wiener

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Parsha: Vayishlah 32:4-33:20

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, December 23, 2016

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:17 pm

YAHRZEITS: Manny Berkowitz, Celia Cohen, Maxwell Colby, Harry Cooper, Alex Cotler, Joseph Crawford, Mildred Crystal, Esther Deitelbaum, Esther Deitelbaum, Harold Eder, Julian Eisenberg, Nelson Farber, Vivian Forman, Marvin Friedman, Joseph Gaffin, Harold Gitten, Adrian Goldstein, Andrew Gordon, Jessie Ingber, Emanuel Joseph, Shirley Kantor, Steve Kirsch, Jacob Krivins, William Kronengold, Hyman Marowitz, Iris Maurer, Elizabeth Medwin, Betty Parness, William Parness, Albert Rediker, Sylvia Reich, Marilyn Rosset, Sadie Schlam, Irene Schreiber, Wesley Steinman, Lawrence Warm, Herman Wilk, Shirley Yaskulka

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Parsha: Vayeshev 37:1-36

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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

Friday, December 30, 2016

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:22 pm

YAHRZEITS: Owen Lloyd Altman, Allan Axelrod, Greta Boden, Abraham Brand, Louis Breslow, Anna Davis, Rae Donner, Esther Fleishman, Rita Friedman, Betty Fromer, Minnie Ginsburg, Joseph Gold, Rhoda Goldberg, Adelaide Goldstein, Adrienne Gordon, Mildred Hirsch, Harry Kantor, Marilyn Kaplan, Bernard Karasic, Beatrice Kraus, Pearl Krongelb, Ethel Lorman, Elsie Mannes, Benjamin Mayerowitz, Sally Meyer, Cecelia Ostroff, Zimel Resnick, Yoseph Reuven, Sheldon Sacks, Reuben Samuel, Simon Samuel, Robert Schneider, Nathan Schulman, Harry Schutzer, George Schwartzstein, Victor Shain, Rosalind Stern, Abraham Teitel, Roz Weinstein, Ruth Wilk, Bernard Yeamans

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Parsha: Mikkets 41:1-52
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

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## **Bringing Light Into Our Democracy**



There is a famous debate in our tradition about the lighting of the Hanukkiah and the proper order in which we should light the candles (Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21a). Shammai teaches that we should light all eight candles on the first night, and then take away one candle each night. But Hillel disagrees, teaching that we should start with one candle and increase the number of candles that are lit as the holiday progresses.

Ultimately, our tradition sides with Hillel, choosing to have the Hanukkiah symbolize the holiday's message that we should strive to increase light that we bring into the world around us.

This teaching has been on my mind in these weeks following perhaps one of the most contentious and divisive elections we have seen in our American history. Regardless of the candidate that you supported, both during the campaign and following the election, it seems very clear that we are living in a nation that is divided, fearful, anxious, and filled with individuals and groups of people who are simply not doing enough to listen, value, and care for one another. It is clear that many people are in pain and struggling to find glimpses of light during moments of darkness and despair in their everyday lives.

Chanukah is a reminder of our Jewish mandate to bring that light into the world each and every day. Chanukah is a reminder that no matter how dark it seems, all it takes is one candle, one kind act, one act of justice, one act of listening to our neighbor — to bring more light into the society in which we are blessed to live.

This Chanukah, as our country prepares to swear in its 45th president, let us celebrate both our democracy and our Jewish heritage, by remembering that we always have the power to bring more light into the world. Regardless of whether your candidate of choice won or lost, let us remember, in particular during this moment in our American history, that as Jews we have both the responsibility and the privilege to bring more light into our neighborhoods, our communities, and our society through our daily actions. This year, as each night of Chanukah approaches and we gather by the light of our Hanukkiyot, let us ask ourselves some very concrete questions: What did I do today to bring more light into the world? Have I thought about ways that I can personally help to improve our American society this coming year, or have I "moved on" from this election, exhausted. What are some tangible ways that I can help our country move through these divisive times? What relationships do I need to nurture, particularly with those with whom I vehemently disagree, in order to bring a little bit more light into our society? What tangible activities can I do to help the most vulnerable, neglected, and impoverished members of our society, or any individuals who are hurting and have felt "ignored" by the political establishment on both sides of the aisle? In short, who do I know that needs my help and what can I do to bring more light into their lives.

Adonai, our God, May God bless our leaders and government with wisdom and compassion. May we, as citizens, be blessed with enough strength, determination, dedication, and care for our country, and for one another, that we can come together to work through our intense differences. May we be blessed with the wisdom, insight, and courage to listen to one another, to seek to understand one another, to love one another, and to learn from one another. May we always, as the prophet Micah (6:8) taught, strive to do what is just and right in your eyes, acting with humility and an appreciation for all of God's creation. May we never lose hope in ourselves, in one another, and in you. *And, on this Chanukah, may we always remember* that we have the ability to fill this world with our light, each and every day -- taking it one action and one relationship at a time.

Hag Urim Sameach: This Chanukah, may our society be filled with light that we bring forth to one another as Jews, as Americans, and as all of God's creatures, through the work of our hands.

# 2016-2017 RABBI SCHONBRUN'S COURSE OFFERINGS

#### **Lunch 'n Learn - Journey Through The Torah**

We read the Torah in synagogue every week, often choosing a verse or a narrative to study on Shabbat morning. But how many of you have read through the Torah carefully from cover to cover, studying each verse and each chapter of the world's longest "best seller?" Just what exactly is contained in these Five Books of Moses, and how can our most sacred text address some of the most pressing issues of our lives and of our world? To find out answers to these questions and more, come and join us once a week for a journey through the Torah. Bring your friends, your questions, and an openness to letting the words of Torah touch your heart and soul. No previous Bible study necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

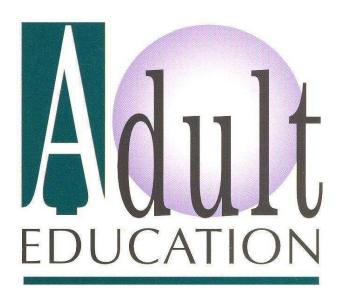
Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm

## L'dor va-dor: Sharing Our Values From Generation to Generation

L'dor va-dor -- for thousands of years our people have passed on our heritage and the communal story of our people "from generation to generation." Although the spoken word plays a large role in Judaism, it is the written word, the stories that are written down, and retold, that have ultimately ensured our survival.

This course will encourage us to answer the question found at the center of the national hit Broadway show Hamilton, which asks the audience to consider: "Who lives, who dies, who tells your story?

Wednesdays, December 7, 14 7:30pm



## Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict-Cost?

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Torat El community.

Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, we will explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape our own political understandings of the situation. Though our political opinions and suggestions concerning how to handle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may not always be in agreement, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Schonbrun, a video lecture by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, and a video dialogue between Rabbi Hartman and other top scholars and experts. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from great scholars, from our own Rabbi Schonbrun, and from one another as we engage in thinking about the Jewish values that underlie one of the most politically sensitive and difficult issues facing the Jewish people and the international community.

#### \$20 per person/couple for study guide

In order for us to have enough study guides, please register with the office for this class by January 4th.

Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 - 7:30-9:15pm

## You're *Jewish*?!? Taking a 21st Century Look at Jews and Jewish Identities

What does it mean to be a Jew in the twenty-first century? What characteristics define Judaism today? Are we a culture, ethnicity, nation, nationality, or religion? Come and join us as we explore a new book written by Dr. Aaron Hahn Tapper of the University of San Francisco entitled:

Judaisms: A Twenty-First Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identity. Using a variety of themes related to Jewish identity, we will explore a diversity of voices in the Jewish community from the biblical period through today to see how our customs, practices, and beliefs impact the way in which we understand our identity as Jews today.

Wednesdays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17 - 7:30pm

#### The more the hungrier?

If there's anything Jews like more than a good crowd, it's good food. Hand in hand, it's a winning combination. But what happens when there's not enough food to go around?



People are hungry and people are disappointed. And the office phones ring off the hook the next day.

Nothing gives us more pleasure than to see our congregants... well, congregating! Add food to the mix and everyone's going to be happy... unless we run out of food. That's why we ask you to RSVP when we have an event.

Our Yom Kippur Break Fast was a case in point. We had 'reservations' for 75. But when another 40 people show up without calling, there's bound to be a problem. And, unfortunately, there was. Same for Simchat Torah. Mac and cheese and salad for 40 won't feed 65.

Don't get me wrong, we want as many people as possible to attend these events. We just need to know if you're coming. So please, next time there's an event you want to attend and we ask you to call us (the Cantor-in-Residence Shabbat Luncheon on January 21st for example), please do so!

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## **CONGREGATION TORAT EL - 11TH ANNUAL REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

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

More details to follow

## Congregation Meeting - December 4th, 10:00am



#### Agenda:

Finance

Membership

President's Report

- Building Update
- Property Update
- Pre-School

Constitution

Second vote on proposed amendment changes

## pajama shabbat friday, december 2nd 5:30 - 6:30pm

Join as we welcome in Shabbat.

This program is geared for children 6 and under but of course older siblings are welcome! Bring your kids in their pajamas and enjoy this fun program followed by a kid-friendly dinner.

This program is open to the community!

No charge! Bring a friend!

For planning purposes RSVPs to the office would be appreciated.

## Shabbat Learn 'n Burn

A spiritual experience to restore your mind, body and soul

Come and join us as we celebrate Shabbat in a variety of ways at our monthly "Spirit of Shabbat" Program. Join us for our main service from 9:00-11:30am. Or participate in our "learn 'n burn" program starting at 9:00am with a study session followed by a refreshing yoga/meditation class at 10am. Feel free to join us for any or all of our programming and dress in comfortable clothing. Everyone is invited to gather together for our kiddush following the programs as we celebrate Shabbat as one community.

First Saturday of each month, next class is December 3rd



## Comedy Night - March 11th

Italian Buffet Dinner, Comedy Show,

Dessert, BYOB

## Temple Beth El Cemetery

In response to the many Interfaith marriages in our community, Congregation Torat El has created an Interfaith burial section within the confines of the beautiful, historic Temple Beth El Cemetery. It is now possible for Interfaith couples to have a dignified Jewish burial.

If this is of interest to you or any of your family members, please contact the temple office, who will be pleased to answer any questions.

## Congregation Torat El Chanukah Party Sunday, December 18th 11:30am - 1:30pm



Come and join our family of families at the annual Chanukah Party. Dance, chat and play games with old and new friends.

Please come and enjoy the latkes that the Men's Club will be cooking.

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 11th. The cost, pre-paid is \$12 for a baker's dozen. Make checks payable to CTE Men's Club. Pickup is at the end of the Chanukah Party.

# Latke Order Form Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: Number of dozen: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Men's Club Paid Up**

Meet up with your friends in the Men's Club to watch the Monmouth Hawks Men's Basketball Team take on Marist College. We will be having pizza before the game (we'll let you know where). Free to paid members! Please RSVP to robeinhorn@gmail.com by December 30th.

Sunday, January 8th 2:00pm Game Time (Pizza first)

## SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, PH.D., author of "Heart of the Stranger," a book about the Orthodox Jewish community in Lakewood Thursday, December 15th 7:30pm Sponsored by Sisterhood Torah Fund Committee to benefit JTS

\$24 per person, includes dessert & coffee plus 6 Torah Fund cards.

Pre-paid reservations payable to CTE Sisterhood requested by December 12th to the temple office.

If you'd like to order a copy of "Heart of the Stranger" please contact Andrea at 732-922-1923.

#### **Mah Jongg Cards**

Large \$9 Standard \$8 Please make check payable to CTE Sisterhood and mail to: Jeryl Krupnick 521 Bridlemere Avenue Interlaken, NJ 07712 All checks must be received by January 20

Save the Date: Mark your calendars!

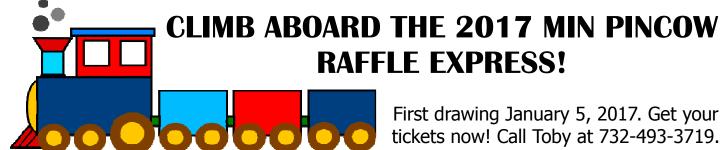
**All** are invited to the Annual Midwinter Luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm Cost \$15 per person This year featuring:

## A Decorative Painting and Design Demonstration/Presentation by CTE's own Jodi Heinz of Jodi Heinz Designs

Everyone will create a *simple* decorative arts project to take home (you do not have to be artistic to participate)

Please RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup> to the temple office 732-531-4410 so we have plenty of food and project supplies



First drawing January 5, 2017. Get your tickets now! Call Toby at 732-493-3719.

## **RITUAL ENGAGEMENT**

Yasher Koach to Randi Kervick for being added to the CTE Master Readers plaque in recognition of your 24<sup>th</sup> Torah reading! Mazel Tov!

Yasher Koach to Joel Schulman for being added to the CTE Master Readers plaque in recognition of your 24<sup>th</sup> Torah reading! Mazel Tov!

Yasher Koach to Jacob Gutman for receiving your Tikkun in recognition of your 12<sup>th</sup> Torah reading! Mazel Tov!

During the month of **October 2016**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service. Those with an asterisk (\*) next to their name also led services and/or chanted Torah/Haftarah during the High Holy Days:

Cantor Ira Greenberg\* Michele Robins Emma Barofsky\* Jonathan Barofsky\* Jacob Gutman\* Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun\* Julia Barofsky\* Joshua Schor\* Jonathan Horowitz\* Juliana Berkowitz\* Harvey Jacob\* Lori Schuldiner Schor\* Talia Binns\* Randi Kervick\* Joel Schulman Ben Laskowitz\* Barbara Boden Steven Schwaber\* Julia Comer\* Steven Leiterstein Dorothy Secol\* Jackie Shapiro\* Mady Einhorn\* Ari Malek\* Mark Engel\* Richie Marlieb\* Alan Stern\* Steve Fineberg Sheila Morris **Toby Sukinik** Warren Goode Joshua Pickelny\* Neil Weitzenkorn\* Aron Wiener\* Shelby Pickelny \* Mike Gordon Mitch Grayson\* **Bonnie Reiss** 

#### Yasher Koach To All!!!

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, cell # 732-861-7450.

#### **Farewell Shabbat Luncheon**

As you know, we have come to an arrangement with Rabbi Metz to end our relationship early. This will enable her to focus on her future career plans, as well as her family.

Please join us on **Saturday, December 3rd** to say thank you and bid farewell to Rabbi Metz, Lev, Doron and Eitan. Following services, we will host a luncheon in their honor.

We look forward to seeing you there. For planning purposes, please contact the office no later than Monday, November 28th.

## **OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES**

#### The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Steven & Michelle Winters on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ava Harriet Haddad on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Ava Neil Weitzenkorn for being honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as Congregation Torat El's "Man of the Year"

Brian Bauer for being honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as Congregation Torat El's "Youth of the Year"

Gale Mark & Marc Schnabolk on the birth of their grandson Micah Theodore Gale Mark & Marc Schnabolk on the birth of their grandson Weston James Kenneth & Deborah Rubin on the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Mike Kubas



#### The Torat Family extends condolences to:

Jason Malek on the loss of his father George Malek
Amy & Michael Addeo on the loss of his mother Anna Addeo Flannery

As the weeks go by, we continue to miss and love our mom and grandmother very much. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to all for every visit to our home, every card and phone call, each meaningful donation, the food, friendship, caring and support.

Everyone's thoughtfulness and kindness has touched us deeply and have helped bring comfort and healing to our family. Words cannot express our appreciation. We are grateful to each of you.

Beth & Hal Cotler and Family

## Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah

Hi, my name is David Gelman. I live in Ocean with my mom, dad, my two brothers Adam and Simon, and my two dogs Tye and Belle. I am in 7th Grade at Ocean Township Intermediate School. I have been playing baseball since I was four and I have been wrestling for two years. In the other time that I have, I love playing outside, hanging out with my friends, and I love going to sleep away camp at Camp Emerson. My Bar Mitzvah is December 10th and my Bar Mitzvah project is a life project that I have learned to help others, to be kind, to be myself, to be confident in what I do and to know how

my actions have huge effects on others in a negative and positive way. My Bar Mitzvah/life project was writing to an elderly woman who I helped three summers ago and we have been writing to each other ever since. I want to make a difference in others' lives and by doing whatever it takes I can help others in a positive way.

## Gift Cards For The Holidays!

RETAILER LISTING/ORDER FORM:							
Check	Retailer	Denominations Available	# Card(s) Requested	Check	Retailer	Denominations Available	# Card(s) Requested
	A.C. Moore	\$25	requested		Journeys	\$25	requested
	Amazon.com	\$25/\$100			Kohls	\$25/\$100	
	AMC Theatres	\$25			Lands' End	\$25/\$100	
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	American Express	\$25/\$100/\$200			Loews Cinaplex		
	Babies R Us	\$20			Lord & Taylor	\$25	
	Banana Republic	\$25/\$100			Lowe's	\$25/\$100/\$500	
	Barnes & Noble	\$10/\$25/\$100			Macy's	\$25/\$100	
	Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25/\$100			Marshalls	\$25/\$100	
	Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$25/\$100			Michaels	\$25	
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	Brooks Brothers	\$25			Payless Shoes		
	Build-A-Bear Workshop				Pet Smart	\$25	
	Burlington Coat Factory				Pier I Imports	\$25	
	Claire's Accessories	\$10			Popcorn Factor		
	Container Store	\$25/\$100			Quick Check	\$25	
	Crate and Barrel	\$25/\$100			Shell	\$25/\$50/\$100	
	CVS Pharmacy	\$25/\$100			Shutterfly	\$25	
	Dicks Sporting Goods	\$25/\$100			Staples	\$25/\$100	
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	Eddie Bauer	\$25			Target	\$25/\$100	
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	Footlocker	\$25			Toys R Us	\$20	
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## CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND



## January 20th - 21st Featuring Cantor Nancy Abramson

Director of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music at JTS

Cantor Nancy Abramson is director of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music at JTS. She trains future hazzanim in prayer, *nusah* and religious leadership, and is helping shape cantorial arts and practices for the 21st century. Having served as president and two-time national convention co-chair of the Cantors Assembly, Cantor Abramson is immediate past president of the organization, the first female officer in the Cantors Assembly's 68-year history.

Cantor Abramson has performed as a soloist at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and the Rose Theater at Jazz at Lincoln Center, and has sung with the Rinat Choir in Israel. Cantor Abramson came to JTS from New York City's Park Avenue Synagogue, where she directed all musical aspects of congregational life, and previously served West End Synagogue in Manhattan and Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff Manor, New York. She has taught at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York, and directed the music program at Ramah camps in Wisconsin and New England. She has been a scholar-in-residence in communities throughout the United States. Cantor Abramson sits on the board of the Zamir Choral Foundation and the Magic Circle Opera Repertory Ensemble.

Cantor Abramson is a graduate of the Joint Program of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies of JTS and Columbia University, from which she earned a BHL in Jewish History and a BA in Music. She received her cantorial education at JTS, and earned a master's degree in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is married to Mitch Glenn; they have three children and one delightful grandson.

Join us for Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 20th
6:30pm Service followed by Dinner

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Reservations to the temple office or website (torat-el.org) by January 13th.

Join us for Kiddush Lunch
Saturday, January 21st
9:00am Service followed by Lunch



There is no charge for lunch but reservations to the temple office or website (torat-el.org) by January 13th would be appreciated for planning purposes. Thank you.

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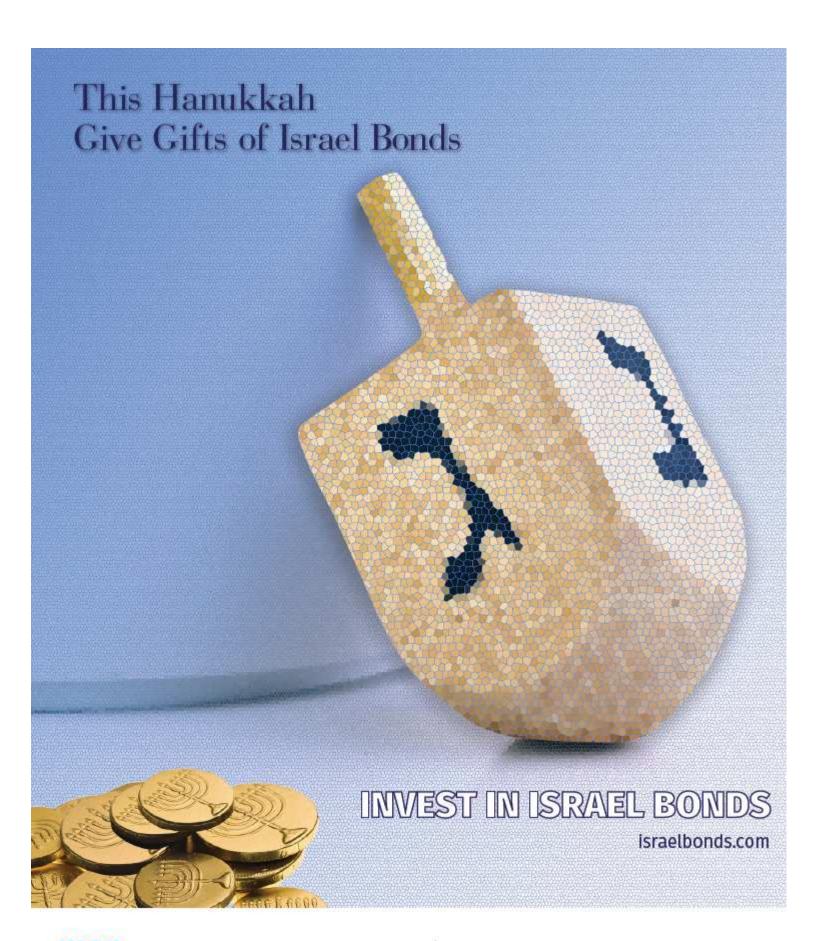
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Congregation Meeting 10:00am Chanukah Book Reading at Barnes & Noble 11:00am	5	Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm Sisterhood Mah- Jongg for Beginners 7:30pm	7 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	8	9 Candle Lighting 4:12pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm	Bar Mitzvah of David Gelman 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
11 Kadima Pre-Chanukah Party	12	13 Sisterhood Mah- Jongg for Beginners 7:30pm Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Chanukah Donut Making Religious School 4:30pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	15 Sisterhood Torah Fund Dinner 7:30pm	16 Candle Lighting 4:13pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	17 Shabbat Service 9:00am
18 Congregation Chanukah Party 11:30am	19	20 Sisterhood Mah- Jongg for Beginners 7:30pm Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm	21 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm No Religious School USY Chanukah Party	22	23 Candle Lighting 4:17pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	24 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School Chanukah First Candle
25	26 Temple Office Closed	Education Committee Mtg 7:30pm	28 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm No Religious School	29	30 Candle Lighting 4:22pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	31 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School