



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

March 2017 - Adar/Nisan 5777

**In celebration of Purim,
CONGREGATION TORAT EL PRESENTS**

DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, March 11th, 7:00pm

Italian Buffet Dinner * BYOB * Lots of Laughs

Bring all your friends to join the fun!

\$50.00 per person

Paid Reservations Requested By March 3rd

Please send in reservation by March 3, 2017 to CTE 301 Monmouth Rd. Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ # Tickets Requested: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

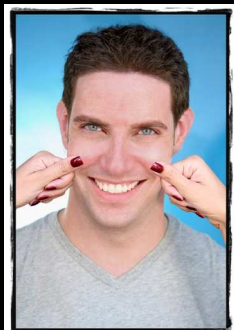
Coming with friends? Reserve a table (8 - 12 per table) How many in party? _____

Names of those joining you _____

FEATURING



Steven Scott



Comedian & Impressionist
who has performed in all 7
continents!

Sherry Davey



Recently named one of the
"Top 10 comedians in NYC"

Tom McTiernan



As seen regularly at Comic
Strip Live & The World
Famous Improv

Reservations may also be made online at comedy.torat-el.org

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Service Schedule

Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services

1st, 3rd, 4th Friday ~ 6:30pm

2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm



March Service Announcements

Friday, March 3, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 5:32 pm

Yahrzeits: Lillian Adler, Jacob Benofsky, Dina Bercovitz Stauber, Minnie Bromberg, Rita Comer, Rose Dulberger, Sylvia Fisher, Lena Gelfman, Julia Greenblatt, Cynthia Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Leon Horenstein, Rona Kalika, Samuel Kreizman, David Krivins, Wilbur Krivins, Frances Lefton, Maxwell Margulis, Miriam Mayerowitz, Ada Mintzer, Joseph Mintzer, Paula Popok, Fishel Reuven, Irma Schwartz, Matthew Schwartzman, Louis Sobel, Magdalena Stern, Yetta Weisman, Sidney Zimmerman

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Parsha: Terumah 25:1-40

Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Learn & Burn ~ 9:00 am

Cantor Ira Greenberg is our guest Hazan for Shabbat! Join us!

Friday, March 10, 2017

Shabbat Service 8:00 pm

Candles 5:40pm

Yahrzeits: William Abramson, Abraham Altschuler, Jacob Anschelewitz, Beatrice Belicove, Mildred Brasovankin, Esther Brown, Fred Brown, Molly Davis, Joseph Dennis, Ida Dorfman, Lillian Drimmer, Max Epstein, Chaim Feldman, Gertrude Flato, Samuel Freedman, William Friedman, Roslyn Gaber, Clara Garr, Lillian Goldenberg, Edward Greenblatt, Flora Gurman, Kenneth Herst, Herman Hirshfield, Rose Hoffman, Kenneth Kouri, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Doris Kurtz, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Kate Poretzky, Irwin Rosen, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, Robert Semel, Benjamin Shuzman, Hyman Skora, Ira Vineburg, Eva Vorchin, Joseph Weiner, Joseph Weissman, Lottie Wirth

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Parsha: Tetsavveh 27:20-28:30

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am
Traditional Megillah Reading ~ 6:45 pm

Friday, March 17, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:47 pm

Yahrzeits: Bessie Albert, Stanley Anderman, Bertha Barr, Marge Cohen, Harry Cowen, Alice Davidow, David Epstein, Florence Farber, Isaac Forman, Mamie Friedman, Florence Ginsberg, Nathan Goldwasser, Pauline Goodman, Rita Hunter, Jacqueline Hurwitz, David Kaplan, Gilbert Kaplan, Max Kasson, Ira Katz, Benjamin Maron, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Mae Rediker, Rose Ring, Gertrude Rosen, Cypora Safier, Lucille Shapiro, Louis Shear, Esther Skora, Stanley Spiegel, Etta Sprechman, Sidney Vineburg, Bertha Weiner, Sigmund Weinstein, Fanny Weitzenkorn, Milly Weitzenkorn, David Wiener, Jack Woda, Jennie Zimmerman

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Parsha: Ki tissa 30:11-31:17

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, March 24, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 6:55 pm

Yahrzeits: Morris Barr, Estelle Bass, Harry Bass, Ethel Brand, Abraham Fisher, Lillian Fox, Cecile Glasser, Sol Grabelle, Joseph Gurman, Rachel Hock, Abraham Kaufman, Irving Marlieb, Monroe Pincus, Rebecca Rediker, Cecil Rennick, Evelyn Rokaw, Barnett Schiff, Joseph Silverstein, Saul Simha, Beckie Singer Morgenstern, Harriette Solowey, Leo Wilk

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Parsha: Vayakhel-Pekudey 35:1-37:16

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, March 31, 2017

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Candles 7:02 pm

Oneg sponsored by proud parents Deborah Alpert & Russell Scheer

Yahrzeits: Louis Becker, Frieda Blufstein, Sophie Boff, Genevieve Breslow, Rubin Gerechoff, Ruth Goldenberg, Bella Kaufman, Andred Knifel, Moshe Koreen, Evelyn Kramer, Simon Kreisler, Freda Krongold, Louis Lefton, Wilma Lieberman, Dorothy Markowitz, Phyllis Marx, Eve Messner, Florence Morris, Faigy Ostroff, Tsilia Pirogovsky, Abraham Silver, Rose Simon, Faye Slotoff, Stanford Slovin, Joseph Valenti, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss, Benjamin Wilk

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Parsha: Vayikra 1:1-2:16

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Bar Mitzvah: Eric Scheer

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by proud grandmother Charlotte Scheer

Coming Out Of Hiding By Standing Up and Sticking Out



In a few weeks we will once again celebrate the joyous festival of Purim. From delivering *Shalach Manot*, to Megillah readings, to comedy night, to our yearly carnival followed by a fun concert for our youth, much of our focus this year will be on bringing joy and laughter to all ages in our community. To anyone who has celebrated Purim before, this will not come as a surprise. After all, isn't Purim the festival of joy and laughter, the festival of silliness and merry making? Well, yes and no. Because while Purim certainly *is* all about these things, it also has a more serious side, that moves beyond dressing up in costume, spinning our graggers, and eating way too many hamantaschen after the Megillah reading! Because Purim also comes to remind us of the importance of standing up for our values and our beliefs, even in our deepest moments of fear.

Let's take a moment to review the story of Purim, which celebrates the victory of an assimilated Diaspora Jewish community over the wicked Haman. The story begins with Queen Vashti's refusal to dance before a drunken King Ahashverosh at a royal banquet, which in turn sets the stage for Esther to be chosen as Queen. Shortly thereafter, King Ahashverosh appoints Haman as grand vizier and all of the king's courtiers kneel and bow before Haman. When Mordechai refuses to bow down, Haman becomes so enraged that he plots to destroy Mordechai and all of the Jews throughout the kingdom. Fortunately, Esther and Mordechai devise a plan to save the Jews. Esther comes before the king, wines and dines him, reveals that she is Jewish, and pleads for her people. At the end, the tables are turned, Haman is hanged, and the Jewish people in the kingdom of Shushan are saved from his evil plot and live happily ever after.

Esther is the real hero of this story. Her name literally means "hidden," because at first she preferred to stay "hidden" amongst the assimilated Jews of Shushan. But Mordechai convinced her that despite her fear of standing out, despite the risks of coming before the king without being summoned, Esther had to stand up for her people. The story of Esther is the story of courage and a willingness to stand up in the more challenging moments of life.

Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace. On the contrary; if you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter, while you and your father's house will perish. And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis. (Esther 4:13-14)

Esther's story is an important reminder for each of us in our daily lives. There are times when we may feel afraid, nervous, or concerned in a personal, professional, or communal setting. There are times where we would rather just "sit it out," or "hide in the background," because we convince ourselves that a particular issue or situation will not directly affect us in any way. But Esther reminds us that there are moments in life when we dare not remain hidden in our comfortable palaces in life whose false sense of security is just that. There are moments when we have to stand up for our beliefs, stand up for our values, and take risks to ensure that as Jews, and as human beings, we are standing on the right side of any given issue. Like Esther, who fasted, used polite language and had a well thought out plan before she went before the king, we too must always remember to do this in a considered, thoughtful and graceful way.

May each of us have the strength to face those fearful moments in our lives, by stepping up, standing out, and courageously bringing the light of our souls and our Jewish values into those darker moments of our society and of our lives.



RABBI SCHONBRUN'S COURSE OFFERINGS SPRING 2017

You're Jewish?!? Taking a 21st Century Look at Jews and Jewish Identities

What does it mean to be a Jew in the twenty-first century? What characteristics define Judaism today? Are we a culture, ethnicity, nation, nationality, or religion? Come and join us as we explore a new book written by Dr. Aaron Hahn Tapper of the University of San Francisco entitled:

Judaisms: A Twenty-First Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identity.

Using a variety of themes related to Jewish identity, we will explore a diversity of voices in the Jewish community from the biblical period through today to see how our customs, practices, and beliefs impact the way in which we understand our identity as Jews today.

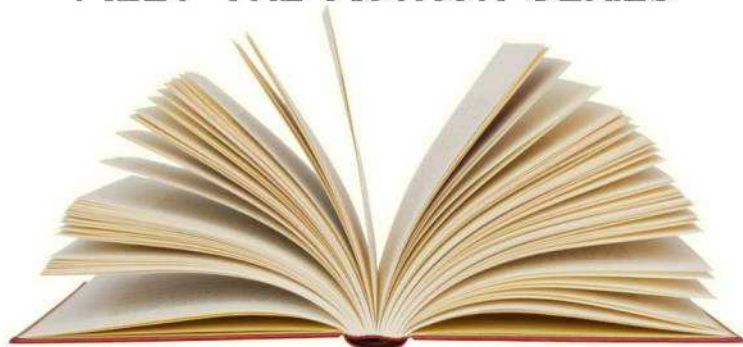
Wednesdays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17 - 7:30pm

Lunch 'n Learn - Journey Through The Torah

We read the Torah in synagogue every week, often choosing a verse or a narrative to study on Shabbat morning. But how many of you have read through the Torah carefully from cover to cover, studying each verse and each chapter of the world's longest "best seller?" Just what exactly is contained in these Five Books of Moses, and how can our most sacred text address some of the most pressing issues of our lives and of our world? To find out answers to these questions and more, come and join us once a week for a journey through the Torah. Bring your friends, your questions, and an openness to letting the words of Torah touch your heart and soul. No previous Bible study necessary.

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm

MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES



CONGREGATION TORAT EL

Inaugural Event

Thursday, April 27th, 7:30pm
No Charge!

The German Girl by Armando Lucas Correa

\$15 per book

Now available in the office

Join us for the kickoff of
our updated twist on the
traditional book club!

Buy it now
and get it signed at the event!

Call the temple office to register or visit events at www.torat-el.org.

Our Meet the Author Series has generously been sponsored by the Harry and Sadie Steinberg Fund

FROM THE DESK OF THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

During the first couple of weeks of the new presidency, there has been a flurry of activity. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the content of any of the numerous Executive Orders that have been adopted, a legitimate question exists as to the process of *how* those Orders were adopted. It is clear that our new president, a CEO in business, is applying the same decision-making process he used in the private sector to his governing a pluralistic country with multiple stakeholders and competing interests. Unfortunately, leading a country, or a temple for that matter, is different than running a company as an autocrat.

For example, when the lay leadership here at Congregation Torat El wants to change an existing practice or policy or adopt a new one, we have to determine if the change is in line with our governing documents – the Constitution and By-Laws. We also must review if the policy is in conformance with our religious teachings and ensure that it complies with any Halachic requirements. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we must work to get buy-in and understanding from you, the congregants as a whole (including various sub-groups each of which have their own interests and agendas). If you do not believe in, understand and support the new policy, then what good is it? Even if the goal is laudable, the outcome will be negative if the community does not work toward achieving that end.

Let me give you a concrete example. Recently, the temple was approached and asked to allow Jewish funerals to take place in our sanctuary. Coincidentally, this unsolicited request came from multiple sources at the same time. While no official policy exists prohibiting such a use of our building, there has been an unwritten policy that only past presidents, clergy and other “big machers” could have funerals in the Temple.

Given the opportunity that literally fell into our lap, we reviewed the situation. Nationally, synagogues are going out of the box to explore ways to use their assets, increase sources of revenue and expand their reach in the community. Locally, Congregation Torat El strives to be an open and inclusive congregation, welcoming all equally. Monetary issues, as always, are a consideration in the on-going operation of the synagogue with ever-increasing expenses and limited means of raising funds and generating revenue. Halachic considerations were reviewed. The Board was consulted to gauge its feelings on the matter. Finally, the past presidents were consulted regarding their feelings and input on this potential policy change.

After conducting a thorough review of all of the foregoing, we have decided to open up the temple to funerals, for a fee. To that end, we will be entering into an agreement with a local funeral home so that we can control what and when things happen in our building. More information will be forthcoming in that regard so that all members of our community – presidents, members and non-members – can avail themselves of our facility in times of need. In the meantime, we are hopeful that given the thoughtful process we have employed in making this decision that there will at the least be an understanding as to why we are making this change, if not total agreement with the change.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Larry

Sustaining Commitment 2017-2018

Our sustaining commitment model has been a success. In order to continue that success and ensure we do not have to revert back to a dues-based synagogue, we need your continued generous support and your response to the commitment letter you will be receiving in the mail soon. Please be sure to fill in your commitment pledge and return it before April 1st. If you do not return a completed pledge form, we will presume that your commitment remains unchanged from last year.

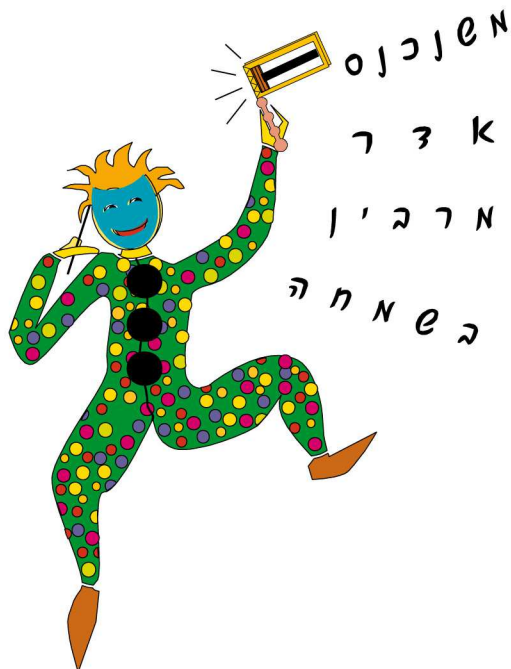
As we go into our third year of the sustainability model, your response and commitment are critical to our ability to create a realistic budget, plan activities and programs, address staffing needs, and make needed repairs and upgrades in our facilities for the coming year. Please take a few minutes to give your feedback and support.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

PURIM!

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

**ADMISSION \$10 PER CHILD, NO CHARGE FOR ADULTS
(INCLUDES CARNIVAL, LUNCH, CONCERT)**



10:00am Family Megillah Reading

11:00am Purim Carnival

Features new games built by our own Josh Pickelny, Inflatables, Food, Prizes, Tons of fun!

12:30pm The Bossy Frog Band Concert

The Bossy Frog Band thrills young audiences with their 100% interactive, over-the-top, banjo-driven, costume-character-dancing musical performance. Their show has been enjoyed by over 100,000 children and families!

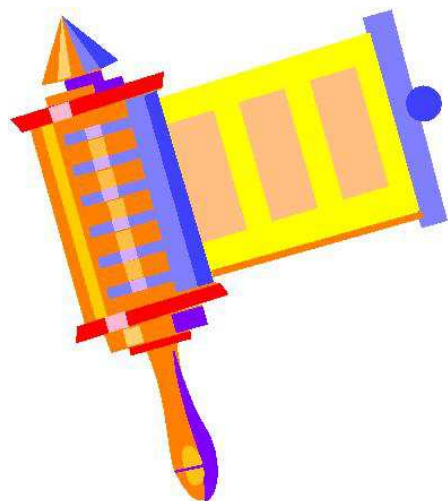
THE BOSSY FROG BAND



Our Purim Extravaganza has been made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.

The Bossy Frog Band Concert has been made possible by funding through Sisterhood's Adie Gordon Fund.

Thank You!



MEGILLAH READING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 6:45PM

TRADITIONAL READING

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 8:30AM

TRADITIONAL READING

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, 10:00AM

FAMILY READING

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

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 26th, 9am-4pm

Play begins at 9:30am Sharp

Registration by March 6th

Late registration accepted if space permits, call first, \$5.00 Late Fee

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

Registration Fee: \$30.00 Sisterhood Members, \$35.00 for Non-Members

Remember to bring your 2016 card

Questions? Call Carol at 732-213-7434

Phone reservations will not be accepted

Name _____

Check Amount \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email _____ Sisterhood Member Y N (circle one)

Would you be interested in being an East*? Y N(circle one) *Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring. 1 in 4 participants should be East for a successful Mah Jongg tournament.

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

Mail to: Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

Min Pincow Raffle News: Congratulations to our January and February winners: Marcia Sacks for January and Judy Solomon for February. Each winner received a check for \$325 and each are repeat winners. **Remember you must be in it to win it.** Raffle numbers are still available \$80 for 8 more chances. Call Toby at 732-493-3719.

Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon

Sunday, March 5th ~ 9am - 1pm

1 dozen \$6 - 2 dozen \$10

To place a hamantashen order or to
volunteer your time contact:

Kim Sherman 732-493-1971 or
kimsherm@gmail.com

Carri Silverberg 732-245-8939 or
Ctesisterhood@gmail.com

Orders must be placed by March 1st

*All women, mothers, daughters, sisters and teens:
Sisterhood invites you to learn to capture
cherished memories through*

Jewish Journaling

*A program on creating, keeping, and enjoying personal
journals with a Jewish touch! Learn quick and easy
journaling techniques for writers and non writers*

Join this interactive program with

**Michele Bernstein Klausner,
Certified Journal Facilitator**

Date: May 18, 2017

Time: 7:15 PM

*Light snacks will be served: Bring your favorite journal or
notebook if you have one, pencil or pen*

RSVP to the temple office at 732-531-4410

By May 15, 2017

(There is no cost to this program but please RSVP)

MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker Program

Come and join local Assembly Members Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downy and the Men's Club of Congregation Torat El for a light breakfast and get the opportunity to ask questions of the people who represent you. This is a program that is open to the public, so please tell your family, friends and neighbors in Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Colts Neck, Deal, Eatontown, Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Interlaken, Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Neptune, Neptune City, Ocean, Red Bank, Shrewsbury Borough, Shrewsbury Township, Tinton Falls, and West Long Branch. Come and ask questions of your Assembly Members and get attention to the needs that you have. Please RSVP to robeinhorn@gmail.com by Sunday, March 12th. There will be a limited amount of time that the Assembly Members will be available, so, e-mailed questions will be more likely to be addressed.

Sunday, March 19, 9:00am

Jersey Shore Charity Golf Outing

*To Benefit Jewish Family
& Children's Service
of Greater Monmouth County*



**Presented by the Men's Club
of Congregation Torat El**

Monday, July 24, 2017



**MATZAH
DONATIONS
NEEDED
FOR
COLLEGE
PACKAGES!**

Drop off donations to the
temple office by March 24th.

Thank you!

family FUN day



**Let the games
begin!**

Sunday, April 2nd
Come anytime
1:00pm - 5:00pm
at
JCC J-Fit Facility
100 Grant Ave.
Deal

**Show your kids and grandkids that
 you still “have game” left in you.
 Challenge them to join you in friendly
 competition with other families in
 age-based events.**

Family Events In the Gym	Family Events In the Pool
➤ Corn Hole	➤ One-quarter lap races
➤ Frisbee Throw	➤ One-half lap races
➤ Basketball Foul Shooting	➤ Three-quarter lap races
➤ Basketball Dribble Races	➤ Full-lap races
➤ Wheel Barrel Races	➤ Couples Relay races
➤ Dodge Ball	➤ Family Relay Races

Or challenge yourself in the fitness center, gym or swimming pool:

Individual Activities In the Fitness Center	Individual Activities Elsewhere
➤ Treadmills	➤ 25-meter swimming laps
➤ Ellipticals	➤ Pick-up basketball games
➤ Recumbent Bikes	➤ Relaxing sauna
➤ Rowing Machines	➤ Massage (extra cost)
➤ Free and Machine Weights	➤ Personal Fitness Training (extra cost)

\$5 per person, \$9 per couple, \$18 per family of 4 or more
Please make checks payable to Congregation Torat El

**Please register yourself, your family and unaffiliated friends no later than
 Thursday, March 16th. Advanced Reservations Required. Please call the
 temple office at 732-531-4410 or visit www.torat-el.org.**

All fees will be refunded if the event is cancelled for any reason.

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Koach to Mady Einhorn for receiving her Yad in recognition of her 18th Torah reading!
Mazel Tov!

During the month of **January 2017**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Cantor Nancy Abramson
Mady Einhorn
Mark Engel
Steve Fineberg
Mike Gordon
Jacob Gutman

Harvey Jacob
Ben Laskowitz
Sheila Morris
David Pirogovsky
Bonnie Reiss
Michele Robins

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Lori Schuldiner Schor
Joel Schulman
Neil Weitzenkorn
Aron Wiener
Ava Winters

Yasher Koach To All!!!

If you are interested in chanting your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Haftarah, or if you are interested in learning to become a CTE Leader/Reader, please contact Ben Laskowitz at benlaskowitz@torat-el.org, cell # 732-861-7450.

Temple Beth El Cemetery



In response to the many Interfaith marriages in our community, Congregation Torat El has created an Interfaith burial section within the confines of the beautiful, historic Temple Beth El Cemetery.

It is now possible for Interfaith couples to have a dignified Jewish burial.

If this is of interest to you or any of your family members, please contact the temple office, who will be pleased to answer any questions.



tiny tots and toddler time

at congregation torat el

For children ages
6 months-5 years

upcoming classes:
mondays, march 6 & 20
april 3, may 1 & 15
10:00am-11:30am

Meet new children, make new friends and explore the wonders of music, dance, and creative expression in an exciting and fun way!
Program includes story time, art & crafts (with a take home project) & snack.

Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers welcome

Pajama
Shabbat

friday, april 7th
5:30 - 6:30pm

Come join as we welcome in Shabbat together with a program filled with movement, story and song.

This program is geared for children 6 and under but of course older siblings are welcome! Bring your kids in their pajamas and enjoy this fun program followed by a kid-friendly dinner.

This program is open to the community! No Charge! Bring a friend!

For planning purposes RSVPs would be appreciated. Please call the temple office.

We look forward to seeing you!

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

The Torat Family extends condolences to:

Abby Scheer & family on the loss of their husband and father Steve Scheer
Irwin & Nancy Gerechoff on the loss of their son-in-law Steve Scheer
Ross Turian on the loss of his uncle Steve Scheer
Barbara Paskin on the loss of her husband Sandor Paskin

The Torat El Family welcomes back:

Joni Bakley & family
Karen & Bill Belfer



Shabbat Learn 'n Burn

A spiritual experience to restore your mind, body and soul

Come and join us as we celebrate Shabbat in a variety of ways at our monthly "Spirit of Shabbat" Program. Join us for our main service from 9:00-11:30am. Or participate in our "learn 'n burn" program starting at 9:00am with a study session followed by a refreshing yoga/meditation class at 10am. Feel free to join us for any or all of our programming and dress in comfortable clothing. Everyone is invited to gather together for our kiddush following the programs as we celebrate Shabbat as one community.

First Saturday of each month, next class is March 4th

Cantor Greenberg Returns for Shabbat

Cantor Greenberg and his wife Francine will join us once again the weekend of March 3rd & 4th.

You will remember Cantor Greenberg from our High Holy Day Services as well as other visiting Shabbat weekends. We hope to see you there!

Building Repairs

We are currently working on repairing the exterior walls of the main sanctuary. In order to complete this work, we need to temporarily remove the memorial boards from the walls inside the sanctuary. Please know that all yahrzeit names will continue to be read from the bima on Friday evenings and Shabbat mornings. The boards will be re-hung as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Passover Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 6th

Sale of Chametz Due

Monday, April 10th - 8:00am

Fast of the Firstborn

Tuesday, April 11th - 9:00am

Pesach Service

Tuesday, April 11th - 6:30pm

Community Seder

Wednesday, April 12th - 9:00am

Pesach Service

Monday, April 17th - 9:00am

Pesach Service

Tuesday, April 18th - 9:00am

Pesach/Yizkor Service

Siyyum Bechorim Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

Monday, April 10th 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. 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 are held in memory of Esther and Ed Deitelbaum and are 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 **Thursday, April 6, 2017**.

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
Monday, April 10, 2017.

_____signature



CONGREGATION TORAT EL COMMUNITY SEDER

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH - 6:30PM



MENU INCLUDES:

Appetizers:

Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver

Main Dishes:

Brisket, Boneless Breast of Chicken

Vegetarian/Gluten Free Entrée available upon advanced request

Side Dishes:

Apple Kugel, Farfel w/Onions& Mushrooms, Smashed Potatoes,
Vegetable Medley

Dessert:

Cake & Macaroons, Fruit Platters

Adults: \$55 Children 5-13: \$25 Children 4 and under: no charge
Each table will be provided with its own Seder Plate, Matzah, Charoses

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

Reservations may be made through the temple office or by visiting seder2017.torat-el.org

Pre-Paid reservations must be received at the temple office **no later than April 4th.**

Due to the amount of planning and preparation, please understand that this deadline cannot be extended.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Passover Candy Sale

Featuring Bartons

We are thrilled to offer you the opportunity to participate in our Passover Candy Sale! Congregation Torat El will be selling Kosher for Passover candy and confections. Every item will have a certification of Passover Kosher Supervision. If you are interested in purchasing candy please fill out the order form on the next page and send it back to the temple office NO LATER THAN MARCH 15TH. All orders will be available for pick up at the temple after March 27th.

Checks payable to Congregation Torat El must accompany your order.

Feel free to share this shopping opportunity with family and friends.

Visit www.misschocolate.com and view the "online store" for additional items not listed on the order form. Simply fill out the information and add it in the fourth section of the order form. If you really have a sweet tooth and need more room, add it to the back of the order form!

If you have any questions please call the temple office at 732-531-4410.

Wishing you a happy and SWEET Passover!



Passover Candy Sale

ITEM #	PARVE PASSOVER ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
2535	BARTONS DARK CHOCOLATE MATZAH (P) - 10oz		\$15.00	
2529	PIAZZ FRUIT SLICES (P) - 8oz.		\$ 8.50	
2541	BARTONS DARK CHOCOLATE SEDER MINTS (P) - 6oz.		\$10.00	
2560	BARTONS DARK CHOCOLATE ALMOND BARK (P) - 5oz.		\$11.00	
2564	BARTONS DARK CHOCOLATE COVERED MACAROONS (P) - 8oz.		\$12.00	
2580	JENNIES CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE COCONUT MACAROONS (P) - 10oz.		\$12.00	
2598	JENNIES DOUBLE CHOCOLATE SEA SALT MACAROONS (P) - 10oz.		\$12.00	
2642	BARTONS CHOCOLATE COVERED MATZAH CRACKERS (P) - 8oz.		\$11.00	
ITEM #	DAIRY PASSOVER ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
2508	BARTONS CASHEW BUTTER CRUNCH (D) - 8oz.		\$11.50	
2531	BARTONS MILK CHOCOLATE LOLLYCONES (D) - 2.5oz.		\$ 6.50	
2542	BARTONS MILK CHOC. ALMOND CARAMEL CLUSTERS (D) - 5.5oz.		\$11.00	
2553	BARTONS MILK CHOCOLATE CARAMEL DAISIES (D) - 5oz.		\$10.00	
2562	BARTONS MILK CHOCOLATE MATZAH (D) - 10oz.		\$15.00	
2590	BARTONS ALMOND KISSES (D) - 10oz.		\$14.00	
2593	BARTONS MILK AND DARK CHOCOLATE ASSORTMENT (D) - 8oz.		\$17.00	
2525	BARTONS CHOCOLATE TRIO (#2542, #2541, #2553)		\$28.00	
2585	BARTONS MATZAH COMBO (#2562, #2535)		\$28.00	
ITEM #	OLD TIME DELIGHTS PARVE AND GLUTEN FREE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
2573	CHOCOLATE COVERED RING JELLS - 9oz.		\$ 9.00	
2540	CHOCOLATE COVERED MARSHMALLOW TWISTS - 9oz.		\$ 9.00	
2575	CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY MARSHMALLOW TWISTS - 9oz.		\$ 9.00	
2550	SESAME CRUNCH - 8oz.		\$ 9.00	
2582	CHOCOLATE COMBO (#2573, #2540, #2575)		\$25.00	
ITEM #	ADDITIONAL ITEMS YOU'D LIKE FROM ONLINE STORE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Kiddush Fund



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 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 over the last several months:

Joel & Madeline Schulman in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary
Fred & Sandy Singer in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Jocelyn Assael
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Russell Bey in honor of his parents
Carl & Sandy Koreen in honor of the dedication of the Koreen Family Library
Joel & Madeline Schulman in honor of the anniversary of Joel's Bar Mitzvah

Thank you to the following families for sponsoring a Chip and Dip Kiddush over the last several months:

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Jeff & Carol Klein in honor of the anniversary of Jeff's Bar Mitzvah
Steven & Fran Nudelman in honor of the 35th anniversary of Steven's Bar Mitzvah

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Presented by the Axelrod Performing Arts Center

Sponsored by a grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation

Program Introductions by Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

I Am Anne Frank: America's leading Cabaret artist Andrea Marcovicci reprises her Lincoln Center song cycle. The Axelrod PAC's presentation will include a chamber orchestra as well as a dozen young actresses from their Rising Stars Youth Program.

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 pm ~ Holocaust Commemoration Program

Achinoam Nini (known around the world as NOA), Israeli born, raised in the US, has shared the stage with superstars including Sting, Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Andrea Bocelli and many more. She has released over 15 albums which have sold millions the world over.

Saturday, May 13, 8:30pm ~ NOA, Israel's leading International star

Transcen Dance Group: This multimedia performance, directed and choreographed by Gabriel Chajnik shares the compelling survival story of Rosmarim and his family during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The program features renowned violinist Niv Ashkenazi.

Sunday, May 21, 3:00pm ~ A moving story told through dance and music

Congregation Torat El has 50 (prime seat) tickets for each show available to sell at a discounted rate. First-come, first-served!

Tickets available at the temple office, checks payable to CTE.

Credit card purchases subject to 3% administrative fee.

I Am Anne Frank	retail price \$36	CTE price \$25
Transcen Dance Group	retail price \$36	CTE price \$25
NOA	retail price \$75	CTE price \$55

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Our MLK program by **David Malchman**

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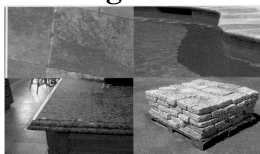
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			1 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	2 Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm	3 Candle Lighting 5:32pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm Cantor Greenberg joins us this Shabbat	4 Shabbat Service 9:00am Learn & Burn 9:00am
5 Hamantaschen Bake-A-Thon 9:00am-1:00pm	6 Tiny Tots & Toddler Time 10:00am Beginner Hebrew Class 7:30pm	7 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	8 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	9	10 Candle Lighting 5:40pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm	11 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School Traditional Megillah Reading 6:45pm Dinner & Comedy Night 7:00pm
12 Traditional Megillah Reading 8:30am Family Megillah Reading 10:00am Purim Carnival 11:00am Bossy Frog Band Concert 12:30pm	13 Beginner Hebrew Class 7:30pm	14 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	15 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm 2017-18 B'nai Mitzvah Parent's Mtg 5:30pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	16	17 Candle Lighting 6:47pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	18 Shabbat Service 9:00am 5th & 6th Grade Family Ed 9:15am
19 Men's Club Breakfast Program 9:00am	20 Tiny Tots & Toddler Time 10:00am Beginner Hebrew Class 7:30pm	21 Executive Board Mtg 7:00pm Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm	22 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm	23	24 Candle Lighting 6:55pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	25 Shabbat Service 9:00am Ganon Family Ed 9:15am
26 Mah Jongg Tournament 9:00am-4:00pm	27 Beginner Hebrew Class 7:30pm	28 Education Committee Mtg 7:30pm	29 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Kids Chocolate Seder 4:30pm	30	31 Candle Lighting 7:02pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm	