



# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

December 2017 - Kislev/Tevet 5778

## Congregation Torat El Chanukah Party



Come one, come all to the annual Chanukah Party!

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

No RSVP necessary - No charge!

Men's Club Famous Latkes

DJ

50/50 Drawing

Yummy treats from Sisterhood

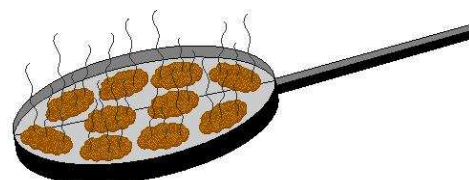
Dreidel Games



**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

**7:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

Guys, come and join us while we cook our world famous latkes.



**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Join the entire congregation, family, and friends for our annual celebration.

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. Pre-paid orders may also be made on the temple website [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) and click on the Chanukah Party Link. The cost 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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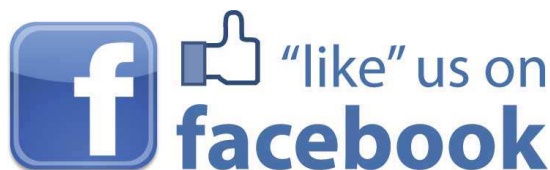
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## December Service Announcements

**Friday, December 1, 2017**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:12 pm**

***Oneg is sponsored by proud father Mitchell Grayson in honor of Blaine's Bar Mitzvah***

Yahrzeits: Arnold Bienenstock, Jacob Friedman, Bertha Froot, Blanche Furie, Irving Granoff, Theodora Granoff, Hilda Greenstein, Sidney Grossman, Morris Handel, Morris Kantrowitz, Esther Kaplan, Donna Kibbel, Milton Lewis, Harry Luria, Sharon Mandel, David Nagrod, Ruben Pellmar, Joseph Rediker, Jakob Safier, Harriet Schletter, Claire Schwartz, Dora Sulkin, Messody Thomas, Phyllis Weinstock, Lea Weiss, Norman Weiss, Ben Zimmern

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

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

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

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

**Bar Mitzvah of Blaine Grayson**

**Baby naming of Ariana Rose Lindberg**

***Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud father Mitchell Grayson in honor of Blaine's Bar Mitzvah***

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**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 8:00 pm**

**Candles 4:12pm**

Yahrzeits: James Albert, Helayne Berger, Manny Berkowitz, Celia Cohen, Maxwell Colby, Sylvia Colby, Harry Cooper, Alex Cotler, Mildred Crystal, Esther Deitelbaum, Harold Eder, Julian Eisenberg, Marvin Friedman, Albert Ginsburg, Harold Gitten, Adrian Goldstein, Charles Goldstein, Sadye Goldstein, Jessie Ingber, Jacob Krivins, William Kronengold, Hyman Marowitz, Iris Maurer, Joseph Rediker, Sylvia Reich, Marilyn Rosset, Sadie Schlam, Irene Schreiber, Wesley Steinman, Sanford Tabakin, Arlene Wiener, Shirley Yaskulka

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

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

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

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

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**Friday, December 15, 2017**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:13 pm**

Yahrzeits: Owen Lloyd Altman, Greta Boden, Abraham Brand, Joseph Crawford, Sherwin Feinstein, Esther Fleishman, Vivian Forman, Rita Friedman, Rita Friedman, Joseph Gaffin, Adrienne Gordon, Mildred Hirsch, Belle Horenstein, Emanuel Joseph, Shirley Kantor, Howard Kibbel, Ethel Lorman, Elsie Mannes, Elizabeth Medwin, Sally Meyer, Cecelia Ostroff, Betty Parness, William Parness, Albert Rediker, Yoseph Reuven, Reuben Samuel, Harry Schutzer, George Schwartzstein, Victor Shain, Abraham Teitel, Lawrence Warm, Roz Weinstein, Herman Wilk, Bernard Yeaman

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

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

**Parsha: Mikkets 41:53-43:15**

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

***Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Susan Sferas in honor/memory of her mother, Annette Korn, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday this year.***

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**Friday, December 22, 2017**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:16 pm**

Yahrzeits: Seymour Absatz, Allan Axelrod, M. Harvey Brown, Mae Castello, Ken Curtis, Anna Davis, Rae Donner, Nelson Farber, George Fink, Betty Fromer, Norman Gayton, Tema Gerechoff, Minnie Ginsburg, Joseph Gold, Rhoda Goldberg, 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, Robert Schneider, Nathan Schulman, Edith Schwaber, Phillip Schwartz, Alfred Silverstein, Abraham Slovin, Sylvia Smith, Rosalind Stern, Bob Stone, Ruth Wilk

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

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

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

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

***Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Harvey and Beth Jacob in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary***

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**Friday, December 29, 2017**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:21 pm**

Yahrzeits: Doris Anschelewitz, Avram Bercovicz, Samuel Bloom, Fred Boone, Shirley Borsch, Louis Breslow, Robert Deitch, Max Gonski, Amelia Greenfield, Frida Haber, Samuel Hipschman, Morris Kempler, Louis Kirsch, Gladys Kisner, Mortimer Kobb, Rebecca Kramer, Lois Nelson, Ben Rassas, Lee Rubenstein, Stephanie Silver, Mathilda Simha, Fannie Tauber, Harry Vineburg, Marilyn Weinstein, Chiam Zev

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**

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

**Parsha: Vayhi 49:1-26**

**Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12**

# Celebrating The Wonder Women of Chanukah



When you think of the hero of the Chanukah story, who do you think of? If you are like most people, the first person that comes to mind is “Judah the Maccabee,” that brave son of Mattathias who led a small band of Hasmoneans against the Assyrian (Seleucid) army (c. 167-160 B.C.E). When I was a very young child, I used to love telling the story of Judah, Mattathias, and the evil Antiochus, using a felt board complete with cut-out characters that my mom had put together for use every night. Each time I told the story, I would delight in putting up the brave Judah against the mean and terrible tyrant Antiochus. I loved recapturing the moment when the jar of oil was discovered, the miracle happened, and the Temple was restored. Each night, I would wait for just the right time and proudly put up the green felt Temple on the board while throwing the blue Antiochus to the ground! But there was another character that my mom had put together for the story as well – someone that I had always thought everyone “knew” was a part of the Chanukah story, but who I later discovered is somewhat lesser known. Her name was Hannah and she had seven sons (orange-colored felt). She had to watch Antiochus kill each of her sons as punishment for refusing to bow down to him and, in the way I learned the story, she was the last to die a sad and tragic death. I am not sure how my mom was okay with me learning such a violent story — but that is for another time!

Who was Hannah? What does she have to do with Chanukah? And are there other heroes that are less known in the Chanukah story?

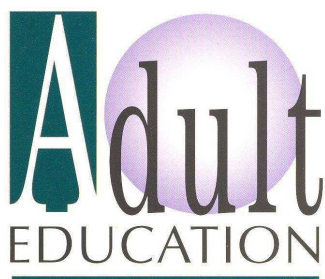
It turns out that Hannah is a reference to a character found in the Second Book of Maccabees (ch.7). Told in the extracanonical work called the Apocrypha, this character is rooted in the story of an unnamed woman with seven sons who martyrs herself at the hands of the Assyrians, after watching them do the same. Because they refused to eat pork. By the Medieval period, this previously unnamed character becomes known to all as a woman named Hannah. She becomes associated with the Chanukah story as a woman who stood her ground and was even willing to risk her life for her beliefs. While the thought of choosing to die, rather than transgress a mitzvah, might strike us as somewhat extreme today (particularly given the modern use of the term “martyr”), the broader point being noted here is that Hannah was a woman of principle who knew what she stood for, who was steadfast in her faith, and put her values and beliefs above all else. As a general principle, this is a value that most of us would likely get behind.

And it turns out that Hannah was not the only woman heroine associated with the Chanukah story. Have you ever heard of a woman named Judith? The Book of Judith is also found in the Apocrypha and though the story is set in the Babylonian period, the story is thought to have originated during the time of the Maccabees. Indeed later Medieval Hebrew versions of Judith understood her story in the context of the Hasmonean revolt. And just who was Judith? Judith was a widow who found herself suffering along with her fellow Israelites at a time when Jerusalem was under siege. Using her intellect and her beauty, the story goes that she got up from her mourning, snuck into the enemy camp and lured the enemy general Holofernes into his tent. Enticing him with cheese to eat and wine to drink, she got him drunk enough that he fell asleep. While he was sleeping, she cut off his head and returned to the Israelite camp with his head in a bag – finishing the job that the men seemingly were unable to handle. Incidentally, this story is why some have the custom of eating cheese on Chanukah.

Why do I share all of this with you? Because, violent and disturbing as they may be, these are two stories that celebrate women. They are stories that remind us of the brave women throughout Jewish history that have stood up for their beliefs, defended the Jewish people, and who are just as brave and accomplished as the men that we have come to celebrate on Chanukah as well. Ours is a tradition that is deeply rooted in patriarchy. This is something that is largely understandable from a historical perspective, but it is also something that we should continually work to correct. It is with that in mind that on this Chanukah, I want to encourage you to be inspired by the legacies of Hannah and Judith. As you light your Chanukah candles, and eat some delicious latkes, take a moment to consider your female heroes. Who are the women throughout Jewish history, throughout American history, and throughout your personal lives who have inspired you? Who are the women who have stood out to you as heroes? Who are the women whose stories are not as familiar to your children and grandchildren as Judah the Maccabee? Hannah and Judith were included in the stories of the Maccabees for a reason. Let us work to ensure that their memories live on as an inspiration to the generations of Jews that would follow. Let us work to ensure that they, and women like them, have stories to be told and honored as well.

*Hag Urim Sameach* — May your Chanukah be filled with light!





# 2017-2018 ADULT ED COURSE OFFERINGS

## Adult Ed with Rabbi Schonbrun

### Lunch N'Learn: Journey Through The Prophets

We read the Haftarah, a selection taken from the Book of Prophets, in synagogue every week. Often these Haftorot are challenging to understand both in terms of their context and relevance to modern day life. Just who were these "prophets?" Why were they so important to Biblical Israel and why do we continue to read about them today? When did they live? What did they preach? And what messages do they have for modern day society? Come and join us for an introductory look at the Prophets in the Hebrew Bible. Bring your friends, your questions, and an openness to the wisdom of some of our earliest teachers and leaders. No previous Bible study necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

**Wednesdays at 12:00pm**

## Meet Our Rabbinic Intern

### Shabbat Lunch and Learn With Warner:

**Between Two Halves of the Bagel-** Feeling shmeared by your responsibilities to both your parents and your children? Come explore what Jewish Tradition has to say about navigating between competing claims of love and responsibility to loved ones in this three-part series. Topics will include caring for aging parents, obligations to children, and self care.

**Dec. 16, Feb. 17th and Mar. 24 after Kiddush**

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE, RABBI HAYIM HERRING, PH.D. FRIDAY, MARCH 16 & SATURDAY, MARCH 17

**Rabbi Hayim Herring, Ph.D.**, is an author, presenter and nonprofit organizational futurist, with a specialty in congregations and Jewish nonprofit organizations. Since moving to Minneapolis in 1985, he has served as a rabbi of Beth El Synagogue, a senior federation executive and executive director at S.T.A.R. (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Hayim has worked with over 300 rabbis and congregations of all sizes and denominations throughout North America on a wide range of issues, including continuing rabbinic education, volunteer leadership development, governance, strategic planning, organizational foresight and innovation.

### **"Inspiring Community in an Age of Bricks and Swipes"**

In the last century, when you heard the word "congregation," you were likely to think of a bricks and mortar physical location. Beginning in the late 1990s, congregations added a parallel gateway into them through the Web. Today, congregations that want to flourish are learning how to blend the values of being together in the building with digital technologies that require a click or a swipe. This is new territory for congregations that engenders both some anxiety and inspiration about the Jewish future. Enjoy an engaging discussion with our Scholar-In-Residence about how congregations are adapting to this new reality, and be inspired to think about how Congregation Torat El can shape an even more vibrant Jewish future by tapping more deeply into its multi-talented well of members and reaching beyond its walls to other potential partners in the community.

**Shabbat Dinner, Friday, March 16, 6:30pm**

*Reservations may be made online at  
[www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) under events*

### **"From Generation to Generations"**

For the first time in human history, there are four generations of individuals alive in large numbers at one time. Old age is not new, but having a large older population of relatively healthy individuals who are able and desire to live purposeful lives well into their 80's is an unprecedented phenomenon. "Delayed adulthood," an emerging developmental theory, suggests that adolescents cross the threshold into adulthood at approximately age 30, and not between the ages 18-21, last Century's benchmark. But each generation holds stereotypes of the other that can inhibit congregations from becoming centers for multigenerational community. Learn with our Scholar-In-Residence how congregations are uniquely poised to be places where people of all ages can share, learn, and grow from one another's experiences and fill a much-needed role in bridging generational divides.

**Kiddush Luncheon, Saturday, March 17, following services**

*Reservations may be made online at  
[www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) under events*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, our Hebrew High Program volunteered at Camp Oakhurst, which is a camp that hosts people with special needs. This was a great opportunity for us to give back to our community!

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-1:00pm, Congregation Torat El will have their annual Chanukah Party. Come one, come all to the annual Chanukah Party! All are welcome to attend, bring your family and friends along to join in the fun! No RSVP necessary - No charge! You can look forward to The Men's Club famous latkes, DJ, a 50/50 drawing, yummy treats from Sisterhood, and dreidel games.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy Chanukah!

At Religious School, we will be playing Dreidel and eating yummy gelt! The students will be learning about the Chanukah story and miracles!

Have a safe winter break and we will see you in 2018!

### Mark Your Calendars:

Wed. Dec. 13	Chanukah Donut Making with Broad Street Dough Co.
Sat. Dec. 16	Chanukah Family Education for Ganon
Sun. Dec. 17	CTE Family Chanukah Party
Sat. Dec. 23	No Religious School – Winter Break
Wed. Dec. 27	No Religious School – Winter Break
Sat. Dec. 30	No Religious School – Winter Break
Wed. Jan. 3	Religious School Resumes

## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Kochech to **Mady Einhorn** for being added to the Master Torah Readers Plaque in recognition of her 24<sup>th</sup> Torah Reading!

Yasher Kochech to **Kim Sherman** for chanting Torah so beautifully in honor of the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah!

Yasher Koach to **Noah Rediker** for leading Services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on his Bar Mitzvah!

Yasher Kochech to **Sydney Shapiro** for leading Services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on her Bat Mitzvah!

During the month of October 2017, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Mady Einhorn	Ben Laskowitz	Joshua Schor
Kim Sherman	Sheila Morris	Lori Schuldiner Schor
Mark Engel	Noah Rediker	Joel Schulman
Steven Fineberg	Bonnie Reiss	Sydney Shapiro
Mike Gordon	Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun	Neil Weitzenkorn

### 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](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or cell # 732-861-7450.



# HAZAK HAPPENINGS

## **Author and Dinner Event Sunday, December 3 - 4:00pm**

Sergie Waisman, a native of China, immigrated to Israel in 1953 and served in the Israel Defense Forces in Arik Sharon's 890 Paratrooper Brigade. He moved to the United States in 1964 and graduated from the Institute of Design and Construction in Architecture. He owned his own practice in New York City for forty years. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, Liza.

**Open to all temple members and guests.  
This program will include a Chinese buffet dinner  
\$10 per person (pre-paid reservations required)**

Paid reservations on the temple website ([torat-el.org](http://torat-el.org)) or to the temple office  
no later than November 29.

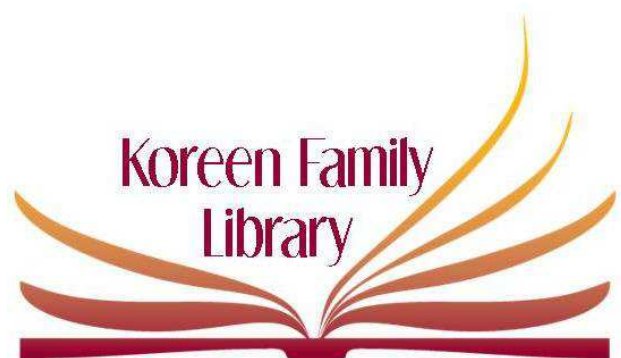
## **Save the Date**

Sunday, January 21, 10:30am Health Program/Healthy Light Brunch

Sunday, February 18, details to follow

# THE KOREEN FAMILY LIBRARY

If you enjoy working with books, and being with people, then you might want to volunteer to be part of the CTE Library Committee. We meet on Tuesdays in the Library, 12:30-2:30 pm. Any questions, please call Sandy Koreen at 732-229-6125. Looking forward to seeing you!



## 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**



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

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

**Sunday, December 3rd, 11:00am**



**Saturday, January 6th, 7:00pm**

**\$22 per person**

**Reservations due by January 2nd  
to the office or [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org)  
on the events page**

Poker, Mah Jongg, Canasta, Scrabble  
or any other game you enjoy playing.

Come with your spouse, come with your  
regular game group, come with a group  
of friends, come alone and make some  
new friends!

Sloppy Joes & Wraps  
Snacks



**CONGREGATION TORAT EL - 12TH ANNUAL  
REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH**

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

*More details to follow*



## OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

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

Stacey & Glen Abrams on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Danny Abrams

Rita Abrams on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Danny Abrams

Neil Warar for being honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as Congregation Torat El's "Man of the Year"

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

Dr. Harold Cotler on completing the 2017 NYC Marathon

Neil and Donna Warar on the marriage of their daughter Melissa to Gregg Mora



### The Torat Family extends condolences to:

Ellen Marx on the loss of her father Dr. Kenneth Brehne

Bruce Forman on the loss of his father Philip P. Forman

The Levitt Family on the loss of Albert Levitt

*Please accept my sincere thanks to our Congregation Torat El family for all the good wishes for my speedy recovery. I am most grateful for the support I continue to receive from everyone.*

— Barry Shapiro

## MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH

My name is Blaine Grayson and my Bar Mitzvah is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A mitzvah project is where a person helps out the community. I wanted my mitzvah project to be special for me and I wanted it to be something that I would remember forever. Since Hurricane Harvey hit and devastated the southern part of Texas, my mitzvah project was helping the victims of Hurricane Harvey. I flew out to Corpus Christi, Texas, and for our first assignment, we helped one certain house. It was a very nice family in Port Aransas with a Grandma, and her two grandchildren, P.J. 2 and P.J. 3. We helped take out drywall, ceiling, and insulation. It took 5 hours in all. On day 2 we helped unload a truck full of supplies from the Red Cross. The supplies were for Mexico City after the earthquake and for the local town of Rockport. We then went to a house in Rockport to pick up pieces of a destroyed house and fallen trees. On day 3 my dad and I helped stack boxes of supplies on pallets in a warehouse in Corpus Christi. On the plane back home I was very happy to have helped and to see the hope in the people.



## Comedy Night - February 24

Buffet Dinner, Comedy Show,

Dessert, BYOB

## MEN'S CLUB

### Men's Club Paid-Up Event

**Sunday, January 21st, 4:00 - 7:00pm**

### Trivia Contest with team prizes & Dinner

Free to all paid up Men's Club members. Haven't joined yet? It's not too late! Send your \$36 check payable to CTE Men's Club to the temple office.

RSVP to the temple office or temple website at [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) (under events)

### Monmouth Men's Basketball game vs. Siena College

**Thursday, January 25th, 7:00 pm**

At Monmouth Univ Gym on Campus (OceanFirst Bank Center)

**\$12 per person**

Open to every temple member

RSVP to Gregg Taffet [boatman141@verizon.net](mailto:boatman141@verizon.net) or temple website under events. Payments online or to the temple office.

## SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

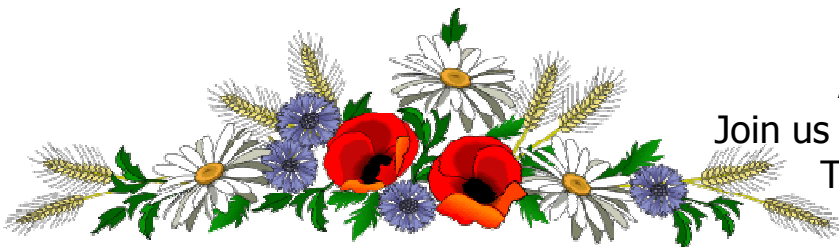


### THE MODERN JEWISH BAKER

Author of "The Modern Jewish Baker," Shannon Sama will join us December 14, 2017 -- 7:15pm  
\$18 per person

RSVP to the temple office or temple website at [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) (under events.)

This event is sponsored by Sisterhood to support the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's annual Torah Fund campaign which benefits the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Annual January Sisterhood Luncheon  
Join us for a delicious lunch and fun activity!  
Thursday, January 25, 2018, 12:00pm  
More details to follow

**2018 Mah Jongg Cards:** Standard \$8 Large \$9

Please make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood

Mail to Jeryl Krupnick 521 Bridlemere Ave. Interlaken, NJ 07712

**All checks must be received by January 24, 2018**



### ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!

Before you leave us for warmer climates, please call the office and let us know so we can use your winter address for future mailings!

Thank you



### NOT RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?

Contact the temple office if you haven't received emails in a while.

Stay up to date with upcoming events, Rabbi's Tuesday Torah, shiva notices and important announcements!



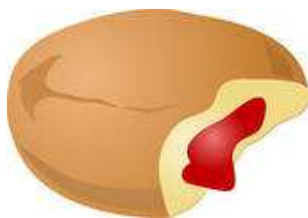
#### *Easy Jelly Donuts*

##### **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:**

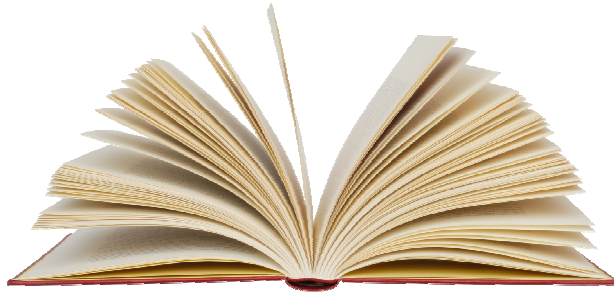
2 sweet potatoes, shredded  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 tbs. brown sugar  
2 tbs. all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Vegetable oil for frying

##### **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.



## MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES



**Sunday, January 28 - 11:00am**

*In the Shadow of Alabama* is a deeply personal novel based on the experience of the author's father, a Jewish boy from Brooklyn, who as a master sergeant during World War II, is put in charge of an all African-American platoon in the segregated South. He and his platoon are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of Vultee BT-13 bombers, which crashed at an alarming rate. He not only found a way to prevent the crashes, but his strong sense of social justice led him to fight for fair treatment of his soldiers, despite being denied that fair treatment himself. Interwoven with his story, is the story of the author's gradual understanding of her relationship with her father, a man who, over 50 years after WWII, was honored by the NAACP and Veteran's Hall of Fame.

Judy Reese Singer was born in Alabama and raised in New York. She is a former high school English teacher and the author of *Horseplay*, *Still Life with Elephant*, and *An Inconvenient Elephant*

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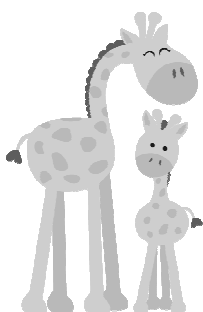
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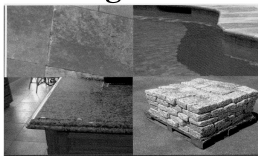
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					1 Candle Lighting 4:12pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	2 Bar Mitzvah of Blaine Grayson 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
3 Chanukah Book Reading at Barnes & Noble with Rabbi Schonbrun 11:00am  Holiday Shopping at CTE Gift Shop 3:00-5:00pm  Hazak Author and Dinner 4:00pm	4	5 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	6 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm	7 Sisterhood Mtg 7:15pm	8 Candle Lighting 4:12pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm	9 Shabbat Service 9:00am
10	11 Tiny Tots & Toddler Time 10:00am	12 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	13 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm  Broad Street Dough Co Donut Making with Religious School  Holiday Shopping at CTE Gift Shop 6:00-8:00pm  AIPAC Meeting 7:30pm	14 Sisterhood Torah Fund Dinner 7:15pm	15 Candle Lighting 4:13pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	16 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
		Chanukah - 1 Candle	Chanukah - 2 Candles	Chanukah - 3 Candles	Chanukah - 4 Candles	Chanukah - 5 Candles
17 Congregational Chanukah Party 11:00am  Chanukah - 6 Candles	18 Chanukah - 7 Candles	19 Executive Board Mtg 7:00pm  Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm Chanukah - 8 Candles	20 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm	21	22 Candle Lighting 4:16pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	23 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch No Shabbat School
24/31	25 Temple Office Closed	26 Education Committee Mtg 7:30pm	27 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm No Religious School	28	29 Candle Lighting 4:21pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	30 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School