



# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center  
May 2014  
Iyar/Sivan 5774

## Service Times:

### Weekday Mornings

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

### Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

### Shabbat Evening Services

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

### Shabbat Morning Services

9:00am



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## Rabbi-In-Residence Weekend

Friday, May 16th - Sunday, May 18th

**Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer**



## Your Spiritual Checkup



Friday, May 16th ~ 6:30pm

### Holy Arrogance...! The Spiritual Art of Brutal Honesty

Join us as we celebrate together a Shabbat of warmth and learning. We will share a Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Fields-Meyer and then have an opportunity to learn from this inspiring scholar. The Torah offers us ideals for how to live lives of kindness, humility and generosity. But the ideal is often far from the real. **Shabbat Service Dinner and Program to follow**  
*Shabbat Service open to all; dinner by paid reservation only*

Saturday, May 17th ~ 9:00am

### The Giver's Dilemma: Ethical Challenges in Generosity in this Economy

Following an informal luncheon, Rabbi Fields-Meyer will discuss what it means to be a Jew who cares for others: the poor, the oppressed, the vulnerable - those who live in the margins of society. But in this world of brokenness, financial hardship and shifting economic realities, how far does our obligation go? The Torah states that we must support our brother, but where do the lines of brotherhood start and stop? **Lunch and Program to follow Service**  
*All are cordially invited to join us. There is no fee however, reservations would be appreciated*

Sunday, May 18th ~ 9:30am

### Texting, Technology and Torah: Spirituality and the Digital Age

In daily life, everything has changed: the way we communicate, educate, shop and entertain ourselves. In a deeper sense, too, our fundamental notions of self and community have changed. Does the digital age fill us or empty us? Does it strengthen or deplete communities? What is the spirituality of living in the technological world? **Coffee Klatch Program followed by Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**  
*All are cordially invited to join us. There is no fee however, reservations would be appreciated*

Please return form and payment to: CTE - 301 Monmouth Road - Oakhurst, NJ 07755 no later than May 9th

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner & Program - # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ (\$18 per person) # Children under 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12 per person)

Saturday Morning Service, Luncheon & Program - # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children under 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (Free of charge)

Sunday Morning Program - # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Free of charge) Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Torat El Professional Staff:**

**Rabbi**.....Aaron Schonbrun  
**Cantor**.....Bruce Siegel  
**Executive Director**.....Pam Cardullo  
**School Principal**.....Ben Laskowitz  
**Bookkeeper/Admin**.....Joanne Bass  
**Administrative Asst**.....Lisa Arnold  
**Youth Advisor**.....Jane-Rachel Schonbrun

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# May Service Announcements

**Friday, May 2, 2014**                      **3rd Grade Siyym/4th Grade Service 6:30 pm**                      **Candles 7:34 pm**

Yahrzeits: Marcia Aaron, Leonard Bergen, Sarah Bohm, Albert Brown, Benjamin Chaiken, Jacob Cohen, Eva Cotler, Freida Deitelbaum, Regina Frankel, Sima Furie, Sidney Goldstein, Samuel Gordon, Pearl Jacobs, Lewis Meyers, Kate Miller, Carolyn Rebhun, Liam Rosen, Mary Rosenthal Adler Singer, Bessie Shapiro, Berish Wetstein, Sylvia Zimmerman

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**                      **Parsha: Emor 21:1-22:16**                      **Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Kiddush Luncheon Sponsored by Sam Kaye in honor of his "special birthday"**

**Friday, May 9, 2014**                      **Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00 pm**                      **Candles 7:41 pm**

Yahrzeits: Rebecca Becker, Rae Breslow, Morris Brodsky, Alicia Casey, Rita Levine Casey, Ruth Celso, Evelyn Dauer, Sol Dorfman, Bernard Eliscu, Irving Gershon, Naomi Glickman, David Grossman, Sam Kaplan, Jeanette Kirschner, Rose Kurman, Lillian Levine, Bessie Levitt, Nathan Lichtman, Sigmund Lipson, Sigmund Lipson, Frank Marx, Harry Negin, Minnie Rachles, Stanley Robins, Bernice Shutman, Bessie Slovin, Yetta Wilk, Ruth Wolf

**Saturday, May 10, 2014**                      **Parsha: Behar 25:1-28**                      **Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**                      **Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30 am**

**Friday, May 16, 2014**                      **Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**                      **Candles 7:47 pm**  
**Dinner and Rabbi-in-Residence Program**

Yahrzeits: Dora Anderman, Sigmund Chapman, Dorothy Chester, Larry Cohen, Irving Davis, Harold Goldberg, Lester Hodax, Yetta Jobreck, Benjamin Karasik, Dora Koyner, Mary Lachow, Perle Lifshotz, Isidore Lipschitz, Rae Littenberg, Helen Meckler, Eugene Meyer, Max Posner, Jacob Przytyk, Herbert Schwartz, Clara Segner, Eli Shooman, Charles Singer, Ida Brodsky

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**                      **Parsha: Behukkotay 26:3-27:15**                      **Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Kiddush Luncheon and Scholar-In-Residence Program**

**Friday, May 23, 2014**                      **Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**                      **Candles 7:54 pm**

Yahrzeits: Rae Bloom, Albert Bloomfield, Eleanore Botney, Ruth Brandt, Lewis Breuer, Emanuel Feldman, Elizabeth Furie, Gloria Goldfajer, Nellie Greenberg, Ethel Halle, Ethel Hornstein, Dorothy Horwitz, Abraham Kaplinsky, Robin Kaufman, Melvin Kirsch, Robert Kislin, Eileen Klang, Hyman Lakoff, Sam Lerner, Ray Lipschitz, Johanna Marx, Elihu Michnoff, Margaret Mirne, Beverly Needel, Bernard Reich, Bernard Reich, Aaron Rieven-Goldenberg, Meyer Rokaw, Sylvia Rumaner, Stephen Sager, Ruth Salowe, Seymour Sanders, Walter Schwarz, Julia Selikowitz, Adele Stone, Rose Terris, Susan Vetrini, Tex Weiner, Mary Zimmerman

**Saturday, May 24, 2014**                      **Parsha: Bemidbar 1:1-54**                      **Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**                      **Jr. Congregation ~ 10:30am**

**Friday, May 30, 2014**                      **Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30 pm**                      **Candles 8:00 pm**

Yahrzeits: David Amada, Belle Balkin, Barney Barrett, Ruth Birn, Miriam Block, Shalom Brand, Ethel Brenner, Malcolm Deitch, Carol Dichter, Mark Donner, Raymond Dweck, Dorothy Eliscu, Rose Eliscu, Aaron Gaber, Philip Gaber, Jane Gabrielson, Sylvia Gaffin, Ida Gallay, Bertha Goldberg, Reva Goldberg, Sarah Goldstein, Robert Haiken, Gertrude Hoffman, Harry Lachow, Frances Levine, Jacob Rubin, Pauline Sabinsky, Joseph Sager, Stanley Scheer, Bernard Schreibman, Meryl Sherman, Eugene Shutman, Arthur Theodore, Morris Warar, Rose Weiner, Meyer Weinstein, Sarah Wolin

**Saturday, May 31, 2014**                      **Parsha: Naso 4:21-5:10**                      **Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25**  
**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

# Building Relationships, Learning As A Community

It is May and spring has finally arrived! Although the winter was bitter, cold, and way too long, life at Congregation Torat El was filled with warmth and light as we continued to build toward a bright future. The winter months saw the welcoming of Lisa Arnold as our Administrative Assistant in the office, the hiring of Rabbi Sara Metz as our new Assistant Rabbi/Educator, the securing of a High Holiday Cantor (Howard Dardashti), as well as numerous social, educational, and religious programs for synagogue and community members across all ages and stages of life.



We are also thrilled that in the year ahead, Ben Laskowitz will be transitioning into his new role as our Director of Ritual Engagement. Over these past few months, our staff and lay leadership has been working tirelessly to fulfill our mission of creating a "relationship-centered community."

As you know by now, our congregation is interested in building relationships on multiple fronts. *Relationships with God, with Judaism, and with one another.* We pursue these relationships *through study, discussion and action that is guided by Torah, our traditions, those who came before us and our vision for the future.*

But what does this actually mean? In short, every program that we run, and every interaction that happens in our community must be rooted in our mission statement. With that in mind, I would like to bring to your attention one such program that will provide you with an amazing opportunity to re-connect to the best in yourself, and strengthen your relationship with your kehillah (community), your Judaism, and your God.

On May 16th-18th, please join us for a collective "Spiritual Checkup" as we welcome Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer to Congregation Torat El for our Rabbi-In-Residence weekend. Rabbi Fields-Meyer comes to us from Los Angeles, CA where she currently serves as School Rabbi at Milken Community High School in Los Angeles. Rabbi Fields-Meyer is also an instructor in Bible at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and co-author of the book, [A Day Apart: Shabbat at Home, a practical and spiritual guide to the home rituals of Shabbat](#). I have spent a weekend of study with Rabbi Fields-Meyer before and I can promise you that you will walk away inspired, energized, and filled with gratitude for the amazing learning which she will bring into your life. She is a wonderful teacher who makes Torah learning accessible, engaging, and fun.

We have worked hard to create a program that will speak to a wide spectrum of our Torat El family. The details appear in the adult education section of this bulletin, but topics will include:

**Friday Night-** *Holy Arrogance: The Spiritual Art of Brutal Honesty:* How to balance kindness, humility and generosity with life's daily demands of truth, sensitivity and power.

**Shabbat Lunch-** *The Givers Dilemma: Ethical Challenges of Generosity in this Economy:* How far does our obligation to tzedakah go in a world filled with brokenness, financial hardship, and shifting economic realities?

**Shabbat late afternoon (details TBA):** All parents, grandparents or loved ones of children with disabilities are invited to join in a salon-style discussion group with Rabbi Shawn Fields-Meyer. Rabbi Shawn and her husband Tom are the parents of three teenage boys, the middle of whom has autism, and Tom has written an award-winning book about their experiences. At this session, she will lead a discussion on Judaism's teachings about disabilities; building a special needs-friendly community; and how parents might find support as they journey through the world of special needs.

**Sunday Morning:** *Texting, Technology and Torah- Spirituality and the Digital Age:* With the rise of technology in our lives, everything has changed. Does the digital age fill us or empty us? Does it strengthen or deplete communities? As parents, grandparents, siblings, and children - how does technology affect all of our relationships and what does Judaism have to say about all of this?

In addition to all of this wonderful learning, Rabbi Fields-Meyer will be delivering the dvar Torah on Shabbat. Look for more details about this wonderful weekend of study in the coming weeks!

We hope that you will consider joining us throughout the weekend and will bring friends and family as well. I know that you will not be disappointed and am hopeful that you will walk away with deeper and more powerful relationships on multiple levels!

# A Message From Andrew Robins, CTE President

## Measuring Progress

Friends, Neighbors, and fellow Congregants,

How do we measure progress? For any religious institution, the answer can be both complex and subjective. For many enterprises, developing a set of metrics to measure progress is generally easy. In the capitalist system, profit is frequently the measure of progress. For charities with very focused missions, progress can be easily defined -- more meals served for a food bank, additional homes built by Habitat for Humanity. Measuring progress for our Congregation Torat El isn't as easily defined.

We are continuing to move forward under our Strategic Plan with changes big and small. While there is still much work to do, it makes sense to take a moment from time to time to get a feel for the progress we are making. There are many examples of our progress. Attendance and participation at our services, educational programs, and special programs continues to increase. For example, participation in our Community Seder has increased each year, with over 160 members of our community enjoying this year's Seder.

Progress can also be identified in how we are seen by others as was evident during our recent search process for our new Assistant Rabbi/Educator. The search process involves the submission of a detailed questionnaire describing not only the position but also our community in general including our values, goals, and character. Our Search Committee described a congregation of Conservative Jews that has moved successfully on from the challenges of a unification process and is looking forward to the changes that will take us into the future. We portrayed ourselves as a welcoming community working to fulfill our mission as a "Community Building Relationships".

I am pleased to report that we lived up to our billing. Each candidate that visited commented that they saw first-hand that we are as we advertised in every way. All four Rabbis offered similar observations. All were welcomed warmly over and over by an engaged community of Conservative Jews celebrating, exploring, and seeking to enrich their relationships with our religion, our traditions and each other. All of our congregants spoke about the future of Torat El, remembering our legacy congregations. We were observed as being keenly focused on our unified community and not on who came from which legacy congregation. In less than four years we have become a new community with a strong sense of direction. That alone is an amazing measure of progress.

But our progress is not stagnant. We are continuing to effectuate the goals of our Strategic Plan to move forward. The addition of Rabbi Metz, the new role for Ben Laskowitz as our Director of Ritual Engagement, and the other changes to our staffing structure are only some of our newest actions. Our Financial Sustainability Committee is putting forward new initiatives for review by our Board to build upon our initial successes on the financial front. Our staff and your lay leaders continue to identify new programs and new opportunities to increase our outreach to unaffiliated Jews and our in-reach within our congregation. I look forward to sharing news of these new programs and new opportunities as they are developed.

The progress we have received thus far is the result of a number of factors. Hard work by our clergy, our office staff, and Ben and our teachers continues to be a large part of our success. Our Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs, and Committee members provide energy and commitment that builds on the work of our staff. But most critically, all of you reading this article - our Torat El family - provide the primary source of our progress. Your engagement as part of our Kehilla Kedosha - our holy community - is the key to our continued progress.

As we continue to move forward, take the time to reflect on our progress. We have passed a long, seemingly endless winter. Let the warmth of the new season renew our resolve to build upon our progress towards a bright future.

B'Shalom

Andrew Robins, President

**Congregation Meeting - Vote on Proposed Slate and Budget Presentation**  
**Sunday, June 8th ~ 7:00pm**

**Board of Trustees Shabbat Installation Service & Dessert Reception**  
**Friday, June 13th ~ 8:00pm**

*We invite the entire CTE Family to join us as we look forward to a year filled with continued growth and excitement. Our Shabbat Service will begin at 8:00pm with dessert reception to follow.*

**Congregation Torat El**  
**Proposed Slate of Officers & Trustees**  
**2014-2015**

President	Andrew Robins
1st Vice President	Larry Shapiro
Vice President	Warren Goode
Vice President	Suzanne Michel
Vice President	Michelle Winters
Vice President	Steve Fineberg
Vice President	Neil Weitzenkorn
Treasurer	Michael Breslow
Secretary	Linda Pickelny

**Trustees/Term Ending June 2017**

Dawn Barofsky	Susan Berkowitz
Marjorie Cotler	Maddy Cohen
Mindy Estin	Sherrie Robinson
Sara Turian	Cynthia Walsh

**Trustees/Term Ending June 2016**

Bill Belfer	Laurie Gross
Harvey Jacob	Howard Lang
Alan Morris	Beverle Richelson
Judy Solomon	Mark Steinberg

**Trustees/Term Ending June 2015**

Robin Bauer	Marvin Goldin
Lisa Guss	Alyce Isaacson
Rich Marlieb	Judy Rosner
Dorothy Secol	Sonny Winters

<b>Sisterhood</b>	TBD
<b>Men's Club</b>	TBD
<b>Past President</b>	Alan Winters

## Our Synagogue Families

Mazel Tov to Michelle and Steve Winters on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Max.

Mazel Tov to Tammi and Mark Horowitz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Danielle.

Mazel Tov to Laurie Gross, Beverle Richelson, Marnee Bloomfield and Ellen Grossman for being honored by Women's Philanthropy of Jewish Federation.

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



## *Yasher Koach to our B'nai Mitzvah*

My name is **Jessica Weinstein**. I celebrated my Bat Mitzvah on March 8, 2014. For my mitzvah project, I took my love for cooking and spending time with people and decided to volunteer at Claudia's Soup Kitchen in Asbury Park. There, I arrive early to help set up the food and then serve meals to people in need. I love being there; I love seeing that I can make them smile, or that I can be the one that helps them when they need it. I still continue to volunteer there, and I will keep doing so for many years to come. After all of the people I have met, and situations I have seen, I tremendously appreciate all that I have. Overall, I loved the experience that I was given from this great Mitzvah Project tradition.



Hi, my name is **Max Winters** and I became a Bar Mitzvah on April 5<sup>th</sup>. For my mitzvah project, I am collecting baseball and soccer equipment. I have asked Tom Ankiewicz and Jim Sintic to help me complete this project. Tom Ankiewicz is the head of Ocean Township Little League. Jim Sintic is the President of MOSA which is a high level soccer organization that hosts over one hundred teams. I asked them both if they could send an email to everyone in their distribution list. They both easily accepted. I created an e-mail for the two of them to send out. It describes in detail my project. I asked if anyone who has new or used baseball and soccer equipment could deliver it to me which I will then donate to underprivileged kids. This project is close to my heart because I am passionate about playing sports. I couldn't imagine not having the equipment or means to not play baseball or soccer. I want to give back to those less fortunate than me, so they can experience the joy of playing and being part of team. I have met most of my closest friends playing ball and want others to have the same opportunity. We are going to have a delivery date and location set up where you can drop everything you wish to donate off. If you have any questions or concerns regarding my project please reach out to me or my parents.

My name is **Danielle Horowitz** and I became a Bat Mitzvah on April 26<sup>th</sup>. I am in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Ocean Township Intermediate School. For fun I take Musical Theater Dance at Shoreline Dance, take Synchronized Swimming at the Atlantic Club of Wall and I am an active member of Kadima.

My mitzvah project started 6 years ago. I raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association. When I was 7 years old, my Great-Grandma Shirley Remar was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. After learning about the disease, I knew that I had to help the scientists raise money to research a cure. To raise money, I hosted an Art-A-Thon, garage sales, lemonade stands and do canning at the ShopRite of Neptune. I am also the captain of a Memory Walk Team called Shirley's Garden. I am a member of the NJ Southern Regional Board of the Alzheimer's Association. I am the Jr. Co Chair for the Memory Walk – I have held this position for the past 4 years. To date I have raised almost \$20,000.00. I do not plan on stopping anytime soon!

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

## Yasher Koach !!!!

The Religious School faculty and aides 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:

To our incredible educators: Rabbi Schonbrun, Cantor Siegel, Anne Siegel, Jane-Rachel Schonbrun, Barbara Berkowitz, Peggy Gaber-Casey, Samantha Cotler, Nitza Solon, Sue Klein, Sarah Bercovicz, Chani Englard, Rachel Bronstein, Ronnie Walerzak, Randi Kervick, Stevie Shutman, Shiri Zimmerman, and Rachel Casey.

To our wonderful student aides: Nikki Shutman, Jackie Shapiro, Alex Solomon, Talia Binns, Shelby Pickelny, Julia Barofsky, Samantha Estin, Alana Barofsky, David Pirogovsky, Sarah Guss, Matthew Spector, Mollie Tobin, Kevin Bauer, and Jonathan Zimmerman.

To the Education Committee: Sherrie Robinson, Dawn Barofsky, Pam Gutman, Tammi Horowitz, Al Levitt, Brandon Maltzman, Alan Morris, Linda Pickelny, and Cynthia Walsh.

To Jackie Rosenheck, Andrea Fishbein & Sisterhood; Alan Rosenheck & Men's Club; Pam Cardullo, Joanne Bass, Lisa Arnold, and Jacob, our incredible custodian.

**All parents are welcome to join us as we honor the teachers and aides at the Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday May 18. Religious School begins at 9:00 A.M., as usual, and the breakfast will begin at 10:30 in the Social Hall.**

## Special Passover Program

On Sunday April 6, the Religious School students participated in a very special Passover event at our Temple. Temple member Gidget Friedman and Rabbi Schonbrun teamed together to plan an incredible Matzah baking experience for the students at our Temple. Each of the students also created their own Afikomen bags. Special thanks to Rabbi Schonbrun, Gidget Friedman, and the other individuals who helped make this a very special occasion: Stacey Abrams, Claire Cohan, Ricki Horowitz, Ilene Posnock, Jessica Schwartzberg, Kim Sherman, Stacey Wiener, and Shayna Wiser.

## Mark Your Calendars:

Fri. May 2  
Sat. May 10  
Sun. May 18  
Wed. May 21  
Sat. May 24  
Tues. June 3

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Service and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Siyyum  
Junior Congregation  
Last Sunday Session – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast  
Last Weekday Session and last Hebrew High Session  
Junior Congregation  
Religious School Graduation



## SAVE THE DATE:

CTE Men's Club  
Golf Outing

Monday, July 28

Hollywood Golf Club





# CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

## FIRST ANNUAL SUKKAH DRAWING

Cost of the Ticket: \$18.00

How this works: Winner receives the use of a 12'x12' sukkah. Men's Club will set up and take down the sukkah at your home for Sukkot 5775 (October 8-October 15, 2014).

Drawing: Congregation Meeting - Sunday June 8, 2014

Tickets are available at temple office and at every temple function for purchase or fill out form below and send your check made out to CTE Sisterhood. We will mail your tickets to you. You do not have to be present to win.

I want to win a Sukkah set up for 5775 and create memories for my family that they'll never forget!

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets wanted \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Sisterhood Installation

Please join us Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm for the Installation of Officers

#### Incoming Officers 2014-2015

**President: Carri Silverberg**

**Vice President: Janet Cohen**

**Vice President: Jeanne Isaacson**

**Vice President Janet Attner**

**Vice President Melanie Engel**

**Treasurer: Toby Sukinik**

**Financial Secretary: Shari Rosen-Kelly**

**Corresponding Secretary: Kim Sherman**

**Recording Secretary: vacant**

**Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by May 22, 2014**

**CTE office-732-531-4410 or Email- [ctesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:ctesisterhood@gmail.com)**

### Raffle Update:

Sisterhood's Min Pincoff Memorial raffle has been going strong. To date, checks have been issued to the following prize-winners:

October Sally Bonner

November Toby Sukinik

January Sandra Friedman

February Bonnie Zimmerman

March Shirley Bloomfield

April Ron Rosen

We have four more drawings scheduled for this season: May 1, May 29 June 12, and July 10. If you are currently not a ticketholder, but want to join in the fun, you can still purchase tickets for those dates, by calling **Phyllis Schwarz** at **732-988-0928**.

This is a true 50-50, and all the proceeds go to Sisterhood, for our Temple. Come join our raffle, and help support Congregation Torat El.

# From Ben Laskowitz, CTE's New Director of Ritual Engagement

Beginning July 1, 2014, I will assume the role as CTE's Director of Ritual Engagement. In addition to preparing students for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, I will be engaging and preparing adults to lead the Congregation in Prayer on Shabbat morning and to chant the Torah and Haftarah. In anticipation of this exciting endeavor, I am currently identifying individuals who will lead various parts of the Shabbat morning service, as well as those who will chant Torah and Haftarah portions. Whether you are already proficient, need a little 'refresher', or can already read Hebrew and would like to learn how to lead the Service and chant the Torah/Haftarah, please contact me at [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org). You can also contact me by calling or texting my cell at 732-861-7450. I am honored to have this opportunity to work with you as we build a team of individuals capable of leading our Congregation in Prayer. Thank you.

## Our New Destination . . .

# USCJ CAMP HAZAK 2014

Together with -

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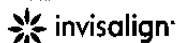
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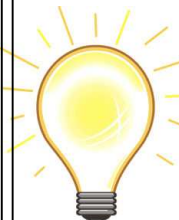
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				1 <i>Sisterhood Board Mtg 7:30pm</i>	2 <i>Candle Lighting 7:34pm  3rd Grade Siyyum/4th Grade Service 6:30pm</i>	3 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am  Sponsored Kiddush Lunch</i>
4	5	6 <i>Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm</i>	7 <i>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Rabbi 12:00pm</i>	8	9 <i>Candle Lighting 7:41pm  Traditional Shabbat Service 8:00pm</i>	10 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am followed by Lunch &amp; Learn  Kiddush Lunch Jr. Cong 10:30am</i>
11	12	13 <i>Ritual Mtg 7:30pm</i>	14 <i>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Rabbi 12:00pm</i>	15	16 <i>Candle Lighting 7:47pm  Shabbat Service 6:30pm  Rabbi-In- Residence Shabbat Dinner following Service</i>	17 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am  Rabbi-In- Residence Program and Kiddush Luncheon following Service</i>
18 <i>Rabbi-In- Residence Coffee Klatch Program 9:30am  Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 10:45am  Last Sunday R/S Session</i>	19	20 <i>Calendar Planning Mtg 7:30pm</i>	21 <i>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Rabbi 12:00pm  Last Weeknight and High School R/S Session</i>	22	23 <i>Candle Lighting 7:54pm  Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30pm</i>	24 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am  Jr. Congregation 10:30am</i>
25	26 <i>Temple Office Closed</i>	27	28 <i>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Rabbi 12:00pm</i>	29 <i>Sisterhood Installation 7:15pm</i>	30 <i>Candle Lighting 8:00pm  Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30pm</i>	31 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i>