



# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Tevet/Shevat 5771

January 2011

**Weekday Mornings Roseld Ave.**

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

**Weekday Evenings Monmouth Road**

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 pm

**Shabbat Evening Services\***  
6:30 pm Monmouth Road

**Shabbat Morning Services\***  
9 am at Monmouth Road

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## Family Friday Nights :

*A Shabbat To Renew, Rejoice & Relax*



*A service unlike any other you've ever experienced!*

Do you have kids? Have you had a long week? Are you looking for a way to bring a little bit of Shabbat into your life? Then come and take a break by joining us for an evening of supper, schmoozing, and spirituality! These family friendly services will feature songs, a story, prayer, and companionship, plus a wonderful Shabbat dinner to follow! Come as you are!! Don't worry about getting dressed up! Bring your family and friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you!

**Third Friday of each month starting February 18th 6:15pm**

**Please note that this service will run in addition to our regular 6:30pm service**

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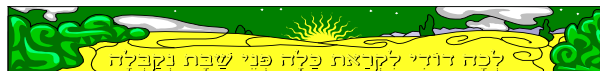
## Shabbat Evening Services

### A Choice for the Members of our Congregation



**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**  
First & Third Fridays Every Month  
**With Instrumental Musical Accompaniment**  
**Monmouth Road at 6:30 pm**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**  
Second & Fourth Fridays Every Month  
**Traditional Service**  
**Monmouth Road at 6:30 pm**



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

## January Service Announcements...

**Friday, January 7, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:26 pm**

**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS:** Angela and Robert Karasic, Carol and Jeffrey Klein, Sandra and Morton Lehrer, Phyllis and Arnold Morris, Sondra and Abraham Teitel

**MEMORIAL PRAYERS:** Burton Alexander, Harris Anderman, David Askin, Eva Berkowitz, Abraham Berman, Kalman Bleichfeld, Abraham Block, Edward Samuel Cohen, Harry Cohen, Jonas Colmer, Harold Dansky, Fan Darrow, Dr. Samuel Edelson, David Epstein, Ducie Epstein, Bertha Fine, Ethel Fliegler, Arlene Gellman Gallanter, Stanley Bernard Glasser, Jack Goldberg, Mildred Goldberg, Levi Goldenberg, Lester S. Goldstein, Fanny Green, Ruth Greenberg, Doris Tauver Gribin, William Gross, Sandra Harad, Sarah Harris, Edward Horowitz, Ethel Isaacs, Lillian Kaye, William B. Kirsch, Bessie Kirschner, Farha Koreen, Lillian Leitstein, Sam Lewis, Cecilia Lieber, Abraham Maltzman, Maurice Marx, Maurice Marx, Anne Mintz, Gussie Newelsky, Dr. Milton P. Paperth, Myrtle Paul, Samuel Pinsker, Louis Podell, Sol Rachman, Rose Reiter, Frances Richter, Henry Rosen, Esther Rosenbaum, Isaac Roth, Norman Scheer, Max Schletter, Harry Schoenberg, Doris Schultzer, Sidney Schwaber, Morton Schwartz, Louis K. Sharfstein, Morey Singer, Jacob Slavin, Sidney Solden, Harry Steinberg, Bertha Stern, Samuel Sulkin, John J. Von, Ellen F. Winters, Milton Ziment

**Saturday, January 8, 2011**

**Parsha Exodus 10:1-13:16**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Haftarah: Jeremiah: 46:13-28**

**Friday, January 14, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:33pm**

**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS:** Jill and Adam Eisenberg, Gidget and Michael Friedman

**MEMORIAL PRAYERS:** Leon N. Adler, Ruth Adler, Vivian Baime, Alex A. Block, Doris Arline Bransome, Shirley Brown, Max Cloth, Irving Cohen, Jerome Dampf, Dorothy Cohen Davidow, Stanley Drossman, Arthur Edell, Fred Fox, Helen Franklin, Michael Friedman, Carrie Funder, Harriet S. Gelburd, Anna Goldfarb, Martin Goldfarb, Dr. Philip Gordon, Rose Horenstein, Abraham Horvitz, Harold Allan Karasic, Roger Kislin, Leah Konner, Michael Krupkin, Claire Levy, Etta Levy, Stanley Lewis, Morris G. Liebesman, Harry Maltzman, David Mayerowitz, Reva Mencher, Raymond Messner, David Negnewitzky, Eve Oppenheim, Bernard Resnick, Antoinette Robinson, Alex Schindler, Annie Schwartz, Joseph Semel, Sadie Soloway, Alfred D. Stalford, Miriam Tenzer, Sylvia Tillis, Louis Tucker, Charles Wilk, Joseph Young, Bernard Zimmerman

**Saturday, January 15, 2011**

**Parsha Exodus 13:17-17:16**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31**

### CTE MINYAN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Our minyanaires are a small group of dedicated individuals that attend minyan services to be there for all of us. NOW it is OUR turn to show we care! Please mark your calendar now to be sure you attend one minyan service this month. Thank you!**



**Monday - Friday ~ 8am at Roseld Avenue**  
**Monday - Thursday ~ 7:30pm at Monmouth Road**  
**Sunday ~ 8:30am at Roseld Avenue**



# January Service Announcements...

**Friday, January 21, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:33pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Nancy and Irwin Gerechoff, Renee and Walter Schindler, Pamela and Zelig Steinberg, Michelle and Steven Winters

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Sylvia Berman, Leo Cohen, Simon Cohen, Paul Dorfman, Rita Epstein, Marilyn Feldman Arnold Fetell, Lena Gaber, Samuil Gold, Molly Goldstein, Milton Goodman, Rose Goodman, Pearl Grebler, Jack Greenspan Ahoeva Hadad, Anna Hoffer, Anne Jupiter, Milton Kahn, Julian Kaplan, Henry Kirk, William Kneip, Albert Kotin, Aaron Levy Max Madnick, Emma Chapman Marshal, Charles Marvel, Edwin F. Marx, Katie Mayerowitz, Susan Midlarsky, Joseph Mirne Lena Rabkin, Harry Richter, Harry E. Robinson, Henry Safian, Elizabeth Sandler, Ida Schnitzer, Benjamin Schreibman Max Seldin, Richard Shutman, Joseph Singer, Samuel Starrett, Koppel Steinberg, Bryan David Taxin, Charles Weinberg Joseph H. Weiss, Robert White, Ruth Zucker

**Saturday, January 22, 2011**

**Parsha Exodus 18:1-20:23**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6**

**Saturday Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**  
**Bar Mitzvah of Kevin Bauer ~ Kiddush sponsored by proud grandparents Helene & Mel Woda**  
**Tu B'Shevat Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Schonbrun following services**

**Friday, January 28, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 4:50 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Mickie and Robert Brudner, Joyce and Joseph Kahn, Donna and Neil Warar

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Fannie Acker, Leroy Bennett, Ben Benson, Ida Block, Polia Bolina, Donald Borger, Isidor Brody Michael Chazen, Bessie Cohen, Isadore Crystal, Rafal Edelsberg, Louis English, Dr. Irving Feinsot, Robert Fisher Ursula Forem, Esther Franklin, Charles Goldstein, Ruth Greenberg, David Hassman, David Jacobs, Esther Karasic Bogage Ralph Karlin, Doris Konner, Harold Koyner, Nissan Krongelb, Zigi Langberg, Naum Lazinsky, Dan Lichtenstein Louis Lichtenstein, Felice Liebesman, Shirley Marlieb, Samuel H. Martin, Joseph Michaels, Sara Moskowitz, Henry Parnes Anne Posner, Rose Press, Faye Freeman Ratner, Murray Richelson, Sylvia Rosenfeld, Charlotte Schermann Harry Schwartz, Leon Schwartz, Meyer Skolnick, Bess C. Sugarman, Miriam Vinik, Charlotte Webman, Bernard Weiss Morris Weiss, Lena Wigdortz, Harold Wittes

**Saturday, January 29, 2011**

**Parsha Exodus 23:1-22:3**

**Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26**

**Saturday Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

## ***Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah!***

Hi , my name is **Kevin Bauer** and I will become a Bar Mitzvah on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at TOIS and live in Wayside with my parents and three siblings.

For my mitzvah project I lead Shabbat Services at the Sycamore on Friday afternoons. The Sycamore is an assisted living facility located in Shrewsbury. The seniors enjoy the time that I spend with them, and they look forward to my weekly visits.

I also volunteered by helping my brother with his Eagle Scout project by rebuilding a nature trail at Huber Woods in Middletown, NJ. He just became an Eagle Scout recently. I am also a Boy Scout in Troop 70. Through scouts, I have done many service projects and helped others with their Eagle Scout projects.

# From The Rabbi's Study...

## A New Year's Resolution



Happy New Year! As Jews, we are fortunate to celebrate more than one New Year! We have Rosh Hashanah, January 1, and we even have Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees that falls on January 20, 2011. Originally connected to the agricultural laws of tithing in the Land of Israel, Tu B'shevat was considered to be the date when biblical farmers offered the first fruits of their harvest at the Temple. As Tu B'shevat marked the beginning of the fruit crop in Israel, it was one year later, on the following Tu B'shevat, that these farmers could begin using their new produce for their own personal or economic gain.

Throughout the years, however, Tu B'Shevat has evolved. In the middle ages, the Jewish mystics of Tzevat developed the Tu'B'Shevat Seder as a way to honor God's creation of the world. With the beginnings of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel, Tu'B'Shevat was re-established as a holiday which connects the Jewish people with the land of Israel. Most recently, Tu B'shevat has been set aside as a day on which Jews take a moment to celebrate the earth and our environment. It is this most recent understanding, one which has deep "roots" in our tradition, that I would like us to think about as we prepare to celebrate this year.

Unlike the homes that many people own, when it comes to the earth, the Bible is clear that there is no such thing as human "ownership." The words of the Psalmist teach that *The Earth is the Eternal One's and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants* (Psalms 24:1). In other words, each one of us is blessed to be a tenant on this earth and we should approach this role in a responsible way. From the Jewish perspective it is the height of hubris to claim that the earth is ours and that we can do with it as we see fit. And yet, while most people in this world might not actually come out with such an explicit proclamation, this is unfortunately how we often behave. Each one of us is guilty, and often with the little things: leaving the water running too long, using too many paper towels, not being careful about recycling, not using environmentally friendly light bulbs in our homes, wasting gas, and discarding our electronics in an unsafe manner. Many of these habits are hard for us to change, and yet Tu B'Shevat reminds us that we must try. Because if we don't, there will come a day where the damage has been done and God's world will be in real danger.

This focus on "Going Green" has been a Jewish concern even before the holiday of Tu B'Shevat came into being. The Midrash famously teaches that:

In the hour when the Holy One created the first human being, God took the person before all the trees of the garden of Eden, and said to the person: "See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Now all that I have created, for you I have created. Think upon this, and do not corrupt and desolate my world for if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you. **Kohelet Rabbah 7:13**

Or, as George Burns put it in the movie "Oh God:" If we're not careful, eventually, we will be the cause of our own undoing and ; *"that will be that, 86 on the fishes, good bye sky, so long world, over and out."*

The majority of the mainstream scientific community seems to agree with our tradition's understanding that each of us, collectively and individually can have an impact on the earth. And while we may argue as to how much impact humans are actually having when it comes to our environment, one thing is for certain: As Jews who are privileged to live on this earth, we are the ones responsible for taking care of our environment. This is true in our personal lives and in the life of Congregation Torat El. Organizations such as the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs have been on the forefront of helping synagogues improve in this area. From eco-friendly Shabbat Candles, to LED lights in the Ner Tamid, there are many ways that our synagogue might be more environmentally conscious. Perhaps we should be recycling more, using bio degradable plates and utensils at Kiddush on Shabbat, or doing less on paper and more electronically. These are just a few suggestions for how we might strive to do more as a congregation when it comes to the mitzvah of shmirat ha'adamah, protecting our environment.

Let us use this Tu B'Shevat as an opportunity for personal and communal reflection concerning how we care for our environment. "Going Green" is a very old Jewish value and being environmentally conscious and responsible has never been more important.

Shabbat candles are just two ways that we have begun to turn over a new "leaf" as we enter into Tu B'Shevat this year. But there is always more that we as a synagogue, and each of us as individuals, can do to grow in this area. So this year, let us celebrate the birthday of the trees, by giving the world and our descendents the gift of "Going Green." Being environmentally conscious and responsible has never been more important. This Tu B'Shevat, let us pledge to take the necessary steps to work on the little, and perhaps even big things, that each of us can do to ensure that we are doing our part as responsible tenants of God's Earth.

## *From the Desk of Alan Stern...*

I'm writing this at the end of what has been the best weekend in our short history. The weekend of December 17 started out with a wonderful Shabbat. Led by Rabbi Schonbrun and his mentor, Rabbi Daniel Pressman. Services were well attended, inspiring, and educational. It was, indeed, an honor to have a nationally renowned rabbinic leader amongst us!

The wonderful mood created by the very special Shabbat was carried through the next 36 hours. Comedy night was a blast! Approximately 200 of us gathered for a great evening of food, fun, and togetherness. It was a great event.

And as the weekend ended, we officially installed Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun as the first spiritual leader of Congregation Torat El. In doing this, we not only officially declared that this outstanding young gentleman and scholar is our rabbi, but we also ushered in a new era. It is an era of growth, new thinking, and new opportunities to welcome more people into the world of Conservative Judaism; a world that allows us to carry forth a heritage that is 6,000 years old and adapt it to modern life.

It is also an era in which we redefine the role of rabbi because, now more than ever, our rabbi needs to be more of a partner than a detached leader. Rabbi Schonbrun's vision of a synagogue that is alive, thriving, and growing is an exciting one. His ability to listen to the congregation and adapt our wonderful Judaism to meet the needs of many people is going to serve us magnificently. His youthful energy combined with his experience under a brilliant

mentor brings us a skill set that is unique and exciting. In just 4 months, Rabbi Schonbrun has racked up a list of achievements that would take hours to describe—and he's just getting started.

And on a personal note, working with Rabbi Schonbrun has been nothing less than delightful. We think alike, we're listening to each other and to the congregation, and the results have been exactly as I thought they would be. I hope all of you will take the opportunity to get to know Rabbi Schonbrun and to work with him. It's really a pleasure!

Let us continue to be inspired by our rabbi, our cantor, and each other. Let us continue growing together. And let's get the word out that our Judaism is alive and very well at CTE. We're not done with our work by any means. But we're off to a great start and I hope you're proud of what you have here and that you will continue to participate in the things we have to offer. I'll have more to say on that in the next few months.

Thank you to **Laurie Gross, Beverle Richelson, Harvey and Jay-Ann Shooman**, and, of course, **Pam Cardullo**, for making this weekend nothing shy of awesome. Your hard work paid off in huge dividends for your community

Finally, from the Stern family to yours, a Happy and Prosperous 2011.

*Alan Stern, President*

## **We gratefully acknowledge the following yahrzeit donations...**

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## Our Synagogue Families

### Baruch Dayan Emet

#### *The Torat El family mourns the loss of:*

**Esther Fleischman** and extends condolences to her nephew, Howard Wiener  
**Jimmy Abrahams** and extends condolences to his wife, Phoebe

### Mazel Tov to:

**Charles Stone** on the marriage of his daughter Jodi to Michael Shaw.  
**Warren and Joan Goode** on the marriage of their son, Matthew to Francine.  
**Joan and Warren Goode** on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Evan Goode. Proud parents are Brooke and Brian Goode.

### Refuah Shleima

We wish the following members of our congregation good health in both body and spirit:

**Bob Grill, Gene Kahn, Edith Light, Marvin Rosen, Milan Schwartz, Goldie Sandberg**



### **Mitten Menorahs and Mitzvah Playpen Create Happiness**

Jewish Family and Children's Services staff were thrilled to receive the proceeds of our Jewish Book Month collection of warm accessories on a cold and windy December morning. They had just 1 scarf and 1 hat left to give away before the Congregation Torat El donations arrived.

Here's what you brought for the needy and left in our two Mitten Menorahs: 46 hats, 38 pairs of gloves and mittens, 66 scarves, 4 scarf/hat sets, 4 hat/mitten sets, 3 scarf/glove sets, a down vest, a jacket, a baby blanket, a pair of socks, a visor, and a tiny purse.

Every size and beautiful colors, hand-made and store-bought, new and gently used--all were warm and cozy and were welcomed with great joy. Thank you to all who contributed! You should be proud and are greatly appreciated. Our Mitzvah Playpen in the school wing is now empty, again. All the toys, baby clothes, Huggies, and stuffed animals you brought will also be distributed to those in need through the Jewish Family and Children's Services, so there's room for your next donations.

By the way, there's a sign on their window on Summerfield Avenue in Asbury Park explaining that their Food Pantry is now open only one day a week from 1:30-3:30. The hungry must register in advance and can only receive food there once a month. You get the message.

### **2011 Man Jongg Cards! Order Now!**

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Sisterhood Congregation Torat El

Send checks to:  
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521 Bridlemere Avenue Interlaken, NJ 07712

### **We Need OUR Help!**

For generations, our congregation's daily minyan has provided support, reflection, and peace of mind for our members.

Our members who have lost loved ones and those observing Yartzzeit *need* the minyan. They profoundly appreciate the opportunity to say kaddish and for the support of community that minyan provides. The people who attend the minyan find comfort and camaraderie that 20 minutes of quiet reflection afford them.

Our ritual committee is organizing an effort to call people on an ongoing basis to support our minyan. Until their work is completed, we are asking as many of you as possible to attend the evening minyan at 7:30 PM Monday through Thursday at Monmouth Road.

There is no doubt about the power of prayer. In times of stress, minyan has given me strength. Many times, I have been the 10<sup>th</sup> person to show up at minyan, enabling someone to remember their lost loved ones.

I am asking you to choose one day this month to take a time out from your busy life and join the great people of our congregation for 20 minutes of no-frills worship. Your presence will be significant, you'll have a chance to connect with your Judaism in a way that is not time consuming, and you may even enjoy it.

**You** are the strength of Torat El. Thank you for supporting your fellow congregants by attending. I hope to see you there

Alan Stern

# SIXTH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENT TO TAKE PLACE AT MONMOUTH ROAD

## Torat El With B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation Grant Reaches Out to All to Re-Affirm Shared Values and Human Liberty and Dignity

At our Friday evening Shabbat Service on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, the members of Congregation Torat El and our friends of various faiths, races and ethnic backgrounds, from both our local community and from around our state, will celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At this service, Jews, Christians and Moslems will stand together in the Main Sanctuary at Monmouth Road, as brothers and sisters, to acknowledge and proclaim the core values for which Dr. King sacrificed his life and which are at the center of both religion and civilized society. In addition to clergy and congregants from the forty-three congregations that are being invited, we will be joined by the choir of Trinity and St Philip's Cathedral in Newark for an inspiring performance of "We Shall Overcome", the song that epitomized the goals of the Civil Rights Movement under Dr. King, and "America, the Beautiful", which expresses the continuing hopes for our country. The invitation list includes all of the Jewish congregations that participate in the Long Branch Ministerium as well as the broad spectrum of Protestant and Catholic congregations within this organization and the related Moslem congregations associated with Imam Shakur Abdulrahmin, a long-standing friend and prior participant in our Dr. King programs.

We shall also be addressed by Imam Shakhur Abdulrshmin, who will reaffirm the work of Dr. King, our shared values as Americans of every faith, and condemn Islamic terrorism in all its forms and wherever expressed as a betrayal of Islam and an affront to individual rights and liberty. We are looking forward to sharing this experience with the greater community in our sanctuary, filled to capacity, recognizing Dr. King and reapplying the values for which he struggled to a new and complex age that calls upon each of us to protect and defend liberty and humanity. By providing this forum and exerting leadership on this topic and in this time, Torat El, with a generous grant from the Foundation, seeks to join with our greater community to advance our shared values and demarcate the principles for which we all stand. We will also develop and reaffirm friendships and continue to celebrate Dr. King and these values during the extended Oneg Shabbat that will follow the service.

The work of Dr. King increases in importance and the stature of this courageous defender of liberty continues to grow because his fight was, in reality, a fight for the promise of America. That promise must be available to all or, in truth, it is available to none. We are either each guaranteed essential human rights, irrespective of race, religion, creed, gender, orientation and physical or emotional challenge, or these rights can be denied to any individual or group by fiat. Dr. King struggled in the wilderness of intolerance when such truths were not so self-evident, but he did not struggle alone. Today, the threats to human liberty and dignity have developed additional sources. International terrorism functions in the guise of a "spiritual" doctrine that is morally bankrupt but which nonetheless challenges all of our freedoms, happiness and way of life. The devastation of 9/11 descended upon our community in Monmouth County as well as our entire nation and many other nations of the world. This extraordinary evil cannot be truly defeated by weaponry and security measures alone. It must be dealt with ultimately on a moral plane that reveals its skewed interpretation and deficient foundation.

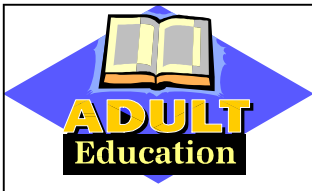
Now we have the opportunity to recognize and continue Dr. King's work as we proclaim the core values shared within every tradition and refocus our determination to improve the world, one message and one friendship at a time. Imam Shakur's message will be especially compelling, appropriate and timely. It will be among the first of its nature from the Islamic community. America is where these statements and dialogues must take place because they can do so without fear of physical retaliation and with the help of other traditions, such as ours, which also address these moral insights. The scope and intensity of this program will be unprecedented and of great importance. The themes at the center of this event are historical, educational and spiritual, and constitute the essence of what all of us and are country are about.

Jeff Donner  
Program Chair

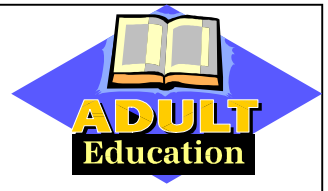


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**Wednesday afternoons, 12 pm - 1 pm at Roseld Avenue**

### **We Gotta Get Out of this Place Exodus: A New Look at an Old Book Taught by Cantor Siegel**

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### **Living A Meaningful Life**

What does it mean to live a meaningful and purposeful life? That is the central question at the heart of Dr. Ron Wolfson's book: The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven. Using a mixture of traditional Jewish texts and contemporary resources, along with some societal and personal anecdotes along the way, Wolfson invites us to explore the way in which we live our daily lives. Are we living our lives according to our deepest values? Do our lives matter? And how can we work to live a meaningful and intentional life each and every day? Come join us as we explore these questions and more!

If you are interested in taking this course, please order the following book that will serve as our primary resource: The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven, Reviewing and Renewing Your Life On Earth, by Dr. Ron Wolfson.

**Where:** Roseld Avenue, Monday Nights, 7:10-8:00 PM

**When:** January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, April 4,

### **Annual Naomi Axelrod Shabbat Dinner Service**

Thank you to all the Congregation Torat El Sisterhood women who put their hearts into making the Sisterhood Annual Naomi Axelrod Shabbat Dinner Service the meaningful Shabbat it was.

Readers: **Robin Bauer, Melanie Engel, Peggy Gaber-Casey, Donna Ginsberg, Charlotte Ginsburg, Randi Kervick, Sandra Koren, Fran Meyer, Suzanne Pincus, Dorothy Secol, Helen Terris, Ronnie Walerzak, and Marian Warshauer.**

Chorus (with thanks to **Cantor Siegel** for accompanying us): **Gayle Ardakanian, Samantha Cotler, Fran Nudelman, Madeline Schulman, Phyllis Schwarz, Helene Woda, Bonnie Zimmerman, and Katelyn Zimmerman.**

Thank you to our speaker, **Jane-Rachel Schonbrun** (and to Rabbi Schonbrun for giving up the pulpit). Jane-Rachel demonstrated her extensive Jewish knowledge through her command of her topic: Finding Ourselves in Our Stories. We were treated to an inspiring & thought-provoking examination of how we, today's women, can relate to our Torah, and how to make it an integral part of our lives, even if there aren't many women in the text.

Thank you to **Joanne Bass** and **Vickie Amron** for producing the prayer book.

It was my great pleasure to be part of this group of Sisterhood women expressing their dedication to the congregation in such a spiritual way. Thank you all!

*Anne Siegel*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebrates Chanukah with Seniors at Asbury Tower Retirement Homes**

On Monday December 6, 2010, Rabbi Schonbrun, Ben Laskowitz, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students participated in a very special Chanukah party. This party took place at Asbury Towers Retirement Home, a non-profit senior housing establishment in Asbury Park. Not only did the students have a great time, but they also performed a Mitzvah by aiding senior citizens in the celebration of Chanukah. Yasher Koach to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students! Special thanks to Judy Rosner, Mindy Estin, and Mark Engel for driving our students, and to Mark Engel for photographing this very special event!

### **Attention Temple Members:**

**On Friday, January 28, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School students will lead the congregation in Friday night services. The entire congregation is invited to join the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in this very special service. It will take place at 6:30 pm at our Monmouth Road location. Please join us!**

### **Mini-Minyan Update**

**Beginning in January 2011, Mini-Minyan for students up to and including 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (with parent) will be held at Monmouth Road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Shabbat of every month from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. In January, Mini-Minyan will take place on Jan 8 and Jan 15.**

### **Junior Congregation Incentive Update**

### **BOWLING AND PIZZA WITH THE RABBI!! And the annual IPOD drawing!**

At the end of the school year, all 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students who will have attended Junior Congregation a total of 4 times or more during the school year will be invited to Bowling and Pizza with Rabbi Schonbrun! With 10 Junior Congregation Services left to go this year, there is still plenty opportunity for all 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students to earn this fabulous reward! And don't forget – All Junior Congregation attendees are eligible to win an IPOD at the end of the school year. The 2009 IPOD winner was Matthew Engel. The 2010 IPOD winner was Lisa Woloshin. The 2011 IPOD winner will be?????????????

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Sun. Dec 26 – Sun. Jan 2	No Religious School (Winter Recess)
Sat. Jan 1	No Junior Congregation
Mon. Jan 3	Religious School Resumes
Sat. Jan 8	Mini-Minyan (10:30-11:30)
Sat. Jan 8	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30)
Sat. Jan 15	No Junior Congregation
Sun. Jan 16-Mon. Jan 17	No Religious School (Martin Luther King Jr. Observance)
Sat. Jan 22	Mini-Minyan (10:30-11:30)
Sat. Jan 22	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30)
Fri. Jan 28	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service at Monmouth Road
Sat. Jan 29	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30)

## Congregation Torat El Upcoming Events

Shore Area Hazak Presents....

Film Fest for Grown-Ups

Sunday, January 9 ~ 2 pm

Roseld Avenue Social Hall

### ***"Making Trouble"***

The contribution of Jewish women to comedy in America is discussed in this documentary by four funny women, Judy Gold, Jackie Hoffman, Cory Kahaney, and Jessica Kirson, as they chat about their craft over lunch at Katz's Delicatessen in New York City. Among the women chronicled are legendary musical comedy stars Molly Picon and Fanny Brice, saucy nightclub entertainer Sophie Tucker, standup comic Joan Rivers, SNL star Gilda Radner, and playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

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**JANUARY 15 (SAT)—REGIONAL  
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JANUARY 21 (FRI)—YOUTH RUN  
FRI. NIGHT SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY KOSHER  
CHINESE DINNER  
JANUARY 22 (SAT)—REGIONAL  
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**

#### **PRE-KADIMA**

**JANUARY 19 (WED)—QUEST  
JANUARY 21 (FRI)—YOUTH RUN FRI. NIGHT SERVICE  
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# CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

Thanks again to all those to help make the rummage sale a huge success! We want to thank everyone who helped set-up, who worked the sale and who cleaned up. We appreciate everyone bringing all their unwanted "treasurers" and donating it to the sale. Also thank you to the everyone in the temple office and our custodial staff for their valuable help. We could not have done it without all of you! It is time to start saving for next year!

*Janet Cohen, Julie Rosenblatt, Jackie Rosenheck, and Toby Sukinik; co-chairs*

**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.

## Sefer So Good--January 2011

**Thank you to our generous Jewish Book Month contributors!**

**New on the Shelf Since We Last Spoke**

**For Our Youngest Readers and Those Who Read to Them**

J Gl	<i>Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty</i>	J Ki	<i>The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah</i>
J Go	<i>I Am a Holocaust Torah: The Story of the Saving of 1,564 Torahs Stolen by the Nazis</i>	J Kr	<i>Albert Einstein</i>
J Gr	<i>Secrets at Camp Nokomis: A Rebecca Mystery</i>	J Ma	<i>David and Goliath: A Bible Story</i>
J He	<i>First Rain</i>	J Po	<i>The Tale of Two Seders</i>
J Hy	<i>Feivel's Flying Horses</i>	J Ro	<i>Jackie's Gift</i>
J De	<i>Hot Pursuit: Murder in Mississippi</i>	J Wi	<i>Benno and the Night of Broken Glass</i>
J Jo	<i>The Harmonica</i>	J Ya	<i>Max said YES! The Woodstock Story</i>
J Ki	<i>Even Higher! A Rosh Hashanah Story</i>	J Zi	<i>Passover: Celebrating Now, Remembering Then</i>

## For Our Young Adults

Y Or	<i>The Story of the Whales</i>
Y 808.7 Fi	<i>Jewish Comedy Stars: Classic to Cutting Edge</i>

## For Adults

220.75 Fr	<i>The Five Books of Miriam: A Woman's Commentary on the Torah</i>
296.1 O'B	<i>The Hidden Pope: The Untold Story of a Lifelong Friendship That is Changing the Relationship Between Catholics and Jews: The Personal Journey of John Paul II and Jerzy Kluger--Gift of Carol Roman</i>
791 Ba	<i>Now--by Lauren Bacall</i>
808.1 Po	<i>Poetica Magazine: Reflections of Jewish Thought: Summer 2010</i>
940.44 Ma	<i>A Quiet American: The Secret War of Varian Fry</i>

## For Your Viewing Pleasure

DVD 224.3 Se	<i>A Serious Man--Gift of Ruth Lapidus; delivered by Randi Kervick</i>
DVD 242.2 Or	<i>18 Voices Sing Kol Nidre: The Secrets of a Sacred Chant from Those Who Have Been Touched by It--Gift of Sid Marshall</i>

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