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ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR & BRUNCH

Sunday, January 19th ~ 10:30am Congregation Torat El Social Hall

Estate Planning is not just tax planning. Our guest speaker, Harvey Jacob, CTE member and attorney specializing in estate planning, estate administration and estate litigation will discuss the fundamentals of estate planning.

For planning purposes, kindly RSVP to the temple office by January 13th

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As we continue to move forward in achieving the goals we have set for ourselves, we have found it necessary to make changes to our current staffing structure. It is with sadness that we say good-bye to Vickie Amron. Vickie has been a valued employee first by Temple Beth El and now by CTE. Her smile and warmth will be missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and know she will truly be an asset to any company she works for.

January Service Announcements

Friday, January 3, 2014

Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:24pm

YAHRZEITS: Burton Alexander, Harris Israel Anderman, Ronald Arnold, David Askin, Abraham Block, Fran Darrow, Ducie Epstein, Bertha Fine, Chester Stanley Friedman, Levi Goldenberg, Diana Bernstein Graber, Doris Tauver Gribin, William Gross, Edward, Horowitz, Ethel Isaacs, Lillian Kaye, Bessie Kirschner, Farha Koreen, Sandra Lazarus, Sam Lewis, Abraham Maltzman, Maurice Marx, Gussie Newelsky, Dr. Milton P. Paperth, Sol Rachman, Frances Richter, Esther Rosenbaum, Norman Scheer, Max Schletter, Doris Schultzer, Sidney Schwaber, Morey Singer, Sidney Solden, Harry Steinberg, Samuel Sulkin, Sylvia Sweigman, Ellen F. Winters, Milton Ziment

Saturday, January 4, 2014	Parasha: Shemot 10:1 - 11:3 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am	Haftarah: Yirmeyahu 46:13 - 28
	Shabbat Horning Service ·· 5.00 and	

Friday, January 10, 2014Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00 pmCandles 4:31pm

YAHRZEITS: Ruth Adler, Vivian Baime, Alex A. Block, Shirley Brown, Irving Cohen, Jerome Dampf, Dorothy Cohen Davidow, Stanley Drossman, Helen Franklin, Michael Friedman, Lester S. Goldstein, Dr. Philip Gordon, Mildred Holub, Rose Horenstein, Abraham Horvitz, Harold Allan Karasic, Michael Krupkin, Abraham Levitt, Raymond Messner, David Negnewitzky, Bernard Resnick, Joseph Semel, Alfred D. Stalford, Miriam Tenzer Sylvia Tillis, Charles Wilk

Saturday, January 11, 2014 Parsha: Shemot 13:17 - 15:26 Haftarah: Shofetim 4:4 - 5:31 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am

Friday, January 17, 2014

Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:38pm

YAHRZEITS: Sylvia Berman, Paul Dorfman, Lena Gaber, Molly Goldstein, Milton Goodman, Rose Goodman, Anna Hoffer, Anne Jupitor, Fran Karasic, Henry Kirk, Albert Kotin, Emma Chapman Marshal, Edwin F. Marx, Frances Pellmar, Harry Richter, Henry Safian, Richard Shutman, Joseph Singer, Samuel Starrett, Dorothy Stazyn, Koppel Steinberg, Bryan David Taxin, Irving Vorchin, Robert White, Betty Zolten

Saturday, January 18, 2014Parsha: Shemot 18:1 - 20:22Haftarah: Yeshayahu 6:1-7:6; 9:5 - 6Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, January 24, 2014

Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:46pm

YAHRZEITS: Fannie Acker, Charles Anapol, Leroy Bennett, Ida Block, Irving Bloom, Donald Borger, Lawrence Alan Breslow, Bessie Cohen, Max Dunkel, Rafal Edelsberg, Louis English, Robert Fisher, Ursula Forem, Sophie Goldwasser, Ruth Greenberg, Esther Karasic Bogage, Harold Koyner, Dr. Sydney Kramer, Nissan Krongelb, Naum Lazinsky, Dan Lichtenstein, Shirley Marlieb, Anne Posner, Murray Richelson, Harry Schwartz, Howard Sprechman, Charlotte Webman

Saturday, January 25, 2014 Parsha: Shemot 21:1 - 22:3 Haftarah: Yirmeyahu 34:8 - 22; 33:25 - 26 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am

> Our kiddush luncheon is sponsored by: Harvey & Beth Jacob, Lance & Cheryl Markbreiter, and Lewis & Nancy Wetstein. Please join us for lunch and a fascinating discussion about a mission to Budapest that these families participated in.



Jr. Congregation 2nd & 4th Saturday ~ 10:30am

Embracing the Krovei Yisrael in our Community

A few years ago, I was sitting with a former congregant whose son was seriously dating a lovely Christian young woman. The woman was a perfect fit for her son- she was kind, intelligent, caring, and fit very nicely into their family dynamic. They had been dating for a number of years and truly cared for one another. But despite her son's happiness, my congregant found herself sitting in my office in tears.



Rabbi, What did I do wrong? I feel like I somehow failed. We had Shabbat dinner every week. I sent my son to day school. How can it be that he is marrying someone who is not Jewish?

Of course, the mother had done nothing wrong. And her son, who is an intelligent, caring mensch, did nothing wrong either. He fell in love with someone who is not Jewish. A situation that can pose challenges, to be sure, but one which is reality for over half of Jews in America. As we spoke, I tried to explain to my congregant that looking at this issue through the lens of "failure" versus "success" was not as helpful as trying to explore the issue from a perspective of what kind of religious life her son and his partner might want to create for themselves.

This is not a new issue, but in light of the recent Pew Study on American Jews it has been a topic of conversation in the past few months. The Conservative Movement has been working through this issue in a thoughtful way for nearly two decades with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs at the forefront of creative, thoughtful and constructive thinking on this issue. Unfortunately, as a movement, we have not done a good job bringing our members into the conversation. I know this because both in my former congregation, and in our Torat El community, people often feel that because we are "Conservative," we are somehow antagonistic, or unwelcoming to interfaith families. But the truth of the matter is that while we have work to do, we too can be welcoming to interfaith families.

It is true that according to the current policy of the Rabbinical Assembly, Conservative Rabbis are not allowed to officiate at an intermarriage, nor are they technically allowed to attend. This is challenging to our members and it is also painful for your rabbis. We, like a huge majority of Jews in America, have many friends, and family members who are in interfaith relationships. To be clear, I would prefer that two people of the same religion (Jewish or otherwise) marry one another. I believe in endogamy and bringing people into the covenant through conversion in order to create a Jewish family. I believe that creating a family with a specific set of beliefs, values, and practices increases the possibilities of a healthy marriage and successful partnership and family life. I believe that the chances for serious Jewish family life are increased when both partners are Jewish. And yet, I understand that people do not always choose who they fall in love with and do not feel that intermarriage is, necessarily, a rejection of Judaism.

The most important question for me is this: Once someone is already in a serious relationship with a non-Jewish partner- how can I as a Rabbi, and we as a synagogue, encourage this family to bring the richness, meaning, wisdom, and beauty of Judaism into their life? How can I work, to bring these *krovei yisrael* (those who are close to the people of Israel) into our community? Because the research shows that there is a huge potential for actually increasing Jewish identity and affiliation by supporting these families and helping them to make Jewish choices.

Most of what we, as a Conservative synagogue do not allow, is related to issues of belonging to the covenant of the Jewish people and Jewish law. But allow me to share a few examples of those areas in which we have worked to create an environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and seeks to value interfaith families who wish to live Jewish lives. Gone are the days when your rabbi or synagogue will not congratulate you on a joyous occasion in your life. If someone in your family is getting married, to anyone, we will happily announce that in the bulletin and please let me know so that I can wish you a proper *mazal tov*! If you have a family simcha, such as a bar or bat mitzvah, both parents (regardless of religion) will come up to the bima to present their child with his or her talit, or surround him or her as he or she is given a Hebrew name. During either occasion, both parents will stand next to their child while she is given a blessing, and both parents will stand together as the Jewish spouse chants the aliyah in honor of this special occasion. Immediate family members who are not Jewish will be welcomed to the bima to read a number of English readings as they celebrate this milestone in their family. Contrary to popular belief, the bima does not have a force-field around it. It should be a welcoming space for all families who have chosen to raise a Jewish child. And when it comes to end of life issues, if you are in an interfaith family and wondering how to handle the situation of where to be buried- we recently voted to create a special section in our cemetery for interfaith families based on a recent legal response written by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

Embracing the Krovei Yisrael in our Community cont...

These are just a few examples of ways that we are working hard to be welcoming and inclusive of interfaith families committed to living a Jewish life. I know that there is much more that we could be doing. **But I need your help**. If you are a parent, grandparent, or spouse, trying to navigate the complexities of a interfaith family- please share your story with me. We are more than willing to create programs to help facilitate discussions around this issue. To give just one idea, I would love to create a grandparents group for people in our congregation who are dealing with this issue. If you are interested in such a group, please let me know. If you know of people who have left our community because of pre-conceived notions, please help us to set the record straight. I have no problem with Jews who are committed to the Reform movement, but I struggle with Conservative Jews across the country, who find themselves in Reform synagogues because they feel that they have no place in their own community.

I will conclude where I began. Recently, the son of my former congregant joined us for a Jewish holiday. He and his spouse, who is a *krov yisrael*, were recently married and are working on finding a Jewish community that will help them access the wisdom and beauty of Judaism in their lives. It's too bad that they do not live in our community because I know that they could find a home at Congregation Torat El as we work to create a community dedicated to bringing *all* families closer to Jewish living.

Our Synagogue Families

Baruch Dayan Emet

The Torat El family extends condolences to:

Fred Stern on the loss of his father, Larry Stern *Bonnie Reiss* on the loss of her mother, Josephine Schwartz *Gloria Rachles* on the loss of her husband, Seymour Rachles *Tracey Rediker* on the loss of her mother, Laurie Harris *Robin Meyer* on the loss of her mother, Roz Weinstein *Judy Feldbaum* on the loss of her father, Alfred Silverstein *Shelly Weinberg* on the loss of her mother, Amelia Greenfield



Mazel Tov to:

Albert Bloomfield on being installed as President of Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Monmouth County **Max Bloomfield** on being honored with the Youth Volunteer Award by Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Monmouth County

Mindy Estin on being honored as Volunteer of the Year by Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Monmouth County

Irene and Al Landis on the birth of their grandson Noah William *Helen and Elliott Schlam* on the birth of their grandson Ben *Justin Silverberg* on receiving the Scholar/Athlete Award for Monmouth County *Alana Gross* on being a Spartan Scholar



We are happy to welcome the following families to the Torat El family!

Sheryl Krupnick Effie, Oren, David, Adam and Simon Gelman Kenneth, Ellen, Addie and Marnie Marowitz

When you are in the hospital our clergy want to visit but... HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) stands between you and your clergy.

ONLY a personal communication from you or a family member will allow us to know that you or a family member are in the hospital. It's heartbreaking to learn that you or a loved one were in the hospital without the opportunity to call or visit you, and without having our Chesed Committee get the chance to send a meal to your home to help lighten the load a bit.



Please contact the temple office at 732-531-4410 to tell us when you or a loved one are in the hospital.

Lomeyd V'oveyd--To Study and to Serve

Have you noticed the number of post-b'nei mitzvah who are returning to the Torat El bimah on Shabbat and Holy Days to assist the Rabbi and the Cantor by chanting Torah and Haftarah portions and leading sections of the service? These young people are part of Lomeyd V'oveyd (To Study and To Serve), an ongoing program started by Cantor Siegel to encourage our students to further develop their synagogue skills and to fulfill their obligation as B'nei Mitzvah by being of service to the congregation.



When a student has read 12 Torah aliyot, he or she will be presented with a beautiful tikkun (the special book used by Torah readers to prepare their portions). This volume, which will have the recipient's name stamped in gold on the cover, contains not only the entire text of the Torah, but also all the haftarot, the five megillot, and a perpetual calendar.

When 18 aliyot have been read, the student will receive an ornate enamel yad (pointer) to be used during Torah readings.

With the completion of 24 aliyot, the student will earn the title of Baal or Baalah Korey (Master Reader). A special plaque will be mounted prominently in the synagogue for the purpose of honoring those who achieve this elite level of proficiency and service.

In addition to reading from the Torah, students will also receive credit toward these goals for chanting haftarot and for leading portions of the service.

All students <u>and adults</u> are eligible and encouraged to participate. If you have questions about any aspect of Lomeyd V'oveyd, please contact Cantor Siegel.

Sefer So Good...Many Thanks

Thank you to volunteers Arlene Lutz and Sandy Epstein, who have devoted many hours to sorting, preparing, and entering into the CTE Library catalog all of the archival "stuff" that is housed under the window. These materials may not leave the room, but you can reminisce at your leisure in the sunny Library.

Thank you not only to Arlene and Sandy but also to Marcia Sacks, who have all helped get new material onto the shelves in a reasonable amount of time. Come in and take a look around. The current Sefer So Good that lists all the newest titles is on-line at www.torat-el.org under Library and is posted (on paper) on the bulletin board just inside the door, too.

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the 2013 Mitten Menorah! Whether new or gently used, the cozy 95 scarves (37 made by the h.s. students and faculty during bagel time), 41 pairs of gloves; 10 pairs of mittens; 59 hats; 10 scarf, hat, and glove sets; 6 hat and glove sets; 2 pairs of Magic Mitts; 4 headbands; 1 headband and gloves set; 1 hat and mittens set; 4 hat and scarf sets are keeping those who were cold a lot warmer through your donations to the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Asbury Park.

Thank you to all who donated to the CTE Library for the annual Jewish Book Month Children's Collection Development Campaign! Your names and the names of those you honored are listed elsewhere in this Bulletin. New children's materials with bookplates recording your generosity will be added asap!

Thank you to Nikki Shutman for volunteering on Sunday mornings for the last year and a half. The children always enjoyed their story times because of your expressive reading of the carefully selected books that were just right for their grade level. We all miss you and so appreciate your service. Best of good luck in graduate school and beyond!

Anne Siegel, Librarian

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

NEW INITIATIVE: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ON SUNDAY FEB. 2

Dear Parents,

In the continuing effort to further improve our Religious School program, we are beginning a new initiative this year: Parent/Teacher Conferences for students in grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade. On Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, there will be no Religious School classes. Instead, we will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences. During January, I will touch base with each parent so that we can schedule 10-minute conferences on Feb. 2 with each of your child's Religious School teachers. Parents with more than one child in the Religious School will have the opportunity to arrange back-to-back conferences with the teachers. I will ask the aids to be at the Temple on that day so that you may bring your children with you, and we will keep them engaged in the library while you are meeting with the teachers. Children will not participate in these conferences. Each conference will be a confidential meeting between the parent(s) and the teacher.

The intent of this initiative is to enhance the communication process between the teachers and parents, which will have a positive impact on the learning experience of every student. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, *Ben Laskowitz* Education Director

SPECIAL THANKS TO NIKKI SHUTMAN

For the past couple of years, Nikki Shutman has served as an aid to our librarian, Anne Siegel. Nikki has done an incredible job helping to organize the library and reading to our students. Nikki is currently enrolled in Montclair State University's Communication Sciences and Disorders Masters Program, working toward her degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She will not be able to continue assisting in the library as she needs to concentrate more time on her studies. Nikki, thank you so much for your hard work, your devotion and your support, and good luck in your future endeavors!

UPCOMING 6th GRADE FRIDAY NGHT SERVICE

Please join us in the Main Sanctuary on Jan. 31 as the 6th Grade students will lead Friday night services. Services will begin at 6:30 P.M. The students are diligently preparing for this wonderful event. We hope to see you there!

	MARK YOUR CALENDARS:	<u>eeee</u>
Sun. Dec. 22 thru Wed. Jan. 1	No Religious School – Winter Break	
Sun. Jan. 5	Religious School Resumes	
Sat. Jan. 11	Junior Congregation	
Sun. Jan 19	No Religious School – MLK Weekend	
Sat. Jan 25	Junior Congregation	
Fri. Jan. 31	6 th Grade Friday Night Service	
Sun. Feb 2	No Religious School – Parent / Teacher	Conferences



CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

Temple Grams: To send a gram (\$6 each, checks payable to CTE Sisterhood) call Beverle at 732-493-1595

Our annual *Rummage Sale* was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without everyone who lent a hand. We want to thank all those who set-up, worked the sale and cleaned up. We appreciate all our members who donated to the sale. Also thank you to everyone in the temple office and our custodial staff for their valuable help. A special thank you to Jeanne Isaacson for helping the co-chairs coordinate their efforts and being there whenever needed. Beth Cotler, Judy Solomon, and Gayle Ardakanian: co-chairs

You are hereby invited to participate in the *Sisterhood Shabbat Service* on February 7, 2014, by joining the Chorus or being one of our Readers. The Service will begin that Friday night at 6pm. There are 2 required rehearsals for the Chorus: Monday, January 27 and Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30pm. There is 1 required rehearsal for the Readers (English and/or Hebrew) on January 28 at 7:30pm. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Anne Siegel, 732-660-0783.



Sisterhood is having a luncheon on Tu B'Shevat <u>EVERYONE</u> is invited to attend!

Thursday, January 16th at Noon in the Social Hall

Come learn about Using and Growing Herbs Creatively Featuring Master Gardeners from the Rutgers Master Gardener Association of Monmouth County Cost \$15

So there will be enough goodies for everyone **Please RSVP by January 10th** to the office 732-531-4410 Or email Marian Warshauer cookstools@comcast.net

You don't have to have a green thumb to attend!



March Mah-Jongg Madness Sunday, March 30th Congregation Torat El 9:30am-4:30pm



6 Rounds of play (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon with lunch in the middle) Play begins promptly at 10:00am *Advanced registration only by March 23rd* RSVP to Carol Klein at 732-922-3603

RSVP to Carol Klein at 732-922-3603 Sisterhood members \$25.00 ~ Guests \$30.00 Cash Prizes *Remember to bring your current 2013 card*

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Join us at CTE Sisterhood's Annual Naomi Axelrod Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 7, 2014 Sisterhood Service starts at 6:00pm followed by a traditional Shabbat Dinner Prepared by our Sisterhood Members

> Adult (14 and up) Children (8 - 13) Children (3 - 7) Children under 3 Maximum Per Family Unit

Donation - \$20.00 Donation - \$14.00 Donation - \$9.00 No Charge Donation - \$70.00

RSVP to: Vera Gitten at 732-643-0013 Make your reservations early! Drop or mail your check to the Temple Office. The deadline for reservations is January 31, 2014 Only paid reservations will be accepted

RESERVATION FORM:

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Рноле: _____

 Adults @ \$20
 8-13 @ \$14

 3-7 @ \$9
 Under 3 no charge

 Family Unit @ \$70 (______ Adults ______ Children)
 Children)

 Total Enclosed: \$______

PLEASE RETURN TO TEMPLE OFFICE PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CTE SISTERHOOD

REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 - 7:30PM

Kindly contact the Congregation Torat El office if you will be joining us for this very special and meaningful program.

We welcome the entire community at no charge but do request an RSVP for planning purposes. 732-531-4410



Program made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation



CTE MEN'S CLUB WISHES YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Breakfast with Clean Ocean Action!

Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Social Hall

Join us in the Social Hall for a breakfast and hear about how Clean Ocean Action is working to keep our waters safe and healthy. Clean Ocean Action is a leading national and regional voice working to protect waterways using science, law, research, education, and citizen action.

The breakfast is Free for Men's Club and only \$5.00 for nonmembers. RSVP to <u>robeinhorn@gmail.com</u> so we have enough food!

World Wide Wrap & Breakfast

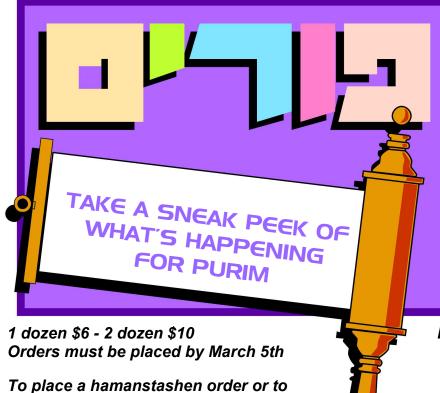
Sunday, February 3, 2014 at 8:30 am in the Chapel and Social Hall

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 2013-2014 Paid Up Event: Trivia Challenge

Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 4:30 PM in the Social Hall

Join us for a delicious dinner and see who wins the Trivia Challenge. Prizes will be awarded. RSVP to <u>robeinhorn@gmail.com</u> by February 3, 2014



To place a hamanstashen order or to volunteer your time contact: Kim Sherman 732-493-1971 kimsherm@gmail.com or Carri Silverberg 732-245-8939 bruce.silverberg@verizon.net

Sisterhood's Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon

Sunday, March 9th 8am - 1pm

Please give us your help any time between these hours. Do your mitzvah while the kids are in Sunday School!

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 all of our Purim celebrations!

Purim For GrownUps - Murder Mystery & Dessert Buffet

Saturday, March 15th ~ 8:00pm

Join us for a night of fun and intrigue! Megillah Reading at 8:00pm followed by a Murder Mystery and Dessert Buffet. More details will follow, but for now just make sure to SAVE THE DATE! This evening is sponsored by CTE's Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Purim

Sunday, March 16th

Full Traditional Megillah Reading ~ 8:00am

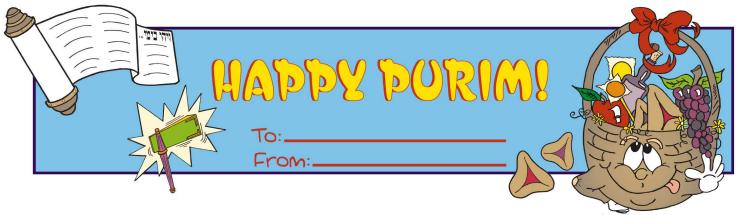
Frolicking Frenzy and Folly of Fun (Family Friendly Megillah Reading) ~ 10:00am

Bring your family and friends as the Religious School Students present the Megillah to the tunes of favorite refrains from contemporary as well as classic melodies! It's sure to be a rockin' good time!

Purim Carnival ~ 11:30am

Carnival Games * Music* Balloons* Bounce House* Crafts* Magic Show* Face Painting* Photo Booth* Hot Dogs* Popcorn* Cotton Candy* Video Games* Costume Parade!!

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 **homemade** hamantaschen, candy and other goodies will be delivered by the start of Purim on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

The four mitzvot of Purim are: hearing the reading of the Megillah, giving monetary gifts to the poor, giving a gift of two different foods to at least one person and eating a festive Purim meal. Sisterhood is here to help!

PURIM BASKET ORDER FORM ON BACK OF THIS SHEET

*Checks payable to Congregtion 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 9th

ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, February 21, 2014

Completed forms and payment may be dropped off at the temple office or mailed to: Congregation Torat El 301 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755

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

For questions, call/email: Jeanne Isaacson at 732-493-8375 or jeanneri76@gmail.com Janet Cohen at 732-493-0367 Linda Gurman at 732-493-0668

(Please print)

PHONE #

(Cell or home phone if we need to reach you)

Purim begins at sundown, Saturday, March 15th. All deliveries will be made from March 10th-14th.

To help us with deliveries, please be sure your recipients will <u>not be away!</u>

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 recipients:

(Be sure to include complete addresses for those who are not CTE members)

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WEDNESDAY LUNCH N'LEARN PROGRAM

Fall/Winter: Walking With Jewish History (from the Bible through today) **Spring:** Walking With God (explore a variety of Jewish perspectives on God)

Are you looking for a way to add more meaning to your life? Do you enjoy learning and meeting new people? Do you like to eat lunch? Joins us and take one hour out of your busy week to engage in Jewish learning.



This year we will continue learning from the Ziegler Adult Learning Series produced by the American Jewish University. Our topic this fall and winter will be a survey of Jewish History. In the spring we will explore a variety of Jewish perspectives throughout the ages on God. Come and join us for these wonderful introductory courses. No experience of background necessary. Please bring a friend!

Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00PM

SHABBAT LUNCH N'LEARN

My People's Torah: Our mission statement reads that: *We are a community building relationships with God, Judaism, and each other; through prayer, study, discussion, and action; guided by Torah, our traditions, those who came before us and our vision for the future.*

Our monthly *My People's Torah* program seeks to help us build on existing relationships and create new ones as we hear different perspectives on Judaism and share in each other's personal life stories. Come and join us on the second Shabbat of each month as we learn from one another while fostering closer relationships among our synagogue family.

Second Shabbat of each month following services unless there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Join Cantor Siegel in finding out where and how the Friday Night Service originated? From Bar'chu to Yigdal we examine and explore how the service came to be the way it is, what it really means and how Jews around the world, through this service, begin Shabbat.

Sunday Mornings - 10:00-11:00am

LIVING ROOM LEARNING PROGRAM

Are you not able to stop by the synagogue to enjoy some learning? No problem- we will come to you! You choose the topic and we will provide the Rabbi. Rabbi Schonbrun will lead a group discussion in your home on a topic of your choosing as it relates to Judaism. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Please e-mail "rabbi@torat-el.org" to set up an evening. Groups of at least ten participants are requested.

JUDAISM AND MEDICINE: A MINI SERIES

Come join Rabbi Schonbrun and doctors from our congregation as we explore a number of critical and complicated medical issues from a Jewish perspective. We will discuss topics ranging from infertility, mental health issues, organ donation, Jewish perspectives on health and wellness, and end of life issues. Bring a friend and come with your questions. We are looking forward to learning with you! This program is open to the community.

Wednesday Nights at 7:30PM (Feb. 12, 26, March 5, 12, 19)

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

We are excited to welcome Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer to CTE! Rabbi Fields-Meyer serves as school Rabbi at the Milken Community High School and is also Instructor in Bible at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. She is co-author of the book, <u>A Day Apart: Shabbat at Home</u>, a practical and spiritual guide to the home rituals of Shabbat. She frequently serves as Scholar-in-Residence at congregations around the country, addressing issues of prayer, spirituality, and parenting, and she facilitates support groups for parents of children with special needs. Rabbi Fields-Meyer is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and received her rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She and her husband Tom, a writer, have three sons. While topics for the weekend haven't been confirmed, some choices include <u>Texting, Technology & Torah: Spirituality and the Digital Age; Your Spiritual Parenting in an Age of Spirited Kids and Lady Elijah: The Mystery Woman of the Torah.</u> There will be a Shabbat Dinner, Kiddush Luncheon and Sunday Brunch (yes, it's also all about the food!)

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 16th - 18th

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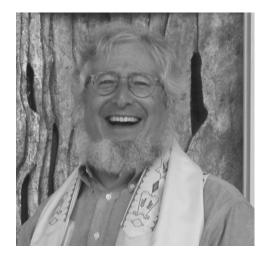
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

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Join us as together we honor and bid farewell to our beloved cantor bruce siegel!

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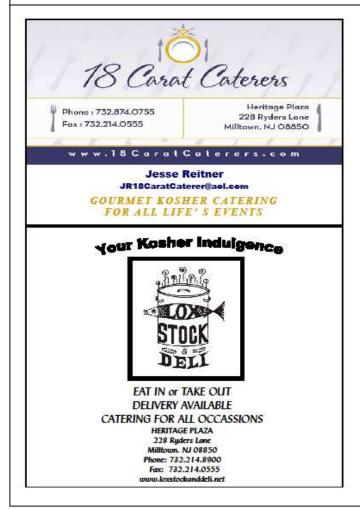
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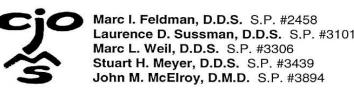
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