

Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

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March 2010

Weekday Mornings Roseld Ave.

Sunday: 8:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

Weekday Evenings Monmouth Road

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 pm

Shabbat Evening Services*

6:00 pm Roseld Ave.

8:00 pm Monmouth Rd.

Shabbat Morning Services*

9:00 am both locations

*Except for weekend when there are joint services. See pages 3 & 4 for details

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Shabbat Evening Services

A Choice for the Members of our Congregation

Kabbalat Shabbat Services



With Instrumental
Musical Accompaniment

Roseld Avenue

6:00 p.m.

Schmoozin' 5:30 p.m.

(March 26 is at 7:30 p.m.)

Erev Shabbat Services

Followed by an Oneg & Schmoozin'



Monmouth Road

8:00 p.m.

(No services March 12 and 26)

Yahrzeits for the week being observed by all members of our unified congregation will be honored at both of the Friday night services conducted each week by our congregation. We are encouraging those who wish to attend Friday night services to consider the 6:00 pm service at Roseld Ave. or the 8:00 pm service at Monmouth Rd. as two possible options.

March Service Announcements...

Friday, March 5, 2010 Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00 pm at Roseld Ave Candles 5:33 pm

Traditional Kabbalat Birthday Shabbat 8:00 pm at Monmouth Rd

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Jung & Samuel Bornstein, Marcy & Steven Cohen, Paula & Louis Eliscu, Karen & Paul Friedman, Jane & Garry Grabelle, Vickie & Martin Nathanson,

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Ann Adrian, Bessie Albert, Stanley Joel Anderman, Leon Basin, Jane Chazen, Aaron Cyderowitz, Marilyn Dansky, David Epstein, Bernice Faulkner, Nathan Goldwasser, Yetta Harber, Jacob Hausner, Rita Hunter, Manya Kahn, David Kaplan, Sam Kaplan, Mae Kirchner, Benjamin Maron, George Milstein, Leigh Moshel, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Rose Reich, Lillian Reinstein, Rose Ring, Gertrude Rosen, Cypora Safier, Helen Jennie Schneider, Lucille Shapiro, Esther Skora, Abraham Spitz, Bertha Weiner, Sigmund L. Weinstein, Fanny Weitzenkorn, Milly Weitzenkorn, David Wiener, Jack Woda, Esther Zalusky, Lynda Rosanoff, Leslie Slavin, Jennie Zimmerman, Mae Bross, Mae Rediker, Mamie Friedman, Mollie Mark, Bertha G. Barr, Ira Katz, Harry Cowen, Adam Rubin, Jerome Feldman, Louis H. Shear, Barbara Claire Dunn, Nancy Jacobs Crapo, Alexander Fine, Helen Jennie Schneider, Max Gilman, Max Kasson, Charles Kaplan, Joseph Lippman, Paul M. Trueger, Louis Sorblum, David H. Davis, Frances Sperber, Harry Barnett, Harry Roth, Henrietta Goldberg, Marcia Chazen, Mary Michelson, Morris Elliot Shachnow, Nat Feldman, Rose Harris, Rose Zisblatt, Samuel Rubin, Sara Stein

Saturday, March 6, 2010 Parsha: Exodus 33:12-34:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-36

Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Barabas ~ 9:00 am - Roseld Ave

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY PROUD PARENTS CYNTHIA & RON BARABAS

Shabbat Service ~ 9:00 am - Monmouth Road

Friday, March 12, 2010 RABBI SEARCH WEEKEND - ALL SRVCS/ACTIVITIES AT ROSELD AVE Candles 5:41 pm
5th Grade Service & Shabbat Dinner - Rabbi Daniel Greyber (candidate) will present D'var Torah

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Stacey & Glen Abrams, Vicki & Steven Fineberg, Odette & Mark Lichtman, Nanci & Daniel Metz, Liza & Sergie Waisman, Aileen & Mark Woloshin, Bonnie & Gary Zimmerman

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Saturday, March 13, 2010 Parsha: Exodus 39:22-40:38 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:18-46:15

Kiddush Luncheon/Q&A following service sponsored by Rabbi Search Committee

March Service Announcements...

Friday, March 19, 2010

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6:00 pm at Roseld Ave
Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 8:00 pm at Monmouth Rd

Candles 6:48 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Helen Sue & Emanuel Abraham, Jeanne & Arnold Chernin, Carol Lynn & Donald Chetkin, Joan & Irving Edelsberg, Alison & Jacob Friedman, Michele & Stewart Geboff, Frances & Abe Morgenstern

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Louis Becker, Lena Benenson, Helen Bergida, Ignatz Bergida, Frieda Blufstein, Sophie Boff, Estelle Brawer, William Epstein, Gloria Fishberg, Sol Furman, Rubin Gerechoff, Murray Hirsh, Bella Kaufman, Freda Krongold, Etta Lasky, Louis Lefton, Sherman Levinson, Wilma Lieberman, Florence Morris, Faigy Ostroff, Tsilia Pirogovsky, Sally Pozner, Nadine Rich, Ceil Robbin, Irving Rubin, Harry Sandler, Louis Sheps, Samuel Sherman, Hillary Stupp, Esther Warshauer, Benjamin Wilk, Nora Wolfe, Murray Jules Weiss, Eve Messner, Ada Werner, Miles Sobol, Dorothy Markowitz, Evelyn Kramer, Faye Slotoroff, Ruth Goldenberg, Otto Eisert, Maurice Stalberg, Moshe Koreen, Abraham Hoffman, Ruth Rosenthal, Hazel Florence Lippman, Cora Korb, Rebecca Rediker, Joseph Silverstein, Mores Hess, Jennie Phillips, Aileen Kuskin, Abe Greenberg, Adolph Schimel, Esther Zucker, Jacob Benjamin Bander, Jonas H. Tafsun, Leo Bruck, Pauline Cinnamon, Seymour Byock

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Parsha: Leviticus 4:27-5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Saturday morning Shabbat service held at both locations - 9:00am

Bar Mitzvah of Joe Poznak at Roseld Ave - 6:15 pm HAVDALAH

Friday, March 26, 2010

Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm at Roseld Ave ONLY

Candles 6:56 pm

**INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION TORAT EL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
OFFICIAL TEMPLE NAMING CEREMONY followed by Dessert Reception**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Karen & Bill Belfer, Florie & Sol Bunin, Helen & Milton Kott, Carol & Steven Miller, Linda & William Reniman

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Milton Bazer, Henry Block, William Borden, Celia Brand, Fannie Dorfman, Frank Eliscu, Manfred Fight, Max Fisher, Benjamin Fleischman, Rita Frank, Jennie Garber Goldberg, Bernard Goldberg, Erwin Harber, Bernard Hirsh, Denny Husserl, Harry Kawut, Celia Kobb, Solomon Konvitz, Jack Lieber, Yetta Michaels, Beverly Propper, Julia Ruskin, Rackel Shegelman, Robert Slovin, Joseph Stern, Lillian Claire Trauben, Max Baer, Thomas Abraham Giugno, Samuel Cobrin, Annette Dampf, Ray Magidson, Rita Frank, Shirley Lehrer, Louis Prager, Michael Camhi, Howard Fischhoff, Istvan Benjamin, Jack C. Yaffe, Joel Lewis Ornstein, Melvin Schreier, Clara Rubin, Gussie Klafter, Rose Simon, Ruth Horowitz, Donald S. Levy, Bertha T. Greenfield, Ethel Rediker Steiner, Isadore M. Poplansky, Judith Becker, Leo Sachs, Lucille Shapiro, Mollie Binder

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Parsha: Leviticus 8:1-8:36

Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24

Saturday morning Shabbat Service at both locations - 9:00 am



Coffee House Concert

From Savannah, GA
Folk Singer Extraordinaire

Hank Weisman & Cantor Bruce Siegel

Sunday, March 7, 7:00 pm
1200 Roseld Avenue

\$18/Adults \$10/Seniors, Children

Fancy Desserts

Gourmet Coffees & Teas

R.S.V.P. to the Roseld Avenue office

732.531.4410

By Tuesday, March 2, 2010

March Birthdays Celebrated at Shabbat Services



March 5:

8:00 p.m. at Monmouth Road

If you have a birthday in March, join us, together with
your family and friends, and receive a
special blessing in honor of this *Simcha*

From The Rabbis' Study...

Ma Nishtana – What's Up?

In case time has gotten away from you as it has from me, the end of March brings us once again to the second most observed Jewish holy day. Monday night, March 29th is Seder night. The two most observed Jewish practices are lighting Hanukkah candles and holding a Pesach Seder. The question becomes what kind of Seder do we hold? Whatever you can think of is what someone does. There are some who have no ritual besides asking the Five Questions. If you thought that there are only Four Questions, clearly you don't have anyone at your table who asks persistently, *When do we eat?* There are some who have both *matza* and bread at the Seder table. While I respect the choice to have a Seder, I know that the potential is far beyond what I have just described.

That is the reason for the title of my column. It contains a reference to a beer commercial (you know the brand) as well as to the idea that what is old can always be made new with a little bit of effort. The beer company wanted to refresh the brand by making it appear current and cool. I want to refresh the Seder by suggesting taking a new look at what we do and why. In other words, I want us to take control of what our Passover Seder looks like by making it personal, interactive, participatory and fluid. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Choose a good Haggadah. This is the play-book of the Seder. If you use something that you picked up for free in the supermarket, you get what you pay for. Use a book that has pictures, suggestions for longer or shorter Seders, parts for kids, transliterations of Hebrew, and explanations. Both the Conservative and Reform movements have really good *Haggadot*. I also recommend *The Family Haggadah* (haggadahrus.com).

2. Prepare a set of discussion questions that can take the place of reading paragraph after paragraph or that can supplement what you read. Consider:

- What was it like to be a slave in Egypt?
- What makes us slaves today?
- What was the most important object you took

with you from Egypt?

d. What does "freedom" mean to you? Has that meaning changed over time?

- Write your own verse for *Dayeinu*.

3. Leave time to say some form of Grace after Meals (Birkat HaMazon) or ask each person to share one thing that he/she is thankful for.

4. Sing Pesach songs. Almost every haggadah has songs in the back. You can find recordings on-line if you don't know the melodies. In particular, choose the counting songs that allow for children to participate by challenging each other or by making appropriate noises (*Chad Gadya*, *Echad Mi Yodea*, etc).

The idea is that there is never a reason that the Seder should be predictable or routine. Don't be afraid to make changes every year starting this year. Tradition tells us that we ought to see ourselves "as if we were slaves to Pharaoh and God brought us forth." If so, then we have so much to tell and never enough time to do so. May you have a fun and meaningful Seder and may the food be both plentiful and delicious.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach!
Rabbi Michael & Annette Goldstein



Preparing Our Homes And Our Souls For Passover



Pesach begins at the end of this month and it is time to get the leaven out! From 10 am Monday, March 29 until sundown on Tuesday, April 6 it is forbidden for Jews to eat, own, or derive benefit from *chametz*. *Chametz* is any food or beverage that contains wheat, barley, oat, spelt or rye that has come into contact with moisture and allowed to leaven or ferment. It is written in the book of Exodus, "You shall observe the feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt...No leaven (*chametz*) shall be found in your homes for seven days. For whoever eats what is leavened that person shall be cut off from the community of Israel."

The Rabbis identified leaven with the evil inclination, the urge that gives rise to wrong-doing. Philo, the great philosopher once said, "Just as leaven is banned because it is puffed up, we must ban self righteousness that puffs us up with false pride." By removing the leaven from our homes and from our lives, we symbolically express our desire to liberate ourselves from the corrupting influences which make us subservient to our passions and evil impulses. Thus, Pesach is not only a time to recall and celebrate our freedom from Egyptian bondage, but it is also a time to rejoice in our ability to free ourselves of those elements from within us that enslave.

There are four steps to follow for the complete removal of *chametz* prior to Pesach. The first step is *Bedikat Chametz*, the ceremonial search for leaven. The search is conducted by the light of a candle or a flashlight on the night before Pesach. By this time the house should have been thoroughly cleaned and little piles of *chametz* placed around the house to be found during the search. When *Bedikat Chametz* has been completed the following formula is recited: "May all leaven in my possession which I have not seen or removed be regarded as mere dust of the earth." This is the second step in the removal of *chametz* and is called *Bitul Chametz*. The third step is *Biur Chametz*, the burning of chametz. The fourth and final step in getting the leaven out is *Mechirat Chametz*, the selling of chametz. (For details on *Mechirat Chametz*, see page 8.)

While we are in the process of getting rid of all the crumbs in our kitchens, let us make sure that we have done what we can to get rid of the crumbs in our lives. As we begin the celebration of Passover, our souls should be pure and ready to begin on a new journey that is free of enslaving habits. Each year we have the opportunity to re-experience our redemption and then to rejoice by singing Hallelujah, praise the Lord. The meticulous observance of Passover and all of its rituals can add a very special dimension to our lives and help in the concretization of many important values. May this be a holiday on which we all can fully rejoice in our freedom from all that enslaves.

Chag Kasher u' Sameach.

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe



CANTOR'S NOTES

The Big Thaw

By Hazzan Marcia Lane

I know it's been freezing cold around here. I know it has snowed. A number of times! But somehow I don't feel winter. I feel spring. It started a few days ago, when I realized that, if I left my window shades up, the sun would wake me up at just the right time. Light. Light! Of course on the first day God said, "Let there be light!" Who would go about creating this and that in pitch darkness? The world craves light. Even night-active creatures actually crave light: why else would they have such huge eyes?!

Pesach happens in the month of *Nisan*, "*b'chodesh ha-Aviv*" — in the month of spring. It represents new beginnings, the hope for a future that is bright. Of all the *chagim*, this one has more songs than any other; more than Chanukah, more than Purim. Passover is a feast of song in several languages, in several different musical modes. There are more stories for Passover than for any other holiday. And the most important person at a Passover *seder* is not Moses (who isn't even named in a traditional haggadah), or Abraham or Pharaoh. The essential person at the *seder* is a child. Specifically, the youngest child with the capacity to ask questions. Because without the questions, we can't proceed with the story. Without the yearly recitation, "Mah nishtana?" — literally, "What is different?" — we have no reason to go on. The annual *seder* meal is referenced in Exodus, 12:1—22, but the description is bare-bones. Roast a lamb, banish all chometz, eat matzah together with bitter herbs. And then, in verse 26: "When your children ask you, 'What is this ritual to you?' you shall tell him, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, because He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but saved our houses.'"

The Torah assumes that there will be a child present, and that the child will ask! In the Mishnah account of the Passover *seder* the child is also there, watching a strange meal — food comes and is taken away! different objects are on the table, foods are dipped into salt water — and of course the child has questions. It's curious that we think of Chanukah or Purim as "kid stuff" but it's really Passover that caters to the attention, the questions, the imagination of a child. Even the tradition of saving the silly songs for the end of the *seder* serves to keep children hanging in there 'til the bitter end!

There is a story that a stranger, wandering through a small town, is invited to join at the *seder* of a childless couple. They treat him with such hospitality that he asks permission to bless the couple. "May next year's *seder* be "*ee-seder*" - without order!" Such a curious blessing! Shortly thereafter the woman becomes pregnant, and at the following year's Passover *seder* there is a child, reaching for things, disrupting the orderly progression of the *seder*, and generally livening up the joint. Too often we are focused on getting through everything—every word! — of the *seder*, without regard for the fun, the questions, the digressions that make it all worthwhile.

Chag Pesach Sameach v'Kasher. May all your *seders* be *ee-seder*—without order!

From the Desk of...

Alan Stern, TBT President

Let us not Forget

I was sitting in my office when the news came. February 17, 2010 started out as a cool but sunny day. The skies were clearing for the first time since the blizzard of 2010 and the day was showing promise. And, although the sky was bright, a black cloud rolled into my life when I heard that Anita Resnick passed away.

Anita was a matron of our former Beth Torah Community. Her husband, my friend, Jules, helped to build what is now known as the Roseld Avenue facility. Like Jules, Anita's heart and soul were in our community for most, if not all of her adult life. Anita and I occasionally didn't agree on some things. But as a great Jew and a great community lady, Anita always gave me and inspired in me a sense of mutual respect and esteem, bonded in the service of God and community. I think I speak for many people when I voice my deepest gratitude for the privilege of knowing Anita.

Anita took ill last year, amid the tumult of our unification. I did not get to see Anita in the last few months, partly because she was ill, and partly because I was totally immersed in the process that is bringing Torat El to reality. I deeply regret not being able to see Anita and to thank her for the privilege of her friendship. In her memory, I offer the following lessons that we can take from this profoundly sad loss.

First, let's be aware that life is short and can be taken from us at any time with no notice. Therefore, as James Taylor sang, shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel. Let's not wait for a funeral to realize that we are surrounded by great people and let's not be too busy to remember the people who are so important to us.

Second, let's know that, as Torat El becomes an amazing reality, we will disagree on a few things and tempers may even flare. But let's keep our disagreements constructive, respectful, and mindful that we are all in this together. It's very Jewish to disagree; it is equally Jewish to remain friends even when we disagree.

Finally, let us not forget who we are and why we are Torat El. Our synagogues have been communities of commitment for many generations. Let us be intensely mindful to keep both our ill and healthy brethren not only in our prayers, but also in our actions. Call a temple mate to say hi. Tell someone how much you appreciate them. Visit someone who's ill or down on their luck. Commit a random act of kindness toward a Torat El congregant. These things are easy to do, they have a lot of impact, and they don't hurt! Life is too short to wait to be nice. And a funeral is not the time to declare how much you liked someone.

From the core of my being I extend my heartfelt condolences to Jules, Steve & Diane, Karen & Bill, and Anita's incredible grandchildren. All of us at Torat El stand in your support at this painful moment. It is my heartfelt hope that Anita is looking down with pride on all of us as we work to make Torat El a very special community.

Fraternally,

Alan

From the Desk of...

Maddy Cohen, TBE President

Changing Hats to Build Community

Just as our Unification Agreement explained and our incoming Executive Board concurred, the time felt right to stop talking about it and get on with it. And so, a Nominating Committee comprised of past presidents and Board members selected candidates for Trustees in early January. At the beginning of March, the new Board will be seated, the Steering Committee will be dismantled, and at the end of this month the discharge of old governance and installation of new officers and Trustees will formally take place. Shabbat services on the 26th will mark this occasion as well as the official naming of Congregation Torat El. Finally!

Numerous committees, particularly Ritual and Rabbi Search, have been working together for a long time, disregarding heritage ties. Other committees in start-up find that focus is on task; all are thrilled to have more teammates. Those from “both sides” who have had the chance to work together have found levels of energy and commitment stronger than ever. All of us who are here know it’s because we really want to be. In the midst of our struggles last year at a TBE Executive Board meeting, past president Les Fromkin reminded everyone in the room to “keep your eyes on the prize.” Les, a guy who doesn’t mince words, was speaking of course, about unification, about not getting distracted by minutiae. The upcoming installation is one more step toward that prize.

Committee development is crucial. We are shopping for a Social Action Chair and members for this important committee. Mitzvah Day is a cornerstone of this committee’s work. While the purpose of this committee is to do good through empowerment, only those passionate about activism relating to community needs, the disenfranchised and natural disasters are fulfilled by it. So, it’s quite a unique niche.

We also seek a Chair and members for our Israel Affairs committee, as we are eligible for a \$3,000 grant from United Synagogue if we can submit a proposal for an Israel education program by March 22. If you have a keen interest in Israel, this may be just right for you.

Our very important Sunshine & Hesed Committee has a Chair but always seeks to expand! This all-important committee not only visits the sick, it will deliver Kosher Shabbat meals to congregants just home from the hospital. The meals will be funded by our congregant-supported “Helayne Berger Helping Hands Fund.” As you can imagine, the committee requires several members so that no one would have meal deliveries more than once a month.

Torat El also needs team members for Membership Outreach, Membership Retention, Fundraising, Special Events, Programming, Adult Education, Marketing & PR committees. Each is unique and important to how fruitfully our new congregation will thrive. “Voice of the Shore,” this latest incarnation of our bulletin, is also looking to expand its team. Call the Roseld Ave. office if you are interested. Our Executive Director has descriptions of what each group does, so if you’d like information, please contact the office at 732-531-4410.

Every committee Chair reports to an Executive Board member who also provides guidance, support and some good ideas. No one gets pushed out on an ice floe here! We’re building community and our goal is to make sure it’s enjoyable for all who volunteer their precious time. Remember too, that joining a committee is a steppingstone toward becoming a trustee if you want to test the waters of synagogue governance.

As the new Torat El Board moves forward, we phase out the TBE and TBT Boards. Some congregants leave formal positions of synagogue leadership they have served in with great devotion for many years. We owe them ample gratitude; they gave many of their best years to us.

I also say farewell as the last president of Temple Beth El. Temple Beth El was founded in Asbury Park in 1922, and I am honored to be a part of its history. Just prior to my installation more than a year ago, the Steering Committee advised me of its intent to pursue unification for our two Conservative synagogues. I threw my long-term agenda out the window and concentrated solely on this goal. Now we can build as one community, and for me personally, although our garden is just being planted, I know the roses that will bloom in it one day will be strong, healthy and beautiful.

As I segue into the early days of Torat El’s history, I don a new hat as executive vice president. I’ll be helping to develop a brand identity for us and create a presence for Torat El’s new rabbi in and beyond the Shore area. I am thrilled that finally we can get down to the real work of what I had hoped to do last year – build community by building up committees, each doing what it does best, all interconnected, each connected to the congregation, supporting needs and aspirations. I can’t wait to see their work unfold here in these pages. Special events, programming, membership initiatives, technology updates, our first unified High Holy Days... we have so much to look forward to.

If *you* haven’t tried on a new “hat” lately, we have a colorful assortment right here at Torat El that may coordinate nicely with your hopes and dreams. All are way more substantial than anything the Emperor commissioned with his new clothes. Come try on a few and choose your favorite. ~

The Members of Torat El Join Together For Passover Services

Moses said to Pharaoh:

"Let my people go so that we may serve our G-d."

Today we don't need to ask Pharaoh. All we need to do is come to our synagogue!

The First Day of Passover Tuesday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m. At Monmouth Road

The morning after the first seder is a great time to come to synagogue to celebrate our freedom. A special prayer for dew, the Hallel Psalms, reading from two Torah scrolls and chanting the prayers to the festival melodies all add up to a true expression of joy in the freedom to be Jewish.

The Second Day of Passover Wednesday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. At Roseld Ave.

How fortunate we are to have a second chance to celebrate our freedom by gathering to pray, study Torah and eat macaroons at the beginning of the festival.

Shabbat Chol HaMo-ed of Passover Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. At Roseld Ave.

Erev Seventh Day of Passover Sunday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. At Roseld Ave.

The Seventh Day of Passover Monday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. At Monmouth Road

On this day with a special reading from the Torah we relive the experience of the parting of the Sea of Reeds. With this day we begin the crescendo with which we end the week of Passover.

Erev Eighth Day of Passover Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Yizkor Service at 8:00 p.m. At Monmouth Road

We begin the concluding day of the Festival of Pesach at night. For those who are not able to come for Yizkor during the day we will be conducting an alternative Yizkor service on this night.

The Eighth Day of Passover Tuesday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. Yizkor Service at 11:15 a.m. At Roseld Ave.

We conclude the Festival of Pesach with songs and prayer! On this day we take time to recall our loved ones who are no longer with us.

Siyyum Bechorim

Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

**Monday, March 29 at 7:30 a.m.
Roseld Avenue**

According to Jewish law, all Jews who are the first born children of either their father or mother should fast on the day before Passover as an expression of thanks for the deliverance of the first born children of the ancient Israelites from the angel of death. However, individuals who are obligated to fast are exempted from fasting if they have the opportunity to participate in a **seudat mitzvah**, a festive meal that follows the performance of certain mitzvot. Therefore, it has become customary for synagogues, on the day before Passover, to make a **siyyum**, a public completion unit of study, which is followed by a **seudat mitzvah**, thus exempting the first born participants from their obligation to fast. The siyyum will be preceded by the morning minyan and followed by a feast with lots of delicious chametz. Study and feast is held in memory of Esther and Ed Deitelbaum and is sponsored by their family. All are welcome to join us even if you are not a first born.



Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it has become customary to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to insure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple on or before Friday, March 26.

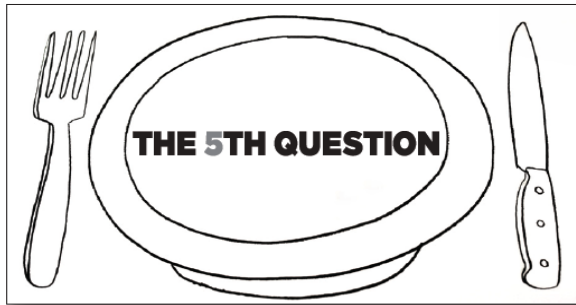
Dear Rabbi Goldstein,

I/we _____ (name) would like to appoint you as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at:

_____ on Monday, March 29. This sale will be effective at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29.

Signed _____

THIS PASSOVER, ASK AND ANSWER



**WHY ON THIS NIGHT ARE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE GOING HUNGRY?
BECAUSE ON THIS NIGHT, LIKE EVERY OTHER NIGHT,
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.**

This Passover, as you gather to retell the story of our people's freedom from bondage, help re-write the stories of others less fortunate. Donate what you would have spent to invite one more person to your Seder table. This Passover, don't just say the blessings, share them.

DONATE TODAY

Mail: MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER
PO Box 894765
Los Angeles, CA 90189-4765
Online: mazonpassover.org
Phone: 1 800 813-0557



Available at Congregation Torat El !!!!

A Passover Haggadah
& CD

For Families with
Young Children

compiled by
Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

Add a new dimension to your Seder
with this Haggadah and CD.

Sample copies are available
in the Monmouth Road Office.
Copies can be purchased for \$3. each
and will be available in time for Passover.
The accompanying CD
is also available for \$3. each.

Hosting a Seder? In need of a Seder? Let us know!

Many members of our congregation host a first and/or second night Seder. And, there are other members of our community who have no one to share a seder experience with.

Perhaps you have plans to have a Seder at your home and would like to host someone who has no seder plans.

Perhaps you would like to participate in a Seder, but have nowhere to go.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Pam at the Roseld Ave. office. We don't want anyone to be alone for the holiday.

___ I/We would be happy to invite up to ___ guests to the first Seder.

___ I/ We would be happy to invite up to ___ guests to the second Seder.

___ I/We need a place to go for the first Seder. ___ # of people

___ I/We need a place to go for the second Seder. ___ # people

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Congregation Torat El
1200 Roseld Avenue, Ocean, NJ
Sisterhood & Men's Club presents
a special event:



Passover talk and book signing
300 Ways to Enhance Your Seder!

Based on the new book:
300 WAYS TO ASK THE FOUR QUESTIONS:
FROM ZULU TO ABHKAZ

Foreword by Theodore Bikel

Sunday March 7, 2010, 9 am ~ A light breakfast will be served.

Find out how to create an unforgettable seder!

MEET THE AUTHORS for a TALK & BOOK SIGNING
MURRAY SPIEGEL & RICKEY STEIN

Dr. Murray Spiegel and Rickey Stein present the fascinating and humorous account of their 25-year project to obtain translations of the Seder's Four Questions from hundreds of people around the globe: Jews from Uganda to Uzbekistan, aboriginals in Australia, Eskimo Bishops, Maori from New Zealand, and experts of ancient languages. Their illustrated multimedia presentation includes several of the more unusual translations, sampling images from their 120 countries of origin. They cover cultural nuggets from other lands, the Seder's history and unexpectedly exotic languages spoken by Jews and their melodic chants. *This remarkable project has the largest number of languages for any Jewish ritual.*



Make your Seder more entertaining and educational! Murray and Rickey share fun parodies, quizzes and games, and explain how this amazing book connects youngsters to their family's genealogy, current events, and Jewish cultures throughout the world. In the "Foreword," Theodore Bikel raves with "great delight" for this book. See Hieroglyphics from the time of the Exodus, hear languages spoken by just six people, enjoy how Shakespeare (or Donald Duck . . . or a Klingon!) would say the Four Questions, "wave" them in authentic Hebrew Semaphore. For more information, visit



WhyIsThisNight.com and learn even more!

With a passion for Judaism, Passover and language, speech researcher Dr. Murray Spiegel and pharmacist/ language enthusiast Rickey Stein have reputations for innovative Seders; Murray's were the topic of a PBS show and both were featured in *The New York Times*. Murray has led over 30 Seders – no two alike. Enjoy their infectious enthusiasm and learn how to make your next Seder the most fun and interesting it's ever been.



Our Synagogue Families

Baruch Dayan Emet

The Temple family mourns the loss of **Anita Resnick**, and send condolences to her husband, Jules, and children Karen Raby and Steven Resnick

The Temple family extends condolences to:

Dan Markowitz on the loss of his mother, Sylvia

Steve Berkowitz on the loss of his father, Manny

Irv Kullback on the loss of his sister, Elaine Stiftel

Mazel Tov to:

Neal Yaffe on receiving a 4.0 in his first semester as a freshman at the University of Maryland.

Jessica Linick who is engaged to Joshua Levine. Jessica is the daughter of Deborah and Bruce Linick.

Len Rokaw on his retirement from the Deal Lake Commission after serving in many capacities including Chairman and Vice-Chairman for over 25 years.

Jay-Ann and Harvey Shooman on the birth of their grandson Jacob Evan. Proud parents, Holly and Adam Rosenfeld.

Refuah Shleima

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

Bob Grill, John Kelly, Jill Zwick, Eva Wiener

Welcome home to **Sally Rose** after a very long hospital and rehab stay!

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA ON HIATUS

This March 5, many congregations across the United States and Canada will celebrate Shabbat across America, separately but "together." Sponsored by National Jewish Outreach Program, last year's SAA experienced 566 congregations worshipping and sharing Shabbat dinner on the same evening with their congregants, marginally affiliated members and unaffiliated members of their local Jewish communities, all across North America.

This year, in the Torat El community, we have had to make the difficult decision to skip Shabbat Across America until next year. Many of us who have come to anticipate this annual celebration of communal Shabbat underscoring the unity of our people and our wholehearted commitment to *Ahavat Yisrael* may be disappointed, but, timing is everything.

Our congregation held two community Shabbat dinners in February because of rabbi audition weekends, and we will be holding another on March 12. With this in mind, it was determined that holding a fourth paid-dinner event within a one month period is too much of a financial burden on our families. So, we hope putting Shabbat Across America on hiatus this year is a practical decision that everyone understands. Next year, Torat El will be able to celebrate it with vigor!



TODAH RABAH!

My sincere appreciation for the many generous and thoughtful cards, contributions, and prayers by so many of our Temple family. Surely your thoughtfulness and kind wishes helped me toward healing. On behalf of Howard and my entire family THANK YOU!

Eva Wiener

NEW FEATURE!! OP-ED SPOT INVITES CONGREGANTS TO PEN YOUR THOUGHTS

"Voice of the Shore" is not meant to merely deliver news to you. It's also a vehicle for congregants to discuss concerns, present information and share reminiscences with the Torat El community.

Until our email address is changed to reflect our Torat El identity, please send an email to bulletin@bethtorah.com indicating the topic you wish to write about and we will advise you of availability of space in each upcoming issue and provide deadline information.

We hope that as time goes on, this feature will become our congregational "soapbox" and thoughtful submissions will become a popular feature in the "Voice." ~

Café & Conversation...With Bernie Karasic



Here in our "*Kaffeehaus*" we can share a few quiet moments and get acquainted over a cup of coffee. Purim may be over, but the joys of Adar continue through mid-March. So, it's still apropos, as we welcome in Bernard Karasic, for him to dream of his maternal grandmother's *hamantaschen* while he quaffs his hot black java.

Bernie describes her unusual Kiev recipe as tri-corner Danish pastries filled with *mohn*, sweetened poppy seed filling. Occasionally, prune jam would substitute. "There was nothing like them," he reminisces. (If anyone has such a recipe, please contact the office so we can bake a batch for Bernie!)

Bernie served as president of Temple Beth El from 1975 through 1978, a critical point in the congregation's transition from Asbury Park to Oakhurst. "We bought the lot in the early 70's and started construction in '71-'72," Bernie explains. "I was vice president and very active on the building committee. When we moved in, we weren't finished with the building. The first year of my term, I took over [for the sitting president] and handled the rest of the construction," he relates. He was elected to serve a full term following that first crazy year.

As in any transition, there was drop-off in the congregation, Bernie says. "Some wanted to stay in Asbury. We really had quite a complex there." Envisioning the future is always a challenge, he admits, but the congregation was committed to its new home.

Bernie's younger daughter Lisa was the first *bat mitzvah* in the new sanctuary, which was far from complete. "We put folding chairs on the cement floors, and then we'd move the chairs out after the weekend so the construction workers could continue their work," Bernie explains, as someone's who'd literally been there from the ground up. When the biggest decision that has to be made is a color scheme, just imagine what it was like with no carpet.

But, we're jumping the gun. Asbury Park born and bred, Bernie served in the Pacific Theater with the Navy during World War II, aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Bonhomme Richard*. A proud alumnus of Ursinus College in the Valley Forge/King of Prussia area outside Philadelphia, Bernie studied business and political science in preparation for law. He later went to Seton Hall University Law School and would ultimately build a career in commercial real estate and land use and development. But again, let's not jump the gun.

While Bernie was getting his general law practice up and running in Asbury, local matchmaker Toby Stevens was walking her fingers through The Yellow Pages. It seems that young married Shore resident Judy Emhoff was awaiting a visit from her single sister, Renee Posner, from Maplewood. Judy and Renee's parents thought a weekend down the Shore would be a perfect getaway for Renee while on a weekend break from elite women's college Cedar Crest in Allentown PA. But, Renee had to have a "proper" date.

So, matchmaker Toby was consulted. She decided a nice lawyer would be appropriate. She did what any enterprising matchmaker would do – she consulted The Yellow Pages. When Bernie's listing jumped off the page, it was an "a-ha" moment; Toby already knew Bernie. She felt certain "I would make a great date for Renee," Bernie explains matter-of-factly. The match "took;" they married a year later and will celebrate their 53rd anniversary this July.

Raising a family (he and Renee also have an older daughter, Donna) while he built his Asbury Park law firm into a commercial law and land use development practice, Bernie worked with his younger brother Harold. He grew his staff to nine lawyers and 20 support personnel. In 1971, he built the Poplar Brook Building on Monmouth Road and moved his practice there -- just down the street from the site of Temple Beth El – which explains how Bernie was able to keep his eye on the construction of the building. Bernie is the man behind the building, so to speak.

Sadly, Bernie's brother Harold passed away at age 47, in 1982. Bernie ran his practice in the Poplar Brook Building for almost 30 years, dissolving the firm in 2000. For the past decade he has practiced in West Long Branch, dueting with Arnold Levin, limiting his work for select clients in commercial real estate, land use development, planning, and zoning. More recently, Bernie's sister Eleanor Gould has returned to the Shore area and has also become a Torat El congregant.

Bernie offers perspective on the challenge that Congregation Torat El faces as unification proceeds. "The move from Asbury was a very exciting time for us," he recounts. "Problems we faced then were the exact problems TBE and TBT faced in deciding to unify -- perhaps not so acute, but similar." Bernie explains, "Some of us came to the realization that we couldn't continue the way we were, despite our roster of congregants. It was becoming apparent that our Conservative TBE congregation wouldn't continue to exist forever on its own. Demographics had begun to change – and this was 40 years ago!"

"Now you're faced with 'What will happen here?' because we're not building out at the Shore, people aren't flocking in, the Sephardic community has established a strong base, so we [Conservative Jews] have to keep working at it, to make what we have last," he muses. Bernie observes that many young people are flocking to Modern Orthodoxy while Conservative Jews are being drawn to "the Chabadniks – those guys are smart," referring to marketing techniques employed by Chabad. But a bright note, he says, is that even his alma mater, Ursinus College, founded by the German Reformed Church (now the United Church of Christ), has a Hillel chapter. "If someone told me that could ever happen!" Bernie laughs at the enlightenment on campus.

"We can't do anything [about the community around us]," Bernie says, "and the unification doesn't contribute to the *growth* of Conservative Judaism *per se*, but *why* we're doing it – it's to ensure that we've done our best to make a future for our kids." Bernie's take on things is that quality, not quantity, will keep us strong, and he feels our new rabbi will have to rise to the challenge of making us strong. That is exactly what Torat El's marketing plan will count on to draw unaffiliated families and reach out to new families from farther afield.

History has great meaning to this man who has seen the world change so much in his lifetime. As for the synagogue community in which he has played such a vital role, he offers these words: "What we're doing may be distasteful to some, but it must be done. I hope the result is a renewed Conservative congregation that will last much, much longer than either could have on its own." Such would be a fitting legacy for this congregational president who saw the handwriting on the wall forty years ago. ~ Maddy Cohen

NEXT MONTH: Myron Samuel

Update from the Rabbi Search Committee...

You can be a part of the future of Torat El!

Attend Shabbat services and observe the rabbis that are being considered for our congregation. Your comments will be considered by the search committee. This is your chance to be a part of the process of selecting our new rabbi.

If you have been unable to attend our candidate adult ed sessions and open forums, please visit the following link to read candidate biographies and see the videos...

<http://www.bethtorah.com/rabbisearch>

Complete the following form and return to the Roseld Avenue address if you would like to attend dinner after the service on Friday, March 12th.

Rabbi Search Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 12, 2010 ~ 6 pm service followed by dinner
At the Roseld Avenue location

Adults (14 and up) - \$20; Children (7-13) - \$14; Children (3-6) - \$8
Children 2 and under—free; Maximum per family—\$70

*Please make checks payable to TBT and mail to: 1200 Roseld Avenue, Ocean, NJ 07712
By March 5, 2010*

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Adults @ \$20 _____ #Children @ \$14 _____ #Children @ \$8 _____ #Children under 2 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Dear Fellow Congregants,

L'DOR V'DOR – From Generation to Generation. So too shall it be at the Jersey Shore as we combine our two Conservative synagogues into one. We will be creating a single stronger Jewish Conservative movement for us, our children and our children's children. On Friday March 26, 2010 we will officially name **Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center** and will establish the mantle of leadership. Come celebrate with us as we install the new officers and trustees who will lead our Congregation into the future. At that time we will also honor and thank our outgoing officers and Trustees who served both Temple Beth Torah and Temple Beth El during the past year. A beautiful Oneg dessert reception is planned and will be served after services.

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES - FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010 – 7:30 PM ~ ROSELD AVE. LOCATION

We encourage you to come and bring your family and friends. Please call the office (732) 531-4410 or email Pam at pcardullo@bethtorah.com to let us know if you can attend, so we can plan an accurate count for the Oneg.

Steve Fineberg
Richie Marlieb
Co-Chairmen Installation Committee



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



March Mini-Minyan and Junior Congregation Schedule

Mini-Minyan: Mar. 20 at Logan Rd.

9:30-10:30 – Children up to and including Kindergarten (w/ Parent)

10:30-11:30 – Students in Grades 1 & 2

Junior Congregation for Students in Grades 3-7 (10:15 A.M.):

Mar. 6 10:15 at Monmouth Road

Mar. 13 10:15 at Logan Road

Mar. 20 10:15 at Logan Road

Mar. 27 No Junior Congregation

Mark Your Calendars:

Fri. Mar. 12

Sun. Mar. 14

Sun. Mar. 21

Sun. Mar. 21

Mon. Mar. 22

Sun. Mar 28-Tues. Apr. 6

Mon. Apr. 7

5th Grade Friday Night Service at Logan Road (6 P.M.)

7th Grade/High School Trip

Model Seders for Ganon/Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grades

4th and 5th Grade Family Education Workshop

Model Seders for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades

No Religious School – Spring/Passover Break

Religious School Resumes

Please note: The 4th Grade Family Education Workshop, originally scheduled for Feb. 21, has been postponed to March 21 !!



Call the synagogue offices to leave a message for the instructor to let him or her know that you are interested in the class.

Monmouth Road: (732) 531-0300 ~ Roseld Avenue: (732) 531-4410

We Gotta Get Out Of This Place!

Exodus: A New Look At An Old Book

Sunday Mornings from 10-11 am in the Roseld Avenue library

Dramatic narrative, character development, the underpinnings of Jewish law, and the emergence of our people as a People — Exodus has it all. Join *Cantor Siegel* and dig deep into the meaning, the sources, the commentaries old and new, and the relevance of this book to the 21st century.

Conversational Hebrew For Beginners with Cantor Lane

Some grammar, some vocabulary, and some chat!

An ongoing user-friendly look at the ins and outs of the Hebrew language

Wednesdays at Monmouth Road ~ 2:00-3:00 pm

Lunch & Learn with Cantor Lane

Saturday, March 20, 11:30 am at Monmouth Road



From Liturgy to Midrash to Jewish Ethics to Parshat HaShavua

Contact *Cantor Lane* at 732-531-0300 ext. 2 or via email at tbehazanlane@optonline.net for more details

Mon. Morning Class: 10:00-11:30 am ~ at Monmouth Rd. library
Women of the Bible and other Jewish heroines

Thurs. Evening Class: 8:00- 9:30 pm ~ at Monmouth Road library
Shabbat Laws, Customs, and Rituals

On Becoming a Bat Mitzvah By Rebecca Barabas

On March 6, I will follow in the tradition of thousands before me as I become a Bat Mitzvah. For the past nine and a half years I have been coming to the synagogue to learn about Judaism—all in preparation for this occasion and my life as a Jewish woman. I have learned to read Hebrew, to understand holidays and stories from the Bible, and to conduct myself as a good Jew.

Part of the preparation of becoming a Bat Mitzvah is choosing a mitzvah project—something to do that will help others. What I decided to do was to volunteer at the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education Center on Brookdale campus.

As a Jew, the Holocaust has been very important to me. Like all students, I have learned about this time in school, but to me it has been closer to the heart—not just the massacre of “those people” but the massacre of *my* people. One of the admirable things the Center does is to not only inform people about the Holocaust, but also to try to inform people about other genocides and prevent these atrocities.

I am doing various things at the Center, everything from labeling envelopes to organizing books. The Center relies on volunteers, and I am proud to be one of them.

As a Bat Mitzvah I intend to continue to carry on my responsibilities as a Jew and volunteer in my community. To learn more about the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education Center and its programs, visit:

www.holocaustbcc.org.



Bar Mitzvah Project

Hi, I'm **Joey Poznak** and my Bar Mitzvah is March 20, 2010. My mitzvah project consisted of saving all of my old baseball cleats, soccer cleats, basketball sneakers, soccer balls, footballs, and used clothing. I brought everything to Jewish Family and Children's Services in Asbury Park.

I am very fortunate because I always have new clothes, cleats, and equipment. There are many children who aren't in the same situation I am. I wanted to give them the opportunity to have used things to participate in sports with. Sports are very important to me, especially soccer. It felt very satisfying to be able to donate to people less fortunate than myself.



Ocean Usy & Kadima USY

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 CHANGE OF DATE
PINBALL MUSEUM IN ASBURY PARK
12 -2 pm \$10 LUNCH INCLUDED
SATURDAY, MARCH 20
REGIONAL PROM – SCOTCH PLAINS

KADIMA
SUNDAY, MARCH 7 CHANGE OF DATE
PINBALL MUSEUM IN ASBURY PARK
12 -2 pm \$10 LUNCH INCLUDED
MARCH 12 -14
REGIONAL 8TH GRADE SHABBATON

PRE-KADIMA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 6-7 pm
SCAVENGER HUNT
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN
CONTACT ABBY SCHEER, YOUTH ADVISOR (732-531-7543)

**Join Shore Area Hazak for a
zissen Pesach celebration at our
not-so-traditional
CHOCOLATE SEDER**
Thursday, March 11th - 1:00pm
Roseld Avenue location



There will be no charge to Hazak members for this program. Guests will be charged \$5.

**Kindly RSVP by March 1st to the
Roseld Ave. office at 732-531-4410 or
by email to hazak@bethtorah.com**



Sisterhood Chai Lites

Sisterhood, what is Sisterhood?

Your Sisterhood is affiliated with the Women's League of Conservative Judaism. We bring together women of the congregation for a dynamic combination of service, fellowship, fundraising, and of course, fun! Don't miss the opportunity to take part in some of the wonderful activities that Sisterhood has to offer. Come to meetings, come to special events, meet the women of your Sisterhood. Whether you have children in Preschool, are preparing for a B'nai Mitzvah, have grown children, are a young single person or even a grandmother, Sisterhood is a way to stay connected. Connect to your heritage, to community and to all the Jewish women around the world.

For more information, please contact me at: sisterhood@bethtorah.com or you can reach me personally at 848-466-9222. Gidget Friedman, Sisterhood President

Executive Board:

We are happy to announce the proposed slate for the 2010-2011 Sisterhood Executive Board, Congregation Torat El.

President: Judy Solomon

Financial Secretary: Robin Bauer

Vice President: Carol Klein

Corresponding Secretary: Fran Meyer

Vice President: Carri Silverberg

Recording Secretary: Janet Attner

Vice President: Leslie Smigler

Treasurer: Bonnie Zimmerman

Vice President: Denise Mark

Thank you to the following nominating committee members: **Tina Chester, Ina Brustein, Sheila Morris, Vikki Leibowitz, and Fran Meyer.** I would like to give a special "Thank You" to **Gayle Ardakanian** and **Phyllis Schwarz** for chairing the 2010 - 2011 Congregation Torat El Sisterhood. Todah Rabah ladies! We are on our way to a wonderful new and exciting year!

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped make this another successful year with our Shalach Manot Purim Baskets. This is truly a labor of love. There is so much behind the scenes that goes into this, from preparing the order form, distribution of forms, finding the perfect container that will hold all our goodies, to buying all the goodies, to the labor-intensive process of inputting all the data from the forms into the computer. Then the girls have to orchestrate the day, schlep the stuff, and get the volunteers to help with the baskets. None of this would come together without two ladies--I would like to say a big "Todah Rabah"--thank you--to **Elaine Schreiber** and **Elynn Shapiro.**

Not to be forgotten are all the ladies who helped volunteer with the putting together the actual baskets. Also to Marion Warshauer who always makes our deliveries easy with all her great attention to detail with the directions to homes and maps to guide our way. Thank you to all of you-- "Todah Rabah"!

My Hamentaschen ladies--**Carri Silverberg, Stacy Kless** and **Tammi Horowitz.** These women are the hands and hearts behind the Annual Bake-A-Thon. They orchestrate the day from ingredients, to dough, to rolling, to filling, pinching, packing, and counting. The ladies start at 8 am and finish around 1 pm. We could not do this without the ladies who mix the ingredients, roll and fill the dough, pinch it into its traditional shape, count the cookies and pack the Hamentaschen. I would be remiss if I did not mention a certain gentleman and Men's club member, **Bruce Silverberg.** He helps us every year to lift, open, and take heavy trays out. Thank you Bruce, you are wonderful! Some of the Hamentaschen will travel to our college kids, a little taste of home if you will. They will be served at our Megillah Reading, our Saturday Kiddushes, Purim Carnival, where we will share the day with visitors from "ARC," the Senior Center, and Seabrook. Whew!!! "Todah Rabah" ladies. Did I mention we make approximately 3,200 of these little babies. These little bundles of warm Haman's Hat fill the air with the sweet smell of the holiday of Purim. There is also the laughter of ladies coming together to share in the holiday spirit and Jewish heritage. If you have never experienced this, it is something to see. If you couldn't be with us this year try to come out for next year, we would love to have you. There is always more room in our SH kitchen.

Temple Grams: To send a gram (\$5.00 each, checks payable to TBT Sisterhood) call Beverle at 732-493-1595.

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Thursday, April 22, 2010
7:30 pm

Congregation Torat El Social Hall, Roseld Avenue

If you were unable to attend when they spoke to us a year ago,
make it a point to attend this most informative evening.

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who participated in making our first ever "**Vashti's Banquet**", the huge success it was. It was an evening celebrating women there was food, fun and friendship. We learned the ancient art of belly dancing, the art of Henna, ancient biblical beauty secrets, and of course enjoyed a delicious meal from the Middle East. We even had a little learning...we learned who, and what was all about this Queen Vashti, as well as the many Jewish women through the centuries whose bravery reflected her legacy.

Thank you to **Pam Cardullo** for without you this could not have happened, from the beautiful Invitations, to the food connections she has, been my right hand and my strength to get all things done. To **Judy** thank you for keeping me going...to **Toby** who helped in all the planning and preparations. To our wonderful speaker, **Roz Reisner**. To those who helped with making our room so beautiful and setting and cleaning up. This event as all SH events come together with the help of many hands, both on the front lines and behind the scenes. Todah Rabah, great job and I love you all!

Gidget, Vashti Chairperson



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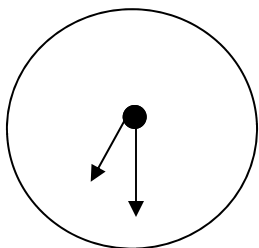
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March 8

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Arnold Burstein
Ellen Burstein
Harriet Carchman
Maddy and Bob Cohen
Harriet and Max Colby
Susan Cooper
Allen Davidow
Abbe and Steve Deitch
Pam and Larry Dobrin
Ruth Eder
Jill and Adam Eisenberg

March 15

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Belina and Bill Grill
Harriet Haddad
Ed Hersh
Karen and Arthur Hodes
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Barbara and Robert Isaacson
Gail and Roy Kallens
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Cheryl Kleiner
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Lynne Kraft
Joan and Ira Kreizman

March 22

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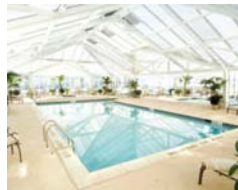
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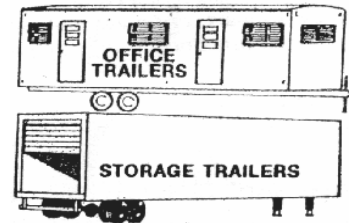
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March 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am | 2 Board of Trustees Mtg Roseld Ave. 7pm | 3 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm Pre-Kadima Go Green 6pm | 4 TBT Sisterhood Bd Mtg Roseld Ave. 7:45pm Biblical Personalities w/Rabbi Goldstein – Roseld Ave. 8pm Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm | 5 Candle Lighting 5:33pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Birthday Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm | 6 Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Barabas Roseld Ave 9am Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 9am |
| 7 Sisterhood/Mens Club Passover Program 9am Roseld Ave Coffee House Concert with Cantor Siegel 7pm Roseld Ave | 8 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am USY Go Green 8pm | 9 | 10 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm Kadima Go Green 6pm | 11 Hazak Chocolate Seder 1pm Roseld Ave | 12 Candle Lighting 5:41pm <i>Rabbi Search Weekend</i> 5 th Grade Shabbat Service followed by Shabbat Dinner – Roseld Ave. 6pm | 13 <i>Rabbi Search Weekend</i> Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush Luncheon – Roseld Ave 9am |
| 14 <i>Rabbi Search Weekend</i> Education Session & Open Forum – Roseld Ave 11am Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am | 15 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am | 16 Executive Board Mtg Roseld Ave 7pm TBE Sisterhood Lunch Monmouth Rd 12pm | 17 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm | 18 Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm | 19 Candle Lighting 6:48pm Schmoozin 5:30pm Musical Shabbat Service Roseld Ave 6pm Traditional Shabbat Service Monmouth Rd 8pm | 20 Shabbat Services at both locations 9am Lunch and Learn with Cantor Lane following srvc at Monmouth Rd B/M of Joe Poznak 6:15pm HAVDALAH Roseld Ave |
| 21 Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Family Ed 4 th Grade 9am Model Seder G/K, 1, 2 Sisterhood Mahjong Tournament 12:30pm Roseld Ave | 22 Jewish Women w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 10am Model Seder 3 rd -7 th Grade | 23 | 24 Conversational Hebrew w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 2pm | 25 Shabbat Rituals w/Cantor Lane Monmouth Rd 8pm | 26 Candle Lighting 5:25pm Shabbat Service & Congregation Torat El Board of Trustees Installation and Official Temple Naming Ceremony followed by dessert reception – Roseld Ave 7:30pm | 27 Shabbat Services at both locations 9am |
| 28 No Religious School Exodus w/Cantor Siegel Roseld Ave 10am Men's Club Board Mtg 9am Roseld Ave | 29 No Religious School AM Minyan (Siyyum) Roseld Ave 8am Erev Pesach – First Seder NO PM MINYAN | 30 Pesach I Pesach Service at Monmouth Rd 9am No Religious School NO PM MINYAN | 31 Pesach II Pesach Service at Roseld Ave 9am PM Minyan at Monmouth Rd 7:30pm No Religious School | | | |