

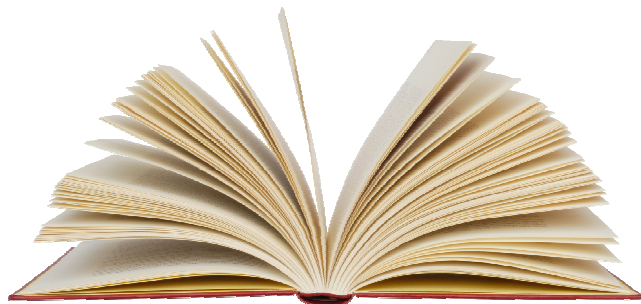


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Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

January 2018 - Tevet/Shevat 5778

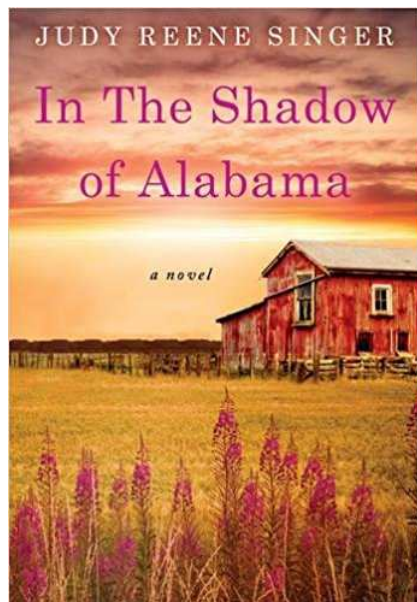
MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES



CONGREGATION TORAT EL

Sunday, January 28, 2018 - 11:00am

Meet Judy Singer author of *In The Shadow of Alabama*



In the Shadow of Alabama is a deeply personal novel based on the experience of the author's father, a Jewish boy from Brooklyn, who as a master sergeant during World War II, is put in charge of an all-African American platoon in the segregated South. He and his platoon are responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of Vultee BT-13 bombers, which crashed at an alarming rate. He not only found a way to prevent the crashes, but his strong sense of social justice led him to fight for fair treatment of his soldiers, despite being denied that fair treatment himself. She is a former high school English teacher and the author of *Horseplay*, *Still Life with Elephant*, and *An Inconvenient Elephant*.

**Read the book before you come.
Books on sale at the temple office for \$12**

\$10 per person. A light bagel brunch will be served.
Reservations at www.torat-el.org or 732-531-4410

This ongoing series has been made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.

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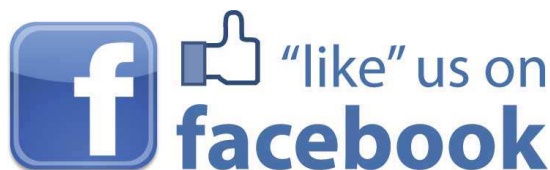
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January Service Announcements

Friday, January 5, 2017 **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:30 pm** **Candles 4:27 pm**
Oneg is sponsored by proud grandmother Audrey Posnock in honor of Katie's Bat Mitzvah

Yahrzeits: Ivy Altman, Milton Bernstein, Shai Binns, Clara Blance, Louis Breslow, David Cooper, Julius Droisen, Ludwig Flato, Rose Goldenberg, Leonard Jobreck, Simon Klein, Kenneth Kobb, Annette Kurman, Shirley Levine, Bessie Lipson, Michael Maltzman, Gussie Michelson, Solomon Nanos, Stuart Nelson, Dora Osattin, Sol Reinman, Mildred Richelson, Charles Ruskin, Samuel Sarch, Sigmund Schreiber, Saul Shapiro, Jack Solden, Max Trauben, Shari Woda, Sidney Zislin

Saturday, January 6, 2017 **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**
Parsha: Shemot 3:1-4:17 **Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23**
Bat Mitzvah of Katie Schwartz
Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud parents Leslie Posnock & David Schwartz in honor of Katie's Bat Mitzvah

Friday, January 12, 2017 **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm** **Candles 4:34 pm**
NOTE NEW TIME

Yahrzeits: Max Adler, David Askin, Reuben Blaustein, Rubin Brenner, Zipporah Brodie, Murray Brudner, Belle Franks, William Gross, Edward Horowitz, Sam Kantrowitz, Barry Kollins, Sandra Lazarus, Sam Lewis, Leonard Lieberman, Morris Lieberman, Zelda Miller, Rose Negnewitzky, Sylvia Nipon, Esther Pomerantz, Herman Preiser, Morris Rauch, Robert Roseman, Stanley Rubenstein, Sarah Samuel, Steven Scheer, Esriel Schwebel, Shirley Shapiro Fein, Bertha Steingart, Sylvia Sweigman, Milton Ziment, Ruth Zimmerman

Saturday, January 13, 2017 **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**
Parsha: Va'era 7:8-8:15 **Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21**

Friday, January 19, 2017 **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm** **Candles 4:41 pm**
NOTE NEW TIME

Yahrzeits: Burton Alexander, Harris Anderman, Ronald Arnold, Abraham Block, Warren Dennis, Ducie Epstein, Nathan Feinstein, Bertha Fine, Chester Friedman, Levi Goldenberg, Diana Graber, Doris Gribin, Lillian Kaye, Bessie Kirschner, Farha Koreen, Maurice Marx, Gussie Newelsky, Milton Paperth, Sol Rachman, Frances Richter, Norman Scheer, Max Schletter, Doris Schultzer, Sidney Schwaber, Morey Singer, Sidney Solden, Harry Steinberg, Samuel Sulkin, Ellen Winters

Saturday, January 20, 2017 **Board of Trustees Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**
Parsha: Bo 11:4-12:28 **Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28**
Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Mindy and David Estin

Friday, January 26, 2017 **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm** **Candles 4:50 pm**
NOTE NEW TIME

Yahrzeits: Ruth Adler, Vivian Baime, Alex Block, Shirley Brown, Jeanne Chernin, Jerome Dampf, Dorothy Davidow, Stanley Drossman, Bella Feinstein, Helen Franklin, Elaine Friedman, Michael Friedman, Philip Gordon, Mildred Holub, Rose Horenstein, Abraham Horvitz, Harold Karasic, Raymond Messner, David Negnewitzky, Bernard Resnick, Joseph Semel, Miriam Tenzer, Sylvia Tillis, Charles Wilk

Saturday, January 27, 2017 **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**
Parsha: Beshallah 14:15-16:10 **Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am, Monday-Friday: 8:00am
 Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm
 Shabbat Evening Services: 7:15pm (*note new time*)



Whenever I meet with a bar or bat mitzvah student, the conversation invariably turns to a discussion surrounding why we, as a community, ask so much of them when it comes to ritual participation in the service. This is not a question that these students ever ask me directly, but it is one that I suspect is usually on their minds — especially after I tell them that they don't have to "do anything" to become a bar or bat mitzvah! Once they understand that there is no such thing as becoming "bar/bat mitzvahed," and that simply by virtue of their coming of age they are now seen as a responsible member of the adult Jewish community, we have a conversation about why exactly our Congregation Torat El community asks so much of them when it comes to leading the service for our community.

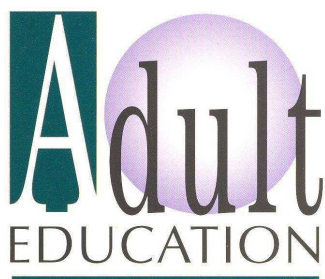
Why is this important? Why do I discuss this with every child and parent that I meet with? Because I want them to understand the following. By standing up in front of our community and taking the lead they are saying: *Hinneni. I am here. I am responsible. I am a part of this community. And I am demonstrating all of that by taking time to lead the congregation in worship and share a bit of my own thoughts on Torah with the congregation.* I should point out that we always try to meet our students' needs when it comes to learning styles and abilities, and we work to make sure that everyone has a "successful" and unique experience. But in general, these students are lovingly pushed to participate in the service and rise to the occasion in incredible ways.

Why do we push? Because we want our b'nai mitzvah students to understand that this moment in their Jewish lives is about ownership. It is about a shared sense of responsibility and commitment to our tradition. It is about being a part of an empowered community that isn't afraid to learn new skills and take on new practices. Congregation Torat El is a place that strives to make Judaism an accessible, relevant, deep and meaningful part of the lives of its members. That is a message that we try to teach our youth through their b'nai mitzvah preparations, and it is a message that we have with increasing frequency tried to bring to our adult community as well.

It is with all of this in the background that we will be hosting our first "Board Shabbat" in a few weeks on Saturday morning, January 20th. This service will be almost entirely lay-led by our board officers and in many ways epitomizes the very lessons that we try to convey to our youth. In truth, credit for this idea goes to our Director of Ritual Engagement, Ben Laskowitz, whose work to create the very community that I am describing made this idea possible in the first place. I am grateful that he suggested the idea to me and am looking forward to a wonderful celebration of our leadership.

L'dor Va'dor — from generation to generation our tradition is passed down. Our youth who regularly lead us so incredibly in prayer during their b'nai mitzvah are an inspiration. Our adults throughout the year and our board members who will lead us in a few weeks are another example of what it means to take ownership over one's heritage. It is something that is unique and special about our Torat El family of families and it is something that I hope you will join us in celebrating on January 20th. We look forward to praying and learning with you as we take time to celebrate our values and our leaders on this very special morning.

*Wishing you and your families a
happy and healthy secular New Year!*



2017-2018 ADULT ED COURSE OFFERINGS

Adult Ed with Rabbi Schonbrun

Lunch N'Learn: Journey Through The Prophets

We read the Haftarah, a selection taken from the Book of Prophets, in synagogue every week. Often these Haftorot are challenging to understand both in terms of their context and relevance to modern day life. Just who were these "prophets?" Why were they so important to Biblical Israel and why do we continue to read about them today? When did they live? What did they preach? And what messages do they have for modern day society? Come and join us for an introductory look at the Prophets in the Hebrew Bible. Bring your friends, your questions, and an openness to the wisdom of some of our earliest teachers and leaders. No previous Bible study necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesdays at 12:00pm

Beginner Hebrew

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

Fee: \$20.

Call the office by
February 5 to register.

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



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE, RABBI HAYIM HERRING, PH.D. FRIDAY, MARCH 16 & SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Rabbi Hayim Herring, Ph.D., is an author, presenter and nonprofit organizational futurist, with a specialty in congregations and Jewish nonprofit organizations. Since moving to Minneapolis in 1985, he has served as a rabbi of Beth El Synagogue, a senior federation executive and executive director at S.T.A.R. (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Hayim has worked with over 300 rabbis and congregations of all sizes and denominations throughout North America on a wide range of issues, including continuing rabbinic education, volunteer leadership development, governance, strategic planning, organizational foresight and innovation.

"Inspiring Community in an Age of Bricks and Swipes"

In the last century, when you heard the word "congregation," you were likely to think of a bricks and mortar physical location. Beginning in the late 1990s, congregations added a parallel gateway into them through the Web. Today, congregations that want to flourish are learning how to blend the values of being together in the building with digital technologies that require a click or a swipe. This is new territory for congregations that engenders both some anxiety and inspiration about the Jewish future. Enjoy an engaging discussion with our Scholar-In-Residence about how congregations are adapting to this new reality, and be inspired to think about how Congregation Torat El can shape an even more vibrant Jewish future by tapping more deeply into its multi-talented well of members and reaching beyond its walls to other potential partners in the community.

Shabbat Dinner, Friday, March 16, 6:30pm

*Reservations may be made online at
www.torat-el.org under events*

"From Generation to Generations"

For the first time in human history, there are four generations of individuals alive in large numbers at one time. Old age is not new, but having a large older population of relatively healthy individuals who are able and desire to live purposeful lives well into their 80's is an unprecedented phenomenon. "Delayed adulthood," an emerging developmental theory, suggests that adolescents cross the threshold into adulthood at approximately age 30, and not between the ages 18-21, last century's benchmark. But each generation holds stereotypes of the other that can inhibit congregations from becoming centers for multigenerational community. Learn with our Scholar-In-Residence how congregations are uniquely poised to be places where people of all ages can share, learn, and grow from one another's experiences and fill a much-needed role in bridging generational divides.

Kiddush Luncheon, Saturday, March 17, following services

*Reservations may be made online at
www.torat-el.org under events*

FROM THE PRESIDENT: WHO WANTS TO BE A MINYANAIRE??

A core Jewish mitzvah rooted in Congregation Torat El is to provide a regular morning and evening minyan to comfort congregants and guests who want to recite kaddish at yahrzeit or during the mourning period.

Unfortunately, attendance at our evening minyan is often fewer than five congregants, and for the past few years we have struggled to find a reliable and simple solution to maintain a minyan. Often congregants and guests arrive at our evening services unable to recite kaddish because we are short a person (or two or three or more).



In an effort to maintain a minyan, we have recently launched a pilot project, *CTE Minyan*, a group text using the WhatsApp application, to contact a group of volunteers to attend our evening and Erev Shabbat services to provide a minyan for our congregants.

Our limited trials have been encouraging, but before we officially announce the availability of *CTE Minyan* to our congregation, we need to recruit a pool of volunteers prepared to respond to the *CTE Minyan* text message request for additional congregants to help make a minyan.

Thanks go to Monica Weiss, Howard Lang, Mark Engel, Emily Fineberg and Neil Weitzenkorn for contributing to the creation of *CTE Minyan*.

If you are interested in performing the mitzvah of attending a minyan for a fellow congregant or guest so they may recite kaddish, please join the *CTE Minyan* group text by calling the temple office or e-mailing Steve Fineberg at president@torat-el.org with your cell phone number.

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

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

Yasher Koach to **Jules Resnick** for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah!

Yasher Koach to **Jonathan Horowitz** upon being presented with a Tikkun in recognition of his 12th Torah Reading!

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

Danny Abrams
Glen Abrams
Stacey Abrams
Brian Bauer
Mark Engel
Warner Ferratier
Mitch Grayson

Jacob Gutman
Jonathan Horowitz
Ben Laskowitz
Ethan Morris
Hannah Morris
Steven Nudelman

Bonnie Reiss
Jules Resnick
Michele Robins
Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Toby Sukinik
Neil Weitzenkorn

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.

HAZAK HAPPENINGS

Eating and Living to Flourish at Any Stage of Life

The quality and quantity of our lives are affected by many things we can control. The things we eat, the things we do, and the things we think can help anyone live a life of abundance.

Join Dr. Alan Stern and Health Coach Gemma Nastasi as they explore ways to care for ourselves so that we can be vibrant and vital at any age.

Sunday, January 21, 10:30am
A light healthy brunch will be served.

*There is no charge for this program. For planning purposes, advanced reservations to the temple office would be appreciated.
Call 732-531-4410 or visit our website www.torat-el.org*

Sunday, February 18, details to follow

HAVE A HEART...LEND A HAND!

On Thanksgiving, we expressed in words our gratitude for our blessings...family, friends, health, love, happiness, food, clothing, shelter, security, freedom and much more.

In addition to your words, are you looking for opportunities to express your gratitude with deeds of loving kindness?

If yes, you are invited to register your name on a list of volunteers who will be periodically asked to donate time, energy and love on community-based social action projects including, but not limited to:

Blood Drive
Food Drive
Toy Drive
Shoe Drive
Serving at soup kitchens
Paint shelters

Prepare meals at Ronald McDonald House
Beach clean-up
Camp Oakhurst painting, clean-up and repairs
Arts and Crafts projects for pediatric wards
Singing at senior housing for the holidays

There is no commitment to a minimum number of hours volunteered. You will choose what, if any, projects that are meaningful to you and for which you have time to volunteer.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Cardullo at pamc@torat-el.org or Bob Cohen at rtcohen1946@gmail.com.

In the words of Hillel, *"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"*



OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Mitch Grayson on the Bar Mitzvah of his son Blaine Grayson
Mitch Grayson on the naming of his granddaughter Ariana Rose Lindberg
Honey & Larry Karasic on the birth of their grandchild Ellis Micah, son of Neal & Michelle Karasic
Rachel & Ira Port on the birth of their granddaughter Avigail Nili Port

laugh FAMILY
Memories
JOY Cherish FRIENDS
THANKFUL HAPPY
Together forever LOVE

The Torat Family extends condolences to:

Arnold Silberman on the loss of his brother Sheldon
Rebecca Gerard on the loss of her mother Jean Ethel Albert
Joan Edelsberg on the loss of her mother Ethel Friedman
Judy Feldbaum on the loss of her mother Audrey Silverstein
Diane Resnick on the loss of her mother Grace De Mayo

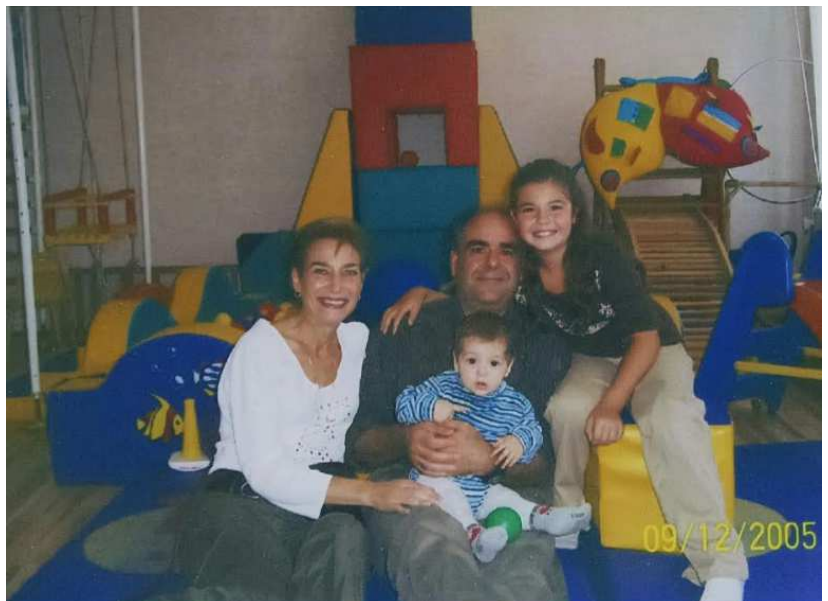
*Do you have news to share with your
Congregation Torat El family?
Call the office so we can put it in the bulletin!*

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH

Hi. My name is Katie and for my Bat Mitzvah project I will be giving back to where I came from. When I was just two days old, my birth mother made the bold decision to give me to the orphanage, Shapagat in Karaganda, Kazakhstan. I am so incredibly thankful for that orphanage, where I was taken care of until I met my parents.

I will be collecting items to donate to the Shapagat Orphanage. They are looking for new clothing for children ages 1 month-4 years old and children's Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and vitamins. It would mean so much if you could donate these few items so kids who were in my position can have a better life.

Donations can be placed in the collection bin at Torat El. Other arrangements can be made by emailing my mom, Leslie Posnock, at lposnock@schwartzposnock.com





CONGREGATION TORAT EL - 13TH ANNUAL REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 7:30pm

Program To Include:

Remarks by Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Remarks by Pastor Cedric Miller of Living Word Christian Fellowship of Neptune

Remarks by Reverend Aaron Gibson of Second Baptist Church of Long Branch

Remarks by Dr. Donald D. Warner, former Superintendent of Red Bank School District

Key Note Speaker: Professor Rasheda Young, Professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University

Performances by the Second Baptist Church Choir of Long Branch
and the Living Word Christian Fellowship Choir of Neptune

Dessert Buffet Reception

This program has been made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.

March Mah-Jongg Madness

6 Rounds of play

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

Cash Prizes

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

Play begins at 9:30a.m. Sharp

Registration by March 12th

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

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

Remember to bring your 2017 card

Questions? Call Carol at 732-213-7434

Phone reservations will not be accepted

Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form

Name _____ Enclose Check \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Sisterhood Member Y N (circle one)

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

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

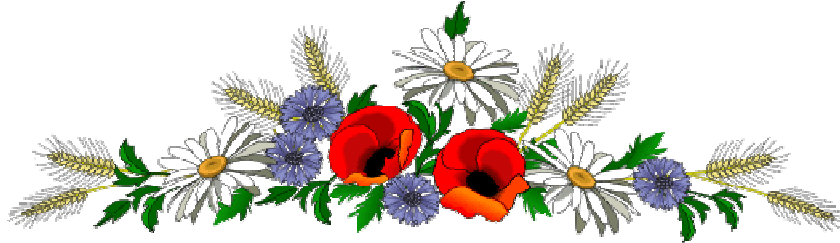
To: Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Annual January Sisterhood Luncheon

Thursday, January 25th, 12:00pm

\$15 per person



Flower Arrangement Demo by Andy from Super Foodtown of Ocean
plus make your own arrangement to take home!

Join us for this fun program and a delicious lunch!

Online registration at www.torat-el.org (click on events button) or paid reservations
to the temple office no later than January 19th.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Sferas at suesfer@aol.com
or Melanie Engel at melanieengel@comcast.net



Hold the date
Sisterhood's Theater Event
Saturday evening March 10th
8:00pm

At the Axelrod Performing Arts Center
Ticket information to follow in
February's bulletin.

2018 Mah Jongg Cards: Standard \$8 Large \$9

Please make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood

Mail to: Jeryl Krupnick
521 Bridlemere Ave.
Interlaken, NJ 07712

All checks must be received by January 24th

On behalf of the Rummage Sale
Committee, we would like to thank
everyone who donated, set up, worked
the sale and volunteered in any
capacity. We couldn't do it without you!

It's so important that we present
ourselves to the community as a kind
and friendly Jewish organization at all
times. Now that we have recovered
from this year's successful sale, we can
all begin saving for next year!

Thank you again, Beth Cotler

MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

Men's Club Paid-Up Event

Sunday, January 21st, 4:00 - 7:00pm

Trivia Contest with team prizes & Deli Dinner

Free to all paid up Men's Club members. Haven't joined yet? It's not too late! Send your \$36 check payable to CTE Men's Club to the temple office.

RSVP to Gregg Taffet boatman141@verizon.net,
Neil Warar neilwarar@aol.com or the
temple website under events.



Monmouth Men's Basketball vs. Siena College

Thursday, January 25th, 7:00 pm

At Monmouth Univ Gym on Campus
(OceanFirst Bank Center)

\$12 per person

Open to every temple member

RSVP to Gregg Taffet boatman141@verizon.net,
Neil Warar at neilwarar@aol.com or the
temple website under events.
Payments online or to the temple office.



World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 4th 8:30am

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

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

Men's Club Speaker Breakfast open to all including children 10+

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

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

RSVP to Gregg Taffet at boatman141@verizon.net
or Neil Warar at neilwarar@aol.com so we are pre-
pared with adequate breakfast



Early Learning Center

At Congregation Torat El

Opening January 2nd!!

Register Now
Call 732-531-4410

We believe...

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

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

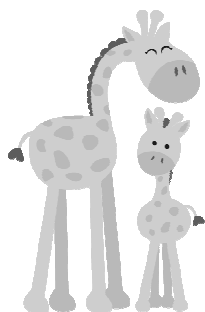
By welcoming, nurturing and shaping these little minds and hearts from their beginnings, your child can develop both a sense of identity and self-confidence.

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

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

tiny tots and toddler time

For children ages
6 months-5 years



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

next classes, Monday, January 8 & 22 - 10:00am-11:30am
free of charge

Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers welcome!!

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

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

**In celebration of Purim,
CONGREGATION TORAT EL PRESENTS
DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT**

Saturday, February 24, 7:00pm

Buffet Dinner * BYOB *

Lots of Laughs

Coming with friends? Reserve a table!

(Parties of 8 or more)

\$50.00 per person

Paid Reservations Requested

by February 16

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



Brad Trackman



Buddy Fitzpatrick



Jon Fisch

PURIM ALREADY?!!

Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon Sunday, February 11th ~ 9am - 1pm

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

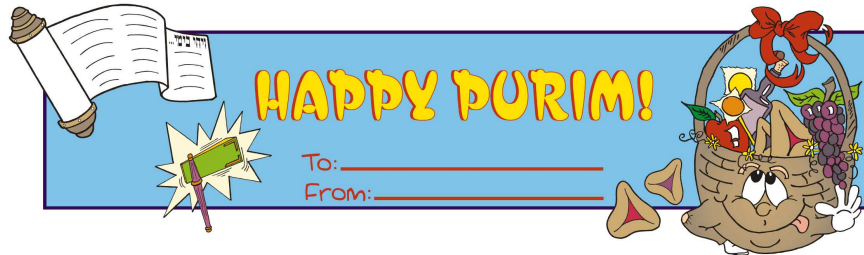
Our delicious cookies are provided to our college students, our religious school students and teachers, our Shalach Manot recipients and at the Purim celebrations!

1 dozen \$6 - 2 dozen \$10

To place a hamantashen order or to volunteer your time contact:
Kim Sherman 732-493-1971 or kimsherm@gmail.com
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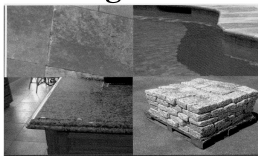
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