



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

February 2018 - Shevat/Adar 5778

In celebration of Purim,
CONGREGATION TORAT EL PRESENTS

DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, February 24, 7:00pm

Buffet Dinner * BYOB *

Lots of Laughs

Coming with friends? Reserve a table!

(Parties of 8 or more)

\$50.00 per person

Paid Reservations Requested

by February 16

Reservations may be made online at comedy.torat-el.org



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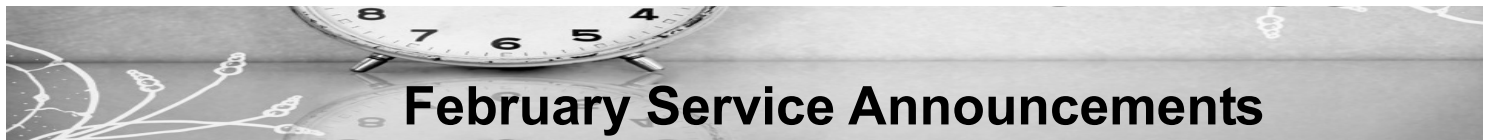
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February Service Announcements

Friday, February 2, 2018

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 4:58 pm

Yahrzeits: Sylvia Berman, Bessie Cohen, Paul Dorfman, Lena Gaber, Sophie Goldwasser, Milton Goodman, Anna Hoffer, Anne Jupiter, Henry Kirk, Annette Korn, Harold Krivins, Arnold Levin, Emma Marshal, Edwin Marx, Frances Pellmar, Harry Richter, Henry Safian, Anita Schonbrun, Samuel Starrett, Dorothy Stazyn, Koppel Steinberg, Ellis Taffet, Bryan Taxin, Irving Vorchin, Charlotte Webman, Robert White, Betty Zolten

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Yitro 19:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Lee Alexander in honor of her grandson Burton Alexander becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, February 9, 2018

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 5:07 pm

Yahrzeits: Leroy Bennett, Lillian Bernstein, Ida Block, Irving Bloom, Lawrence Breslow, Max Dunkel, Rafal Edelsberg, Samuel Elton, Louis English, Rena Feinstein, Rita Fight, Robert Fisher, Ursula Forem, Paula Gluck, Rosalie Goodman, Bert Kanarek, Eleanor Karasic Gould, Doris Konner, Harold Koyner, Sydney Kramer, Nissan Krongelb, Max Landsman, Leonard Leibowitz, Shirley Marlieb, Anne Posner, Murray Richelson, Harry Schwartz, Howard Sprechman, Mary Suskin, Stanley Thomas

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Mishpatim 22:4-23:19

Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:1-17

Friday, February 16, 2018

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 5:15 pm

Yahrzeits: Dina Bercovicz Stauber, Minnie Bromberg, Rita Comer, Isidore Crystal, Minnie Curtis, Hedy Dorn, Robert Drazin, Lena Gelfman, Cynthia Gruber, Herman Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Leon Horenstein, Monroe Javerbaum, Ida Kessel, Frieda Krengel, David Krivins, Wilbur Krivins, Rose Levenson, Morris Maltz, Lillian Margulis, Naftole Melnick, Ada Mintzer, Joseph Mintzer, Cookie Needle, Sylvia Pollak, Anna Popok, Saul Poretzky, Anita Resnick, Pauline Retholtz, Ellen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz, Magdalena Stern, Yetta Weisman, Alan Wertlieb, Sidney Zimmerman

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Terumah 26:1-30

Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday, February 23, 2018

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 5:23 pm

Yahrzeits: Lillian Adler, Beatrice Belicove, Jacob Benofsky, Esther Brown, Molly Davis, Joseph Dennis, Lillian Drimmer, Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Sylvia Fisher, Gertrude Flato, Samuel Freedman, Roslyn Gaber, Clara Garr, Lillian Goldenberg, Julia Greenblatt, Sonya Grill, Flora Gurman, Herman Hirshfield, Rona Kalika, Kenneth Kouri, Samuel Kreizman, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Frances Lefton, Maxwell Margulis, Judith Millender, Paula Popok, Kate Poretzky, Fishel Reuven, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, Matthew Schwartzman, Benjamin Shuzman, Louis Sobel

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Tetsavveh 28:31-29:18

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mornings

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

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services: 7:15pm (note new time)

BLOTTING OUR HA(TE)MAN



At the very end of this month we will celebrate the Festival of Purim. Complete with a dress up party, the reading of the Megillah, games, revelry, and our enjoyment of way too many Hamantashen, Purim is considered a light and fun holiday by many. But in truth, Purim has a serious and dark side to it as well. From lessons of what it means to be Jewish in an assimilated society, to the ways in which we mask our identities, to issues of religious extremism and zealotry (including our own killing rampage of the Persians in Shushan – a part of the story that we are happy to skip over each year), the story of Purim has much to teach us about both the opportunities and the dangers of living in an integrated and multi-cultural society.

In particular, as this Purim approaches, I have been thinking about the dangers of what it means to live in a multi-cultural society filled with blind hatred of our fellow human beings and a willingness to remain silent in the face of senseless hatred. In other words, I have been considering just how well Haman might have fit into the deterioration and lack of mutual respect, love, and understanding that we see in America today. As I said

on Rosh Hashanah, whether we are examining issues of politics, race, religion, culture, or socioeconomic status, as we begin the year 2018, it remains clear that we are suffering from a continued pervasiveness of hatred and a true antipathy toward anyone whom we perceive as somehow "other" and therefore "inferior" in our society today. Purim is a holiday that comes to remind us, once again, of the dangers of this type of senseless hatred.

Just listen to the following description of the evil Haman from my colleague Rabbi Mark Greenspan.

Scene one: The story begins at a royal party. When Vashti refuses to appear before the king au natural, it is Haman (or someone with a name similar to him [Mahuman]) who suggests that the king banish the queen and pick a new one. What is his reason for this? If the king lets Vashti get away with disrespecting the king, then all the women in Shushan will disrespect their husbands!... So the story of Purim begins with misogyny. And the disrespect for women begins with Haman/Mahuman. We learn from this that hatred is hardly ever limited to single group of people – people who hate others, for a variety of reasons including gender, race and religion. One leads to another. But no one seems to notice this in Shushan.

Scene two: Haman becomes the Prime Minister. And the first thing that he demands is that everyone must bow down to him. Haman has a huge ego and he demands that people show him absolute allegiance. Rather than recognizing that he is a dangerous demagogue, the people of Persia do as he demands. When he speaks they all cheer. When Mordechai refuses to bow down to Haman, they inform the Prime Minister. The second lesson of Purim: who are the real villains in this story: Haman or the people who are willing to support a demagogue? Again, no one seems to notice this in Shushan.

Scene three: Haman becomes furious with Mordechai when he refuses to acquiesce to him. But rather than aim his wrath at one person he dislikes, he decides to get rid of every Jew in Shushan. Haman is a classic bigot: he says, "I hate you so I must hate all your people. You are all the same."

The real lesson of Purim then is not that Haman hates the Jews but that Haman is simply a hateful person. He hates women; he has no respect for his countrymen and he hates anyone who he perceives as different, A Purim Postscript: Living in a World of Hate – by Mark Greenspan

The Shabbat just prior to Purim is called *Shabbat Zachor*, the Shabbat of Remembrance. It is called that because our Maftir Torah reading on Shabbat is about the biblical tribe of Amalek, an evil and hateful group who sought to attack the Israelites from the rear. In other words, the Amalekites were understood to be a group who targeted those that they felt were somehow weak and inferior; people who they saw as deserving to be at the "back of the line." Haman is described to be a descendent of Amalek, and therefore as our story begins, we are being encouraged never to forget those in our history who acted with hate and vengeance toward our way of life. Purim reminds us of this, not only because of the particulars of anti-Semitism, but also as a warning to where such senseless hatred can lead. It is only if we are willing to unmask our own biases, and confront those voices of intolerance and hatred in our society, that we, like Esther, have a chance at turning the tide of history.

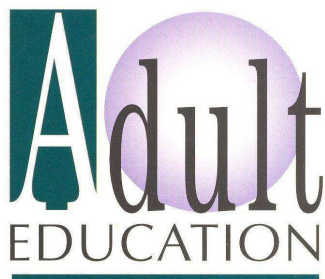
When we hear voices filled with hate, intolerance, objectification, and ignorance, how do we respond? Do we simply shrug in despair, roll our eyes, or rant about it on social media? What *productive and meaningful* things are we doing to follow in the footsteps of a Mordechai who refused to tolerate such hatred, or an Esther who was brave enough to stand out against hatred even when it was uncomfortable? These are the questions that we are asked to continue confronting as Purim rolls around.

So this year, as you are noshing on some Hamantashen, or enjoying our Megillah reading and Purim festivities, I invite you to take a few moments to consider the small and large ways that you can participate in nurturing the Esther and banishing the Haman within yourselves and within our society. As we read the Megillah this year let us remember, above all, that hope is always possible. And let us remind ourselves that, like Esther, one person truly can make a positive difference in this world.

May all of us be up to this tiring, yet critical challenge. And may we soon see the day when hate is drowned out, not only by graggers, but by shouts of joy, love, laughter, and mutual respect.

Hag Purim Sameach! Have a wonderful and joyous Purim!

****Please see page 14 for a full schedule of Purim events and Megillah readings.**



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

Beginner Hebrew

Join us for this 10-week course for people with little or no Hebrew background. Learn to read Hebrew and become more familiar with the Sabbath and Daily prayers.

Materials Fee: \$20.

Call the office by
February 5 to register.

**Begins February 12,
7:30pm**



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 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

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FROM OUR RABBINIC INTERN, WARNER FERRATIER

Shalom!

For those I have not yet met, my name is Warner Ferratier, a rabbinical student from the Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan, and I'm serving as Torat El's rabbinic intern this year. I'm at the Synagogue most Tuesdays and one Shabbat each month.

In addition to serving as the rabbinic intern, I also have the honor to participate in the Lefell Israel Fellowship for Rabbinical Students. This two-year fellowship, associated with AIPAC provides participating rabbinical students from across the denominations with enriched opportunities to engage in conversations surrounding the relationship between the United States and Israel, and how we can incorporate what we learn into our developing rabbinate. During the second year of the fellowship, participants are invited on a week-long AIPAC mission to Israel to engage with many aspects of Israeli society so that we can act as Israel experts in the communities we serve. I have just returned from my Israel mission, and wanted to share a few of the highlights of this amazing trip.

As rabbinical students, all of us spend significant time in Israel, so I was a bit skeptical about how much I would learn that I didn't pick up in the two years I had previously lived in Jerusalem. I was happy to find that most of what I learned added enrichment and complexity to issues with which I was already familiar.

Of course, it is impossible to learn about Israel without discussing the Palestinian conflict. We not only heard from major negotiators on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides, we also heard from top Israeli military personnel about the humanitarian crisis (their words) in Gaza, as well as the big picture regional situation in the Middle East. We sat with top experts in Israeli and Palestinian public opinion polling to learn what average people think about the conflict. We also visited Kibbutz Nahal Oz (less than a kilometer from Gaza) about life under rocket fire. The stories we heard there were made chillingly real when less than 24 hours after our visit we received a photo from our guide of a rocket which landed in the exact spot at which we began our tour. This gave us excellent context for understanding the lecture we received from one of the designers of the Iron Dome missile defense system and the importance of continued American funding for Israel's research into defense strategies.

Although the conflict affects many aspects of Israeli life, we spent more than half the trip learning about other segments of Israeli society. We heard about both the successes and struggles of the Ethiopian, Haredi, LGBTQ, and feminist elements of the Israeli population, as well as thoughts on religious pluralism within Israel. We spoke with one of Ambassador Friedman's senior advisors and heard perspectives on the American Jewish relationship with Israel from three leading American rabbis (Reform, Conservative and Orthodox.)

The trip was not just about soaking up information. In addition to sumptuous meals and accommodations at very nice hotels, we also got to visit an archaeological excavation next to the Western Wall which has not yet been opened to the public, visited Israel's National Archive where we were able to view the original peace treaty with Egypt, stand on the roof of one of Tel Aviv's skyscrapers, and have an expert's tour of Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem. These less-serious experiences facilitated greater collegiality among the diverse group of rabbinical students who participated in the fellowship.

In reflecting on the trip, I am stunned anew at the complexity of the Jewish State. Not everything I heard was optimistic, but it was all enlightening. I think one of the most important insights I will carry with me, though, is the necessity of civil discourse. Over the course of the trip I was present for panel discussions in which the participants disagreed on many fundamental issues. Although they were honest about their disagreements, they were also honest about their respect for their opposing colleagues. I saw the president of the International Peace Now movement (which advocates for immediate withdrawal from the settlements) joking with the mayor of Efrat (one of the most high-powered figures of the settlement movement); I saw a Palestinian negotiator sharing a drink with his Israeli counterpart, and three American rabbis, Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, admonishing us to have honest respectful discussions. Their model of respectful discourse is one we can all strive to emulate.

I am very grateful to have had this opportunity, and am happy to answer questions that might arise. I look forward my second semester serving at Congregation Torat El.

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

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

Yasher Koach to **Sydney Shapiro** upon being presented with a Tikkun in recognition of her 12th Torah Reading!

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

Brian Bauer	Harvey Jacob	Fran Nudelman
Mark Engel	Randi Kervick	Bonnie Reiss
Warner Ferratier	Ben Laskowitz	Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Mike Gordon	Ashley Lindberg	Lori Schuldiner Schor
Blaine Grayson	Alan Morris	Joel Schulman
Mitch Grayson	Ethan Morris	Steve Schwaber
Jessica Healy	Hannah Morris	Sydney Shapiro
Nathaniel Healy	Paul Morris	Neil Weitzenkorn
Devon Jacob		

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.

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Leslie Posnock & David Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Katie Schwartz

Cantor Ira & Francine Greenberg on the birth of their granddaughter (#10 for their son and daughter-in-law)

Phyllis Jacobs on the birth of her granddaughter Layla Wynn

Abby Scheer on the birth of her granddaughter Simone

Steve & Marcy Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter Simone

Nancy & Irwin Gerechoff on the birth of their great-granddaughter Simone



The Torat Family extends condolences to:

Honey Karasic on the loss of her husband Larry Karasic

Robert Karasic on the loss of his father Larry Karasic

Bernie Karasic on the loss of his cousin Larry Karasic

Stanley Shapiro on the loss of his sister Jean Frank

Howard Wiener on the loss of his cousin Jean Frank

Linda Gurman on the loss of her father John Stazyn

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Please join Sisterhood for an enjoyable evening to see ***Ragtime, The Musical***

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Where: Axelrod Performing Arts Center, Deal, NJ

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Price: \$40 includes premium tickets and dessert afterwards

Your reservation is PAYMENT by check made payable to CTE SISTERHOOD
no later than February 26, 2018.

Name _____ # of tickets _____ \$ enclosed _____

Telephone number _____ E-Mail _____

Mail payment to:

Robin Bauer 15 Oxford Dr. Ocean, NJ 07712

All proceeds to benefit the
CTE Sisterhood Scholarship fund



March Mah-Jongg Madness

6 Rounds of play

(3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon with lunch in the middle)

Cash Prizes

Sunday, March 25th, 9:00-4:00

Play begins at 9:30a.m. Sharp

Registration by March 12th

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

Registration Fee: \$35.00 Sisterhood Members, \$40.00 for Non-Members

Remember to bring your 2017 card

Questions? Call Carol at 732-213-7434

Phone reservations will not be accepted

Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form

Name _____ Enclose Check \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Sisterhood Member Y N (circle one)

I want to be an East and bring a set- Y, N, Only if desperate (circle one)

Mail completed form along with check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood

To: Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon

Sunday, February 11th ~ 9am - 1pm

Wanted: Kneaders, pinchers, fillers, bakers, counters and your smiles!
Please, no children under the age of 13

Our delicious cookies are provided to our college students, our religious school students and teachers, our Shalach Manot recipients and at the Purim celebrations!

1 dozen \$6 - 2 dozen \$10

To place a hamantashen order or to volunteer your time contact:

Kim Sherman 732-493-1971 or kimsherm@gmail.com

Carri Silverberg 732-245-8939 or bruce.silverberg@verizon.net

Orders must be placed by February 4th

Drivers needed to help deliver Sisterhood Purim Shalach Manot bags during the 3rd week in February.

To volunteer, Please call/email (not text):

Marian Warshauer cookstools@comcast.net 732-380-7800

Toby Sukinik tasukinik@aol.com 732-493-3719

Andrea Fishbein amfish53@aol.com 732-922-1923



MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

World Wide Wrap

**Sunday, February 4th
8:30am**

Open to all of the men, women and teens in our congregation.

A chance to wrap ourselves in tallit and tefillin on the same day as tens of thousands of our fellow Jews worldwide. Special 8:30am Minyan followed by a deluxe breakfast.

Men's Club Speaker Breakfast

open to all including children 10+

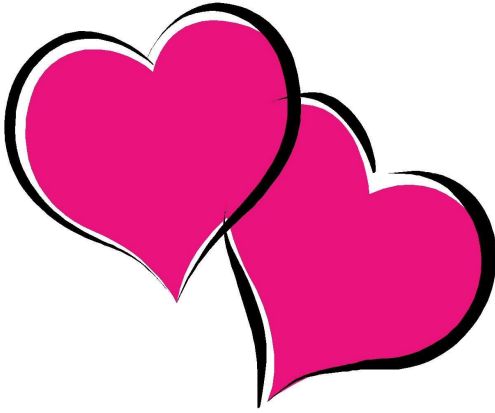
Jewish Sports legends film/discussion/ breakfast about the role Jews have played and continue to play in the world of sports over the last 100 years.

Sunday, March 11th, 8:45-10:15am

RSVP to:

*Gregg Taffet at boatman141@verizon.net
or Neil Warar at neilwarar@aol.com
so we are prepared with adequate breakfast*

HAZAK HAPPENINGS



Hazak's Celebration of Love Movie: "Crossing Delancey"

Everything Chocolate Snacks and Dips

Sunday, February 18, 3:00pm

RSVP to the temple office, 732-531-4410 by February 14.

SAVE THE DATE

Movie and Popcorn: "The Gate Keepers" - Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm

Movie and Popcorn: "Ida" - Sunday, May 6, 3:00pm

LIBRARY NEWS

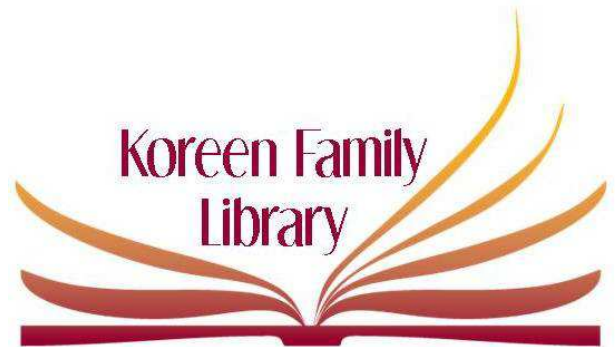
The Professor Carl and Sandra Koreen and Family
Library has a variety of new books.

We have books on humor: Jewish Comedy, a Serious History, by Jeremy Dauber, Die Laughing, Killer Jokes for Newly Old Folks, by William Novak.

We have Steven Fine's beautifully illustrated The Menorah, From the Bible to Modern Times.

On a serious note, we have Barbara Cohn's Calmer Water, The Caregiver's Journey Through Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Too late for last Hanukkah but in time for next, children can enjoy How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah and Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas.



Please search the catalog at home by going to the Congregation Torat El website, then to Library, then to Catalog. See if we have what you want. If we don't, we welcome suggestions for new books of interest to our Temple 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!

Madeline Schulman



Early Learning Center

At Congregation Torat El

Now Open!

Register Now
Call 732-531-4410

We believe...

That a warm, thoughtfully designed environment engages children and inspires curiosity.

That even the youngest members of our community should have a safe and supportive place to begin learning.

By welcoming, nurturing and shaping these little minds and hearts from their beginnings, your child can develop both a sense of identity and self-confidence.

- Infant and toddler learning and care
- Professional, nurturing staff
- Early drop-off and late pick-up available

you're sure to quickly realize why there's something special about this place!

tiny tots and toddler time

For children ages
6 months-5 years



Meet new children, make new friends and explore the wonders of music, dance, and creative expression in an exciting and fun way!
Program includes story time, art and crafts (with a take home project) & snack.

next class, Monday, February 5 - 10:00am-11:30am
free of charge

Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers welcome!!

Join us at:
The Early Learning Center at Congregation Torat El
301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst
732-531-4410

Kindly RSVP to the temple office if you plan on joining us!

CONGREGATION TORAT EL COMMUNITY SEDER

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018 - 6:30 PM



MENU INCLUDES:

Appetizers:

Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver

Main Dishes:

Brisket, Boneless Breast of Chicken

Vegetarian/Gluten Free Entrée available upon advanced request

Side Dishes:

Apple Kugel, Farfel w/Onions& Mushrooms, Roasted Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots

Dessert:

Cake & Macaroons, Fruit Platters

Adults: \$55 Children 5-13: \$25 Children 4 and under: no charge
Each table will be provided with its own Seder Plate, Matzah, Charoses

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

Reservations may be made through the temple office or by visiting seder2018.torat-el.org

Pre-Paid reservations must be received at the temple office **no later than March 23.**

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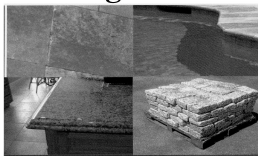
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				1 Sisterhood Mtg 7:15pm	2 Candle Lighting 4:58pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	3 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
4 World Wide Wrap 8:30am	5 Tiny Tots & Toddler Time 10:00am	6 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	7 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	8	9 Candle Lighting 5:07pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	10 Shabbat Service 9:00am Family Ed Grades 4-6
11 Hamantashen Baking 9:00am	12 Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm	13 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	14 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	15	16 Candle Lighting 5:15pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	17 Shabbat Service & 9:00am No Shabbat School
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