



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

January 2017 - Tevet/Shevat 5777

CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

January 20th - 21st

Featuring Cantor Nancy Abramson

Director of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music at JTS



Cantor Nancy Abramson is director of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music at JTS. She trains future hazzanim in prayer, *nusah* and religious leadership, and is helping shape cantorial arts and practices for the 21st century. Having served as president and two-time national convention co-chair of the Cantors Assembly,

Cantor Abramson is immediate past president of the organization, the first female officer in the Cantors Assembly's 68-year history.

Cantor Abramson has performed as a soloist at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and the Rose Theater of Jazz at Lincoln Center, and has sung with the Rinat Choir in Israel. Cantor Abramson came to JTS from New York City's Park Avenue Synagogue, where she directed all musical aspects of congregational life, and previously served West End Synagogue in Manhattan and Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff Manor, New York. She has taught at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York, and directed the music program at Ramah camps in Wisconsin and New England. She has been a scholar-in-residence in communities throughout the United States. Cantor Abramson sits on the board of the Zamir Choral Foundation and the Magic Circle Opera Repertory Ensemble.

Cantor Abramson is a graduate of the Joint Program of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies of JTS and Columbia University, from which she earned a BHL in Jewish History and a BA in Music. She received her cantorial education at JTS, and earned a master's degree in Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is married to Mitch Glenn; they have three children and one delightful grandson.

Join us for Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 20th

6:30pm Service followed by Dinner

Adults (*ages 13+*) \$20

Children (*ages 6-12*) \$12

Children (*5 and under*) No Charge

Family Max \$70

Name _____

Phone _____

Adults____ # Children 6-12____

Children under 5____ Family Max____

*Reservations to the temple office
or website (torat-el.org) by January 13th.*

Join us for Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, January 21st

9:00am Service followed by Lunch



*There is no charge for lunch but
reservations to the temple office
or website (torat-el.org) by
January 13th would be appreciated
for planning purposes. Thank you.*

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January Service Announcements

Friday, January 6, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:28 pm

Yahrzeits: Doris Anschelewitz, Avram Bercovitz, Samuel Bloom, Fred Boone, M. Harvey Brown, Lois Brownstein, Ken Curtis, Robert Deitch, George Fink, Norman Gayton, Tema Gerechoff, Jerry Goldstein, Max Gonski, Amelia Greenfield, Samuel Hipschman, Barbara Jacob, Morris Kempler, Eugene Kirsch, Mortimer Kobb, Alice Kohnheim, Lily Laster, Betty Parker, Ronald Rosen, Ernest Rosset, Max Sandberg, Phillip Schwartz, Alfred Silverstein, Mathilda Simha, Abraham Slovin, Sylvia Smith, Bob Stone, Harry Vineburg

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Parsha: Vayiggash 44:18-45:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Learn & Burn ~ 9:00 am

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Russ Bey in honor of his parents

Friday, January 13, 2017

Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candles 4:35 pm

Yahrzeits: Milton Bernstein, Shirley Borsch, David Cooper, Julius Droisen, Ludwig Flato, Frida Haber, Louis Kirsch, Theodore Kirsch, Rebecca Kramer, Annette Kurman, Michael Maltzman, Gussie Michelson, Solomon Nanos, Stuart Nelson, Ben Rassas, Morris Rauch, Sol Reinman, Mildred Richelson, Lee Rubenstein, Charles Ruskin, Samuel Sarch, Sigmund Schreiber, Fannie Tauber, Max Trauben, Marilyn Weinstein, Shari Woda, Chiam Zev

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Parsha: Vayhi 47:28-48:22

Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Kiddush sponsored by Stacy and Robert Wiener in honor of Aron reading Torah

Friday, January 20, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:43 pm

Cantor-in-Residence Dinner following services

Yahrzeits: Max Adler, Ivy Altman, Shai Binns, Clara Blance, Rubin Brenner, Louis Breslow, Zipporah Brodie, Belle Franks, Rose Goldenberg, Leonard Jobreck, Sam Kantrowitz, Kenneth Kobb, Shirley Levine, Leonard Lieberman, Bessie Lipson, Samuel Miller, Zelda Miller, Dora Osattin, Herman Preiser, Robert Roseman, Stanley Rubenstein, Sarah Samuel, Esriel Schwebel, Saul Shapiro, Shirley Shapiro Fein, Jack Solden, Ruth Zimmerman

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Parsha: Shemot 1:1-2:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Cantor-in-Residence Kiddush Luncheon

Friday, January 27, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 4:51 pm

Yahrzeits: Burton Alexander, Harris Anderman, Ronald Arnold, David Askin, Reuben Blaustein, Abraham Block, Murray Brudner, Bertha Fine, Levi Goldenberg, Diana Graber, Doris Gribin, William Gross, Edward Horowitz, Barry Kollins, Farha Koreen, Sandra Lazarus, Sam Lewis, Morris Lieberman, Maurice Marx, Rose Negnewitzky, Sylvia Nipon, Milton Paperth, Esther Pomerantz, Sol Rachman, Max Schletter, Doris Schultzer, Sidney Schwaber, Sidney Solden, Harry Steinberg, Bertha Steingart, Samuel Sulkin, Sylvia Sweigman, Ellen Winters, Edythe Wiser

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Parsha: Vaera 6:2-7:7

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Kiddush Luncheon in honor of the newly dedicated Prof. Carl & Sandra Koreen & Family Library

Service Schedule

Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services

1st, 3rd, 4th Friday ~ 6:30pm

2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



In a few weeks we will once again celebrate our annual MLK event with our community partners in faith. As I mentioned on Rosh Hashanah, and in my last bulletin article (are you sensing a theme here), these days it seems that our society would do well to remember that Judaism is a religion that stresses the belief that all human beings are equal, sacred, and deserve to be treated as such. As Jews we are taught to love our neighbor as ourselves, to honor the poor, the widow, and the stranger -- because we too were strangers in the land of Egypt. As I said on Rosh Hashanah, our life-long task and challenge is to become a blessing to others; to fill the world with compassion and understanding; to stand up to bigotry, intolerance, divisiveness, and this idolatrous, blasphemous behavior that is all too common in our world. And it starts through our relationships with others. It starts by having events such as our annual MLK tribute. As a *kehillah kedosha*, "a sacred community building relationships," we seek to provide spaces such as this for human beings to gather in celebration of our diversity, our shared sense of faith, and our commitment to healing a broken world and a fractured society. To that end -- please turn to page 8 to read about a different type of MLK event that will include dialogue and discussion with our neighbors as we seek to truly come to "know" one another over food and thought-provoking discussions, in addition to our favorite program moments filled with beautiful song and inspirational speakers. **I hope that you will mark your calendars and consider joining us for this event on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30pm.**

In addition, this year, I would like to suggest that you take a few moments on MLK Day to consider the following Jewish lessons that relate to this day and share them with your friends and family. Below are five different Jewish texts that relate to the themes of the day. I invite you to pick one or two of the following texts, post them on social media, discuss them around the dinner table, or share them with some friends. And remember that study is considered so important in Judaism because it should lead to action. Ask yourselves how these texts might transform your life if you took them seriously.

1. The Holiness of Every Human Being: For this reason Adam was created as a single person: To teach you that anyone who destroys one soul is described in Scripture as if he destroyed an entire world, and anyone who sustains one soul is described in Scripture as if he sustained an entire world... And (second) to declare the greatness of the Holy One, blessed be God; for a person uses a mold to cast a number of coins, and they are all similar to each other, while the Sovereign of all sovereigns, the Holy One, blessed be God, casts each person in the mold of the first human being and none of them is similar to any other. Therefore each and every person must say: "For me the world was created."

Mishnah Sandhedrin 4:5

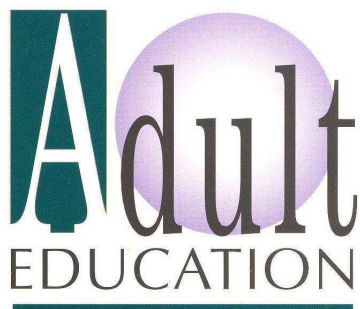
2. We share this world together: Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai taught: There was once a group of men on a ship, one of whom took a borer and began drilling beneath his seat. His fellow travelers said to him: What are you doing? He responded: What does it matter to you, I am only drilling under my seat? They responded: Yes, but if you keep drilling, the water will come into the entire boat and flood the ship for us all. **Midrash Leviticus Rabbah 4:6**

3. We are responsible to care for one another: The more deeply immersed I became in the thinking of the prophets, the more powerfully it became clear to me what the lives of the prophets sought to convey; that morally speaking, there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings. *It also became clear to me that in regard to cruelties committed in the name of a free society, some are guilty, while all are responsible.* **Heschel, Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity, The Reasons for My Involvement in the Peace Movement, 225).**

4. Hate is a poison: There is a story that the famous Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the singer who came to America as a teenager fleeing Nazi persecution, used to go back to Austria and Germany to give concerts. Someone once asked him how he could go back there and he answered: *"If I had two souls, I would devote one full-time to hating them. But I don't. I only have one soul and I am not going to waste it on hating."*

5. If you are angry about injustice, remember to use your anger constructively: Rabbi Pinhas once said to his student: "If a man wishes to guide the people in his house the right way, he must not grow angry at them. For anger does not only make one's soul impure; it transfers impurity to the souls of those with whom one is angry." Another time he said: "Since I have tamed my anger, I keep it in my pocket. When I need it, I take it out." **Buber, Tales of the Hasidim, 128**

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in a few weeks as we honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. As we gather together on that day, may the texts of our tradition, coupled with our relationships with our neighbors, inspire us to continue working each and every day toward a world that is just, equitable, and free from hatred, bigotry, and racism of all kinds. May God give us the strength to live out these values each and every day as we strive to create a world that is filled with love, healing, and wholeness for all of God's creatures. Happy New Year to all!



RABBI SCHONBRUN'S COURSE OFFERINGS 2017 WINTER/SPRING

Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict-Cost?

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Torat El community.

Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, we will explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape our own political understandings of the situation. Though our political opinions and suggestions concerning how to handle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may not always be in agreement, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Schonbrun, a video lecture by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, and a video dialogue between Rabbi Hartman and other top scholars and experts. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from great scholars, from our own Rabbi Schonbrun, and from one another as we engage in thinking about the Jewish values that underlie one of the most politically sensitive and difficult issues facing the Jewish people and the international community.

\$20 per person/couple for study guide

In order for us to have enough study guides, please register with the office for this class by January 4th.

Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 - 7:30-9:15pm

You're Jewish?!? Taking a 21st Century Look at Jews and Jewish Identities

What does it mean to be a Jew in the twenty-first century? What characteristics define Judaism today? Are we a culture, ethnicity, nation, nationality, or religion? Come and join us as we explore a new book written by Dr. Aaron Hahn Tapper of the University of San Francisco entitled: **Judaisms: A Twenty-First Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identity**. Using a variety of themes related to Jewish identity, we will explore a diversity of voices in the Jewish community from the biblical period through today to see how our customs, practices, and beliefs impact the way in which we understand our identity as Jews today.

Wednesdays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17 - 7:30pm

Lunch 'n Learn - Journey Through The Torah

We read the Torah in synagogue every week, often choosing a verse or a narrative to study on Shabbat morning. But how many of you have read through the Torah carefully from cover to cover, studying each verse and each chapter of the world's longest "best seller?" Just what exactly is contained in these Five Books of Moses, and how can our most sacred text address some of the most pressing issues of our lives and of our world? To find out answers to these questions and more, come and join us once a week for a journey through the Torah. Bring your friends, your questions, and an openness to letting the words of Torah touch your heart and soul. No previous Bible study necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm

When you are in the hospital our Rabbi wants 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.

As you know every Shabbat we take time to keep those in our community who are in need of healing in our thoughts and prayers.

In an effort to update our current Mi Shebeirach list, we are asking anyone who has their name (or that of a loved one) on the list for more than a month to call the office if you would like the name to remain on the list. Otherwise they will be removed from the list at this time.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

I am happy to advise you all that we have received a substantial donation from Professor Carl and Sandra Koreen for the library. In line with naming values published in our giving brochure two years ago, the library will forever more be known as "The Prof. Carl and Sandra Koreen and Family Library." I invite you to turn to page 7 to learn more about the Koreens and their generous gift.

I bring this to your attention not to give notoriety or bring attention to the Koreens (they certainly did not ask for it, nor do they want it), but instead to remind everyone of the opportunities to leave your and your family's mark on Congregation Torat El.

As you know, the building is in need of extensive repairs and upgrades, both functional and aesthetic. In the very near term we will be redoing the exterior façade in the front of the building. Also in much need of repair and upgrade are our heating and air conditioning systems, lighting in the sanctuary and the social hall, to name a few.

Our building committee, chaired by our next president, Steve Fineberg, is hard at work preparing recommendations for the Board of Trustees to consider. We hope to have architectural renderings of what a new and improved Torat El building will look like for everyone to see and comment on, in the near future.

To that end, we are reaching out to all of you. If you have a background or talent in architecture, interior design or another related profession, we welcome your participation on this committee. Please contact Pam in the office and she will connect you to the committee and its next meeting.



CONGREGATION TORAT EL - 11TH ANNUAL REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH
6:30 pm**

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

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event at Torat El this year takes a new path in honoring the life and values of Dr. King and his call for brotherhood in a truly united America where the content of character is the measure of each individual. This year the event moves to our Social Hall where 250 guests will experience dinner together, enjoy the program presented from the stage and discuss at each table a specific topic drawn from the principles advanced in Dr. King's teachings.

The goal is to get beyond the surface of our presentation, and to listen, talk and understand real view-points and experiences as we implement our values and learn that they are truly shared across all races, traditions and ethnicities. The choirs will be with us together with presentations addressing Dr. King, and updates on the progress being achieved in the Asbury Park School District as concepts presented in last year's event are being set in place. The thoughts and interactions gained from our dinner discussions will also be presented.

The event including dinner will be held without charge, but it is essential to sign up promptly at the congregation office since attendance will be limited by our ability to seat a maximum of 250 guests for dinner. The traditional concepts and entertaining features associated with the Dr. King event will all be there, but presented within a new venue and format. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

PROF. CARL AND SANDRA KOREEN AND FAMILY LIBRARY DEDICATION

Carl and Sandra Koreen have been continuous members of our heritage synagogue for some 40 years. Their family has celebrated many life cycle events here -- births, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, baby naming-- as evidenced by the many leaf plaques on the walls. In addition, Carl is a past and present member of the Board of Trustees.

The Koreens have three married children who are all similarly involved in their respective Conservative Synagogues. Ann is a high school science teacher; and Larry and Susan, together with their spouses, are all MD certified ophthalmologist surgeons. They have eight grandchildren ranging from 6 months to 12 years old.

In honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, the Koreen family made a generous gift to the synagogue with the stipulation that the money be used for the direct benefit of the Library and that the Library be named the ***Prof. Carl and Sandra Koreen and Family Library***.

Why did they choose the synagogue and the library? The Koreen family has always loved books. Sandra has a Master's Degree in Library Science and worked for 37 happy years as a certified public school librarian in New York City and then in New Jersey. When she retired, she volunteered organizing the Temple Beth El Library for several years. Now she is working with the Congregation Torat El Library Committee with Beth Jacob and Madeline Schulman to modernize and streamline the library.

Carl was born in Baghdad and graduated #1 in the entire country in the Government College Entrance Examinations before being permitted by the Iraqi government, that was then persecuting the Jews severely, to leave the country to study at Columbia University. Carl's love for learning has taken him to study science and the mathematical sciences, and he has taught about 40 years as a Prof. of Mathematics at Monmouth University. In addition, he was in charge of procuring mathematics books for his Department Library for many years. The Koreens' roots are steeped in Judaism. Sandra's grandfather was a Rabbi in Lithuania. Carl has a great many immediate relatives in Israel, as well as numerous relatives who have served in the Israeli Armed Forces. His uncle, Dr. Ezra Korin, is an Israel Prize laureate.

The Koreens hope that their donation will inspire their children, grandchildren, and members of our congregation to follow in their footsteps to make our community and the world a better place.

Congregants are invited to join the Koreens and their family in dedication of the library on January 28 during Shabbat Services. Lunch will follow. Also, everyone is invited to visit the Library after lunch and borrow a book and audiovisual materials using our new Shabbat borrowing books system. Come and join the Koreens in celebrating this happy occasion for our synagogue.

Library Dedication Kiddush Lunch

January 28th following services

Please RSVP to the office if you
will be joining us

Come visit the Library after lunch
and borrow a book and audiovisual
materials using our new Shabbat
borrowing books system!

A new circulation system developed by our Synagogue Library Committee is now in effect at the library that will allow you to borrow books and audiovisual materials on any Saturday after services as well as during the week.

LIBRARY CIRCULATION SYSTEM

1. Look up last name of family in Member File located on Circulation Desk in Library and remove card.
2. Remove book card(s) and attach with a paper clip to Member card.
3. Put cards in Checkout Basket.
4. Please return borrowed materials in 2 weeks, or longer if necessary.



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PROUDLY PRESENTS...

REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 - 6:30PM

Our Interactive Evening Will Include:

Welcoming Remarks

Buffet Dinner and Conversation

*Table Discussion facilitated by Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
"Learning to listen to one another"*

Update from Dr. Lamont Repollet, Superintendent of Asbury Park School District

Keynote Address: Pastor Cedric Miller, Living Word Christian Fellowship

Performances by Living Word Christian Fellowship Choir of Neptune

Dessert and Coffee

Seating is limited. In order to guarantee your seat for dinner, your RSVP is required by January 6, 2017. Please visit www.mlk2017.torat-el.org or call the temple office at 732-531-4410.

**all different
all equal**

*Program made possible by a generous grant from the
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SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

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 26th, 9:00-4:00

Play begins at 9:30a.m. Sharp

Registration by March 6th

Late registration accepted if space permits, call first, \$5.00 Late Fee

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

Registration Fee: \$30.00 Sisterhood Members, \$35.00 for Non-Members

Remember to bring your 2016 card

Questions? Call Carol at 732-213-7434

Phone reservations will not be accepted

Name _____

Check Amount \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email _____ Sisterhood Member Y N (circle one)

Would you be interested in being an East? Y N(circle one)*Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring. 1 in 4 participants be East for a successful Mah Jongg tournament.

Mail completed form along with check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood and mail to:
Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

All are invited to the **Annual Midwinter Luncheon** sponsored by Sisterhood

Thursday January 19th - 12:00pm

Cost \$15 per person

This year featuring:

A Decorative Painting and Design Demonstration/Presentation

by CTE's own Jodi Heinz of Jodi Heinz Designs

Everyone will create a *simple* decorative arts project to take home
(you do not have to be artistic to participate)

Please RSVP by January 12th to the temple website or office 732-531-4410

2017 MIN PINCOW RAFFLE

First drawing January 5, 2017. Get your tickets now! Call Toby at 732-493-3719.

Mah Jongg Cards

Standard \$8 Large \$9

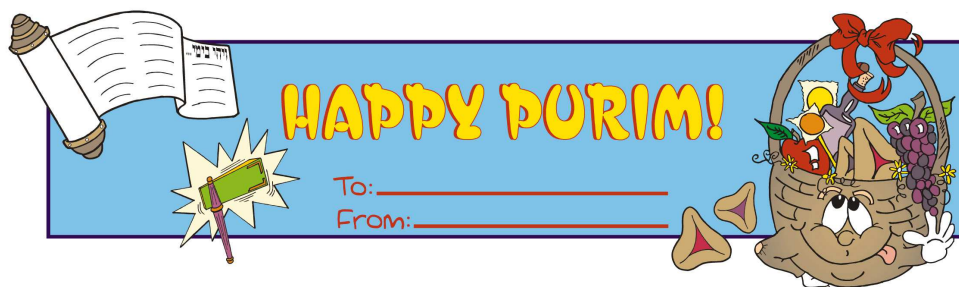
Please make check payable to CTE Sisterhood
and mail to:

Jeryl Krupnick

521 Bridlemere Avenue, Interlaken, NJ 07712

All checks must be received by January 20

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 names of all who sent it to that home. The basket of **homemade** hamantaschen, candy and other goodies will be delivered during the week of March 6th to have it in time for Purim, March 11th.

\$5.00 PER BASKET or \$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 during the week of March 6th

NEW METHOD FOR ORDERING!!

**WATCH YOUR MAIL AT HOME IN JANUARY FOR SHALACH MANOT
ORDER FORMS!!**

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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

Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon Sunday, March 5th ~ 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 Ctesisterhood@gmail.com

Orders must be placed by March 1st

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Koach to Ava Winters for leading Services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on her Bat Mitzvah!!!

During the month of **November 2016**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Jocelyn Assael

Mark Engel

Harvey Jacob

Ben Laskowitz

Steven Leiterstein

Bonnie Reiss

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Joshua Schor

Lori Schuldiner Schor

Neil Weitzenkorn

Ava Winters

Ian Winters

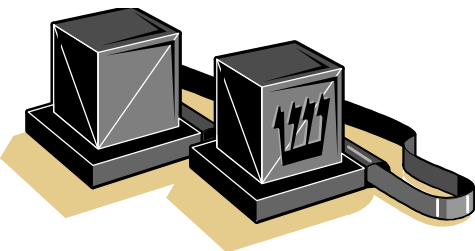
Max Winters

Steven Winters

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.

World Wide Wrap



**Sunday, February 5th
8:30am**

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

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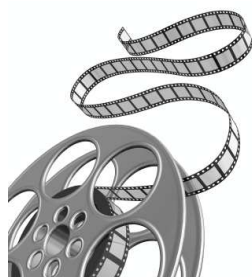
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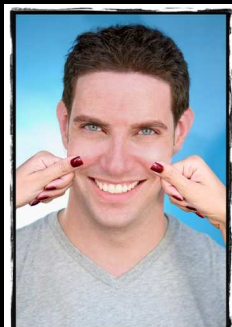
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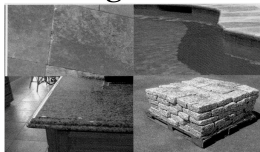
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1	2 Temple Office Closed	3 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	4 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School resumes	5 Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm	6 Candle Lighting 4:28pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	7 Shabbat Service 9:00am Learn & Burn 9:00am Kiddush Luncheon
8 Men's Club Paid Up	9	10 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	11 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm MLK Celebration Dinner/Program 6:30pm	12	13 Candle Lighting 4:35pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm	14 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School Kiddush
15 Hazak Movie 3:00pm	16 Temple Office Closed	17 Executive Board Mtg 7:00pm Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm	18 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	19 Sisterhood Luncheon Program 12:00pm	20 Candle Lighting 4:43pm Cantor In Residence Weekend Shabbat Service followed by dinner 6:30pm	21 Shabbat Service 9:00am Cantor In Residence Weekend Kiddush Luncheon
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