

Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Iyar/Sivan 5772

May 2012

Weekday Mornings

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

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services See Page 3 for times Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am

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CONGREGATION TORAT EL

CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT BARBECUE

FOLLOWED BY
FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
OR INSTRUMENTAL SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH - 6:30PM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30PM WITH SERVICES FOLLOWING

Adults \$15, Children 13 and under \$9 Max per temple family \$40



May 18th Barbecue

Please return this reservation form along with your payment to the temple office no later than May 10th.

Congregation Torat El 301 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Name	
Phone	
# Adults	# Children
Total Enclosed \$	

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Shabbat Evening Services A Choice for the members of our Congregation

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

First & Third Friday of each month

Instrumental Musical Service

6:30pm

Family Friday Nights

Fourth Friday of each month

Family Service and Dinner

6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Second & Fourth Friday of each month

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

Candles 7:37 pm

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

May Service Announcements...

Friday, May 4, 2012

Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm
Instrumental Shabbat
Scholar-In-Residence: Dr. Eliezer Diamond

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Tina and Alan Chester, Mindy and David Estin, Eileen and Jay Leibowitz,

Cheryl and Lance Markbreiter, Jacqueline and Matthew Tobin

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Abraham Abarbanel, Rebecca Bashkow, Rebecca Becker, Jack Bohrer, Rae Breslow Morris Brodsky, Rita Levine Casey, Sigmund Chapman, Naomi Glickman, Harold A. Goldberg, Benjamin Karasik Jeanette Kirschner, Fannie Konvitz, Rose Kurman, Samuel Leffler, Beatrice Lehrman, Lillian Levine, Nathan Lichtman Sigmund Lipson, Rae Littenberg, Helen Meckler, Eugene Meyer, Harry Negin, Minnie Rachles, Samuel Reich Stanley Robins, Jacob Rosenbaum, Herbert Schwartz, Clara Miriam Segner, Ethel Seldin, Bernice Shutman Charles Sidran, Bessie Slovin, Yetta Wilk, Ruth Wolf

Saturday, May 5, 2012 Parsha: Vayikra 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Eliezer Diamond

Friday, May 11, 2012 4th Grade Service/3rd Grade Siyyum 6:30pm Candles 7:44pm Erev Shabbat Services 8:00 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Nancy and Howard Isaacs, Fran and Ned Meyer, Maryann and Arnold Zimmerman

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Dora Anderman, Albert E. Bloomfiels, Lewis Breuer, Bertha Cohen, Larry Cohen, Irving Davis Louis Dolgenas, Herbert Friedman, Lester Hodax, Dorothy Horwitz, Yetta Jobreck, Melvin Kirsch, Eileen Susan Klang Dora Koyner, Mary Lachow, Hyman Lakoff, Abraham Ledwitz, Max Levine, Perle Lifshotz, Isidore Lipschitz Ray Lipschitz, Johanna Marx, Elihu Michnoff, Yetta Nansin, Max Posner, Jacob Przytyk, Aaron Rieven-Goldenberg Fanny Rosenbaum, Sylvia Rumaner, Paul Schild, Louis Schnitzer, Julia Selikowitz, Eli Shooman, David Silverstein Robert Sukinik, Ida Urovsky, Harold Zale

Saturday, May 12, 2012 Parasha: Vayikra 21:1-24:23 Haftarah: Yehezkel 44:15-31

Morning Service ~9:00 am

Jr. Congregation 10:15 am/Mini Minyan 10:30 am

May Service Announcements...

Friday, May 18, 2012 Congregational Shabbat Barbecue 6:30 pm Candles 7:51 pm Instrumental Musical Shabbat or Family Service following barbecue

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Carol and Stephen Hunter, Doreen and William Lederman, Karyn and Bill Raby

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: David Amada, Belle Balkin, Miriam Block, Rae Bloom, Eleanore Botney, Malcolm Deitch Carol Gildenberg Dichter, Mark Donner, Dorothy Eliscu, Elizabeth Libby Furie, Aaron Gaber, Philip Gaber, Jane Gabrielson Reva Goldberg, Gloria Goldfajer, Ethel Hornstein, Abraham Kaplinsky, Harry Lachow, Sam Lerner, Frances Levine Mildred Levy, Beverly Needel, Pauline Sabinsky, Joseph Sager, Stephen Sager, Ruth Salowe, Seymour Sanders Walter Schwarz, Rose Terris, Susan Vetrini, Rose Weiner, Sarah Wolin, Mary Zimmerman

Saturday, May 19, 2012 Parsha: Vayikra 25:1-27:34 Haftarah: Yirmeyahu 16:19-17:14

Shabbat Morning Service ~9:00 am Bar Mitzvah: Jared Chester

Friday, May 25, 2012

Traditional Shabbat Services 6:30 pm

Candles 7:57 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Lisa and Michael Absatz, Rachel and Adam Bogner, Joan and Warren Goode Debra and Bill Katcher, Helaine and Benjamin Laskowitz, Carole and Maurice Weiner, Carol and Martin Weinstock Eva and Howard Wiener

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Barney Barrett, Shalom Arie Brand, Ethel Brenner, Leo Chavis, Sara Cooper, Ida Deitch Ephraim Dobrin, Raymond J. Dweck, Rose Eliscu, Sidney Forgang, Sylvia Gaffin, Fanny Glasser, Bertha Sandberg Goldberg Maxine Green, Jack Gribin, Robert Haiken, Gertrude Hoffman, Eva Maltz, Harriet Miller, Fredric Milstein, Sylvia Pickover Meyer Rokaw, Ethel Rosenfeld, Meyer Rothman, Jacob S. Rubin, Susan L. Samuel, Stanley Scheer, Grace Schreibman Meryl Sherman, Eugene Shutman, Henry L. Silverman, Ruth Starrett, Arthur Theodore, Morris Warar, Maurice Webman Meyer Weinstein

Saturday, May 26, 2012 Parsha: Bemidbar 1:1-4:20 Haftarah: Hoshea 2:1-22

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation 10:15 am/Mini Minyan 10:30 am

Saturday, May 26, 2012 Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:00-11:00pm

Sunday, May 27, 2012 Shavuot Service 9:00am

Monday, May 28, 2012 Shavuot/Yizkor Service 9:00am



Our Synagogue Families



Mazel Tov to:

Jay-Ann and Harvey Shooman on the birth of their grandson Jordan Ryan. Proud parents are Holly and Adam Rosenfeld.

From The Rabbi's Study...

Making Revelation Count

Starting on the second night of Passover, we begin the somewhat strange practice of counting the Omer. The historical connection to the Omer is agricultural. In Israel the spring harvest begins during the Passover season, and in the biblical period people would bring their new crop to Jerusalem during this time of year to be eaten as a sign of appreciation and thanksgiving for God's beneficence. The Omer, a measurement of grain, represents a portion of the crop that was brought daily during the forty-nine days between Passover and Shavuot.

So why are we still counting? Why do we commemorate this seemingly out-of-date ritual?

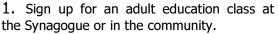
Over the years, the counting of the Omer took on additional significance. Beyond just being a symbol of our thanksgiving for God's goodness when it came to the harvest, counting the Omer became a spiritual tool for helping us connect to God and Torah.

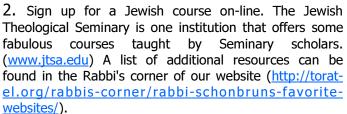
Maimonides taught that we count the days between Pesach and Shavuot because we are anxiously awaiting the experience of "receiving Torah," commemorated on the holiday of Shavuot.

As you are reading this article, we are in the middle of our counting towards this "revelation." But if the counting of the Omer is directly tied to our anticipation of receiving Torah, then we must ask ourselves just how we "receive Torah" today. This is a multi-faceted and challenging question, but at its core it is really the central question about the ways in which we bring Jewish learning into our lives.

Torah literally means "instruction." As we count forward, eagerly anticipating our arrival at Sinai, let us make sure we count with a purpose: **the purpose of becoming more educated as Jews.** Education is the essence of Torah. Jewish learning lies at the core of our values, our traditions, and our very survival. As we count forward towards Shavuot, let us each ask ourselves: How am I doing when it comes to my Jewish learning? What are some areas where I would like to learn more, and what am I going to do about it? And then let us begin the daunting practice of delving in to Jewish text, in the broadest sense of the word. Let us prepare to re-dedicate ourselves to "Torah," to Jewish learning.

Here are just a few practical suggestions for how to do this:





- 3. Download a Jewish "app" onto your smart phone to study when you are commuting and encourage your children and grandchildren to do the same for their iphone, ipad, etc... For an interesting article with suggestions, check out: http://www.thejewishweek.com/blogs/jewish techs/what are top jewish apps
- 4. Go to the bookstore and buy a Jewish book that looks interesting to you, bring it to the beach this summer, and begin discussing it with family and friends.
- 5. Feel free to visit our library and check out some of our wonderful resources through our online library catalog.
- 6. Come to Shabbat services and engage in our weekly Torah learning.

Write down a list of Jewish questions or topics that you have always wanted to learn about and think about how to begin studying one of these topics. As always, I am happy to help you get started with this journey. Feel free to call me or e-mail for any advice.

There is no question that this is a tall order. A commitment to Jewish learning, a commitment to receiving Torah in our lives, takes much dedication and can be an endless pursuit. But just as we take the counting of the Omer one day at a time, so too must we remember that the key to successful Jewish learning lies in our ability to take things one lesson at a time.

Our first collective encounter with God happened at Sinai. When we link our count toward Sinai with a commitment to re-dedicate ourselves to Jewish learning, we re-connect with God, by inviting God into our lives and into the world around us. As Dr. Louis Finkelstein (former Chancellor of JTS) once said: "When I pray, I talk to God, and when I study, God talks to me." As we prepare to celebrate Shavuot and receive the Torah, let us avoid merely counting each day, and work to ensure that we make each day count. The Torah is waiting. God is waiting. In the words of Hillel the Sage: "Go and Learn."

Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah

Hi, my name is Jared Chester. I live in Wayside and go to Ocean Township Intermediate School. I am an avid soccer player and have been the goal keeper for the Ocean Township Lightening team for 4 years. I have a cat Maggie that I got for my birthday last year to keep me company while my two brothers (Aaron and Daniel) are away at college. For my Bar Mitzvah project I organized a Marathon Relay Run with my Mom, Dad, Brother Aaron and his girlfriend Heather. We ran the race April 21st and collected over \$700.00 for Special Olympics. I am so excited for my Bar Mitavah on May 19, 2012. I invite you to share and celebrate with me and my family.

Congregation Torat El Board of Trustees

Shabbat Installation Service and Dessert Reception

Friday, June 8th - 6:30pm



We invite the entire Congregation Torat El Family to join us as we look forward to a year filled with continued change, growth and excitement.

Installation Service 6:30pm followed by dessert reception RSVP to the office if you will be joining us
732-531-4410



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



Yasher Koach to the Incredible Religious School Staff

The Religious School faculty and aids are truly a dedicated staff, putting in countless hours to ensure that your child receives the very best in Jewish education!

Thank you so much to the following individuals for working so hard to make this a successful school year:
Rabbi Schonbrun, Cantor Siegel, Anne Siegel, Jane-Rachel Schonbrun, Beth Cotler, Hal Cotler, Peggy Gaber-Casey
Rachel Casey, Marilyn Casey, Pnina Zunger, Nitza Solon, Sue Klein, Sarah Bercovicz, Chani Englard, Rachel Bronstein
Ronnie Walerzak, Randi Kervick.

Thank you to all of this year's aids: Emily Bauer, Alex Solomon, Talia Binns, Jacob Pirogovsky, Alana Barofsky, David Pirogovsky, Aaron Rosenheck, Sarah Guss, Matthew Spector, Mollie Tobin, Lindsay Spector, and Jonathan Zimmerman.

All parents are welcome to join us as we honor the teachers and aids at the Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday May 13. Religious School begins at 9:00 A.M., as usual, and the breakfast will begin at 9:45 in the Social Hall.

Mark Your Calendars:

Fri. May 11

Sat. May 12

Mini-Minyan & Junior Congregation

Sun. May 13

Last Sunday Session – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Mon. May 14

Last Hebrew High School Session

Wed. May 16

Mon. May 21

Religious School Graduation









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MAY 17(SAT)-REGIONAL CLOSING DANCE MAY 7(MON)-BARBECUE & UTIMATE FRISBEE



KADIMA

MAY 7(MON)-JOINT BARBECUE & UTIMATE FRISBEE WITH USY 18-20(FRI-SUN)-REGIONAL SPRING CONVENTION

PRE-KADIMA

MAY 2(WED)-BARBECUE & UTIMATE FRISBEE

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



Performing at Congregation Torat &1



The Maccabeats

Sunday, September 9, 2012 - 4:00pm (doors open at 3:00pm)

Save the date for an exciting, musical performance for the whole family from this renowned a cappella group

Tickets will be available as of June 1st in the temple office Adults \$25 Children (18 and under) \$18

All tickets are General Admission

Payment for tickets is by cash or check, made payable to CTE

This event is open to the entire community. Bring your family and friends!

You can preview the Maccabeats at www.maccabeats.com

For further information call Laurie at 732-531-0511

Program made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation

Business Directory

Congregation Torat EI will be putting together a business directory which will be distributed at the	Business Card	\$ 36
Maccabeats concert. We expect several hundred people to attend and this will be a great way to	1/4 Page	\$ 75
advertise/promote your business or company.	1/2 Page	\$136
Mail black and white camera ready ad or e-mail in	Full Page	\$250
jpeg or Word format to pamc@torat-el.org and send check to:	Inside Front or Back Cover	\$400
Congregation Torat El 301 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755	Back Cover	\$500

Deadline for placing your ad is August 15, 2012

Please make checks payable to Congregation Torat El





Friday Night, May 4th after Services* Saturday, May 5th after Services* Sunday, May 6th Brunch

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Eliezer Diamond. Rabbi Diamond is the Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. (More info is available about our Guest Speaker at http://www.jtsa.edu/x1352.xml?ID_NUM=100114.)

The topics that Dr. Diamond will address:

Friday Night - You had to be there: An introduction to Rabbinic humor

Saturday Lunch - The Passion in Perspective: What the Talmud has to say about Jesus and his disciples?

Sunday Brunch - Sinai Revisited: A Rabbinic retelling of Revelation

Friday night our Instrumental Shabbat Service begins at 6:30 PM.

Dr. Diamond will give the sermon during our Saturday morning Shabbat Service at 9:00 A.M.

Members of the local community are very welcome to join with our Congregation in sharing the thoughts and views of Dr. Diamond. All are welcome to join us for prayer services and/or the meals we are providing.

*	Scholar	-In-Residence			
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Name (PLEASE PRINT):			Telephone #:		
	<u>Meal</u>	# Adult <u>Members</u>	# Children Members <u>Under 13</u>	#Adult <u>Guests</u>	# Children Guests <u>Under 13</u>
Friday Night @ 7:30 PM*	Traditional Hot	@ \$7	Free	@\$18	@ \$15
Saturday Lunch@ 12:00 PM*	Dairy	@ \$7	Free	@\$15	@ \$12
Sunday Brunch@ 11:00 AM	Bagels & Lox Plus	@ \$7	Free	@\$15	@ \$12
*Approximate Time	TOTALS:				
	TOTAL A	MOUNT ENCL	OSED: \$		

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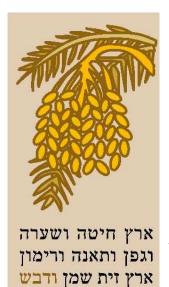
Shavuot Service Schedule

Saturday, May 26th ~ 7:00-11:00pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Receiving our most important Text

Judaism invites us to interact with the texts, values, and wisdom of our tradition as frequently as many of us interact with the "texts" on our phones. As a "tree of life," the Torah is something that is meant to keep us rooted in all of our daily interactions: when we are at home, when we are away, when we lie down and when we rise up. Come and join us as we engage in this Tikkun Leil Shavuot evening of study, and explore some of the ways in which we can access the joy, meaning, and wisdom of Torah in our 21st century lives. As always bring your questions, (and your appetites.) Cheesecake and light refreshments will be served.

This program is open to the community—all are welcome! Teachers will include:

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Cantor Bruce Siegel
Rabbi Cy Stanway of Temple Beth Miriam
Rabbi David Levy from the Jewish Theological Seminary
Rabbi Rachel Ain from the Jewish Federations of North America



<u>Shavuot Service</u> Sunday, May 27th ~ 9:00am

Shavuot/Yizkor Service Monday, May 28th ~ 9:00am

Men's Club News

CTE MEN'S CLUB USY ENCAMPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Are you are planning to attend the upcoming USY Encampment this summer? If so, why don't you apply for the CTE Men's Club Scholarship to help defray some of the cost. Pick up the application in the temple office. The application is due in May.

GOLF, GOLF...Now that we have your attention....Do you want to plan the 2013 (yes 2013) Men's Club Golf Outing? We are looking for a good man to coordinate next year's Golf Outing! Are you organized, have experience running an outing, have contacts who might be interested in a golf outing, or have the time and inclination to get involved? If so this job may be for you. We are looking to hire an individual to help put together our annual Golf Outing. Please inquire at robeinhorn@gmail.com.

And now introducing the 2012-2013 CTE Men's Club Executive Board.....

Alan Rosenheck President

Bruce Silverberg Vice President for Membership
Rob Einhorn Vice President for Programming

Arthur Fink Treasurer

Norman Ginsburg Recording Secretary
Gary Gross Immediate Past President
Marty Sukinik Immediate Past Past President

Jeff Klein Neil Warar Steve Segerman Rob Solomon

Gregg Taffit Marc Schnabolk Gary Theodore

If you would like to get involved with the CTE Men's Club, come attend a board meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. We'd love to have your input.

Every Precious Pint Counts! <u>Please help make a difference!</u>

To make an appointment to donate, please contact Mike Gordon at 732-922-3014

We MUST have 25 people pre-registered

Congregation Torat El

Sponsors the **June 11**th

BLOOD DRIVE

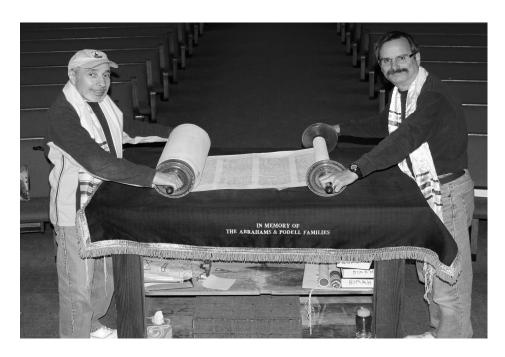
You can help by donating blood between 5:00pm - 9:00pm



DON'T FORGET:

- All equipment used during the procedure is sterile and disposable.
- Donors must be healthy, 16 years of age and older, and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Donors must present signature ID

The Torah Rollers Have Arrived



At Congregation Torat El we are blessed with having 22 Torahs. Our most revered and holiest of possessions require the utmost in loving care and kindness in order to preserve their condition for use during our services. We regularly use 2 of our Torahs for Shabbat and Holiday services, exercising them by rolling them as we need them. The rolling of the Torah is needed to properly allow the parchment and ink to breathe and age properly. When a Torah is not rolled, the ink and parchment tend to deteriorate which can render a Torah being deemed unfit for use. We have started a Holy Rollers group of individuals that will be meeting periodically to roll our Torahs from end to end on a regular basis. Each meeting a different set of Torahs will be rolled. On Sunday, March, 10, 2012, 4 individuals rolled 3 Torahs. It is a process, while not easy, is very satisfying. When you are rolling a Torah you watch the text move. You start to recognize the "geography" of the Torah. The end of one book and the beginning of another book of the Torah is apparent. You see the offset text where the Song of the Sea appears. It is truly an uplifting experience to take part in this mitzvah of care. We are looking for people to participate in this mitzvah. If you have an hour to give to help out, please contact Joel Schulman at (732) 222-0929 or via e-mail at joschulman@comcast.net. As mentioned before, 3 Torahs were rolled on March 10 by Joel Schulman, Miles Cook, Norm Ginsberg and Neil Weitzenkorn. We thank these individuals for their efforts.





CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

Temple Grams: To send a gram (\$5 each, checks payable to CTE Sisterhood) call Beverle at 732-493-1595.

<u>Gift shop:</u> Remember to support your SH Gift shop! Shop at your convenience. If you need help and no one is around, the office staff will gladly help you. If you don't see something you need and would like to place an order, please call **Hagit Morgan** at 732-300-2571.

<u>Catered Luncheon:</u> Having a special event? Let SH cater your luncheon through "Lox Stock and Deli." For more information and details, please call **Diane Resnick** at 732-531-3802.

<u>Adie Gordon Religious School Fund and the Naomi Axelrod Garden Fund:</u> Sisterhood has established these special funds, both operating on a continuing basis. To make a donation in honor of, or in memory of, etc., please call **Joan Edelsberg** at 732-918-0488.

RAFFLE NEWS

After our initial success in our newly-merged Temple, Sisterhood is now preparing to launch another season of the Min Pincow Memorial Raffle. The first drawing is set for June 7, 2012. For those not familiar with this raffle, let us explain briefly:

We have 100 numbers available, with one drawing each month for ten months. Each monthly ticket costs \$10.00. You may purchase ten tickets (one for each month) for \$100, payable in one or two installments. The winner each month receives one-half of the proceeds from the number of tickets sold for that month. (This is a true 50-50.) NOTE: If we are successful in selling all 100 numbers, the winner will receive \$500!

This raffle started many years ago at Temple Beth El's Sisterhood, and has been continued by Congregation Torat El's Sisterhood. It is named after Min Pincow, a dedicated TBE member who had originally conceived the idea for the raffle. Naturally, most ticket-holders will continue to keep their numbers. However, there are still several lucky numbers still available, and we invite one and all to participate.

To order your tickets, or if you have questions, please contact either Gayle Ardakanian, 848-466-9800 or Phyllis Schwarz, 732-988-0928:

March Mah-Jongg Madness

Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed this year's March Mah Jongg Madness. A huge thanks to our committee: Lee Alexander, Marcia Sacks, Gidget Friedman, Marcia Weitzenkorn, Judy Solomon, and Jackie Aufseeser. Without your help, this event would not have been such a success. Congratulations to our member winners, Andrea Fishbein, Fran Meyer, Helene Woda, and our grand prize winner, Frimet Wilk.

Co-chairs: Gayle Ardakanian and Carol Klein.



Please join us Thursday June 7th 7:15 PM For the Installation of Officers

Incoming Officers 2012-2013
President: Judy Solomon
Vice President: Carri Silverberg
Vice President: Jeanne Isaacson
Vice President: Janet Cohen
Vice President: Bonnie Zimmerman

Financial Secretary: Janet Attner
Corresponding Secretary: Melanie Engel
Recording Secretary: Stevie Shutman
Treasurer: Toby Sukinik

Desserts will be served
Please RSVP by June 1st to the Temple office 732-531-4410
Chairpersons; Marian Warshauer & Toby Sukinik

Jewish Heritage Night at the Lakewood Blueclaws

Come join CTE Men's Club and watch a wonderful game with your friends. Join the parade before the game and hold signs to commemorate our congregation's involvement in this wonderful event!

Tuesday, May 22nd ~ 6:35pm

Ticket Prices \$9 Adults ~ \$7 Students/Seniors

Contact Rob Einhorn for tickets and information at robeinhorn@gmail.com



Congregation Torat El General Fund

In Memory of :

Florence Farber— wife of Bernard Farber/ mother of Rob Farber

Helen and Ira Jacobson

Vicki Raab/Steve Fineberg Cheryl and Lance Markbreiter

Betty Burke

Florence Ginsberg-mother of Ferris Ginsberg

Vicki Raab/Steve Fineberg Madeline and Joel Schulman

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Thank you!

Monday—Friday ~ 8 am Monday—Thursday ~ 7 pm Sunday ~ 8:30 am

T'was The Night After Seder

T'was the night after Seder, and all through the house

Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse. The fish and the kugel, (oh my, what a taste) After both of the seders, went straight to my waist.

When I got on the scale, I couldn't believe it! The treadmill and bicycle wouldn't relieve it. I remembered the marvelous meals I prepared;

The light airy matzah balls everyone shared. The brisket, the turkey, the tzimmes so sweet; Oy, let me recline and get off of my feet. I know we made kiddish and recited each plague,

But right now I'm foggy, and my memory is vague.

So, don't give me matzoh, chopped liver or wine

I'll do my aerobics and never more dine. I'm walking to temple, so what if it's far? I'm not even thinking of taking the car. With 10 lbs. to lose and 10 inches to shrink, Eating a latka? Don't even think! Macaroons when wrapped tightly, can so nicely freeze.

Pack the sponge cake and teglach away, if you please.

Out of sight, out of mind - by this oath I'll abide;

Bring me the boiled chicken with romaine on the side.

I'll keep on that program, to my diet adhere, And let's all get together for Pesach next year!

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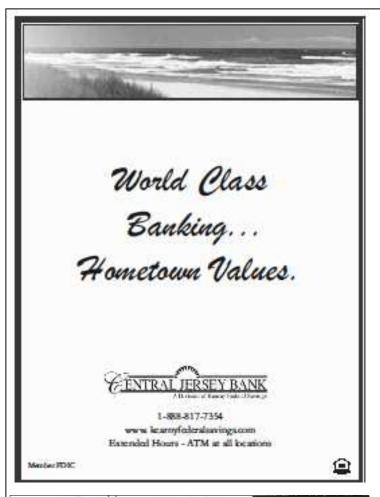
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