



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center
June 2019 - Iyar/Sivan 5779



Shabbat At The Beach

Friday, July 26 and Friday, August 23

A very special Shabbat Service at the Conover Pavilion at Phillips Beach in Deal.
Our services begin at 7:15pm with summer onegs to follow.

Congregation Summer Barbecue Sunday, July 14 ~ 5:00pm



Join us for a picnic style outdoor barbecue!
Great food, music, games!!
\$5 per person (kids under 5 free)

RSVP to www.torat-el.org on the Events tab or through the temple office by July 1.

A big shout out to Men's Club for sponsoring this event and doing the cooking!

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June Service Announcements

Friday, May 31, 2019

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 8:00pm

Yahrzeits: Belle Balkin, Ruth Birn, Miriam Block, Rae Bloom, Sidney Blume, Eleanore Botney, Ida Deitch, Malcolm Deitch, Mark Donner, Dorothy Eliscu, Aaron Gaber, Philip Gaber, Jane Gabrielson, Ida Gallay, Reva Goldberg, Ethel Hornstein, Marvin Jassie, Sam Lerner, Frances Levine, Mildred Levy, Beverly Needel, David Schwartz, Walter Schwarz, Phyllis Turtel, Sarah Wolin

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Behukotay 27:1-34

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, June 7, 2019

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 8:07 pm

Yahrzeits: Barney Barrett, Steven Berkowitz, Patricia Blume, Shalom Brand, Ethel Brenner, Sara Cooper, Raymond Dweck, Rose Eliscu, Sylvia Gaffin, Maxine Green, Jack Gribin, Robert Haiken, Gertrude Hoffman, Samuel Kramer, Julia Laskowitz, Eva Maltz, Harriet Miller, Ethel Rosenfeld, Meyer Rothman, Jacob Rubin, Susan Samuel, Marianne Santo, Bernard Schreiber, Grace Schreiber, Meryl Sherman, Henry Silverman, Samantha Staehel, Ruth Starrett, Arthur Theodore, Morris Warar, Maurice Webman, Meyer Weinstein

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Bemidbar 3:14-4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Valenti

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Phyllis Rudnick in honor of her granddaughter Jamie's Bat Mitzvah

Friday, June 14, 2019

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 8:10 pm

Yahrzeits: Bessie Barnett, Irving Bohm, Menashe Brand, Muriel Brown Abarbanel, Beatrice Burke, Albert Cannava, Joseph Cooper, Rose Freedman, Sarah Goldenberg, Sam Greenberg, Dorothy Heiferman, Beatrice Kempler, Joseph Kempler, Louis Kreisler, Morton Lehrer, Golda Levine, Zvi Millender, Max Miller, Mildred Rose, Lillian Sacher, Ethel Schutzer, Jean Sukinik, Lea Tuchfeld, William Weinberg

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Naso 7:1-89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Friday, June 21, 2019

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 8:12 pm

Oneg is sponsored by Tracy & Larry Kaplan in honor of their children Logan & Olivia's B'nai Mitzvah

Yahrzeits: Steven Albert, David Alterman, Aliasghar Ardakanian, Florence Brown, Jeff Brustein, John Carchman, Sally Conners, Elliot Dulberger, Lewis Friedman, Samuel Friedman, Howard Grabelle, Eva Greenberg, William Lang, Ethel Leibman, Donna Lieberman, Evelyn Phillips, Joseph Popok, Morris Port, Philip Rosenbloom, Samuel Rosenfeld, Emma Schiff, Gail Schreiber, Milton Secl, Harry Shapiro, Elizabeth Tretsky, Isadore Vorchin, Sally Weitzenkorn, Stuart Yaskulka

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Beha'alotecha 10:35-12:16

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

B'nai Mitzvah of Logan & Olivia Kaplan

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Linda Merrill in honor of her grandchildren Logan & Olivia's B'nai Mitzvah

Friday, June 28, 2019

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 8:13 pm

Yahrzeits: Gary Berger, Maurice Brodman, Anita Caslar, Frieda Cotler, Anna Gruber, David Holub, Edna Kanarek, Rose Kirsch, Irvin Korn, Charles Kullback, Judith Lester, Ralph Lutz, Eleanor Maron, Abraham Meyer, Fanny Netkin, Ann Pollock, David Pomerantz, Michael Posnock, Ben Remar, Hilda Schnabolk, Mary Shapiro, Tillie Shear, James Wolf

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Shelahlecha 15:8-41

Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

Shavuot Service - Sunday, June 9, 9:00am

Shavuot/Yizkor Service - Monday, June 10, 9:00am

Growing As A House Of Prayer



There is a story told by Rabbi David Wolpe about the great Hassidic master, the Seer of Lublin (18-19th century Poland). When he was a child, the seer of Lublin lived near a forest. Almost daily the young boy ventured off into the woods by himself. His father, who was basically a tolerant and understanding man, didn't want to interfere with his son's daily excursions, but he was concerned because he knew forests could be dangerous. One day the father pulled his son aside. "I notice that every day you go off into the forest," he said. "I don't want to forbid you to go there, but I want you to know I am concerned about your safety. Why is it that you go there, and what do you do?" "I go into the forest to find God," was the boy's simple response. His father was deeply moved. "That's beautiful," he said. "And I'm pleased that you're doing that. But don't you know? God is the same everywhere." "God is," the boy answered, "but I am not."

Discovering God in our world and in our personal lives is an incredibly difficult task. Creating the emotional, spiritual, and physical space to connect with God is a life-long endeavor. And sometimes, as our story indicates, this connection is dependent on the "spaces" that we are in, be they physical, emotional, or spiritual.

When I was on sabbatical last fall, it was with this story in mind that I approached the sacred task of attending different synagogues and independent *minyanim* across the North East, to see how these communities tackled the challenge of helping others discover God through *tefilah*, prayer. I attended Reform, Conservative, Renewal, and post denominational worship experiences. Each was different, but every prayer space was striving to achieve the same goal of helping its participants connect to a sense of the divine in their lives. Not surprising for such a daunting task, I found some services to be dreadfully boring and uninspiring and others to be uplifting and spiritually enriching. And I am confident that there were others with me in those services who felt the exact opposite in each circumstance!

A few examples: I attended one congregational service that looked very similar to ours with the notable exception that there was little congregational singing. The physical set up of the sanctuary was lovely, but I left that service with no real sense of spiritual connection. In another service, there was beautiful music and instrumental accompaniment, but very little Hebrew content. I left that service enjoying the music, but not being quite sure if I had truly "prayed." Another service that was very uplifting to me was filled with traditional prayer and communal song, even though there was no rabbi or cantor. Finally, yet another service that filled me with a sense of awe was filled with music, dancing, song, intention, traditional liturgical choices, and innovative ones. It was clear that this renewal community had made the choice to cut out many parts of the service, and "do more, with less." Interestingly, in every *enjoyable* service that I attended, time was not a factor for me (in the same way that it is not a factor with an enjoyable movie, sporting event, or concert).

When I came back to our community in the winter, I did so with a renewed commitment to help our members re-engage with the way in which we engage with *tefilah*, in our community. Our Shabbat services and weekday minyanim are wonderful for many of our members, but I know that others do not connect to prayer with this more "traditional" model. Some people like more English. Other people like music. Some people like a cantor. Other people might like more quiet meditation. I wondered what we might be able to do in our congregation to create **additional** experiences to encourage people to bring more *tefilah*, prayer, into their lives. How might we build opportunities for more people to take ownership over their prayer lives? How might we be able to create more "spaces in the forest" for people to connect with a sense of the sacred and divine in this world? This is a huge question that we should grapple with more openly as a *beit tefilah*, a house of prayer- not necessarily to "change" or "replace," but rather to widen our tent, and promote more options for people to experiment with their prayer lives both at home and in the synagogue.

It is with all that in mind that I am thrilled to invite you to participate in an **Artist/Scholar in Residence Weekend, September 6-8 (see pg. 12)**. Please join us as we welcome rabbinical student Deborah Sacks-Mintz, an incredibly talented musician who is also studying to be a rabbi and already changing the face of American Jewish prayer and music in her own right. Deborah will join us in order to help us begin to explore how we might be more creative, intentional, and thoughtful about creating an enriching and meaningful prayer experience **for as many of our members as possible**. Whether you are a "regular" or someone who comes once a year, whether you can read Hebrew or can't, whether you are sure about God or you are not, whether you like a 30-minute service or a two-hour-and-30-minute service; whether you like musical instruments or you do not – this weekend is for you. Deborah is a musician rooted in tradition and creativity at the same time. Google her over the summer and check out some of her videos. And then, join us in the fall to add your voice to this incredibly important conversation as we strive to grow in our efforts to be a *beit tefilah*, house of prayer for our entire community.

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah

My name is Jamie Valenti. I am in the seventh grade at the Ocean Township Intermediate School. I enjoy swimming, gymnastics, Girl Scouts and hanging out with my friends and family. My Bat Mitzvah is June 8. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the Lunch Break in Red Bank, New Jersey. The Lunch Break is an organization that provides food, clothing, life skills and fellowship to those in need in Monmouth County and beyond. Their purpose is to break the cycle of poverty in our community and teach self sufficiency for a healthier and more productive lifestyle.

According to a 2017 census, approximately 7.6% of the population in Monmouth County is below the poverty level. A lot of those people are children. That made me think "What if that was me?" That thought led me to volunteering my time. I helped in the grocery helping families gather groceries for their families. Helping those in need gave me such a feel of appreciation for what I have and a sense of wanting to do more. No one should ever be hungry and go without. This is an organization that I will continue to donate my time to helping those in need.

Hi, my name is Olivia Kaplan and I am so excited for my Bat Mitzvah. I live in Wayside with my mom and dad, Larry and Tracy, my brother, Logan, grandmother Linda and my cute dog Sadie. I'm a sixth grade student at Ocean Township Intermediate School. I enjoy horseback riding, baking, singing, doing makeup, hanging out with friends, and spending time with family. For my mitzvah project I delivered meals to elders in our community. My mom and I go out to drop off meals through the program. I also chose to be part of the Remember Us program, where I will be able to share my Bat Mitzvah with a girl that was killed in the Holocaust. It is important we remember, and never forget. Her name was Raitzel Kaplan. I'm looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah on June 22, and I hope to see you all there.

Hi my name Is Logan Kaplan and I will be celebrating my B'nai Mitzvah with my sister Olivia on June 22. I Live in Wayside with my parents Tracy and Larry, my grandma Linda, my sister Olivia, and my best friend Sadie (who is also my dog). I'm a seventh grader at TOIS. I have been involved with Boy Scouts since second grade and am working on Eagle Scout with Troop 71. I also enjoy collecting Lego's, watching Star Wars, being a fan of the Muppets, and making videos for my Youtube Channel. For my mitzvah project, I am working with the 501st, a non-profit organization that is also the largest costuming organization in the world. They wear movie-accurate costumes based on the Star Wars franchise and do charitable things like go into children's hospitals to cheer up kids. They also have a very underdeveloped anti-bullying program. When I was looking for a project, I wanted to do something that wouldn't be collecting things or donating money. I have been bullied a lot and when I saw this program, I wanted to help. I want to make sure that nobody will be bullied like I was and that it will help stop. I am also working with Remember Us. Once I put together my family tree on Ancestry.com and discovering my DNA, I learned I am a Cohen. I also learned about my ancestors who died in the Holocaust and I realized that there are so many people who were forgotten and even though I may not have known these people, I am one of the only ones who knows that they even existed. I then thought about the kids during that time whose whole families died and that nobody remembered them. The person I will be remembering is 12-year-old Yesel Kaplan and we will be Bar Mitzvah together, since he never could be. I cannot wait to see everyone on June 22.

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*Please join us on
Sunday, June 2nd
at 9:30am for our
Congregation Meeting.*

*Agenda to include vote on
Board of Trustees Slate,
Budget Presentation,
President's Report
and Committee Reports!*

**Board of Trustees, Sisterhood and Men's Club
Shabbat Installation Service & Dinner
Friday, June 14 - 6:30pm**

We invite the entire Congregation Torat El family to join us as we look forward to a year filled with continued growth and excitement. Our Shabbat Service will begin at 6:30pm with dinner immediately following.

Please have all reservations to the Temple office or www.torat-el.org by June 7.

Adults (ages 14 and up) - \$22.00
Children (ages 7 - 13) - \$15.00
Children (ages 3 - 6) - \$10.00
Children (2 and under) - No Charge
Family Max - \$75.00

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In addition, we gratefully acknowledge the many donors who wish to remain anonymous!

Thank you for your support and generosity!

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Kochech to Ariella Turian for leading Services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on her Bat Mitzvah! Mazel Tov!

Yasher Koach to Jared Gutman for leading Services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on his Bar Mitzvah! Mazel Tov!

During the month of April 2019, the following individuals performed the mitzvot of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Mark Engel	Ethan Morris	Joshua Schor
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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 or at 732-861-7450.

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Jessica & Paul Schwartzberg on their son Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Ilene Posnock on her daughter Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Aaron & Jane-Rachel Schonbrun on their daughter Aviva becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Warner Ferratier on his Rabbinical Ordination and his new position as Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL

Rabbi Warner Ferratier on his marriage to Luis Guzman Valerio

The Torat El Family extends condolences to:

Barbara Berkowitz on the loss of her brother Robert Siegler

The Torat El Family welcomes

Ariel & Shira Meyer & Family



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Feasibility Study, to gain a better understanding of our ability to undertake a Capital Campaign. Your conversations and questionnaire responses were thoughtful and encouraging. Your commitment to strengthen our vibrant community today, and to build for our future, is a blessing. The Board has voted to move forward with a Capital Campaign and we are in the *very early* stages of planning. We will have additional information to share in the months ahead.



Recycle Yourself... Donate Blood!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Congregation Torat El, Temple Beth Miriam and Congregation Agudath Achim

Wednesday, June 5, 3:00-9:00pm

301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications will not keep you from donating. People with diabetes and blood pressure controlled by medication can donate. Donors must be between 17 (16 years old with parental consent form) and 76 (76 and over with a doctor's note). Please eat before you come and bring ID. Bring your donor card if you have one!

For an appointment please contact Michael Gordon at 732-922-3014 or gordonwallach@att.net Or visit <http://tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS> - - sponsor code 70307

Help us reach our goal of at least 30 donors and be entered to win a sports jersey of the team/player of your choice!

Appointments appreciated. Walk-ins welcome.



HAZAK 2019-2020

Hazak 2019-2020 Membership Application
\$25 PER PERSON

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Yes, sign me (us) up for the August 25 Paid-Up Event # attending _____

Please make checks payable to Hazak and return to CTE, 301 Monmouth Rd. Oakhurst, NJ 07755

SHORE AREA HAZAK

Hazak is dedicated to serving the educational, spiritual, social and religious interests of Jews 55 and older. Shore Area Hazak invites you to become part of the action.

2019-2020 membership is \$25.00 per person and is open to everyone in the Jewish community.



Hazak Paid-Up Brunch
Musical Entertainment by Fred Miller
Sunday, August 25 - 10:30am



SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

College Packages: Are your college kids receiving College Packages from Sisterhood? We want to continue this wonderful Sisterhood sponsored Program but we need volunteers to help. To volunteer please contact Jeanne Isaacson at jeanneri76@gmail.com or 732 493-8375 and leave a message.

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SIXTH ANNUAL SUKKAH RAFFLE

Cost of the Ticket: \$18.00

How this works:

Winner receives the use of a 12'x12' sukkah.

Men's Club will set up and take down the sukkah at your home for Sukkot 5780

October 13, 2019 - October 20, 2019

Drawing: October 3, 2019

Tickets are available at temple office for purchase or fill form out and send your check made out to "CTE Sisterhood." We will mail your tickets to you. You do not have to be present to win.

I want to win a sukkah set up for 5780.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of tickets wanted _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



MONMOUTH PARK

A Day At The Track Sunday, September 8

Details to follow in the summer bulletin but we want to make sure you save this date on your calendar as it's going to be a great day!

A big thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring this event!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services: 7:15pm

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VP Recording Secretary	Norm Ginsburg
Golf Chair	Neil Warar

The CTE Men's Club has a full and exciting schedule of programs planned for this upcoming year. We invite you to please join us and attend our events!

Our focus is to bring the men of Torat El all a little closer together thru social activities, educational programs, community involvement/giving back, all while supporting the Temple's overall goals.

We try to blend sports, religion, and social activities, so there is truly something for everyone. Your support over this past year has helped us to offer a Youth of the Year Scholarship, financial support toward Temple capital improvements, as well as to fund interesting/educational speaker programs. We also support an annual charity golf tournament. We value your membership.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation presented by Allied Digestive Health

BANDED Together Showcase "Pony up for the Cure" featuring Brian Kirk & The Jirks.

Thursday, August 15, 7:00pm at the House of Independents

For information visit band2019.givesmart.com

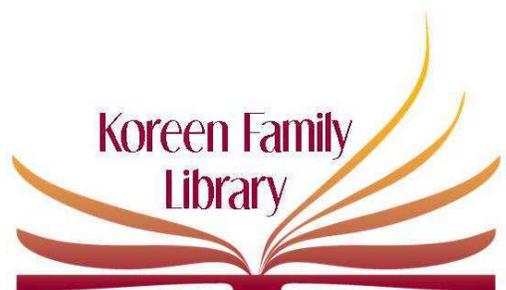
Time to select some books for summer reading! We recommend the following titles available in our library:

The Last Palace by Norman Eisen, (943.71 Ei). Eisen, who was the US Ambassador to the Czech Republic 2011-2014, tells about his experience as a Jew living in the magnificent Petschek Palace during his assignment. This book covers the history of Prague from 1918-2018.

America's Jewish Women by Pamela S. Nadell (305.48 Na). This book was reviewed and highly recommended in *The New York Times Book Review* and covers the topic from colonial times to the 21st century. "It is truly remarkable to read this book and appreciate how these women, numerically small, qualitatively great – made such a tremendous impact on this nation."

The New American Judaism by Jack Wertheimer (296.09 We) examines our religion from new perspectives, such as feminism and the LGBTQ movement.

Our library is open whenever the synagogue is open. Come on down, browse around and check out some current books.



~ The Library Committee



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DEBORAH SACKS MINTZ

September 6-8

Building Stronger Jewish Connections Through Music and Prayer

**Friday, September 6
6:30pm**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services
We will welcome Shabbat through song, weaving new melodies throughout our erev Shabbat service.

Shabbat dinner will follow.
\$25 per person

**Saturday, September 7
9:00am**

Creating Sacred Space Through Communal Singing
Together, we will explore singing as a spiritual practice, utilizing both new melodies and old favorites. Deborah will deliver the sermon and lead us in a creative Musaf.

Kiddush luncheon will follow. Free of charge

**Saturday, September 7
8:00pm**

Musical Havdalah
Bid farewell to Shabbat in song and ritual. Keep the ruach going with an evening of spiritual and participatory music, as Deborah shares new originals, and leads us in old favorites!

Wine and hors d'oeuvres. Free of charge

**Sunday, September 8
9:30am**

Deepening Our Prayer Leadership
Take a deep dive into the art of prayer leadership, exploring both technical skills and strategies in strengthening empowered communal singing during prayer.

Light bagel breakfast. Free of charge

For planning purposes, reservations are requested for all programs and pre-paid reservations by August 30 for Shabbat dinner.

This weekend is sponsored in part by the Paul Morris Liturgical Music Fund.



A transformative prayer leader, musician, and educator, Deborah Sacks Mintz has served innovative institutions around the country as a teacher of Torah and communal Jewish music. As the Community Singing Consultant of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, Deborah serves as a resource to communities across North America and beyond who seek to deepen their practice of empowered song and connective prayer. In addition to teaching and facilitating workshops nation-wide, Deborah is an acclaimed composer of new Jewish music, and can be found regularly performing and recording with a wide range of artists and ensembles. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, Deborah is pursuing rabbinical ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and holds degrees in music and religious anthropology from the University of Michigan.

Chag Shavuot Sameach!

*Tikkun at Rabbi's House
Saturday, June 8, 8:00pm*

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For planning purposes, kindly RSVP by June 4 to the temple office or online at www.torat-el.org

Shavuot Service - Sunday, June 9, 9:00am

Shavuot/Yizkor Service - Monday, June 10, 9:00am

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The 23rd Annual Congregation Torat El Men's Club Charity Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 7, 2019
1:00pm Shotgun Start

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Schedule for the Day:

Registration/Lunch

12:00pm

Shotgun Start

1:00pm

Cocktails & Awards Dinner

5:30pm

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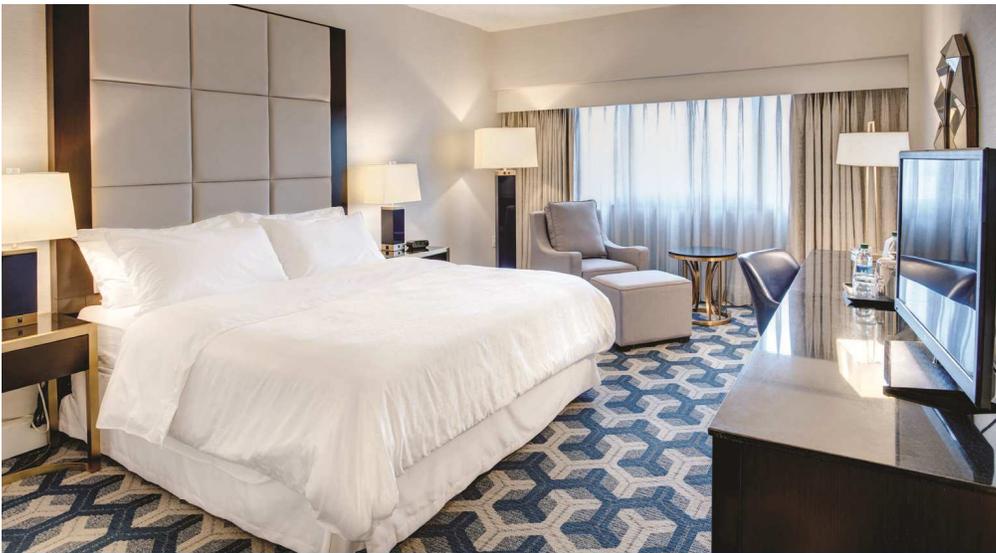
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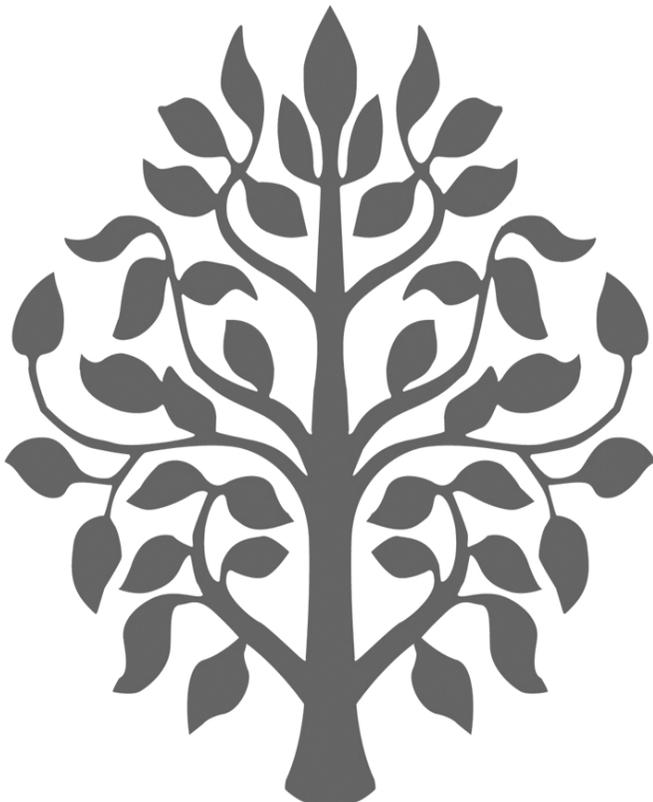
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