



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

March 2015 Adar/Nisan 5775

Services

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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Lisa Sherman

in concert

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Doors Open - 8:15pm, Show Time - 8:30pm

*Join us for an evening of Music, Dancing,
Wine and Dessert
Club Atmosphere, Dressy Casual*

\$50 per person, \$450 per table of 10

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For tickets visit lisasherman.torat-el.org*

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March Service Announcements

Friday, March 6, 2015

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 5:35 pm

Yahrzeits: William Abramson, Bessie Albert, Abraham Altschuler, Stanley Anderman, Jacob Anschelewitz, Bertha Barr, Mildred Berlin, Mildred Brasovankin, Fred Brown, Harry Cowen, Ida Dorfman, Florence Farber, Chaim Feldman, William Friedman, Edward Greenblatt, Jacob Hausner, Rose Hoffman, Manya Kahn, Max Kasson, Doris Kurtz, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Benjamin Maron, Feiga Mortkowitz, Rose Ring, Irwin Rosen, Robert Semel, Lucille Shapiro, Esther Skora, Hyman Skora, Ira Vineburg, Eva Vorchin, Sigmund Weinstein, Joseph Weissman, Gertrude Weller, Lottie Wirth, Jack Woda

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Parsha: Ki tissa 31:18-33:11
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Haftarah: 1 Kings 18:1-39

Friday, March 13, 2015

Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candles 6:42 pm

Yahrzeits: Harold Arm, Estelle Bass, Harry Bass, Ethel Brand, David Epstein, Lillian Fox, Mamie Friedman, Florence Ginsberg, Nathan Goldwasser, Pauline Goodman, Joseph Gurman, Rachel Hock, Rita Hunter, David Kaplan, Ira Katz, Mae Kirchner, Irving Marlieb, Leigh Moshel, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Monroe Pincus, Mae Rediker, Gertrude Rosen, Cypora Safier, Barnett Schiff, Louis Shear, Saul Simha, Beckie Singer Morgenstern, Samuel Spector, Etta Sprechman, Sidney Vineburg, Bertha Weiner, Fanny Weitzenkorn, Milly Weitzenkorn, David Wiener, Leo Wilk, Jennie Zimmerman

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Parsha: Vayakhel/Pekudey 37:17-39:21
Maftir: Numbers 19:1-22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Shabbat Parah

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am

Lunch & Learn to follow services

Friday, March 20, 2015

5th Grade Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:50 pm

Yahrzeits: Morris Barr, Louis Becker, Abraham Fisher, Isaac Forman, Cecile Glasser, Sol Grabelle, Abraham Kaufman, Bella Kaufman, Andred Knifel, Simon Kreisler, Freda Krongold, Wilma Lieberman, Phyllis Marx, Isidore Opatosky, Tsilia Pirogovsky, Rebecca Rediker, Abraham Silver, Herman Silverstein, Joseph Silverstein, Allan Slotkin, Harriette Solowey, Joseph Valenti, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss, Benjamin Wilk

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Parsha: Vayikra 3:1-4:26

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Shiviyi: Numbers 28:9-15

Maftir: Exodus 12:1-20

Rosh Chodesh

Shabbat Hachodesh

Friday, March 27, 2015

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:57 pm

Yahrzeits: Sylvia Anapol, Frank Balkin, Frieda Blufstein, Sophie Boff, Celia Brand, Annette Dampf, Sabina Edelsberg, Rubin Gerechoff, Ruth Goldenberg, Bernard Hirsh, Michael Jacob, Moshe Koreen, Evelyn Kramer, Louis Lefton, Dorothy Markowitz, Eve Messner, Florence Morris, Faigy Ostroff, Louis Prager, Evelyn Rokaw, Rose Simon, Faye Slotoff, Robert Slovin

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Parsha: Tsav 7:11-7:38

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Shabbat Hagadol

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah: Jacob Gutman

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud parents Pam and Bob Gutman

SHARING OUR JOY AS A COMMUNITY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

By the time that you read this article, Purim will most likely be upon us, and Passover will be about one month away. The month of Adar in which Purim falls is traditionally a time when we are supposed to increase our joy and laughter. As the Talmud teaches: *Mi Shenichnas Adar, Marbim be'simcha* (Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 29a). Passover too, is a time to celebrate as we collectively recall the miracle of our Exodus from slavery to Freedom and joyously gather together with family and friends to celebrate over food, discussion, and singing at our *Sedarim*. One thing that both of these upcoming and joyous festivals have in common is that they are celebrations which are to be shared with others. We do not read the Megillah alone, but rather are read in a community as we listen, laugh, and drown out Haman's name together. We sing the songs of the Haggadah together with those who are around our table as a reminder that as Jews we must celebrate together as we work to bring more freedom and justice into the world. In short, Judaism believes that joy and celebration is something to be shared, and that the more we share our joy with others, the more our joy is increased. As Rabbi Abraham Twerski once taught: *When we share with others, their joy becomes ours.*



There is a story that comes to mind which is all about the importance of sharing our joy. It is a story called "Capturing the Moon" about the great wise men of Chelm, who always seem so foolish, but who usually leave us with a bit of wisdom at the end of their tale. In this particular story, the people of Chelm have decided that they love the moon so much, they must capture it. After all, when the moon shines brightly in the sky, all of Chelm is happy, but when it disappears behind the clouds, everyone is in a gloomy mood. Working together day and night the wise men of Chelm come up with the plan. They will build a huge barrel of soup in the middle of the town square, and when they see the moon in the middle of the giant barrel of soup, they will sneak up on it and capture it by placing the cover on top of the barrel. The only problem with this plan is that the next evening, when the villagers go to gaze into the barrel of soup, hoping to be cheered up by the light of the moon, they discover that the moon is gone -- it has somehow escaped! Looking up in the sky and seeing the moon high above, the people of Chelm cry: "Woe is us. Someone let out the moon!" For days they search the town, trying to find the culprit; only to discover that it is the last person they would ever suspect -- the rabbi. "Why did you do such a thing?" the people asked the rabbi. To which the rabbi replies, "Because there are things that we enjoy while we have them, and there are other things that we enjoy only when we share them. Only when we share the moon, can we really enjoy its light. And so, I let the moon out so that the whole world can share it!" (Feinstein, Capturing the Moon).

The truly joyous things in life -- from our celebration of Purim, to Passover, to the light of the moon are meant to be shared. Our lives, much like the moon, wax and wane. We have good days, and we have bad days. Having a community with which to share the good things in our lives both increases our joy, and sustains us when the light of our lives is not shining so brightly.

As a community building relationships with one another, our congregation does a very good job sharing with one another during times of sorrow, but I want to challenge us to do a better job at sharing the light of our lives on a regular basis. We share our joy together during holidays, and simchas that happen in our congregation. (*We hope you will join us for our Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 1, our Purim celebration on Wed. night March 4, and our Community Seder on Friday night, April 3!*). But what about those joyous occasions in our lives that happen on a more frequent basis? What about when a child or grandchild is born? What about when someone in your family gets married, or you have an anniversary? What about when you get a new job or your child gets into college? Our community is very good at knowing when someone dies through a Shiva e-notice, but we need to do a better job at sharing simchas with one another as well, as we celebrate the joy, life, and vibrancy in the life of our Torat El family.

To that end, if you have a joyous occasion in your life that you would like to commemorate, I invite you to consider the following: Join us on a Friday night, Shabbat morning, or weekday service, and let us know that you are coming, so that we can take a moment to recognize your simcha and thank God for all of the blessing and gratitude that you are feeling in your life. Call the office, or send an e-mail so that we can include your simcha in our bulletin, or weekly e-blast. If you are a lay leader, share your good news in a committee meeting, or if you are a congregant attending an event, share your good news with those who are sitting around you. There is much light in our community to be shared. May all of us continue to laugh, celebrate, and give thanks with one another for many years to come!

Removing Stumbling Blocks in Our Community

As I near the end of my term as your President, please allow me to take the time to share one of my favorite aspects of the teachings in our Torah and the traditions surrounding those teachings. I am often intrigued by the words of Leviticus 19:14: "Lifnei Iver Lo Titein Mikhshol" -- "before the blind, do not put a stumbling block". Why would such an admonition be needed? Who would do such a cruel thing?

As noted in our Eytz Chaim (at the bottom of page 695), our tradition has interpreted that verse to go beyond the obvious of not intentionally causing harm by placing a block to trip a blind person. Rather, in our tradition, the verse is extended to prohibit leading someone astray, encouraging bad conduct, or engaging in unfair business practices. Our tradition strives to find greater meaning beyond a prohibition against conduct none of us would do anyway.

Our tradition also includes many examples of "building a fence around the Torah" to reduce the possibility that we unintentionally stray from the teachings of the Torah. We all would like to think that we would never intentionally lead someone else astray. Similarly, we all should recognize that engaging in unfair business practices is against our values as a people. But I suggest, that the verse can be viewed as not only a prohibition but as an affirmative obligation -- to make sure no stumbling blocks exist anywhere. Taking a small step further, why not "build a fence" around the verse by accepting the moral responsibility to take the time to clear obstacles that exist in our world in anticipation of the possibility that someone may come after us and stumble on that obstacle?

In a fashion, our broader society has already seized on the idea of clearing obstacles -- increasing accessibility to public buildings, proactively addressing learning disabilities, and funding research for treatment and therapy for injuries and disabling diseases. As a community we work to remove "stumbling blocks".

Here at Torat El, we have, in our own fashion, embarked on a program of clearing obstacles. By focusing on welcoming and relationship building we have worked and continue to work to reduce barriers that can be created when someone feels like an outsider or that members are unfriendly. Physically, we have added automatic doors, a ramp to the bima, our accessible rest room, personal hearing devices, and an improved sound system. Financially, we are moving down a path to increased sustainability and increased flexibility so that we can both meet our funding needs and do all we can to make sure that money is never a complete obstacle to membership. Programmatically, we continue to add new "points of entry" to address a wider variety of interests and needs.

In closing, I ask that each of you reading this article take a few moments and consider doing three things. First, reflect on your personal efforts to work to remove obstacles that exist both in our congregation and in the broader community. Second, help us in our communal efforts to clear the way for others and provide for a warm, open, and sustained congregation. Third, and finally, take a moment to share these thoughts with friends, family, and neighbors.

B'Shalom,
Andrew Robins
President, Congregation Torat El

Adult Education with Rabbi Schonbrun

ONGOING CLASSES:

Chai Mitzvah Program

Sundays: 9:30-10:30am - March 8, March 29, April 19, May 10

Wednesday Lunch 'n Learn (Jewish Ethics 101)

Wednesdays: 12:00-1:00pm

The Joys and Challenges of being a Parent to Jewish Teens

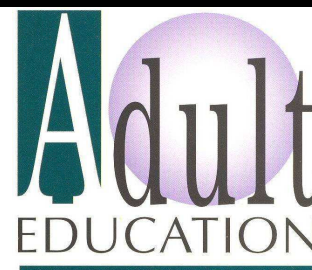
Being a parent is one of the most rewarding experiences in the world, but it can also be one of the most challenging -- especially during the teenage years. During this course we will explore the joys and challenges of being a Jewish Parent. Come join us as we learn and share together in a thoughtful, safe, and engaging environment.

Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm - March 11, 18, 25

Jewish Views On The Afterlife:

As Jews, we tend to place our daily focus more on this world, and less on "the world to come." But what exactly is "the world to come?" Do Jews even believe in heaven? What about the concept of hell? What exactly do Jews believe about what happens after we die? How have Jewish views of the afterlife changed over time? Come and join us as we explore these questions and more. Bring your questions and feel free to bring a friend!

Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm - April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 27



Our Synagogue Families

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The Torat El Family extends condolences to:

The family of Faye Gade

Hope Kaplan, on the loss of her father, Jerry Holt

Thelma Krivins, on the loss of her husband, Harold Krivins

Lori Comer, on the loss of her father, Harold Krivins

The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Marvin & Sharon Talansky on the birth of their grandson, Colby, son of Jen & Brian

Randi & Monte Pellmar on the birth of their grandson, Liev Carter, son of Margo Brooke & Rotem Cohen

The Torat El Family Welcomes:

Russell Bey

*If you have a simcha to share with the CTE family
please call the temple office at 732-531-4410!*



Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah



My name is **Jacob Gutman** and I will celebrate my Bar Mitzvah on March 28th. I live in Wayside with my parents, Pam and Bob, and my two younger brothers, Noah and Jared. I am a seventh grader at the Township of Ocean Intermediate School. I have been playing travel soccer for Ocean Township United Soccer Association since I was eight years old and I have played on my school team for the past two years. In addition to playing soccer, I enjoy playing flag football, basketball, going to Rolling Hills Country Day Camp, and hanging out with my friends.

For my mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer my time and use my skills to coach soccer for 4- and 5-year-old boys and girls. I coached a team with 10 children. We practiced once each week and had one game every week. Some of the children had never played soccer before. I worked to teach each of them some basic soccer skills, like how to dribble and pass the ball, all while having fun, making friends, and learning to be part of a team. I also helped teach them to understand that winning isn't the most important thing, working together and supporting each other is. Coaching these children has taught me how special helping others can be and I hope that they have learned this same lesson from me.

I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 28th !

Religious School Photos

CTE 7th Graders Lead
Kabbalat Shabbat
Services at The Sycamore
with Morah Stevie
Shutman



Sofer, Rabbi Dan
Wigodsky teaches
Religious School students
about writing a
Torah Scroll



American Sniper and Torat El by Alan G. Stern

Fran and I recently saw the acclaimed movie, "American Sniper." While we can discuss the merits of the movie and the value of what Chris Kyle, its real life main character did, one point stood out for me at the end.

The incredible outpouring of love and respect at a memorial service for Mr. Kyle was both spectacular and moving. The streets and highways of Dallas were lined with flag-bearing, tear-filled mourners. The football stadium in which the service was held was packed. And the military funeral, with all its pomp and circumstance, was appropriate for one who put his life and his sanity on the line for all of us.

If Mr. Kyle were present at the ceremony, I am sure he would have received this tribute with the dignity and humility of a good service man. He probably would have said, "Thank you, but I'm no hero. All I did was my job". Yet, those of us who know the story, know all too well that this man deserved the tribute he received. The problem is that he was not alive to receive it. After viewing the movie, I wished that I could have walked up to Chris Kyle, shaken his hand, thanked him for his amazing acts of bravery, and offered to buy him lunch.

All too often, we either criticize or take for granted the things that enable us to live our lives, the love of our family and friends, the people who, imperfectly but effectively, do things to make us stronger, both as individuals and as a community. All too infrequently, we get so mired in and vociferous about the flaws of our world and those around us, that we forget to express gratitude and reward people for their efforts.

I have spoken at too many funerals. I have regretted not thanking people while they were alive and, instead, offering words of tribute from behind their caskets. I have forgotten to say "Thank you" or even "I love you" too many times and that needs to change. What do you think?

When is the last time you thanked a synagogue officer or trustee for their volunteerism? Have you thanked either of our rabbis for all they do? Have you ever taken a moment to thank Pam, Joanne, Lisa, Ben, or Jacob for keeping our community alive and thriving?

May I suggest that you consider writing a simple thank you note to one person in our community whom you respect, like, or admire. It beats the daylights out of criticizing someone and will go a long way towards keeping our best and brightest motivated and happy with what they do. And, if I can be so bold, why don't you consider becoming one of those people who are worthy of a bit of congregational thanks, too. The rewards of "being Torat El" are huge and they're awaiting you!

Let me start by thanking our President, Andy Robins, for his vision, his leadership, and his energy. Andy is a hard-working environmental attorney whose job demands a lot; yet, he has made the time to lead us brilliantly and effectively for the past two years. Kudos and yasher koach to you, Andy!

OK, my fellow congregants.... Who's next?

Passover Service Schedule

Friday, April 3rd - 6:30pm Community Seder (see pg 14)

Saturday, April 4th - 9:00am Shabbat/Pesach Service

Sunday, April 5th - 9:00am Pesach Service

Thursday, April 9th - 6:30pm Pesach Service

Friday, April 10th - 9:00am Pesach Service

Friday, April 10th - 6:30pm Shabbat/Pesach Service

Saturday, April 11th - 9:00am Shabbat/Pesach/Yizkor Service



Hazak Happenings

Bagels & Lecture - "Israel Inside" Sidestep the usual conversations about politics and conflict, and get a glimpse of the strengths that enabled the Israeli people to turn a desert into an innovative humanitarian society.

Presented by Jules D. Cohn, Chairperson of Israeli Affairs Committee of Marlboro Jewish Center

No Charge

For planning purposes please RSVP to the Temple Office at 732-531-4410

Sunday, March 15th - 10:30 AM



***Adult Education and Hazak Invite You...
Tour of the Historic Town of Roosevelt, New Jersey***

***Sunday, April 19th
Bus leaves at 11:45am and returns by 5:00pm
\$38 per person (lunch not included)***

The trip will include a viewing and lecture of the famous New Deal art mural by Ben Shahn. We will also see a short film describing the history of the town and see some of the historic sites.

We will be stopping at the Americana Diner in East Windsor for a late lunch.

Dairy or vegetarian meal suggested.
Please note the cost for lunch is extra.

Paid Reservations due to the temple office by Monday, April 13th

Ritual Engagement

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HIGH HOLY DAYS TORAH TROPE IN TIME FOR ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR 5776?

If anyone is interested in learning the special High Holy Days trope in order to read Torah during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5776, please email benlaskowitz@yahoo.com or call/text Ben Laskowitz at 732-861-7450.

During the month of **January 2015**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Sarah Bercovicz
Julia Comer
Madyson Einhorn
Mark Engel
Lewis Fisher
Mitch Grayson
Harvey Jacob
Ben Laskowitz

Alan Morris
Shelby Pickelny
Bonnie Reiss
Marcia Sacks
Rabbi Schonbrun
Joshua Schor
Lori Schor
Joel Schulman

Steve Schwaber
Jon Shutman
Stevie Shutman
Alex Solomon
Carly Solomon
Alan Stern
Neil Weitzenkorn
Max Winters

Yasher Koach To All!!!

YASHER KOACH TO ALEX SOLOMON FOR RECEIVING A TIKKUN IN HONOR OF HIS 12TH TORAH READING!!!

Men's Club Chai Lites

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING MARCH 15, 2015 9:00AM

Join us for a General Membership Breakfast Meeting and let us know what you think of our recent programs and let us know what you would like us to do. Come and have a nice breakfast with your colleagues to help make the CTE Men's Club better than it has ever been.

Come meet the Executive Board, free bagel breakfast, drop off the kids for Sunday school and relax, find out about upcoming events like the lecture by Dr. Saliba Sarsar from Monmouth University on May 3rd at 9:15am.

For more information contact Rob Einhorn at robeinhorn@gmail.com



Sisterhood Chai Lites

March Mah-Jongg Madness

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

Cash Prizes

**Sunday, March 22nd
Congregation Torat El**

**301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755
9:30-4:30**

**Play begins at 10:00a.m. Sharp
Advance registration only by March 13th
+++Register by March 1 and take \$5.00
discount+++**

**Please RSVP by mail only using
registration form to the right**

**Registration Fee: \$30.00 Sisterhood
Members, \$35.00 for all others**

***Remember to bring your current 2014
card***

**Questions? Call Carol at 732-922-3603
Phone reservations will not be accepted**

Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form

Name _____ \$ enclosed _____

Phone # _____ You will receive
a phone call/email to confirm reservation.

Email _____

Sisterhood Member Y N (circle one)
(Sisterhood gets \$5.00 discount)

Would you be interested in being an East*? Y N
(circle one)

**Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and
assisting with scoring. We need 1 in 4 participants to
be East for a successful Mah Jongg tournament.*

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

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

Sisterhood would like to thank our program speaker and "Road Show Style Jewelry Appraiser", Joe Carl, Owner of Belmar Jewelers, for his generous donation of time, expertise and money that helped to make our January 22nd luncheon a success. 34 attendees also enjoyed Soup, Salads, & Desserts by Lock, Stock & Deli. Thank you to helpers Andrea Fishbein, Toby Sukinik, Janet Cohen & Liz Weiss.
Sincerely, Marian Warshauer, Chairperson

Thank you to everyone who participated in the mitzvah of sending Shalach Manot on Purim and helped support CTE Sisterhood. Thank you to Lisa Arnold for getting all of our orders on the computer and a big thank you to all those who delivered and packed the shalach bags - we couldn't do it without you!!

Jeanne, Janet and Linda

***Call to All Women
Sisterhood invites you to a spring program***

***"Happiness...What It Really Is
And How To Get More of It!"***

***A discussion and interactive program with speaker
Stacey Rose, PhD, LCSW***

***Date: April 23, 2015
Time: 7:15 PM
Light Snacks***



***RSVP to the Temple Office at
732-531-4410
By April 20, 2015***

This and That



My name is Robin Bauer and I'm participating in the Chai Mitzvah Study Class at CTE. A section of the program is to do a project that benefits the community. I chose to collect eyeglasses for the needy. Please consider dropping off any eyeglasses you no longer need and bring with you to the temple. I have a box set up in the lobby. Any kind of eyeglasses are accepted, including prescription and non prescription sunglasses. The collection will run through the April 2015. Thank you.

Jewish Yoga

Certified Yogi "Omkari" will lead us to serenity. All levels welcome. Join us in the Social Hall and bring a yoga mat and light blanket/beach towel. Dress in comfortable clothes. \$10 cash per person. Open to non-members; bring a friend! Call Phyllis Jacobs at 732-531-3633 with yoga questions.

Friday mornings 9:15am

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group provides a supportive and educational environment to caregivers taking care of parents, spouses and family members in a safe and non-judgemental environment. The group aims to provide comfort to members by creating the opportunity to share common experiences and learn coping strategies. Members gain perspective and caregiver stress management tools that come from hearing others talk.

Cindy Hyman, LCSW facilitates this on-going monthly support group.

The Caregiver Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.

This program, which is held at Congregation Torat El, is open to the community and has been made possible by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County.

The next meeting date is March 16th at 7:30pm.

Planned Giving

Your participation in CTE's Estate Planning Program can help ensure that our synagogue, services, and programs that have been meaningful to you will be sustained and available to give that same meaning and enrichment to others. Contact our Executive Director or President who can inform you on the numerous gift opportunities available and their benefits to both Congregation Torat El and you.

Mommy and Me at Congregation Torat El

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COMMUNITY SEDER

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD - 6:30PM

Please join us this year as we celebrate Shabbat and Passover during our fourth annual community Seder. Why the first night all of a sudden? What makes this year different from all other years? Great questions... a holiday that is all about questions! The answer is that the overlap of Passover and Shabbat made it logistically and practically very challenging to start the second seder at a reasonable hour. And while our timing may be different, the amazing time that we have as a community at this annual event promises to be the same! So please bring your friends, neighbors, and family and join us this year as we celebrate Shabbat and the First Seder together!



MENU INCLUDES:

Appetizers:

Crudite, Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver

Main Dishes:

Roast Chicken, Brisket, Matzah Lasagna

Side Dishes:

Potato Kugel, Matzah Stuffing, Roasted Mixed Vegetables

Dessert:

Cake & Macaroons, Fruit Platters

Adults: \$50 Children under 13: \$22 Children under 5: no charge
Each table will be provided with its own Seder Plate, Matzah, Charoses

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

Call the temple office or visit seder2015.torat-el.org to make your reservation

Pre-Paid reservations must be received at the temple office no later than **March 25th**.

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: \$ _____

Siyyum Bechorim

Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

Friday, April 3rd 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

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 is tradition to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to ensure 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 end of day Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

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: _____.

This sale will be effective at 10:30am on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

_____ signature

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when: sunday, march 29th

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Jewish Family & Children's Service is collecting food for our Passover Holiday Program. This year we made the decision to eliminate giving candy in our packages because of the high cost of Kosher for Passover Food.

If you would like to make it a "Sweet Passover" for a needy family or senior, please bring in something sweet for us to include in our packages. Some suggestions are: a box of candy, chocolate covered matzo, toasted coconut marshmallows, jelly rings. Our goal is to collect 85 items so that everyone on our list will receive something.

Congregation Torat El has been very generous to JF&CS and the clients we serve. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your kind gestures towards others less fortunate.

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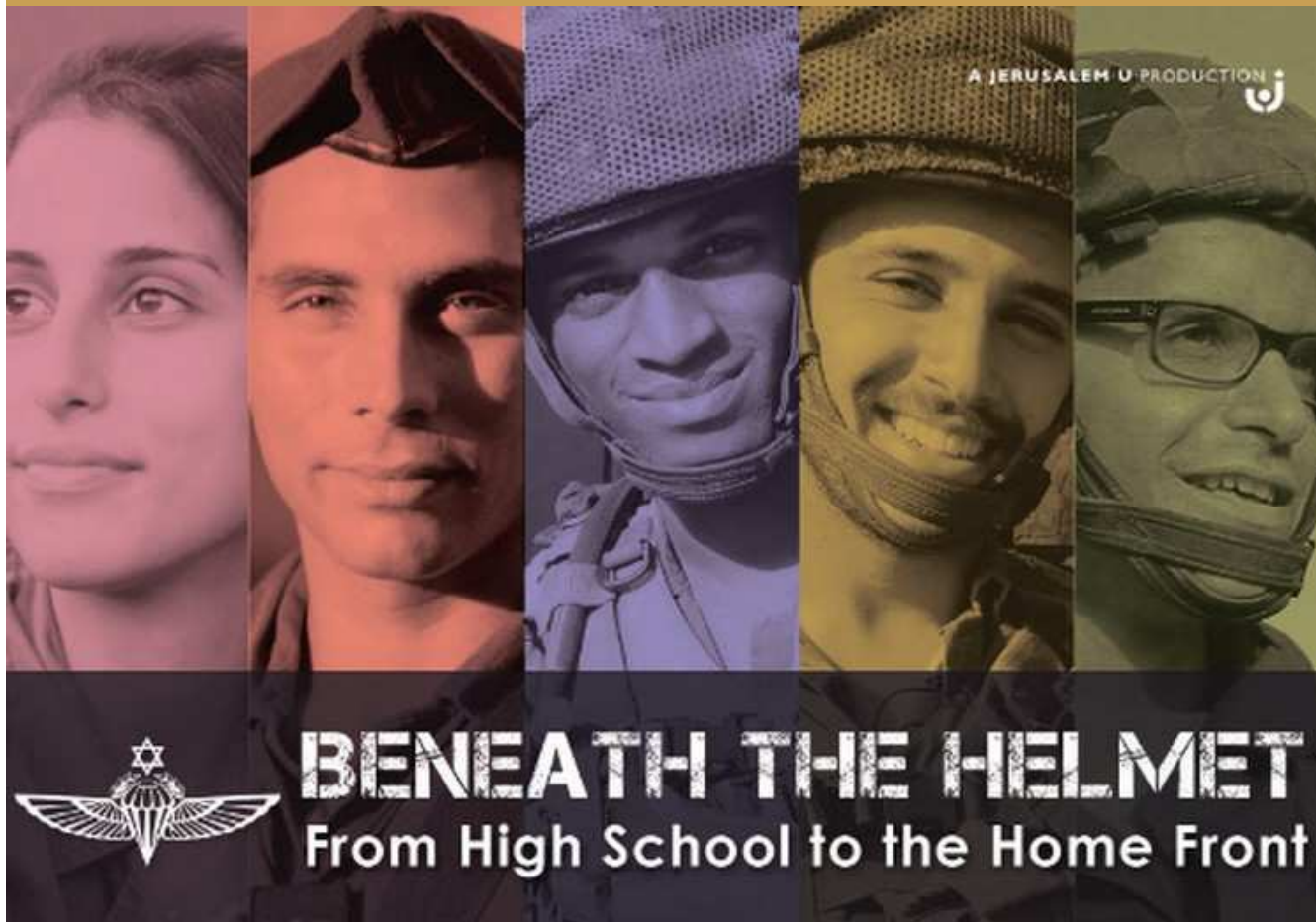
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Kiddush lunch plays a central role in bringing our community together every Shabbat. It is obviously an opportunity to eat a weekly meal together but it goes way beyond that. It is also a chance to visit together; to get to know one another in a relaxed, social setting.

The Kiddush Fund is open for business and in need of funding! Please consider contributing to this fund whenever you have someone or something to commemorate. Consider hosting a Kiddush lunch at Torat El when you have a Simcha to celebrate, and celebrate it with all of us.

To make a donation to the Kiddush Fund please call the temple office at 732-531-4410. To inquire about sponsoring a Kiddush please call Pam, also at 732-531-4410 or pamc@torat-el.org.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following families for sponsoring a Kiddush Luncheon in recent months:

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 <i>Purim Carnival</i> 11:30am-2:30pm <i>Dialogue on Dues</i> at the home of Steve & Vicki Fineberg 4:00pm	2	3 <i>Board of Trustees</i> Mtg 7:30pm	4 <i>Lunch & Learn</i> 12:00pm <i>Religious School</i> Family Megillah Reading 6:15pm	5 <i>Traditional Megillah</i> Reading 8:00am <i>Temple Office</i> closes at 12:00pm <i>Sisterhood Board</i> Mtg 7:30pm	6 <i>Candle Lighting</i> 5:35pm <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6:30pm	7 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 9:00am
8 <i>Religious School</i> 4th & 5th Grade Family Ed <i>Adult Ed/Chai</i> Mitzvah 9:30am	9	10 <i>Ritual Mtg</i> 7:30pm	11 <i>Lunch & Learn</i> 12:00pm <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi S</i> 7:30pm	12	13 <i>Candle Lighting</i> 6:43pm <i>Shabbat Service</i> 8:00pm	14 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 9:00am <i>Lunch & Learn</i> <i>Jr. Congregation</i> 10:30am
15 <i>Hazak Program</i> 10:30am	16 <i>Caregivers Support</i> Group 7:30pm	17 <i>Men's Club Mtg</i> 7:30pm	18 <i>Lunch & Learn</i> 12:00pm <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi S</i> 7:30pm	19	20 <i>Candle Lighting</i> 6:50pm <i>5th Grade Shabbat</i> Service 6:30pm	21 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 9:00am <i>Lisa Sherman in</i> Concert 8:15pm
22 <i>7th Grade & High</i> School Trip <i>Mahjongg</i> Tournament	23	24	25 <i>Lunch & Learn</i> 12:00pm <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi S</i> 7:30pm	26	27 <i>Candle Lighting</i> 6:57pm <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6:30pm	28 <i>Bar Mitzvah of</i> Jacob Gutman 9:00am <i>Jr. Congregation</i> 10:30am
29 <i>Kids Matzah</i> Bakery <i>Adult Ed - Chai</i> Mitzvah 9:30am	30	31				