

Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

## Adar / Nisan 5772

## March 2012

Weekday Mornings Sunday: 8:30 am Monday-Friday: 8 am Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning Services 9 am

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Congregation Torat El Family Friday Nights : A Shabbat To Renew, Rejoice & Relax

Do you have children? Have you had a long week? Are you looking for a way to bring a little bit of Shabbat into your life? Then come and take a break by joining us for an evening of supper, schmoozing, and spirituality! These family friendly services will feature songs, a story, prayer, and companionship, plus a wonderful Shabbat dinner to follow! Come as you are!! Don't worry about getting dressed up! Bring your family and friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you!

## Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm

Please note that this service runs <u>in addition</u> to our regular 6:30pm service

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER TO FOLLOW BOTH THE TRADITIONAL AND FAMILY SERVICE APPX. 7:15PM

## PLEASE JOIN US

#### Dinner Reservation for Friday, March 23, 2012

Please return to the Temple office, 301 Monmouth Rd Oakhurst, NJ 07755 by March 16th.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_

# Adults @ \$15 \_\_\_\_ # Children 13 and under @ \$9 \_\_\_\_

\$40 per family Max

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## **MUCH MORE INSIDE!**

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## Shabbat Evening Services A Choice for the members of our Congregation

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Instrumental Musical Service

6:30pm

Family Friday Nights Fourth Friday of each month

Family Service and Dinner

6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Second & Fourth Friday of each month

> Traditional Service 2nd Friday - 8:00pm 4th Friday - 6:30pm

Yahrzeits are honored at Friday night services prior to the Yahrzeit date.

## March Service Announcements...

Friday, March 2, 2012

Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm Instrumental Musical Service Candles 5:31 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Jane and Garry Grabelle

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Lillian Adler, Beatrice Belicove, Jacob Benofsky, Esther Brown, Abby J. Deitch, Lillian Drimmer Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Jeanne Feldman, Sylvia Fisher, Gertrude Flato, Roslyn Gaber, Clara Garr, Julia Greenblatt Flora Gurman, Albert Kahn, Rona Kalika, Kenneth E. Kouri, Samuel Kreizman, Adolph "Al" Krongold, Ed Kronisch Cindi Ledwitz, Frances Lefton, Morris Levitan, Joseph Lippman, Arnold Lipschitz, Maxwell Margulis, Paula Popok Kate Poretzky, Natalie Rabkin, Fishel Reuben, Molly Rosenstein, Malcolm Rosenthal, Rose Rothberg, Anne Schnur Matthew Schwatzman, Blanche Segerman, Rachelle Sherman, Louis Sobel, Syble Wolf

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Parsha: Shemot 27:20-30:10 Bar Mitzvah of Sam Hanna ~9:00 am Haftarah: Shmuel 1 15:1-34

#### Friday, March 9, 2012

#### Erev Shabbat Services 8:00 pm

Candles 5:38 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Marcy and Steven Cohen, Paula and Louis Eliscu, Vicki and Steve Fineberg Karen and Paul Friedman, Emily and David Kaplan, Sheila and Barry Margulis, Aileen and Mark Woloshin

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: William Abramson, Bessie Albert, Stanley Joel Anderman, Jacob Anschelewitz, Mildred Berlin Mildred Brasovankin, Fred Brown, Harry Cowen, Nancy Jacobs Crapo, Aaron Cyderowitz, Ida Dorfman Chaim Feldman, William Friedman, Edward Greenblatt, Jacob Hausner, Rose Hoffman, Joan Kahn, Manya Kahn Sam Kaplan, Max Kasson, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Benjamin Maron, George Milstein, Feiga Mortkowicz Rose Reich, Irwin Rosen, Anna Samuels, Helen Jennie Schneider, Louis Schwartz, Robert Semel, Lucille Shapiro Esther Skora, Hyman Skora, Ira Vineburg, Eva Vorchin, Pauline Vos, Sigmund L. Weinstein, Joseph Weissman Gertrude Weller, Lottie Wirth, Jack Woda, Esther Zalusky

#### Saturday, March 10, 2012 Parasha: Shemot 30:11-34:35 Haftarah: Melachim 1 18:20-39 Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am Jr. Congregation & Mini-Minyan



We are happy to welcome Ronnie and William Potter to the Congregation Torat El Family!

## March Service Announcements...

Friday, March 16, 2012

#### **Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm Instrumental Musical Shabbat**

Candles 6:46 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Jeanne and Arnold Chernin, Carol Lynn and Donald Chetkin, Joan and Irving Edelsberg Alison and Jacob Friedman, Odette and Mark Lichtman, Lauren and Arthur Sferlazzo, Liza and Sergie Waisman Bonnie and Gary Zimmerman

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Bertha G. Barr, Estelle Bass, Harry Bass, Dinah Bohrer, Ethel Brand, Otto Eisert, David Epstein Jerome Feldman, Mary Fischer, Lillian Fox, Mamie Friedman, Nathan Goldwasser, Pauline Goodman, Joseph Gurman Rachel Hock, Rita Hunter, David Kaplan, Ira Katz, Mae Kirchner, Charles Levinson, Sylvia Rudnick Levy, Mollie Mark Irving Marlieb, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Monroe Pincus, Ruth Pincus, Mae Rediker, Gertrude Rosen, Cypora Safier Barnett Schiff, Lena Segan, Louis H. Shear, Saul Simha, Rose Simon, Beckie Singer Morgenstern, Samuel Spector Etta Sprechman, Sidney R. Vineburg, Bertha Weiner, Fanny Weitzenkorn, Milly Weitzenkorn, David Wiener, Leo Wilk Jennie Zimmerman

Saturday, March 17, 2012	Parsha: Shemot 35:1-40:38 Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am	Haftarah: Yehezkel 36:16-36
Friday, March 23, 2012	Traditional Shabbat Services 6:30 pm Fourth Friday Family Service 6:30 pm Congregational Dinner Following Services	Candles 6:53 pm
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Helen Sue and Emanuel Abraham, Stacey and Glen Abrams, Karen and Bill Belfer Florie and Sol Bunin, Michele and Stewart Geboff		
MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Morris Barr, Louis Becker, Helen Bergida, Ignatz Bergida, Abraham Fisher, Cecile Glasser Sol Grabelle, Abraham Kaufman, Bella Kaufman, Andred J. Knifel, Stephen Kotin, Simon Kreisler, Freda Krongold Wilma Lieberman, Herbert Liechtung, Phyllis Ruth Marx, Tsilia Pirogovsky, Rebecca Rediker, Evelyn Rokaw Mildred Roth, Esther Schreibman, Jack Schwartz, Abraham Silver, Herman Silverstein, Joseph Silverstein, Allan Slotkin Harriette Solowey, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss, Serene Weissberger, Benjamin Wilk		
Saturday, March 24, 2012 Parsha: Vayikrah 1:1-5:26 Haftarah: Yehezkel 45:18-46:15 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation & Mini-Minyan		

Friday, March 30, 2012

Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 7:01 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Arlene and Donald Brodie, Esther and Alan Fendrick, Carol and Steven Miller Fran and Steven Nudelman, Londa and William Reinman, Debbie and Ira Samilow, Phyllis and Philip Unger

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Frank Balkin, Frieda Blufstein, Sophie Boff, Celia Brand, Annette Dampf, Rubin Gerechoff Ruth Goldenberg, Bernard Hirsh, Abraham Hoffman, Ruth Horowitz, Gussie Klafter, Moshe Koreen, Evelyn Kramer Louis Lefton, Hazel Florence Lippman, Ray Magidson, Dorothy Markowitz, Eve Messner, Florence Morris, Faigy Ostroff Louis Prager, Faye Slotoroff, Robert Slovin, Ada Werner

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Parsha: Vayikrah 6:1-8:36 Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24







## Mazel Tov to:

Marian and William Warshauer on the marriage of their son, Stuart to Maria del Pilar Guillermo.
 Linda and Ronnie Sukinik on the birth of their son, Jacob Alexander.
 Toby and Martin Sukinik on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Alexander.

## From The Rabbi's Study...

## Lessons Of A Hamantaschen

We can learn a lot from a Hamantaschen. I'm serious— mostly (it is almost Purim after all).

You see, when I was younger I used to love to make Hamantaschen. It was always a fun challenge to see if I could make my "Hamantaschen" just right, so that each one held its shape and did not open too much. As all serious Hamantaschen-makers know, there is an art to this technique. Once you put the filling of your choosing into a circle of dough, you must pinch the dough in such a way as to ensure that the cookie retains its triangular shape, while simultaneously working to make sure that the filling does not spill out all over the place. This is no easy task. You have to pinch your Hamantaschen just right to get the desired results. Over the years I found that the best way to get the perfect cookie is to pinch the dough in such a way that the filling is almost entirely covered before the Hamantaschen is baked. The cookies tend to open a bit in the heat and covering the filling up ensures that they open very little, if at all. The problem with this method, however, is that if you cover up the filling too much, you end up with a pretty "doughy" cookie and you cannot easily see what flavor is inside the Hamantaschen.

The practice of baking the perfect Hamantaschen offers us a lesson for the way in which we should live our lives. When it comes to our relationships with others, many of us take the safest route possible. We spend a lot of time trying to "cover up" our insides and are careful of just how much we let spill out. We protect our soft insides with this strategy. Protecting our inner-selves is necessary, to a degree, in order to function in this world. Like a Hamantaschen, being somewhat closed is not always such a bad thing. If we are too exposed, our insides can spill out, burn, and lose their flavor. The problem, of course, is that if we cover ourselves up too much then no one can get to know the real beauty of our filling. No one can see our true flavor if our insides are completely closed off.



Others are kept out by a wall of dry, crumbly, dough.

So while it's natural to protect our insides, we have to make sure that we are not closing ourselves up so much that we are not letting our true selves shine through. Living that way simply makes for a life filled with "*crumby*" relationships.

For more on Hamantaschen please join our Sisterhood on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in our newly renovated kitchen for Hamataschen baking!

To join in our festive and joyous Purim celebration, please join us for the following activities. These events are open to the community. Please see our website for more information and please bring a friend!

**Purim Carnival:** Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM in the Social Hall.

**Family Friendly Megillah reading:** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary.

**Full reading of the Megillah:** March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM in the Chapel.

Hag Purim Sameach! Happy Purim!





## My Mitzvah Project by Sam Hanna

In becoming a Bar Mitzvah I took on various projects to aid several different organizations. Months ago, I participated in Clean Ocean to clean up and beautify my community. I spent a day with other community members cleaning areas of the town that are normally ignored. I cleaned near the train tracks and while my little contribution made a small difference I realized that if everyone picked up just one or two pieces of garbage our town would be far cleaner over time. Another project that I worked on was through the Humane Society. I brought blankets and towels there for the animals to stay warm. I want to be a veterinarian one day so this allowed me to give back while experiencing first hand the needs of our community animals. Finally, I collected sports equipment for kids who participate in a number of programs sponsored by Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options in South Florida. This organization provides services and programs for at-risk children and their families. I chose this program because I play several sports and am lucky enough to have new equipment for those sports when I need it. Others are not as fortunate as I am and I wanted children who wanted to play a sport to have the same chance I do. I will continue to participate in these programs even after becoming a Bar Mitzvah.





## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES**



## JUNIOR CONGREGATION IPOD WINNER

The drawing for the winner of the IPOD for Junior Congregation attendance during the 2010/2011 school year is Juliana Berkowitz of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations Juliana!!!

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PURIM!!!

ATTENTION PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS, GREAT GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, NEPHEWS, NIECES, AND FRIENDS:

We are pleased to announce that this year, the Religious School classes (including Hebrew High!) will be participating in the Purim Megillah on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 P.M. Bring family and friends! This is an event that is not to be missed!!!

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Sun. Mar. 4 Wed. Mar 7 Wed. Mar 7 Sat. Mar. 10 Fri. Mar. 16 Sun. Mar. 18 Sat. Mar. 24 Sun. Mar. 25 Purim Carnival immediately following Religious School No Religious School Classes Purim Megillah (6:30 P.M.) Mini-Minyan & Junior Congregation 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Friday Night Service 7<sup>th</sup> Grade/HS Trip Mini-Minyan & Junior Congregation Matzah Baking Bakery Program





MARCH 3 (SAT)-REGIONAL JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM—CLARK 4 (SUN)-PURIM CARNIVAL & ARC CARNIVAL 11 (SUN)-SCAVENGER HUNT AT WEGMAN'S & DINNER 18 (SUN)-REGIONAL AFTERNOON PROGRAM MORRIS PLAINS SATO PASSOVER CANDY SALE STARTS

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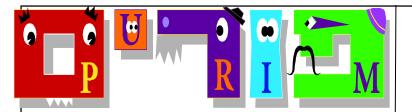
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MARCH 9-11(FRI-SUN)-REGIONAL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SHABBATON 4(SUN)-PURIM CARNIVAL & ARC CARNIVAL 18(SUN)-WEGMAN'S SCAVENGER HUNT & DINNER SATO PASSOVER CANDY SALE STARTS

## **PRE-KADIMA**

MARCH 4(SUN)-PURIM CARNIVAL 14(WED)-SCAVENGER HUNT SATO PASSOVER CANDY SALE STARTS

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN CONTACT ABBY SCHEER YOUTH ADVISOR (732-531-7543)



Ocean USY ushers in the Purim season... IT'S CARNIVAL TIME! Sunday, March 4, 2012 10:30am - Noon Admission: \$10.00 per child

<sup>n</sup><sup>n</sup><sup>k</sup> <sup>n</sup><sup>n</sup><sup>e</sup></sub> play, fun in the inflatable obstacle course, sand art, face painting, lunch

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS: CONGREGATION TORAT EL MEN'S CLUB CONGREGATION TORAT EL SISTERHOOD

## **GIFT BASKET AUCTION**

Don't miss our auction baskets on display at the carnival

One Ticket - \$1 Seven Tickets - \$5 Twenty Tickets - \$10 Baskets donated by parents and members of USY and Kadima

# Come Celebrate Purin

Wednesday, March 7th 6:30pm

## Parade of Costumes

Musical Megillah presented by Rabbi Schonbrun, Cantor Siegel, and our Religious School and Hebrew High students

Refreshments



For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you'd kindly RSVP to the temple office if you will be joining us Wednesday night!

Fulfill the mitzvah of giving money to the poor.

Tzedakah collection

Full traditional Megillah Reading on Thursday, March 8th at 8:00am

## CTE Adult Ed: Fall/Winter 2011-2012



Make a note of our partial programming from now through May 2012 so that you may mark your own calendar.

## **Ongoing classes:**

**WHAT PAGE ARE WE ON? -** Cantor Siegel's popular **Sunday morning** 10:00 AM-11:00 AM class about understanding and participating in Saturday Shabbat Service.

Lunch & Learn - Rabbi Schonbrun leads a discussion on our major holidays and traditions each Wednesday between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM

### Limited session evening classes:

**ANCIENT WISDOM FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY -** Join our Rabbi as we study the *Ethics of Our Fathers* - an old book of wisdom, ethics and morals to inspire and guide us today. This is a four session class **Mondays during March on the 5<sup>th</sup>**, **12**, **19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**.

**OMG (OH MY GOD) -** Bring your questions and join our Rabbi and Congregants as we explore the Jewish understanding of God and his role in our daily lives. This is a three session class **Mondays** during April on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

## **Special Events:**

Lunch & Learn – Passover - Rabbi Schonbrun will address the subject of Passover after Shabbat Services or around 12 PM on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>. (*This is not a model seder.*)

Jewish Theological Seminary - Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> See flyer on page 10

Scholar in Residence Weekend - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 4, 5, 6 See flyer on page 11

## From the Ritual Committee

We would like to recognize a group of people who have been making phone calls and reminding our congregants of our minyan schedule. These people have spent time calling those of us who have a yahrzeit, to remind us of this time of remembering our loved ones by attending minyan. They have also been calling to remind us to attend minyan, so that we can have the requisite number of people in attendance for those who need to say kaddish. These individuals are Lynne Kraft, Shelley Kaplan, Art Tauber, Be Yeamans, Sheila Morris, Pam Steinberg, Anne Siegel, Candy Friedman, Jeanne Perkins, Carol Hunter, Ruth Eder, and Marcia Sacks. When they call thank them for their dedication and efforts and remember to attend minyan.

Additionally, we would like to thank Anne Siegel, Steve Segerman and Seth Hertz who have spent time and effort in organizing the area behind the Bimah in the main Sanctuary. We have space back there for storing our extra Torot, Torah Covers, Shiva minyan books, and Torah Silver ornaments.

Without the help of our congregants we would not be able to accomplish all that we have done or are planning to do. If you would like to help, or know of a project that we should pursue, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Neil Weitzenkorn neilweit@gmail.com 732.984.7204



# Bus Trip to: Jewish Theological Seminary

## Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Visit the spiritual and intellectual home for **Conservative Judaism** in New York City. On this visit we will take a brief tour of the facility where Rabbis, Cantors and other intellectual and spiritual leaders study and train, then continue on to **the rare book tour**. The Library is home to more than 400,000 volumes, making it the largest and most extensive collection of Hebraic and Judaic material in the western hemisphere.

The day would not be complete without an appropriate kosher meal at the well known **Ben's Deli,** serving your choice of sandwich (meats or tuna salad) or salad plus sides and drink.

This excursion, suitable for all but the very young, is scheduled to leave from the Synagogue on Monmouth Rd. at **10:30 A.M. promptly, expecting to return at around 5:30 P.M.** 

The **cost is \$39** inclusive. Reservations, on a first come first serve basis, will only be taken by mail or in person at the office with receipt of your check. There will only be one bus.

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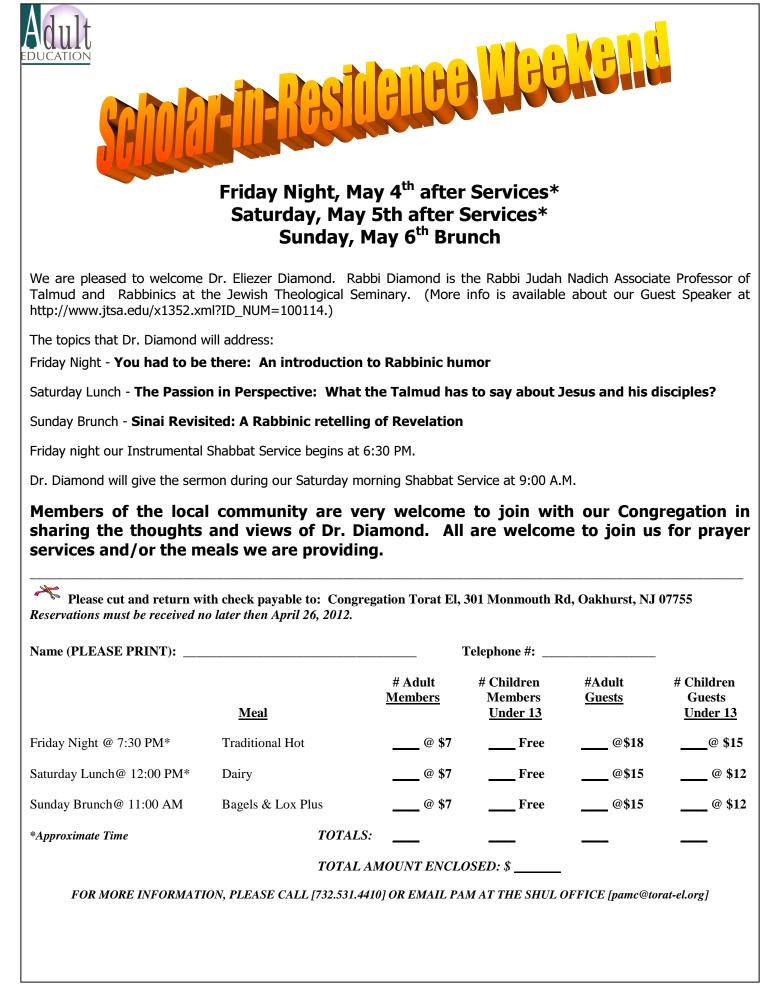
Please cut and mail with check payable to: Congregation Torat El, 301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Name (PLEASE PRINT):	

\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your party: ( )

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL [732.531.4410] OR EMAIL PAM AT THE SHUL OFFICE [pamc@torat-el.org]



Check out the press release that will be hitting the local papers!! A BIG thank you to Maddy Cohen for her work on this wonderful article!!

## CONGREGATION TORAT EL LIBRARY ACQUIRES 2012 WINNERS OF SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS

Best Books of the Year for Kids--Teens Are Landing on Oakhurst Shelves Now

OAKHURST NJ (Feb.13, 2011) -- The Sydney Taylor Book Awards for 2012 have been announced by the Association of Jewish Libraries, and local Congregation Torat El Librarian Anne Siegel has acquired these "best of the best" books of the past year for children of all ages.

Ms. Siegel oversees what is likely "the most active Jewish library in this neighborhood" and has been able to purchase the books thanks to the generosity of those who donated during the Congregation Torat El's annual fundraiser for children's materials this past Jewish Book Month.

"It has always been my practice to order these because the Sydney Taylor winners are 'the cream of the crop,' making selection easy," Ms. Siegel reports.

The Sydney Taylor Book Award honors new books for children and teens that exemplify the highest literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience. The award memorializes Sydney Taylor, author of the classic *All-of-a-Kind Family* series. The winners will receive their awards at the Association of Jewish Libraries convention in Pasadena, California this June.

Michael J. Rosen and Robert Sabuda, author and artist of *Chanukah Lights*; Susan Goldman Rubin, author of *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*; and Robert Sharenow, author of *The Berlin Boxing Club* are the 2012 winners. The announcement took place at the mid-winter meeting of the School, Synagogue and Community Center Division of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

Rosen and Sabuda will receive the 2012 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award's Younger Readers Category for **Chanukah Lights**, published by **Candlewick Press**. This exquisite book celebrates Jewish history by pairing poetic prose with intricate paper cut pop-up art.

The gold medal in the Older Readers Category will be presented to Susan Goldman Rubin for *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*, published by **Charlesbridge Publishing**. This biography shares the inspiring story of the young musician and his commitment to succeed in spite of his family's opposition. Through hard work, determination and a spirit that won't quit, Bernstein's dream is realized as he takes the stage as a conductor at Carnegie Hall. In 2000, Goldman Rubin received the Sydney Taylor Honor Award for *Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis*. Her book, *The Cat with the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin*, was a 2006 Sydney Taylor Honor Book.

Robert Sharenow will receive the 2012 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award's Teen Readers Category for *The Berlin Boxing Club*, published by HarperTeen. This historical novel reveals the history of Nazi Germany through the eyes of Karl Stern, a typical 14-year-old German boy. Karl never gave much thought to being Jewish and had little connection with any religious life. When classmates bully Karl, he is forced to face the dangers in his own community. Given the opportunity to learn boxing from German champion Max Schmeling, Karl jumps at the chance. He grows strong and learns to defend himself. But as the Nazi's gain power and his family is in peril, Karl questions who he can trust.

Eight Sydney Taylor Honor Books were named for 2012. *Naamah and the Ark at Night* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti with illustrations by Holly Meade (Candlewick Press) and *Around the World in One Shabbat* written and illustrated by Durga Yael Bernhard (Jewish Lights Publishing) are recognized in the Younger Readers Category. Sydney Taylor Honor Books for Older Readers include: *Lily Renee, Escape Artist: from Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer* by Trina Robbins with illustrations by Anne Timmons and Mo Oh (Graphic Universe, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group, Inc.), *Hammerin' Hank Greenberg: Baseball Pioneer* by Shelley Sommer (Calkins Creek, an imprint Boyds Mills Press), and *Irena's Jars of Secrets* by Marcia Vaughan with illustrations by Ron Mazellan (Lee & Low Books). For teen readers, the Honor Books are *Then* by Morris Gleitzman (Henry Holt and Company) and *The Blood Lie* by Shirley Reva Vernick (Cinco Puntos Press).

The Congregation Torat El Library is open M-Th from 9 am -- 5 pm; Fri 9 am - 2 pm and Sundays 9 to 10:30 am . It is located at 301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst 07755. For information call 732-531-4410.

JF&CS would like to provide 100 holiday packages to needy families for Passover. Any contributions your congregation or Hebrew School would to make would be greatly appreciated. We are collecting cash or check contributions, gift cards or any of the Passover items listed below.

Many people like the idea of providing a complete Passover package to families. If you would prefer to do so, we would like to suggest these items for food packages.

## Packages consist of:

2 cans of canned fruit, 2 cans of carrots
2 cans of tuna fish, shelled walnuts horseradish, large jar gefilte fish
2 jars chicken soup w/matzoh balls
2 boxes matzoh, 1 box matzoh meal
1 box matzoh farfel, 2 cans macaroons wine

We will need to pick the items up from your synagogue by Monday, March 26th to allow time for us to purchase any items that we have a shortage of.

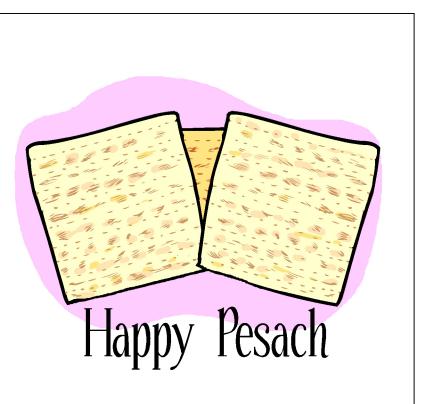
Please contact: Joanne Nelson, JF&CS 732-774-6886 Ext. 24 to make arrangements for us to pick up or for items to be dropped off. Come one, Come all You'll want a seat To hear the group The Maccabeats!

September 9th At CTE SAVE THE DATE For your family!



More details to follow

Sisterhood will be sending out Passover packages to our college students. If you could help by donating a box or two of matzoh, it would be greatly appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at the temple office up until March 19th or you can call Jackie Rosenheck at 732-531-1424



# PESACH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Saturday, March 17th ~ following Shabbat Service Lunch & Learn - Exploring the history of the Haggadah

Thursday, March 29th ~ 7:15pm *Pre-Passover Women's Seder* 

Thursday, April 5th ~ 8:00am *Fast and Feast of the Firstborn* 

Friday, April 6th
\*\*Please note there will be NO Shabbat service this evening\*\*
First Seder

Saturday, April 7th ~ 6:00pm *Community Second Night Seder* 

Saturday, April 7th & Sunday, April 8th ~ 9:00am *Pesach Service* 

Friday, April 13th ~ 9:00am *Shabbat/Pesach Service* 

Saturday, April 14th ~ 9:00am *Pesach/Yizkor Service* 

Passover Food Drive for Jewish Family and Children's Services ongoing until March 26th. Drop off in the food donation bin in the main lobby. Thank you! (see details on page 13)

# CONGREGATION TORAT EL

# Community Seder

Saturday, April 7th - 6:00pm



## **MENU INCLUDES:**

*Appetizers:* Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver, Health Salad

*Main Dishes:* Roast Chicken, Brisket, Matzoh Lasagna (*vegetarian*)

> Side Dishes: Broccoli Souffle, Potato Kugel, Tzimmes

> > **Dessert:** Cake, Fruit Platters

Adults \$45 Children under 13 \$20 Children under 5 no charge Each table will be provided with its own Seder Plate, Matzoh, Charoses

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

**Pre-Paid** reservations must be received at the temple office no later than March 28th. Please understand that this deadline will <u>NOT</u> be extended.

Name			Phone
	# Adults	# Children 5-13	# Children 4 and under
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## Siyyum Bechorim Calling All First Born (Men and Women) Thursday, April 5th at 8:00am

According to Jewish tradition, the first born son of a mother or father is required to fast on the day before Passover as an expression of thanks for the deliverance of the first born Israelites who were spared from the Tenth plague. One midrash teaches that both women and men were affected by this plague, and the Shulchan Arukh offers an opinion that women who are first born should fast as well. It is in that spirit that we also encourage first born females to join us for our siyyum festivities. However, individuals who are obligated to fast are exempt from fasting if they have the opportunity to participate in a **seudat mitzvah**, a festive meal that follows the performance of certain mitzvoth. 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.

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# March

# Mah-Jongg Madness



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Time: 12:00 noon Place: Congregation Torat El Date: Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. ---- <u>(That's Right Tuesday)</u> Reservations Required---RSVP to Gidget by Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost: Sisterhood member \$12.00 Non-Member \$15.00



Financial Secretary: Janet Attner

## Donations

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Please observe your yahrzeit date by attending minyan at 7:00pm the night before and/or the 8:00am minyan the day of your yahrzeit. In an effort to ensure that our members are able to say Kaddish, we are asking the following people to please take a half hour out of your week to join us at our minyan services.

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## PASSOVER RECIPE

## Passover Lemon Cheesecake

## Ingredients:

<u>Crust</u> 3/4 cup blanched almonds, toasted/cooled 2/3 cup sugar 2/3 cup matzo cake meal 1/4 teaspoon salt 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted/cooled Filling 24 oz. cream cheese, softened 3/4 cup sugar 3 large eggs 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

## Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 with rack in the middle. Pulse almonds, sugar, cake meal and salt in a food processor until finely ground. Transfer to a bowl and stir in butter until combined well. Press onto bottom and 1" up side of a 9" springform pan. Bake until crust is firm and golden, 12-15 minutes. Cool crust.

Reduce oven to 300. Beat cream cheese and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until smooth. Reduce to low and add eggs 1 at a time until incorporated. Mix in zest and vanilla.

Put pan in a shallow baking pan and pour filling into crust. Bake until filling is set, 45-50 minutes.

Place springform pan onto wire cooling rack and immediately run a knife around edge to remove sides of pan. Cool completely, 2-3 hours.

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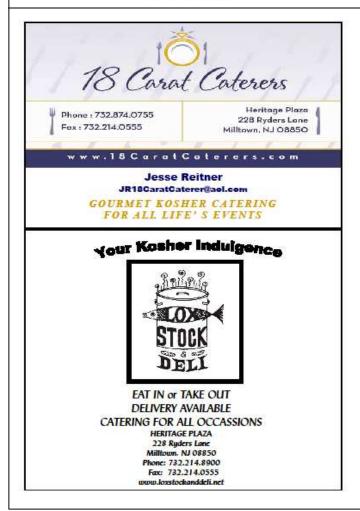
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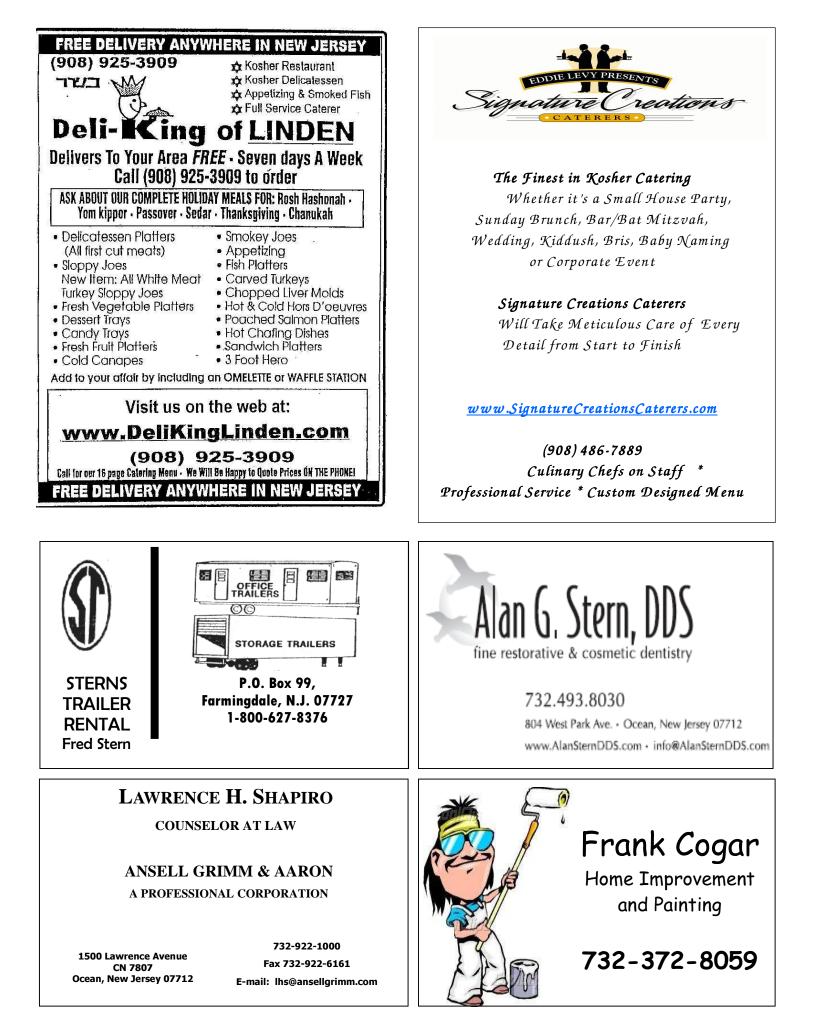


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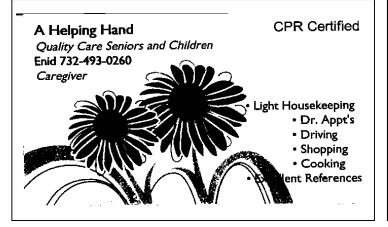
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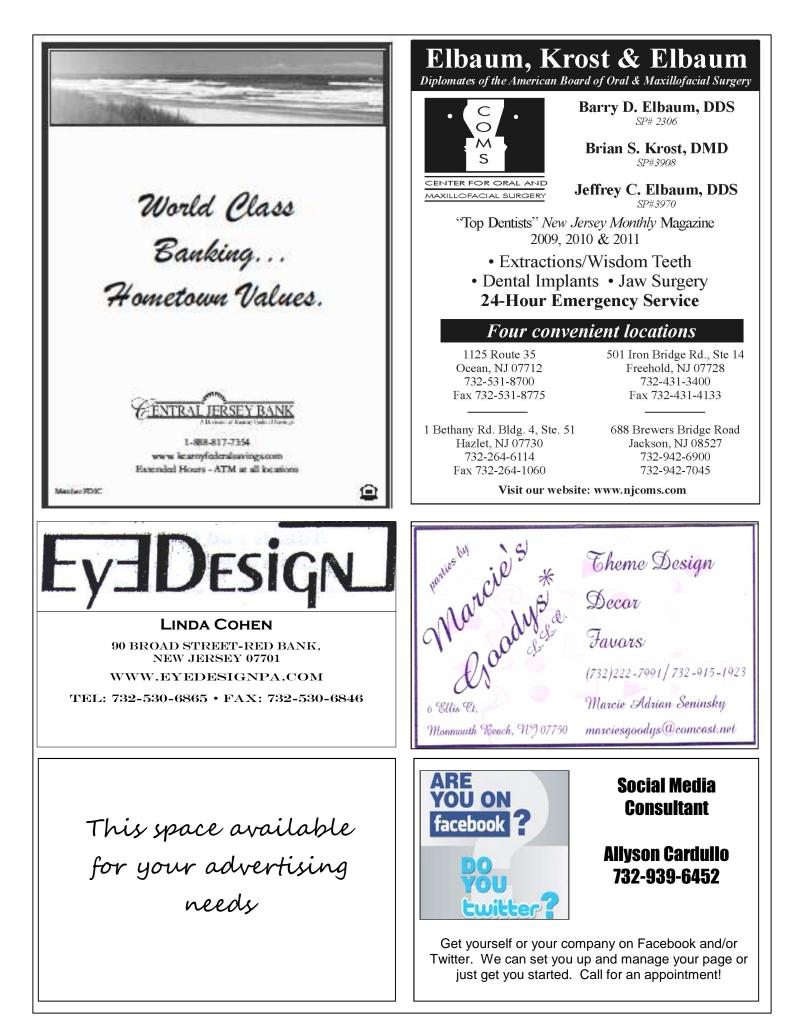
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10:00am

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MahJong Tournament

12:00pm

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Hazak Shabbat Service 6:30pm