



# *Voice of the Shore*

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Shevat/Adar 5772

February 2012

## Weekday Mornings

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

## Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services  
6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning Services  
9 am



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# CTE Hootenanny

*From Atlanta, GA*

*Folk Singer Extraordinaire*

**Hank Weisman**

*with*

**Cantor Bruce Siegel**

**Saturday, February 25**

**7:00pm**

**\$18/Adults \$10/Seniors, Kids**

**Fancy Desserts**

**Gourmet Coffees & Teas**

**R.S.V.P. to the CTE office**

**732-531-4410**

**by Tuesday, February 21**

**MUCH MORE INSIDE!**

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## ***Shabbat Evening Services*** ***A Choice for the members of our Congregation***

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
*First & Third Friday of each month*

Instrumental Musical Service

6:30pm

**Family Friday Nights**  
*Fourth Friday of each month*

Family Service and Dinner

6:30pm

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
*Second & Fourth Friday of each month*

Traditional Service  
2nd Friday - 8:00pm  
4th Friday - 6:30pm

Yahrzeits are honored at Friday night services prior to the Yahrzeit date.

## ***February Service Announcements...***

**Friday, February 3, 2012**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:57 pm**

**Instrumental Musical Service**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Marjorie and Mark Forgang, Joyce and Joseph Kahn

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Leon N. Adler, Ruth Adler, Betty Atlas, Vivian Baime, Maurice Berger, Alex A. Block, Doris Arline Bransome, Shirley Brown, Max Cloth, Abraham Cohen, Irving Cohen, Jerome Dampf, Dorothy Cohen Davidow, Stanley Drossman, Rita Epstein, Samuel Forman, Fred Fox, Helen Franklin, Michael Friedman, Carrie Fundler, Harriet S. Gelburd, Anna Goldfarb, Martin Goldfarb, Molly Goldstein, Michael H. Goldwasser, Dr. Philip Gordon, Mildred Holub, Rose Horenstein, Abraham Horvitz, Harold Allan Karasic, Roger Kislin, Leah Konner, Michael Krupkin, Claire Levy, Etta Levy, Stanley Lewis, Eric Steven Litt, Harry Maltzman, David Mayerowitz, Katie Mayerowitz, Reva Mencher, Raymond Messner, David Negnewitzky, Eve Oppenheim, Bernard Resnick, Alex Schindler, Annie Schwartz, Joseph Semel, David Solomon, Sadie Soloway, Alfred D. Stalford, Miriam Tenzer, Sylvia Tillis, Louis Tucker, Morris L. Weinstein, Charles Wilk, Joe Young, Jac Zaubner

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

**Parsha: Shemot 13:17-17:16**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am**

**Haftarah: Shoftim 4:4-5:31**

**Friday, February 10, 2012**

**Erev Shabbat Services 8:00 pm**

**Candles 5:06 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Wendy and Paul Abrams, Sara and Joseph Assael, Yvette and Morton Burke, Beth and Harold Cotler, Julie and Allen Davidow, Randy and Allan Tunkel, Leah and Lonnie Zimmerman

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Sylvia Berman, William Brand, Bessie Cohen, Leo Cohen, Simon Cohen, Isadore Crystal, Paul Dorfman, Marilyn Feldman, Arnold Fetell, Esther Franklin, Lena Gaber, Reba Gasn, Samuil Gold, Milton Goodman, Rose Goodman, Jack Greenspan, Renee Groswald, Janet Anna Haber, Ahoeva Hadad, Esther Hannes, Anna Hoffer, Mark Stephen Holt, David Jacobs, Anne Jupiter, Milton Kahn, Julian Kaplan, Fran Karasic, Henry Kirk, William Kneip, Albert Kotin, Aaron Levy, Max Madnick, Emma Chapman Marshal, Charles Marvel, Edwin F. Marx, Emanuel Israel Metz, Susan Midlarsky, Kalmen Motiuk, Lena Rabkin, Marvin Reiter, Harry Richter, Harry E. Robinson, Henry Safian, Ida Schnitzer, Benjamin Schreibman, Max Seldin, Richard Shutman, Joseph Singer, Pauline Solomon, Samuel Starrett, Dorothy Stazyn, Rubin Stein, Koppel Steinberg, Bryan David Taxin, Irving Vorchin, Charlotte Webman, Charles Weinberg, Joseph H. Weiss, Robert White, Betty Zolten, Ruth Zucker, Edith Zuckerman

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

**Parasha: Shemot 18:1-20:22**  
**Haftarah: Yeshayahu 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am**

# February Service Announcements...

**Friday, February 17, 2012**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm  
Instrumental Musical Shabbat**

**Candles 5:14 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Florence and Bernie Farber, Tammi and Mark Horowitz, Judy and Elliott Safian, Helene and Melvin Woda

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Fannie Acker, Bella Ajzykowicz, Usher Albert, Esther Mary Bedell, Leroy Bennett, Ben Benson Lillian Bernstein, Ida Block, Irving Bloom, Polia Bolina, Donald Borger, Lawrence Alan Breslow, Isidor Brody Martha Brody, Michael Chazen, Jacob Darrow, Robert Drazin, Max Dunkel, Rafal Edelsberg, Samuel Eilton, Louis English Jacob Epstein, Dr. Irving Feinsot, Rita Fight, Robert Fisher, Ursula Forem, Sonia Freidlin, Florence Gluck, Paula Gluck Ruth Greenberg, David Hassman, Harry Hyman, Esther Karasic Bogage, Florence Klausner, Charles E. Konner Doris Konner, Harold Koyner, Nissan Krongelb, Frances Kurtz, Max Landsman, Zigi Langberg, Louis Lanman, Naum Lazinsky Leonard Leibowitz, Dan Lichtenstein, Louis Lichtenstein, Felice Liebesman, Aaron Mandelbaum, Shirley Marlieb Samuel H. Martin, Joseph Michaels, Joseph Mirne, Sara Moskowitz, Henry Parnes, Anne Posner, Rose Press, Louis Rabkin Faye Freeman Ratner, Murray Richelson, George Rosen, Sylvia Rosenfeld, William Rosner, Charlotte Schermann Arnold Schraeter, Harry Schwartz, Leon Schwartz, Zelda Schwartz, Meyer Skolnick, Howard Sprechman Bess C. Sugarman, Mary Suskin, Stanley Thomas, Lenore Trueger, Miriam Vinik, Bernard Weiss, Morris Weiss Lena Wigdortz, Harold Wittes

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**Parsha: Shemot 21:1-24:18  
Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am**

**Haftarah: 2 Melakhim 12:1-17**

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**Traditional Shabbat Services 6:30 pm  
Fourth Friday Family Service 6:30 pm  
Congregational Dinner Following Services**

**Candles 5:22 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Candy and Michael Friedman, Ann and Norman Ginsburg, Leah and Harvey Jacobs

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Leon Anshelewitz, Leo Ashkenaz, Samuel Bedell, Dina Bercovicz Stauber, Celia Schwartzman Berger Saul Berlin, Marvin P. Berns, Isaac Bernstein, Esther Brockman, Minnie Bromberg, Edward A. Cantor, Milton M. Cohen Rita Comer, Isidore Crystal, Frank Curtis, Minnie Curtis, Hedy Dorn, Rose Field, Yetta Friedman, Alexander Froimowitz Lena Gelfman, Pauline Giugno, Louis Goldfarb, Miriam Gross, Cynthia Gruber, Herman Gruber, Charles M. Herzog Susan Hipschman, Anna Hoffman, Leon Horenstein, Rebecca Jacobs, Monroe Javerbaum, Samuel Katz, Sidney Katz Ida Kessel, Paula Kessler, Benjamin Koblenz, Frieda Krengel, David Krivins, Wilbur Krivins, Nathan Lachow, Samuel Laken Anna L. Lieberman, Isaac Lippman, Morris Maltz, Lillian Margulis, Maxwell Margulis, Abraham Mass, Miriam Mayerowitz Naftole Melnick, Gerald Michelson, Ada Mintzer, Joseph Mintzer, David Nissenblatt, Walter Pepis, Anna Sall Popok Saul Poretzky, William F. Renz, Anita Resnick, Pauline Retholtz, Henry A. Ritterman, Leonard Robin, Rose Rosen Irving Rosenberg, Louis Rosenbloom, George W. Rosenstiel, Lena Rosenthal, Ellen Rosen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz William A. Shakin, Marion Sherman, Eva Singer, Samuel Skolnik, Frances Sobol, Herman Steinberg, Victor Stern Abraham Tepper, Yetta Weisman, Sam Weiss, Fay Wittes, Sidney Zimmerman, Irving Zisblatt

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

**Parsha: Shemot 25:1-27:19  
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Haftarah: 1 Melakhim 5:26-6:13**



We are happy to welcome the following families to the Congregation Torat El family:

Ari and Jessica Wishkoff

Cynthia, Steven, Madelyn and Rachael Walsh

# From The Rabbi's Study...

## Play Ball: An Invitation to Explore Jewish Prayer

I have always had a strong connection to prayer. I can remember the moment when I received my first siddur in my kitah aleph consecration ceremony. When my mom handed me my prayer book I felt so proud to have received such an important gift. And then there was the time in the third grade when I felt so accomplished because I had finally conquered the Ashrei and was able to recite the entire prayer aloud. As I grew older my involvement in USY and Camp Ramah came to deepen my relationship to prayer and I began to actually understand some of what I was saying. I started incorporating prayer into my daily routine at age fifteen and to this day I cannot begin a day without praying each morning. And whether I am in the shul, going grocery shopping, or taking a trip to the mall, I can often be found walking around humming (or worse, chanting aloud!), some type of prayer throughout the day. But despite this fairly strong connection to prayer, there are times where I find it extremely challenging to pray.

I know I am not alone in this struggle. From my days in USY, to my work as a Congregational Rabbi, I have encountered people who struggle with finding meaning in Jewish prayer. The Hebrew can be challenging. The English can be confusing. Not knowing the choreography of learning where and when to bow, stand or sit during the service can sometimes feel embarrassing. Many people feel a tension between the fixed prayer that largely makes up our siddur and the spontaneous prayer that is valued by our tradition but harder to discover. Not to mention the larger struggles such as what prayer means in the first place, why we should pray at all, and where God fits into the picture. In some senses, figuring out how to truly engage in meaningful tefilah (prayer) can simply feel overwhelming. And we are not the first Jews to face these challenges. The rabbis too struggled with finding kavanah, spiritual direction in prayer. There are numerous discussions in the Talmud about the minimum amount that must be said in order for a person to fulfill his or her obligation towards prayer because the rabbis knew that if they required everyone to have full concentration for each and every prayer, the entire system would unravel. Yet although engaging in Jewish prayer is extremely challenging, our connections to ourselves, our community and our God each suffer when we fail to engage in this struggle.

In his book entitled Knowing God, Rabbi Elliot Dorff reminds us that:

...prayer is very much like baseball. Both require skills. Some people are naturally talented....Sometimes even people who have prayed daily for years strike out in prayer....At other times, prayer is the rough equivalent of a walk in baseball. On such occasions, the person praying is not moved by any of the prayers but, nevertheless, is glad to have spent the time in prayer....Sometimes one gets the equivalent of a base hit.

A particular prayer, or sentence, or even phrase happens to hit home....At other times one achieves the equivalent of a double or triple in baseball....One's day, one's week, and perhaps even one's life has been enriched...And then, once in a while one hits a home run. It would not be realistic or fair to expect a home run each time one is at bat in prayer any more than it would be in baseball. Those who pray very little often make that mistake... (154-156)



One thing is for certain, Rabbi Dorff reminds us that we can never expect to hit anything if we don't step up to the plate in the first place.

It is for that reason that I would like to encourage all of you to challenge yourselves when it comes to adding prayer into your daily life. A few suggestions:

1. Come to Cantor Siegel's class "Why We Do What We Do on a Saturday Morning" offered on Sunday mornings at 10 am.
2. Join us for services. If you don't understand the service we now have new booklets to help explain the service in each pew, as well as "learners siddurim" and books on the structure and meaning of the service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you think services are "too long," consider the benefits of having a few hours to sit quietly and reflect on your life, your tradition, and your values without any outside distractions.

We hope that you will join us!

**Weekdays:** 8:00am, and 7:00pm in the small chapel.

**First, Third, and Fourth Friday nights** at 6:30PM in the small chapel

**Second Friday night of the month:** 8:00pm in the small chapel

**Shabbat morning:** 9:00am in the sanctuary

**Sunday:** 8:30am in the small chapel.

3. Buy a book on Jewish prayer (see [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) under the "Rabbi's Book Shelf" tab for suggestions)
4. Feel free to call me (732) 531-4410 or e-mail ([rabbi@torat-el.org](mailto:rabbi@torat-el.org)) to set up an appointment to talk about the meaning and challenges of engaging in Jewish prayer. I would love to speak with you!

Prayer is challenging, but it can be accessible and transformative if we are willing to put in some effort. May this secular New Year be one in which each of us discovers the courage and determination to strengthen our connection to prayer, as we seek to deepen our connections to ourselves, our community, and our God.





# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PURIM!!!

### ATTENTION PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS, GREAT GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, NEPHEWS, NIECES, AND FRIENDS:

We are pleased to announce that this year, the Religious School classes (including Hebrew High!) will be participating in the Purim Megillah on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 P.M. Bring family and friends! This is an event that is not to be missed!!!

#### Mark Your Calendars:

Fri. Feb. 10  
Sat. Feb. 11  
Sun. Feb. 19 & Mon. Feb. 20  
Sat. Feb. 25

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Friday Night Service  
Mini-Minyan & Junior Congregation  
No Religious School – Presidents' Day Weekend  
Mini-Minyan & Junior Congregation



## USY

FEBRUARY 10-12 (FRI-SAT)  
REGIONAL MIDWINTER KINNUS  
13 (MON)-MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

## KADIMA

FEBRUARY 8 (WED)-CHALLAH FOR HUNGER  
26(SUN)-REGIONAL KADIMA DAY

## PRE-KADIMA

FEBRUARY 8 (WED) – CHALLAH FOR HUNGER

**NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN**  
**CONTACT ABBY SCHEER YOUTH ADVISOR (732-531-7543)**

## Our Synagogue Families

### Baruch Dayan Emet

The Torat El family mourns the loss of:

**Yetta Epstein**

**Winnifred Greenwald**

**Ruth Levinson**

The Torat El family extends condolences to:

**Fran Nudelman** on the loss of her mother Lynn Unger Shulman

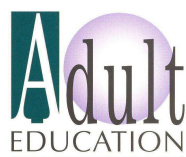
**Howard Richelson** on the loss of his sister Judith Chalfin

**Joy Weinstein** on the loss of her mother Marilyn Weinstein

### Mazel Tov to:

**Janet and David Attner** on the engagement of their daughter Rachel to David Zussman. Rachel and David are both alumni of Kol Sasson of The University of Maryland; an acappella group that has performed at CTE several times.

**Barbara and David Saint John** on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Lynne



## **CTE Adult Ed: Winter/Spring 2012**

Make a note of our partial programming from now through May 2012 so that you may mark your own calendar.

### **Ongoing classes:**

**WHAT PAGE ARE WE ON?** - Cantor Siegel's popular **Sunday morning** 10:00 AM-11:00 AM class about understanding and participating in Saturday Shabbat Service.

**Lunch & Learn** - Rabbi Schonbrun leads a discussion on our major holidays and traditions each **Wednesday** between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM

### **Limited session evening classes:**

**LEINING 101: TORAH CANTILLATION WORKSHOP** - Cantor Bruce Siegel teaches the art of chanting Torah to both novices and experienced readers of all ages.

**CONSERVATIVE, ORTHODOX AND REFORM - What's the Difference?** Our Rabbi discusses this and more. **Monday evenings at 7:30 PM on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**ANCIENT WISDOM FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY** - Join our Rabbi as we study the *Ethics of Our Fathers* - an old book of wisdom, ethics and morals to inspire and guide us today. This is a four session class **Mondays during March on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.**

**OMG (OH MY GOD)** - Bring your questions and join our Rabbi and Congregants as we explore the Jewish understanding of God and his role in our daily lives. This is a three session class **Mondays during April on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.**

### **Special Events:**

**Lunch & Learn – Passover** - Rabbi Schonbrun will address the subject of Passover after Shabbat Services or around **12 PM on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>.** (*This is not a model seder.*)

**Jewish Theological Seminary** - Bus trip to New York City to have our own Rare Book Tour of the Seminary's acclaimed library. This trip is scheduled for **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** and will also include lunch in the City. (RSVP with a check on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. (Additional information will be provided soon.)

**Scholar in Residence Weekend** - Scheduled for the weekend **beginning Friday night, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

This Congregation Event will afford us the opportunity to learn from our guest Rabbi, Dr. Eliezer Diamond. We will start Friday night with our Instrumental Shabbat Service and a special dinner. Saturday, following services we will have a Lunch & Learn and on Sunday a Brunch & Learn. (More on this exceptional weekend soon)

# HAZAK PRESENTS FILM FEST FOR GROWN-UPS...

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH \* 3:00PM



**"LIVE AND BECOME"**

Join us for a great afternoon!

Popcorn and Beverages

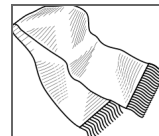
No charge for this event!

RSVP to the temple office 732-531-4410

## Thank You

The Jewish Book Month Mitten Menorah made the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Monmouth County on Summerfield, Avenue in Asbury Park very happy (an big understatement) on December 23, when we delivered 212 items of warmth in the forms of:

- 1 comforter
- 1 dickie
- 1 hat/glove/scarf set
- 2 coats
- 2 scarf/glove sets
- 3 pairs of earmuffs
- 3 pairs of mittens
- 5 headbands
- 13 hat/glove sets
- 39 hats
- 49 pairs of gloves
- 93 scarves



Thank you all Closet Cleaners, Crocheters, Fleece Snippers, Knitters, and Shoppers  
for your generosity!

We filled the Big Box, and it's greatly appreciated!

## COMMUNITY SEDER, SECOND NIGHT OF PESACH



In an effort to make sure everyone has a Seder to attend this year we have decided to ask you, our congregants, if you would be interested or have the need to attend a community seder here at the temple. We would do it for the second night of Pesach, Saturday April 7th and it would include a full seder and traditional dinner. Price will be determined at a later date.

At this point in time nothing is confirmed, we are simply trying to determine if there is interest on your part. Please contact Pam at [pamc@torat-el.org](mailto:pamc@torat-el.org) or call the office at 732-531-4410 if you and your family and friends would be interested in attending.

We will keep you posted through emails, bulletins and mailings.



## CTE MEN'S CLUB

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012 @ 8:30 AM

#### WORLD WIDE WRAP

Join us for breakfast after minyan and help honor the tefillin wearing members of our synagogue. The World Wide Wrap is an international program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that brings the global Jewish community together to learn and practice the mitzvah of tefillin.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

#### MEN'S CLUB PAID-UP EVENT

Come put your brain to the test! Join a team and see who has the smarts to be the winners of a *College Bowl* style trivia contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. We are having a catered deli dinner, so come hungry! Please RSVP to [rob.einhorn@gmail.com](mailto:rob.einhorn@gmail.com) or call Rob at 732-493-1971 by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on these and any other Men's Clubs events please contact [rob.einhorn@gmail.com](mailto:rob.einhorn@gmail.com) or President Gary Gross at [mensclub@torat-el.org](mailto:mensclub@torat-el.org).



Congregation Torat El  
Family Friday Nights :  
A Shabbat To Renew, Rejoice & Relax



Friday, February 24th at 6:30 pm

Please note that this service runs in addition to our regular 6:30pm service

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER TO FOLLOW APPROX. 7:15PM

Adults \$15 Children 13 and under \$9 \$40 per family Max

### **Dinner Reservation for Friday, February 24, 2012**

Please return to the Temple office, 301 Monmouth Rd Oakhurst, NJ 07755 by February 17

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 13 and under @ \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

\$40 per family Max

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_



## CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

**Temple Grams:** To send a gram (\$5 each, checks payable to CTE 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 office staff will gladly help you. If you don't see something you need and would like to place an order, please call **Hagit Morgan** at 732-300-2571.

**Catered Luncheon:** Having a special event? Let SH cater 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.

**College Packages:** Would you like your college student to receive holiday college packages from sisterhood for the 2011-2012 school year? Please send your student's name & address along with their spring break dates to **Jackie Rosenheck** by e-mail to [therosenhecks@msn.com](mailto:therosenhecks@msn.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S SEDER ~ THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH ~ 7:15PM**

### **Congregation Torat El Sisterhood Executive Board 2012-2013**

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**Vice President:** Janet Cohen

**Recording Secretary:** Stevie Shutman

**Treasurer:** Toby Sukinik



### Sisterhood Luncheon Program

Come join us for a light lunch and learn the art of making Sushi. This is a hands on program where you will not only learn the art of sushi, but make and eat your own roll!

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Congregation Torat El

Date: Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. ---- **(That's Right Tuesday)**

Reservations Required---RSVP to Gidget by Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: Sisterhood member \$12.00      Non-Member \$15.00



# March Mah-Jongg Madness



**Join us for a Mini Tournament**  
**Sunday, March 25th**  
**Congregation Torat El ~ 11:30-5:00pm**  
**Play begins promptly at 12:15**  
**Advanced registration only by March 18th**  
**Please RSVP to Carol at 732-922-3603**  
**Sisterhood members \$20.00**  
**Guests \$25.00**  
**Light Nosh ~Snacks ~ Cash Prizes**

## Shalach Manot Purim Baskets

Fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim by ordering Purim baskets for Congregation Torat El members, staff, teachers, family and friends. Send a basket for only \$5.00! Recipients receive one basket with a card listing the name of all who sent it to that home. The basket of hamantashen, candy and other goodies will be delivered by the start of Purim on Wednesday, March 7th, 2012.

The four mitzvot of Purim are:

\*hearing the reading of the Megillah

\*giving two food gifts to at least one person

\*giving monetary gifts to the poor

\*eating a festive Purim meal.

Sisterhood is here to help!

## PURIM BASKET ORDER FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE

\*Checks payable to Congregation Torat El SISTERHOOD

\$5.00 PER BASKET

\$15.00 per BASKET for NON-Temple Members \*within delivery area

Are you visiting relatives, going to a Purim party, need a house gift?

We assemble the basket - you pick it up at CTE on Sunday, March 4th

## ORDER DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Return your completed order form, with payment,  
to the Temple Office on or before 2/17/2012.

\*Payment in full guarantees your basket; late submissions will not be honored.

Mail form and check to:

CTE Sisterhood

301 Monmouth Rd.

Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Forms with payment can also be placed in the

Sisterhood mailbox located in the Temple office.

Orders must be received by February 17, 2012

For questions, call/email: Jeanne Isaacson at 732-493-8375 or Jeannei@aol.com  
Janet Cohen at 732-493-0367 OR Debbie Segerman at Invitelady1@aol.com

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print) (Cell or home phone if we need to reach you)

Purim begins at sundown, Wed, March 7<sup>th</sup>; all deliveries will be made from March 4 - 7<sup>th</sup>.  
To help us with deliveries, please be sure your recipients will not be away! If so, we will send them a lovely card in lieu of the basket.

Please be specific when listing your recipients!

\* NOT "The Cohen Family" but "Susan and Fred Cohen and Family"

\* There are many temple members with the same last name.

## SHALACH MANOT PURIM BASKET ORDER FORM

Please send baskets to the following CTE members:

Total Number of CTE listings @ \$5 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Non-CTE listings (please include delivery address) @\$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to send reciprocal greetings to all who sent to me, but not included in my list above. I know I will be billed \$5/reciprocal greeting. YES \_\_\_\_\_ \*please initial

\*\*\*Our computer only allows us to enter reciprocals only if you have ordered at least 1 basket yourself.

# Come Celebrate Purim!

Wednesday, March 7th  
6:30pm

## Parade of Costumes

Musical Megillah presented by  
Rabbi Schonbrun,  
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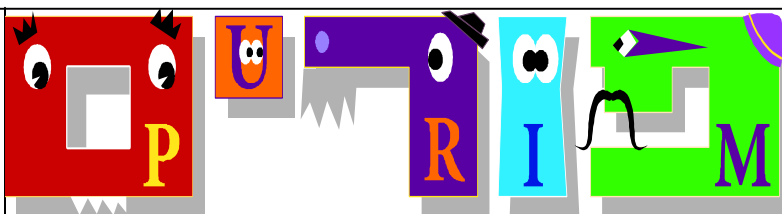
Refreshments



For planning purposes, we would  
appreciate it if you'd kindly RSVP to  
the temple office if you will be joining  
us Wednesday night!  
732-531-4410

Fulfill the mitzvah of  
giving money to the poor.  
Tzedakah collection

Full traditional Megillah Reading  
on Thursday, March 8th at 8:00am



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SEASON...

## IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!

Sunday, March 4, 2012

10:30AM - NOON

Admission: \$10.00 per child



Admission price  
includes unlimited game  
play, fun in the inflat-  
able obstacle course,  
sand art,  
face painting, lunch  
and prizes!!

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## Sefer So Good--February 2012

Your CTE Library was full of surprises and fun on December 18! The Ziz's "cousin" (a giant pink flamingo) zoomed in from who-knows-where to greet the children and adult visitors and hear Randi Kervick read *The Ziz and the Hanukkah Miracle* by Jacqueline Jules, (illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn) to all the children through the 5th grade.

Everyone listened intently to a wonderful midrash of how the oil in the restored Temple lasted for 8 days as the Ziz learned how fulfilling it is to share.

Afterward, Sandy Koreen, Madeline Schulman, and Maxine Boff visited the classrooms where 1st through 5th graders then competed to give the Ziz's "cousin" a name. Each class's winner was awarded a Beanie Baby pink flamingo, which Randi graciously donated. The Ziz's "cousin" can now be called "Isabelle" (1st grader Rachel Geadah), "Pinky-doo" (2nd Jocelyn Assael), "Birdorah" (3rd grader Logan Scherr), "Miss Monica Hannukka" (4th grader Jordyn Osofsky), or "Zezzy" (5th grader Carly Solomon)--whichever you like!

Special thanks to Ben Laskowitz for scheduling, Maxine for making the flamingo coloring pages and ballots, and to Jacob Fineran who so expertly installed the huge, stuffed, big-smile-when-you-look-up

Pinky-dooBirdorahMissMonicaHannukkaZezzy

for your viewing pleasure! Come on in!

A big Thank You, also, to all who donated money for children's materials during Jewish Book Month!

### SEFER SO GOOD

As a result of Jewish Book Month, the following donations have been made.

#### ***In Memory Of***

Shelley Sacks  
Marcia Sacks  
Herbert Sommers, cousin of Anne Siegel  
Peggy Gaber-Casey and Family

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Our Grandchildren: Jack and Leah Barlow  
Zachary and Elizabeth Kessel, Sara and Rachel Kessel  
Loretta and Jerry Kessel  
Samuel and Ruth Adler  
Richard and Barbara Boden and Family  
Monica and Matt  
Alan and Janet Cohen

#### ***In Honor Of***

Re-dedication of Congregation Torat El  
Anita Kraut  
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Thelma and Harold Krivins  
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Granddaughter: Riley Jane Shafritz  
Arlene and Kenneth Lutz  
Joseph Robert Bercovicz  
Izzy and Sarah Bercovicz



# Sefer So Good



## Minyan Needs Your Help...

***Please observe your yahrzeit date by attending minyan at 7:00pm the night before and/or the 8:00am minyan the day of your yahrzeit. In an effort to ensure that our members are able to say Kaddish, we are asking the following people to please take a half hour out of your week to join us at our minyan services.***

<i>Week of: Saturday, February 4th</i>	<i>Week of: Saturday, February 11th</i>	<i>Week of: Saturday, February 18th</i>	<i>Week of: Saturday, February 25th</i>
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**Dear Congregants,**

**After reviewing the cost of cemetery plots at our Temple Beth El Cemetery, our portion of Agudath Achim, and the surrounding area, the Board of Trustees has decided to set the cost of plots at both cemeteries at \$750. This new price will go into effect on March 1, 2012. Anyone wishing to purchase Agudath Achim plots at their current price of \$400 must do so by February 29, 2012.**

**If you have any questions regarding the Agudath Achim cemetery you can contact Steve Scheer at 732-531-7543 or you can call me in the office at 732-531-4410.**

**Pam Cardullo  
Executive Director**

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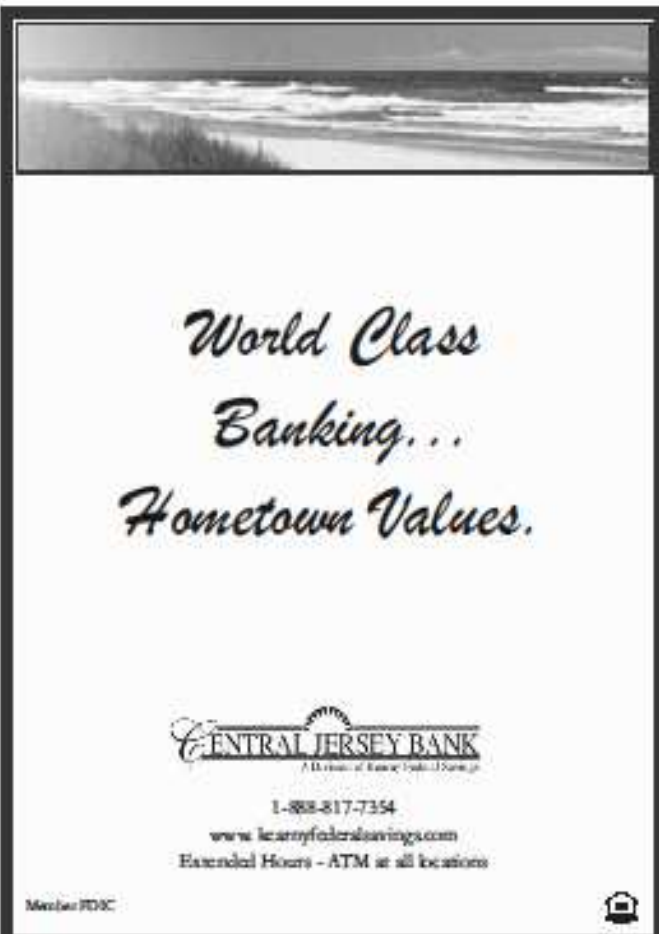


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00-1:00pm	2 Sisterhood Board Mtg 7:30pm Adult Ed w/Cantor 7:30pm	3 Candle Lighting 4:58pm Instrumental Shabbat Service - 6:30pm	4 Shabbat Service 9:00am
5 World Wide Wrap 8:30am Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am	6	7 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	8 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00-1:00pm Kadima - 6:00pm	9 Adult Ed w/Cantor 7:30pm	10 Candle Lighting 5:07pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service 6:30pm Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00pm	11 Shabbat Service 9:00am Junior Congregation 10:15am Mini Minyan 10:30am
12 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am Men's Club Mtg 3:30pm Men's Club Paid Up 4:30pm	13 Adult Ed w/Rabbi - 7:30pm USY-8:00pm	14 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	15 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00-1:00pm Pre-Kadima - 6:00pm Adult Ed Mtg - 7:30pm	16 Adult Ed w/Cantor 7:30pm	17 Candle Lighting 5:15pm Instrumental Shabbat Service - 6:30pm	18 Shabbat Service 9:00am
19 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am No Religious School	20 Temple Office Closed No Religious School	21 Exec Board Mtg 7:30pm	22 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00-1:00pm	23 Adult Ed w/Cantor 7:30pm	24 Candle Lighting 5:23pm Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30pm Fourth Friday Family Service 6:30pm Congregational Dinner 7:15pm	25 Shabbat Service 9:00am Junior Congregation 10:15am Mini Minyan 10:30am Cantor's Concert - 7:00pm
26 Hamentaschen Bake-A- Thon 8:00am Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am Hazak Movie 3:00pm	27 Adult Ed w/Rabbi - 7:30pm	28 B'nai Mitzvah Mtg 2012- 2013 Dates - 7:30pm	29 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00-1:00pm			