



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

March 2014

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Service Times:

Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services

1st, 3rd, 4th Friday ~ 6:30pm
2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services

9:00am



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CONGREGATION TORAT EL COMMUNITY SEDER

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH - 6:00PM



MENU INCLUDES:

Appetizers:

Matzoh Ball Soup, Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver

Main Dishes:

Roast Chicken, Brisket, Matzoh Lasagna

Side Dishes:

Potato Kugel, Matzoh Stuffing, Roasted Mixed Vegetables

Dessert:

Cake & Macaroons, Fruit Platters

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

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

***Reservations may be made by sending in the form below
or online at <http://torat-el.org/events/community-seder/>***

Pre-Paid reservations must be received at the temple office no later than April 8th.
Due to the amount of planning and preparation, please understand that this deadline cannot be extended.

Name _____ Phone _____

Adults _____ # Children 5-13 _____ # Children 4 and under _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Rabbi.....Aaron Schonbrun
Cantor.....Bruce Siegel
Executive Director.....Pam Cardullo
School Principal.....Ben Laskowitz
Bookkeeper/Admin.....Joanne Bass
Administrative Asst.....Lisa Arnold
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March Service Announcements

Friday, February 28, 2014

Family Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:30 pm

Candles 5:28 pm

Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend

Yahrzeits: Harold Arm, Esther Bedell, Ethel Brand, Jacob Darrow, Lillian Fox, Rachel Hock, Monroe Javerbaum, Sidney Katz, Morris Maltz, Naftole Melnick, Louis Rosenbloom, Barnett Schiff, Saul Simha, Samuel Skolnik, Charles Zimmerman

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Parsha: Pekudey 38.21-39:21

Haftarah: 2 Melakhim 12:1-17

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am

Kiddush sponsored by Joel and Madeline Schulman in honor of the anniversary of Joel's Bar Mitzvah

Friday, March 7, 2014

Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 5:36 pm

Yahrzeits: Leon Anschelewitz, Fanny Banker, Samuel Bedell, Saul Berlin, Minnie Bromberg, Rita Comer, Abby Deitch, Louis Funder, Lena Gelfman, Leon Horenstein, Wilbur Krivins, Frances Lefton, Louis Sobel

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Parsha: Vayikra 1:1-2:16

Haftarah: Yesha'yahu 43.21-44:23

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Bat Mitzvah: Jessica Weinstein

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Mary and Marvin Jassie, proud grandparents of Jessica

Friday, March 14, 2014

Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candles 6:43 pm

Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend

Yahrzeits: Julius Barr, Beatrice Belicove, Esther Brown, Ida Dorfman, William Friedman, Edward Greenblatt, Isadore Lapidus, Jacob Neches, Kate Poretzky, Robert Semel, Eva Vorchin

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Parsha: Tzav 6:1-7:10

Haftarah: 1 Shemu'el 15:2-34

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am

Friday, March 21, 2014

Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:51 pm

Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend

Yahrzeits: Bessie Albert, Jerome Feldman, Jacob Hausner, Manya Kahn, Max Kasson, Mollie Mark, Leigh Moshel, Evelyn Rokaw, Lucille Shapiro, Joseph Silverstein, Esther Skora, Sidney Vineburg, Fanny Weitzenkorn, Annetta Wenger, Jack Woda

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Parsha: Shemini 9:1-10:11

Haftarah: Yehezkel 36:16-38

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am

Friday, March 28, 2014

Fifth Grade Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:58 pm

Assistant Rabbi/Educator Weekend

Yahrzeits: Morris Barr, Debora Diamond, Abraham Fisher, Cecile Glasser, Sol Grabelle, Joseph Gurman, Stanley Katz, Abraham Kaufman, Stephen Kotin, Frances Marcuson, Irving Marlieb, Gloria Merrian, David Michaels, Marlene Neiderman, Isidore Opatosky, Rebecca Rediker, Leon Rosenfeld, Mildred Roth, Jack Schwartz, Lillian Schwartz, Herman Silverstein, Rose Simon, Allan Slotkin, Harriette Solowey

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Parsha: Tazria 12:1-13:28

Haftarah: Yehezkel 45:16-46:18

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am

Saturday, March 15th ~ 8:00pm - Adult Megillah Reading
Sunday, March 16th ~ 8:00am - Traditional Megillah Reading
Sunday, March 16th ~ 10:00am - Family Megillah Reading

EMBRACING A TIME OF CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY



As many of you know, we are currently in the midst of a search for an Assistant Rabbi/Educator at Congregation Torat El. Upon Cantor Siegel's announcement of his retirement, and the conclusion of our strategic plan, it became clear to our leadership that we needed to move forward in a new and exciting direction. We realized that in addition to supporting and sustaining our current programs and opportunities for building relationships, we needed to dedicate the coming years to a strategic and intense effort to retain current families and recruit new families into our community. We are blessed to have a core and committed group of families with children in our community, but the bar and bat mitzvah "drop off" rate, and the challenge of recruiting unaffiliated families affects us as it does many synagogues in our movement. Our Torat El community has so much to offer people when it comes to bringing the wisdom of Jewish living and learning into their daily lives. And we are doing wonderful work. But there is so much more that we can, and we must, do to encourage and inspire those in the younger generation to realize the beauty, power, and wisdom that can be found in our tradition. The hiring of an Assistant Rabbi/Educator to partner and build upon the work of our current staff and lay leaders will be critical to this endeavor.

As I write these words I have just come back from a wonderful day at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY where I, along with four other members of the search committee, spent an entire day interviewing graduating seniors from the Conservative Rabbinical schools in both LA and NY. After a long and intense day, we rode home on the train inspired by the passion, enthusiasm, creativity, and variety of experiences that these students could bring to our community. We have also interviewed a number of rabbis in the field who are interested in our position and although not every candidate is a perfect "match," they have all inspired us with their love for Judaism and their commitment to helping create a Judaism that is living, dynamic, and relevant to Jews living in 21st century America. Being in the midst of this search process I can proudly say that while our movement, and American Judaism in general, has challenges, our future is also bright thanks to the creativity, vibrancy, and passion of rabbis such as those we are currently interviewing.

As you read these words, we are beginning the interview weekends and you have likely heard more details about our candidates, and learned more specifics about our future direction. Throughout the month of March we will have Assistant Rabbi/Educator candidates coming to our community to "try out" and get to know our community. These individuals will have a chance to interact with all of you and will, of course, be spending a good deal of time with our families, young children, and teens. I encourage you to participate as much as possible in these weekends. Come and check out these inspiring candidates and help us pick the best match for our future as we continue striving to build upon the work that we have begun in the past few years. Join us for Junior Congregations, Shabbat services, Shabbat lunch, our Question and Answer sessions, and our Sunday programming throughout these weekends. Help us to put our best foot forward as a congregation so that we can attract the best possible candidate and make sure that you take advantage of the opportunities that will be provided for your feedback.

Congregation Torat El is poised to move in a new, exciting, and creative direction. As with any new direction there may be some challenges along the way, but I am confident that they will be met with the same integrity, thoughtfulness, and care that has helped us to get this far in our journey. These are exciting times at Congregation Torat El. I am looking forward to continuing the work of building *kehillah kedosah*, sacred community with all of you as we work towards a bright future.

A Message From the President

We all have spent seemingly endless weeks bundling up to conserve energy and working out while shoveling and clearing snow. As we look forward to the end of winter, things are heating up here at Congregation Torat El. Now with the changing of the seasons we can use our new muscles to spring forward into an exciting time for our congregation.

Our journey on the path to sustainability has just begun, and we can already look to our progress. The work to restructure our staff to meet our future needs is taking form. Months of work by the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee has resulted in a select group of candidates visiting our community. Our goal is to find a match before Pesach so our new Assistant Rabbi/Educator will be in place this summer well in advance of the High Holy Days and the beginning of the Religious School year.

Our administrative staff, led by our Executive Director Pam Cardullo, has been reconfigured -- expanding our capabilities into social media and providing a greater range of support for our Clergy and our programs. The addition of Lisa Arnold to our administrative staff has allowed us to increase productivity within our existing budget.

We are moving forward with a number of initiatives under the lead of our Financial Sustainability Committee. The initial success of our work to encourage direct giving, planned giving, and other sources of new revenue have already borne fruit. Congregants from all backgrounds and with varied economic means have consistently answered our call to move us forward to our goal of financial stability.

Plans for giving Cantor and Anne Seigel the tribute they truly deserve are being finalized. The Brunch honoring Cantor on Sunday June 1 is shaping up to be an amazing event. Invitations will be mailed out in early April.

Behind the scenes, Cantor has been hard at work making sure that we have the benefit of his experience as we all work together to ensure that his successful efforts will continue on into the future. With his guidance, we are confident that all of the progress he has made in expanding the number of our torah readers, leaders of prayer, and happy B'nai Mitzvah will continue. A big part of that future success will fall on the broad and capable shoulders of Ben Laskowitz as he moves into his new role working with our B'nai Mitzvah students and adult congregants to continue to increase involvement in our ritual services.

And with all that change, we continue to expand our programs reaching into our Congregation and reaching out to our community. Rabbi Schonbrun remains a driving force leading us forward. As our calendar reflects, we continue to add new educational programs and new outreach efforts, while increasing our connections with one another and with our heritage.

But all of our work is incomplete if you are not joining in. Our community cannot meet its full potential without each of us being an active part of our congregation. Your involvement is needed. Come and

- take part in our Assistant Rabbi/Educator search weekends;
- reach out to our office to volunteer to be part of our team helping our Congregation function;
- join us for Purim in March, Pesach in April, Scholar in Residence in May, and our many other programs;
- become a torah reader or learn to help lead services;
- engage in our work to achieve financial sustainability with an individualized donation, planned giving, or fundraising effort;
- join us for our Shabbat lunches featuring the reflections of some of our fellow congregants as they share the rich stories of their journeys through life; and
- be part of our fulfillment of our mission to be "A Community Building Relationships."

Week after week, and month after month, fellow congregants have expressed how pleased they are that they have increased their participation and have received, in turn, a greater sense of enrichment in their lives. We all have demands on our schedules, but why not take time to deepen your engagement with your community? It is up to you to get the most out of what our Congregation has to offer. For those who have not done so already, please come see what you have been missing.

B'shalom,

Andrew Robins

Our Synagogue Families

Baruch Dayan Emet

*The Torat El family extends condolences to:
Paula Bass on the loss of her mother Rosalie Goodman
Joan Krengel on the loss of her brother Allan Margulis*

Do you have a simcha to share with your CTE family? If so, please call the temple office or email Lisa at lisaa@torat-el.org.



Thank you to all for your phone calls and cards for my recovery. Hope to be back to services soon.
Charlotte Ginsburg

ASSISTANT RABBI/EDUCATOR SEARCH UPDATE

As many of you know, we have interviewed a number of excellent candidates for our new position of Assistant Rabbi/Educator. We have scheduled weekends when you can meet and greet the candidates, experience their capabilities and provide the search committee with feedback in the same manner as has been done in the past when we did our search for Rabbi Schonbrun.

We have scheduled the following weekends:

February 28 thru March 2

March 14 thru March 16 (Purim Weekend)

March 21 thru March 23

March 28 thru March 30

While the candidates are visiting, the congregation will have a number of opportunities to see them in action. Because we have a number of scheduled events at CTE, we will have a full schedule of activities for each candidate. The schedule for each candidate will be communicated when it is finalized. We expect the candidate to present a Drash on Erev Shabbat as well as Shabbat morning, read Torah, participate in Junior Congregation, participate in the classes in our religious school on Sunday morning, and have an opportunity to meet and greet our congregants with a Q&A session.

The committee will have survey sheets available for you to complete so that we have your opinion of each candidate to help us make the right decision for Congregation Torat El.

Remember, your feedback on the candidates is very important. Please attend as many of the events as possible so that you have a good measure of the capabilities of each candidate.

Feel free to contact me via e-mail at neilweit@gmail.com or phone at 908-675-0548.

Neil Weitzenkorn
Chairman – Search Committee

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

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

Once again, the Religious School classes will be participating in this year's Purim Megillah.

**This year, the Family Friendly Purim Megillah will take place on Sunday morning March 16th
at 10:00 A.M. – During Religious School!!! Bring family and friends!
This is an event that is not to be missed!!!**

Please note: On March 16th, Religious School will begin at 9:00 A.M. as usual, and at 10:00 A.M.,
all of the students will go into the Main Sanctuary for the Purim Megillah!!

**Please be at the Temple by 11:15 A.M. to bring your child directly into the
Social Hall for the Purim Carnival!!**

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS FOR MARCH

During the month of March, Junior Congregation services will be held as follows:

March 1~10:30 A.M., March 15~10:30 A.M., March 22~10:30 A.M., March 29~10:30 A.M.

These dates are consistent with the dates that we are hosting candidates for the Assistant Rabbi/Educator position.
Each candidate will be involved in the Junior Congregation service. We therefore encourage you to have your child
participate in as many of these services as possible. Thank you.

UPCOMING 5th GRADE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Please join us in the Main Sanctuary on Mar. 28 as the 5th Grade students will lead Friday night services.
Services will begin at 6:30 P.M. The students are diligently preparing for this wonderful event.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sat. Mar 1, 15, 22, 29 ~ Junior Congregation

Sun. Mar 9 ~ 2nd/3rd Grade Family Education Workshop

Sun. Mar 16 ~ Purim Megillah & Purim Carnival

Wed. Mar 26 ~ Hebrew High Open House

Fri. Mar 28 ~ 5th Grade Friday Night Service

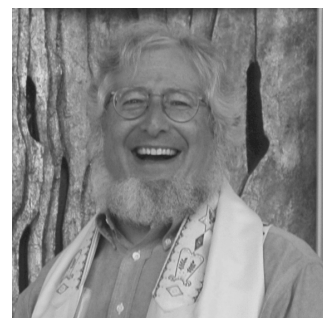
Sun. Mar 30 ~ 7th Grade/High School/USY Trip

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
BRUNCH

WATCH FOR DETAILS



JOIN US AS TOGETHER
WE HONOR AND BID
FAREWELL TO OUR
BELOVED CANTOR
BRUCE SIEGEL!

See page 10 for Tribute Journal details



CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

Thank you to all who so willingly volunteered, learned, practiced, practiced, practiced, and came out in the cold and dark to lead the Sisterhood Naomi Axelrod Shabbat Dinner Service on February 7th. Your participation helped create a meaningful and joyfully inclusive evening. It was a pleasure to work with you to celebrate Shabbat and Sisterhood.
Anne Siegel

Readers: Dawn Barofsky, Robin Bauer, Melanie Engel, Andrea Fishbein, Peggy Gaber-Casey, Donna Ginsberg, Sandy Koreen, Anita Kraut, Fran Meyer, Jeannie Perkins, Diane Resnick, Jackie Rosenheck, Jane-Rachel Schonbrun, Helen Terris, Ronnie Walerzak.

Speaker: Mindy Wiser-Estin, **On Guitar:** Cantor Bruce Siegel

Chorus: Linda Pickelny, Shelby Pickelny, Madeline Schulman, Phyllis Schwarz, Anne Siegel, Toby Sukinik, Helene Woda

Our annual Sisterhood Naomi Axelrod Shabbat Dinner was the usual success because we had a wonderful group of helpers, workers, servers, cleaners and schleppers. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the following people: Micki Brudner, Melanie Engel, Andrea Fishbein, Gidget Friedman, Vera Gitten, Sheryl Kaplan, Shelby Pickelny, Diane Resnick, Jackie Rosenheck, Ellen Samuel, Carole Shapiro, Carly Solomon, Judy Solomon, Phyllis Unger and Marcia Weitzenkorn. Our very special thanks go to our custodian, Jacob, who was extremely helpful. The food received a very high culinary critical rating because all was done with love and devotion by our dedicated kitchen crew.

Our yearly Sisterhood Shabbat consists of an inspirational Friday evening service led by our most capable women. As a bonus, a scrumptious dinner is prepared and served by most accomplished cooks. We hope that our "Temple Family" and friends will continue to support this rewarding program.

Thank you!

Lee Alexander, Marcia Sacks, Eva Wiener Dinner Co-Chairs

Scholarship applications for high school students going on a USY or any other Jewish organization trip this summer are due by April 15th. Applications are available by emailing ctesisterhood@gmail.com

March Mah-Jongg Madness

**Sunday, March 30th
9:30am-4:30pm**

6 Rounds of play
(3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon
with lunch in the middle)

Play begins promptly at 10:00am

Advanced registration by 3/23

RSVP to Carol Klein at 732-922-3603

Sisterhood members \$25.00

Guests \$30.00

Cash Prizes

**Remember to bring your
current 2013 card**

FIRST ANNUAL SUKKAH DRAWING



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 5775 (October 8-October 15, 2014).

Drawing: Congregation Meeting - Sunday June 8, 2014

Tickets are available at temple office and at every temple function for purchase or fill out form below 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 5775 and create memories for my family that they'll never forget!

Family Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of tickets wanted _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

WEDNESDAY LUNCH N'LEARN PROGRAM

Fall/Winter: Walking With Jewish History (from the Bible through today)

Spring: Walking With God (explore a variety of Jewish perspectives on God)

Are you looking for a way to add more meaning to your life? Do you enjoy learning and meeting new people? Do you like to eat lunch? Joins us and take one hour out of your busy week to engage in Jewish learning.

This year we will continue learning from the Ziegler Adult Learning Series produced by the American Jewish University. Our topic this fall and winter will be a survey of Jewish History. In the spring we will explore a variety of Jewish perspectives throughout the ages on God. Come and join us for these wonderful introductory courses. No experience or background necessary. Please bring a friend!

Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00PM

SHABBAT LUNCH N'LEARN

My People's Torah: Our mission statement reads that: *We are a community building relationships with God, Judaism, and each other; through prayer, study, discussion, and action; guided by Torah, our traditions, those who came before us and our vision for the future.*

Our monthly *My People's Torah* program seeks to help us build on existing relationships and create new ones as we hear different perspectives on Judaism and share in each other's personal life stories. Come and join us on the second Shabbat of each month as we learn from one another while fostering closer relationships among our synagogue family.

Second Shabbat of each month following services unless there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah

LIVING ROOM LEARNING PROGRAM

Are you not able to stop by the synagogue to enjoy some learning? No problem- we will come to you! You choose the topic and we will provide the Rabbi. Rabbi Schonbrun will lead a group discussion in your home on a topic of your choosing as it relates to Judaism. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Please e-mail "rabbi@torat-el.org" to set up an evening. Groups of at least ten participants are requested.

JUDAISM AND MEDICINE: A MINI SERIES

Come join Rabbi Schonbrun and doctors from our congregation as we explore a number of critical and complicated medical issues from a Jewish perspective. We will discuss topics ranging from infertility, mental health issues, organ donation, Jewish perspectives on health and wellness, and end of life issues. Bring a friend and come with your questions. We are looking forward to learning with you! This program is open to the community.

Wednesday Nights at 7:30PM (March 5, 12, 19)

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

We are excited to welcome Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer to CTE! Rabbi Fields-Meyer serves as school Rabbi at the Milken Community High School and is also Instructor in Bible at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. She is co-author of the book, *A Day Apart: Shabbat at Home*, a practical and spiritual guide to the home rituals of Shabbat. She frequently serves as Scholar-in-Residence at congregations around the country, addressing issues of prayer, spirituality, and parenting, and she facilitates support groups for parents of children with special needs. Rabbi Fields-Meyer is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and received her rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She and her husband Tom, a writer, have three sons. While topics for the weekend haven't been confirmed, some choices include *Texting, Technology & Torah: Spirituality and the Digital Age*; *Your Spiritual Toolbox: Bringing Jewish Prayer to Life*; *Family Guy? Mamma Knows Best? Cheaper by the Dozen? The Art of Spiritual Parenting in an Age of Spirited Kids* and *Lady Elijah: The Mystery Woman of the Torah*. There will be a Shabbat Dinner, Kiddush Luncheon and Sunday Brunch (yes, it's also all about the food!)

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 16th - 18th

*Please call the temple office to
register for all Adult Ed classes.
732-531-4410*

CANTOR SIEGEL RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014 – 11:00am

TRIBUTE JOURNAL ADVERTISING – DEADLINE MAY 1, 2014

_____ Back Cover	5.5" width x 8.5" height	\$2500 - SOLD
_____ Inside Front Cover	5.5" width x 8.5" height	\$1500 - SOLD
_____ Inside Back Cover	5.5" width x 8.5" height	\$1500
_____ Full Page	5.5" width x 8.5" height	\$ 500
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_____ Well Wisher	1 line/50 characters	\$ 54

(Well wisher -- Individuals, Couples or Families Only; no Businesses)

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UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

*Sponsorships include 2 adult tickets to the Celebration
and will be acknowledged with signage at the event and listed in the journal and bulletin*

Brunch	\$7,200	Tribute Journal	\$5,000
Dessert Buffet	\$2,000 - SOLD	Champagne Toast	\$1,000 - SOLD
Entertainment	\$1,800 - SOLD	Invitations	\$ 500 - SOLD

Please PRINT the information below and return to Congregation Torat El with payment enclosed.

NAME _____ COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

_____ Check (made payable to Congregation Torat El) Check # _____

_____ Credit Card: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard

CC# _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____

Celebrate Purim!

with Congregation Torat El



70's Murder Mystery Night Purim for Grown Ups

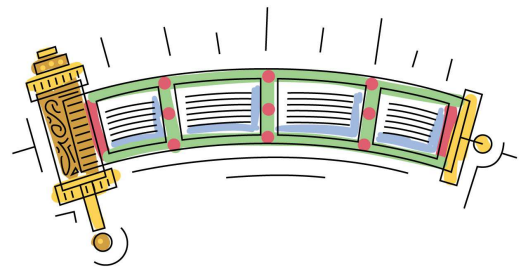
Join us for a wild & wacky comedy disco murder mystery. Slip on those platform shoes and get ready to boogie on back to the polyester '70s.

Funky on down with Murder On Cue's zany actors for an uproarious evening, dancing, dessert and murder to solve!

Come dressed in your 70's attire!

Evening includes Adult Megillah Reading, Murder Mystery and Dairy Dessert Buffet. Bring your own Kosher wine and/or liquor (set ups will be available).

\$25 per person



Megillah Readings:

**Adult Megillah Reading before
70's Murder Mystery Night
Saturday, March 15th ~ 8:00pm**

**Traditional Megillah Reading
Sunday, March 16th ~ 8:00am**

**Family Megillah Reading
& Religious School Program
Sunday, March 16th ~ 10:00am**

Purim Festival

Purim Carnival with games, prizes, a DJ, a bounce house, "splash the rabbi," face painting, crafts, plus lunch, hamentaschen, popcorn & cotton candy
11:15am-12:45pm

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Saturday
March 15th
8:00pm

Evening includes Adult Megillah Reading, Murder Mystery and Dairy Dessert Buffet
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Paid reservations (envelope marked "Adult Purim Social") due to the temple office by March 7th

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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Siyyum Bechorim

Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

Monday, April 14th 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 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

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_____ signature

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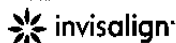
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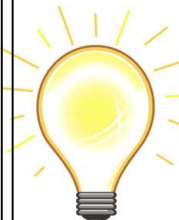
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March 2014

Sat Mar 1	<i>Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend</i> Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am, Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am, Sponsored Kiddush Luncheon
Tue Mar 4	Board of Trustees Mtg ~ 7:30pm
Wed Mar 5	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi ~ 12:00pm, Adult Ed w/Rabbi (Mini Series) ~ 7:30pm
Thu Mar 6	Sisterhood Mtg ~ 7:30pm
Fri Mar 7	Candle Lighting ~ 5:36pm, Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30pm
Sat Mar 8	Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Weinstein ~ 9:00am, Sponsored Kiddush Luncheon
Sun Mar 9	Hamantashen Bake A Thon & Shalach Manot Packing ~ 8:00am-1:00pm 2nd & 3rd Grade Family Ed
Tue Mar 11	Ritual Mtg ~ 7:30pm
Wed Mar 12	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi ~ 12:00pm, Adult Ed w/Rabbi (Mini Series) ~ 7:30pm
Fri Mar 14	<i>Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend</i> Candle Lighting ~ 6:43pm, Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00pm
Sat Mar 15	Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am, Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am Megillah Reading ~ 8:00pm 70's Murder Mystery ~ 8:00pm
Sun Mar 16	Traditional Megillah Reading ~ 8:00am Religious School Purim Megillah ~ 10:00am Purim Carnival ~ 11:15am-12:45pm Stories and Swords Purim Performance ~ 12:45-2:00pm
Tue Mar 18	Men's Club Mtg - 7:30pm
Wed Mar 19	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi ~ 12:00pm, Adult Ed w/Rabbi (Mini Series) ~ 7:30pm
Fri Mar 21	<i>Assistant Rabbi Search/Educator Weekend</i> Candle Lighting - 6:51pm, Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30pm
Sat Mar 22	Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am, Jr. Congregation - 10:30am
Sun Mar 23	Men's Club Breakfast Program ~ 9:00am Hazak - Lunch & Musical Program ~ 1:00pm
Wed Mar 26	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi ~ 12:00pm
Fri Mar 28	<i>Assistant Rabbi/Educator Search Weekend</i> Candle Lighting ~ 6:58pm, Fifth Grade Shabbat Service ~ 6:30pm
Sat Mar 29	Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am, Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am
Sun Mar 30	7th Grade/High School Trip Mah Jongg Tournament ~ 11:00am-5:00pm