



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

October 2015 - Tishrei/Cheshvan 5776

Scholars-In-Residence Weekend

October 30th - November 1st

This program has generously been sponsored by the Sadie & Harry Steinberg Fund

Where Harry Met Sally: The Jewish Deli in American Popular Culture



Following Shabbat Service, Professor Merwin will discuss his book "Pastrami on Rye," (book signing Sunday) which explores the iconic status of the deli in American popular entertainment. The talk will be followed by - what else? - a deli dinner!

You may pre-order Professor Merwin's latest book, "Pastrami on Rye," at a discount price of \$18 per copy. The deadline for pre-orders is October 23rd. Books purchased at the book signing will cost \$24 per copy.

*Shabbat Service open to all;
dinner by paid reservation only.*

**Friday, October 30th
6:30 pm**

Count Your Blessings: Why Jewish Spirituality Begins with Gratitude



Professor Lieber will explore the meaning behind the Hebrew words in the blessings Jews recite all the time. She will discuss how the blessing, the most basic element of traditional Jewish prayer, can help cultivate gratitude in the quest for a more mindful and meaningful spiritual life.

A Kiddush Luncheon generously sponsored by Sisterhood will follow the presentation.

All are cordially invited to join us. There is no fee; however, reservations would be appreciated.

**Saturday, October 31st
9:00 am**

Non-Jews' Increasing Appetite for Jewish Religion

Finding Your Own 21st Century Path into Jewish Tradition

Professor Merwin will explore the increasingly significant, yet under-appreciated role of non-Jews in Jewish life.

Professor Lieber will consider key modern-day issues as access points into Jewish spirituality.

The program will include a book signing and coffee klatch generously sponsored by Adult Ed and Hazak.

All are cordially invited to join us. There is no fee; however, reservations would be appreciated.

**Sunday, November 1st
9:30 am**

Please return reservation form and payment no later than October 23rd

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Friday Night Service, 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)

Pre-Order "Pastrami on Rye" - # copies ____ x \$18

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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October Service Announcements

Friday, October 2, 2015 **Shabbat Service and Sukkot Dinner 6:00 pm** **Candles 6:19 pm**
Yahrzeits: Ralph Baker, Samuel Blitt, Jerrold Cohen, Robert Comer, Jeanette Davies, Norman Feinstein, Murray Feller, Ida Fishbain, Ruth Gershon, Sylvia Glazer, Jack Gold, Dorothy Gordon, Irving Granet, Alice Greenhut, Ray Grossman, Milton Grubman, Dora Kaufman, Hannah Lipszic, Albert Platt, Pauline Prager, Malka Roth, Julius Slotoroff

Saturday, October 3, 2015 **Parsha: Ki Tissa 33:12-34:26** **Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:16**
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, October 9, 2015 **Shabbat Service 8:00 pm** **Candles 6:07 pm**
Yahrzeits: Sam Adler, Robert Agris, Myron Belicove, Anna Brodsky, Hyman Cohen, Joseph Cook, Marcus Deitelbaum, Anna English, Dorothy Epstein, Rose Epstein, Hinda Forman, Helen Friedman, Charles Glatter, Irene Gordon, Bernard Isaacson, Samuel Karasic, Abraham Kurman, Monroe Kurman, Jesse Lager, Bernard Lewis, Hyman Negin, Eugene Opatut, Leah Ostroff, Fanny Preiser, Harold Rebhun, Jacob Segner, Lena Shooman, Marion Taxin, Irving Yarmeisch

Saturday, October 10, 2015 **Parsha: Bereshit 5:1-6:8** **Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10**
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am
Lunch & Learn to follow services
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Toby and Martin Sukinik,
sponsored by their children
David & Ursula Sukinik, Amy Sukinik & Reid Conway, Ronnie & Linda Sukinik, Howard & Debra Sukinik

Friday, October 16, 2015 **Musical Shabbat Service 6:30 pm** **Candles 5:57 pm**
Baby Naming of Juliet Choate Fornicola
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by grandparents Jeff & Henrietta Graber
Yahrzeits: Ann Barr, Sylvia Bennett, Marian Burday, Yetta Chidnoff, Sally Detzky, Muriel Dulberger, Ruth Friedland, Cecille Gould, Paul Gould, Bernard Grill, Lena Horvitz, Esther Kaplan, Sheldon Kaplan, Marshall Klein, Morris Mandel, Paul Morris, Dora Nelson, Stanley Rediker, Stanley Rediker, Sophie Rothenberg, Arthur Salaman, Arthur Salaman, Charles Schulman, Kitty Secol, Dorothy Tillis, Ruth Wahl

Saturday, October 17, 2015 **Parsha: Noah 11:1-32** **Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5**
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, October 23, 2015 **Shabbat Service 6:30 pm** **Candles 5:47 pm**
Yahrzeits: Ronald Barrett, Irving Bogner, Sylvia Cook, Milford Dulberger, Ruth Elson, David Epstein, Jennie Farber, Bradd Feldbaum, Joseph Friedland, Ida Gerechoff, Bernard Ginsberg, Stanley Goldfus, June Goldwasser, William Goodman, Dora Grabelle, Albert Kaye, Herman Klorman, Lillian Kraft, Roslyn Kreisler, Martin Landis, Betty Lavene, Arthur Leibman, Esther Lieberman, Milton Markowitz, Ira Merbaum, Sandra Opatosky, Benjamin Sacher, Lillian Schonberg, Esther Schwebel, Stephen Shapiro, Tillie Silverstein, Larry Stern, Morris Vorchin, Morris Wizansky, Miriam Zimmern

Saturday, October 24, 2015 **Parsha: Lekh Lekha 16:1-17:27** **Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16**
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Friday, October 30, 2015 **Shabbat Service 6:30 pm** **Candles 5:38 pm**
Dinner and Scholars-in-Residence Program
Yahrzeits: Charles Adler, Annette Berger, Max Block, Irving Ceranka, Irving Chidnoff, Herman Cohen, Nathan Comer, Eda Cowen, Harry Davis, Bluma Feldman, Henry Glickman, Emanuel Greenfield, Julius Greenhut, Esther Miller, Annabelle Opatosky, Morris Schreiber, George Schwartz, Richard Tillis, Gladys Uslan, Robert Uslan, Jill Weiss, Siegfried Weitzenkorn, Mary Woda

Saturday, October 31, 2015 **Parsha: Vayera 21:1-22:24** **Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1-37**
Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am
Kiddush Luncheon and Scholars-in-Residence Program

Simchat Torah—Come And Dance With Us!



A story is told of a city with two synagogues. One synagogue stood in the wealthiest neighborhood. It was an imposing edifice with great golden doors. Inside was a beautiful sanctuary with a great Ark. The Ark itself had golden doors and housed dozens of Torah scrolls, wrapped in velvet and adorned with silver crowns. The one problem with the synagogue was that as beautiful as it was, it had everything -- except congregants! Almost nobody came to visit, except on certain holidays. Nevertheless, every week the rabbi would come by, open the building, make sure everything looked in order, and then close the magnificent structure for another week.

The synagogue across town was different. It was in the poorest neighborhood. It was broken down, with cracked walls and doors that squeaked. But it had congregants, hundreds of them! Young and old, parents and children, they came each Shabbat. They came because they loved Torah. The congregation was so poor, that they couldn't afford a Torah scroll. Instead, they took two sticks and a long piece of old blank parchment and pretended that it was a Torah each week. An old man who was blind served as the reader. Years before, he had learned Torah so well that he could recite the entire Torah by heart! So each week, he pretended to read from the blank parchment, and each week congregants would read, discuss and argue the meaning of every phrase. Torah was their life and their joy!

One week, the rabbi of the wealthy synagogue went in to check on things as usual. He heard a strange noise coming from the Ark! Was it a mouse or another type of animal? As he listened closer, he not only heard a scratching sound, but he heard a voice! Was someone in the Ark? As he began to open the huge handles of the Ark, just a crack, the door swung open, flinging the rabbi back! Out of the Ark, like a swarm of bees, the letters flew off of the scrolls and poured out of the Ark. The rabbi could not believe his eyes. "Stop!" he yelled. "What are you doing?"

"We are leaving," said the letter *Alef*. "Leaving?!" asked the rabbi. "How can you do that? We have taken such good care of you. We have dressed you in velvet, crowned you in silver, and protected you in this magnificent Ark! We have shown you the utmost reverence and respect!"

"It is true, you respect us," said the *Alef*. "But you do not love us. Your Ark is a prison! The Torah is not meant to be stored away, like a museum piece. We are lonely Rabbi! We need people to read us, and learn from us, and celebrate our teachings. We are going where we are appreciated. Now please, step out of the way!"

The rabbi, stunned and shocked, watched in a daze as the letters nearly ran him over, marching in a single file out the door. *Alefs* and *bets* and *gimels* -- all the way to the last *tav*. Not exactly sure what to do next, the rabbi followed the column and found himself on the other side of town, at the poor synagogue. He arrived during the Torah service, and as the Torah was being lifted, a miracle happened. The letters leapt onto the pretend scroll. The old man who had been reading the pretend scroll, set it down. Feeling the letters on the parchment, he cried, "A miracle has happened. Our Torah is real!"

The congregants began singing, and cheering, and dancing with the Torah, while the rabbi of the wealthy synagogue stood in disbelief. "What are you doing?! How can you dance with the Torah?! The Torah is holy. It should be protected. It should be revered!"

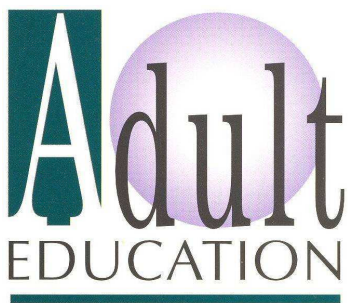
"How can you not dance with it?" answered the reader joyfully. "The Torah is our life, our joy, our gift to our children. Here, hold it in your arms."

It had been a long time since the rabbi had held a Torah. But he soon felt the warmth of the Torah infuse his body with spirit. And his feet knew just what to do. A smile came to his lips, and tears came to his eyes. And then he heard a voice from within the scroll, the commanding voice of the *Alef*: "Dance!" And dance he did, with the entire congregation, for the whole day!

The next Shabbat, the rabbi found himself in the first row of the old, poor synagogue. As the Torah was read, they studied, argued, and learned from one another. When it came time to lift the Torah, the rabbi was called to the bima, took hold of the Torah, and led the congregation in the most joyous dancing -- celebrating the joy, life, and meaning that comes from learning and living a life of Torah! (adapted from Feinstein, *Lifting the Torah*, Capturing The Moon)

This wonderful story is a reminder that the Torah, and all of its wisdom, is meant to bring meaning, purpose, and joy into our lives. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur remind us of the more serious side of Torah. Sukkot and Simchat Torah remind us of the joy that comes with living a life of Torah. On Simchat Torah, we literally take out the Torah scrolls, hold them, dance with them, study from them, and even unroll them all the way from the bima to the back of the social hall! This year, I invite you to come and join us! Bring a friend, come to sing, to dance, to celebrate the gift of Torah and remind yourself that our tradition is to be loved, celebrated, and invigorated by the voices of our hearts and the footsteps of our feet!

Our Simchat Torah celebration begins on Monday, October 5th at 6pm with a Mac and Cheese Dinner and Make-Your-Own Sundaes. The fun continues on Tuesday morning at 9 am with the unrolling of the Torah. Hope to see you there!



2015-2016 RABBI SCHONBRUN'S COURSE OFFERINGS

Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship A Shalom Hartman Institute Video Lecture Series

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Torat El community this fall.

- ♦ What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty?
- ♦ How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically?
- ♦ How do we create and maintain a Jewish democracy?
- ♦ Why should American Jews care about Israel?
- ♦ What values should a Jewish state embody?
- ♦ What can Israel offer the world?

Explore the Jewish values and ideas at the foundation of our relationship with Israel.

Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Schonbrun, a video lecture by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, and a video dialogue between Rabbi Hartman and other top scholars and experts. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from great scholars, from our own Rabbi Schonbrun, and from one another as we engage in thinking about the meaning that Israel can have in our lives and what our role might be in envisioning and building the future of the Jewish State.

\$20 per person/couple for study guide

In order for us to have enough study guides, please register with the office for this class by October 1st.

**Wednesdays: 7:30-9:15pm - October 14, 21, 28,
November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9, 16**

Wednesday Lunch 'n Learn (Jewish Ethics 101)

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

We will continue exploring Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's "Code of Jewish Ethics" series. Discussions will center around a wide range of topics from judgment of self and others, civility and good manners, forgiveness, anger, humiliation, the laws of fair speech, and proper versus improper criticism. Come and join us for this interactive, informal, and engaging experience. Please bring a friend!

Wednesdays: 12:00-1:00pm - beginning October 21

Two Rabbis, Three Opinions: Taking A Closer Look At Jewish Law

Have you heard of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Conservative Movement? Did you ever wonder how decisions were made in our communities, or how the mechanisms for changing and adapting the law actually work in our movement? Ranging in topics from ritual practices, to interpersonal relationships, gender issues, technology, business and biomedical ethics, this robust body has produced a wealth of literature on a variety of topics intended to guide our lives and inform our behavior. Come and join us as we take a close look at the CJLS, explore and grapple with its relevance, and study some of the actual responsa that it has produced during the past century. No previous knowledge required. Bring your questions and bring a friend!

**Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm - January 20, 27,
February 3, 10**

Study Through Story

Eli Wiesel once wrote that "God created man because He loves stories." In Judaism it seems that there is a story for every occasion in life. From secular stories, to religious stories, cultural stories to national stories, or even stories that we have adapted from other traditions - the power of Jewish storytelling speaks to our heart and soul in a uniquely profound way. Come and join Rabbi Schonbrun as he shares some of his favorite Jewish stories and we explore their lessons and practical applications together. As we approach the Festival Of Passover we will also look at the way in which storytelling can play a central role in our Seder experience. No previous knowledge required. Bring a friend, and perhaps a story or two!

Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30pm - April 6, 13, 20, 27

Caregiver Support Group

Share, Learn and Support One Another

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 provides comfort to members by creating the opportunity to share common experiences and learn coping strategies.

Cindy Hyman, LCSW will once again facilitate this on-going monthly support group.

The Caregiver Support Group will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at **7:30pm beginning October 19th.**

This program which is held at Congregation Torat El, is open to the community and has been made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LARRY SHAPIRO

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Rejoice. Be happy. It is a joyous time of year. Let us look back with fondness at all the good that happened last year and ahead with optimism and hope for all the good yet to come.

Let me share with you some of the good things that have and are happening at Congregation Torat El. We moved away from a dues model to a sustaining model, meaning that with an awareness of what it takes to operate the Temple each year (\$2,600 per membership unit) you as members pledge a contribution to the temple commensurate with your feelings and desires to see the Temple continue and thrive. To date, this change has been a success and we look forward to that success continuing into the future. Thank you to all who have contributed and to those who have made commitments at one of our sustaining levels.

We have increased membership over the last several months. Congregation Torat El is now a family of close to 475 families and individuals.

We have started Saturday morning Shabbat school and with it a more casual "dress code" for Shabbat services. So, come as you are for as long as you can. Feel free to stay for a nosh as well, as our post-service Kiddush continues to be a great success. On November 7th we will begin our "learn 'n burn" Shabbat experience. Members and guests will have the opportunity to participate in a study session led by either Rabbi Schonbrun or Rabbi Metz followed by a refreshing yoga/meditation class led by Phyllis Jacobs. Come check it out.

Alan Dershowitz is coming! On December 5th, Alan Dershowitz will be speaking at Congregation Torat El. Check out page 13 for program, ticket and sponsorship details.

We are moving forward with our planned giving campaign. Learn how you can become part of our Heritage Circle by planting seeds for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Join us for Professors Merwin and Lieber, Scholars-In-Residence who will explore topics from the Jewish Deli in American Popular Culture to Finding your Own Path in Jewish Tradition in the 21st Century, October 30th - November 1st. All the information is on the front cover of this bulletin.

Night at the Races (February 20th) and other great events are coming as well. So stay on the lookout in the bulletin, online, call the Office, and of course speak to your representatives on the Board to find out all that is happening at your Temple.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Larry

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - 9:30AM

A free seminar, presented by Marc Comer, to help answer your questions on wills, trusts, and other estate planning topics. A light breakfast will be served.

For planning purposes, RSVP's to the temple office by October 14th would be appreciated.

Congregation Torat El Heritage Circle



Planting seeds for the next generation...

Congregation Torat El Heritage Circle

As a member of the Heritage Circle, you join a distinguished group of benefactors who are committed to supporting the tradition and vision of Congregation Torat El with a planned gift during their lifetime or in their estate plans.

Congregation Torat El seeks to provide a range of opportunities to sustain our attachment to tradition and to one another. Your gift will enable us to continue these holy tasks for years to come.

We are committed to the values of Torah, mitzvah and Israel. Thank you for helping us to bring our beliefs, vision and promise to a new generation.

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

The Torat El Family extends condolences to:

Shelby Walerzak on the loss of her grandmother Libby Bornstein

Amy Rubin on the loss of her great aunt Libby Bornstein

Thelma Krivins on the loss of her sister Marion Cassell

The Torat El Family wishes Mazel Tov to:

Brooke & Seth Bass on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Noa

Paula & Stevens Bass on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Noa

Kenneth & Marcy Malc on the marriage of their son Ryan to Nicole

Ben & Lainie Laskowitz on the birth of their granddaughter Lucy Jeanette Sundt

Bernie Tillis on the birth of his great grandchild Corbin James Tillis



The Torat El Family Welcomes:

Lew & Diane Goldberg

Ryan & Tori Taffet

Kerri Weiss and Dylan & Zoe Lazar

Susan Sferas

Gloria & Anthony Gribin

Debbie, Marshall, Jacob & Shayna Field

Nicole & Ryan Malc

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

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. With a recognition that no one size fits all and a commitment to encouraging multiple points of entry for participants, this Shabbat morning seeks to offer multiple ways for you to bring the gift of Shabbat into your lives. Join us for our main service from 9am-11:30am. Or participate in our new "learn 'n burn" program starting at 9am with a study session followed by a refreshing yoga/meditation class run by Phyllis Jacobs 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 oneg/luncheon following the programs as we celebrate Shabbat as one community.

First Saturday of each month beginning November 7th through April 2nd

Service Schedule/Times

Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30am

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Shabbat Morning Services

9:00am

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening Services

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

2nd Friday ~ 8:00pm

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

YASHER KOACH TO LORI SCHULDINER SCHOR, JOSHUA SCHOR, HELENE SANTO, MATTHEW EILENBERG, AND BONNIE REISS FOR RECEIVING PLACQUES IN RECOGNITION OF ALL OF THE TORAH READING THAT THEY HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS! CONGRATULATIONS!

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.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Students are experiencing Shabbat with a musical and engaging services with Led by Rabbi Metz and Sam Levine and Tot Shabbat open to the community led by Marilyn Cohen. The teachers are creating exciting lessons where the students are enjoying their learning! Our parents are enjoying praying with friends in the main service and staying for a nosh during Kiddush. Please join us!

Here is what our members are saying: "It was great to have all the parents and kids up leading Aleinu & Adom Olam. Everyone enjoyed it, the kids enjoyed it and I enjoyed. It was really lovely to have the children there!" Marcia Sacks

"I was thrilled to see so much hustle and bustle of parents, children and regular congregation member coming in! I loved hearing the excited voices of children praying and learning. I spent time in every classroom and it was so wonderful to see the teachers and students enjoying Shabbat School. There is interest throughout the synagogue community in Shabbat School. We are off to a great start!" Sherrie Robinson

"I think Shabbat School is going great, I love seeing the kids in the service. We always say we want to make it to services and never make it, now we have multiple times. This is the push we needed!" Cara Malek

We look forward to seeing you!

parents night out, kids night in!

Drop your kids off at Congregation Torat El for a fun-filled night of games, pizza and a movie with the USYers! (under adult supervision)

Ages 4 - 10 * NO CHARGE

Please RSVP by October 9th to Rabbi Metz
at rabbimetz@torat-el.org



saturday, October 17th
7:00 - 10:00pm

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE



Sunday, November 15, 2015 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Monday, November 16, 2015 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.



SAVE YOUR STUFF!!

Items Needed:

Clothing, Shoes & Boots, Handbags, Luggage, Tools, Glassware, Jewelry, Working Electronics, Art Work, Curtains, Sporting Goods, Music, Movies, Linens, Small Working Appliances, Toys, Games, Bikes, Furniture (**NO mattresses or upholstered furniture**)
NO Computers, Printers, Knives, Medical Equipment

Drop Off At Congregation Torat El's back door:

Boutique Drop Off:

Sunday, November 8th 12:00-3:00pm

Monday, November 9th 1:00-3:00pm

Tuesday, November 10th 9:00am-12:00pm & 3:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, November 11th 9:00am-7:00pm



Rummage Sale Drop Off:

Wednesday, November 11th 9am-7:00pm



The "boutique" area was very successful last year so we will do it again this year! Please limit these items to high-end designer leather goods, vintage or collectible jewelry and gift items, designer clothing, new toys and baby items. Please pack them separately from rummage sale items and label the box "boutique."

On behalf of Sisterhood and our committee, thank you in advance for your help and support. We could not do this fantastic fundraiser without YOU!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Beth Cotler at 732-776-7887.

SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood Paid Up

Thursday, October 22nd - 7:15pm

Dinner and Entertainment

Watch your mail for invitations

SAVE THE DATE

Torah Fund Dinner

Date: Thursday December 10th

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Congregation Torat-El

Watch for further information!



MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB BIKE TOUR OF THE HENRY HUDSON TRAIL **Sunday, October 11 - 9 AM**

We will meet in Highlands and take a pleasant ride along the Raritan Bay with views of New York and Sandy Hook.

Starting point will be easternmost parking lot on the trail: 369 Shore Dr., Highlands, NJ 07732 and we plan to ride to the parking lot at 2 Alberta Ave., North Middletown 07748 and back to Highlands for a round trip of about 16 miles.

All are welcome, do the whole ride or a shortened version.

Refreshments will be provided.

For RSVP and details about the BIKE TOUR Contact Alan Rosenheck at alanrosenheck@gmail.com or Gary Gross at ggross2144@gmail.com

Congregation Torat El Chanukah Party

SPONSORED BY CTE MEN'S CLUB

Come one, come all to the annual Chanukah Party!

**All are welcome to attend, bring your family and friends
along to join in the fun!
No RSVP necessary - No charge!**



Men's Club Famous Latkes

Yummy treats from Sisterhood

Dreidel Games

Sunday, December 6, 2015

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Guys, come and join us while we cook our world famous latkes.

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Join the entire congregation, family, and friends for our annual celebration
You can also order latkes to go!



Sukkot/Simchat Torah



Simchat Torah

Monday, October 5th

6:00pm

Mac and Cheese Dinner and
Make Your Own Sundaes!



No charge
for dinner
but for
planning
purposes
please RSVP
to the
temple
office by
Sept. 30th

The fun continues unrolling the Torah
Tuesday, October 6th ~ 9:00am

Social Action

Social Action wants to thank everyone who gave so generously to the High Holiday Food Drive. Food donations will continue throughout the year.

We are creating a sub-committee to explore the possibility of creating a Community Sustaining Garden on the temple property. If you are interested in working on this project please contact either of us at the email address below. Our Committee is busy planning several more exciting initiatives for the coming year. Please read your bulletins and weekly announcements so you can become informed and involved. All are welcome to join us!

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College

COLLEGE PACKAGES

We are gathering addresses of college students that are studying away from home. Congregation Torat El Sisterhood will be sending out Hanukkah (December 6-13, 2015) Purim (March 23-24, 2016) and Passover (April 22-30, 2016) packages this year. The packages usually consist of something relating to the holiday (Hamantachen for Purim, Matzoh for Passover) and other kosher snacks. The packages are compliments of Sisterhood.

If you would like Sisterhood to send a package to your college student, please send their college address to **Laurie Gross: lauried144@aol.com** by November 1, 2015. Please type "college packages address" in subject line. Packages are sent the week before the holiday. If your student will not be at college due to spring break or studying abroad during any of the dates noted above, please let us know so we do not send that package. If you sent us an address last year we must receive updated information. Please do not send "same as last year" without sending the actual address.

A Story To Begin The New Year

Rabbi Schonbrun told this story Erev Rosh Hashanah and I thought it was so moving that I wanted those of you who weren't there to be able to enjoy it.

— Pam

A NYC Taxi driver wrote:

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked. "Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated." "Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice."

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued in a soft voice. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said. "You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware -- beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

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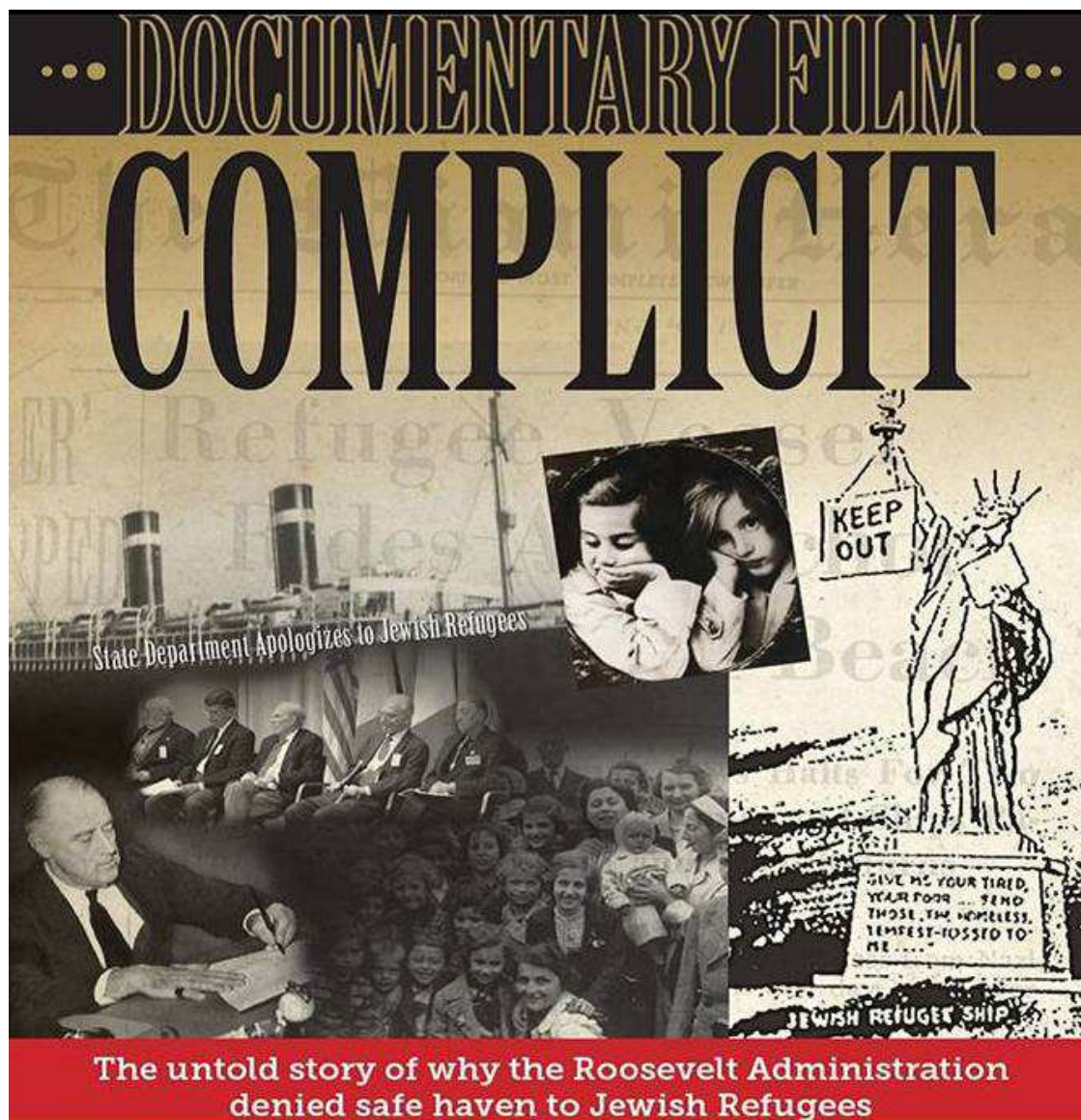
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				1 <i>Sisterhood In The Kitchen, Come Help Prep! 4:00pm</i> <i>Sisterhood Board Mtg 7:30pm</i>	2 <i>Candle Lighting 6:18pm</i> <i>Sukkot Dinner & Service 6:00pm</i>	3 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i> <i>No Shabbat School</i> <i>Sukkot Sleepover at CTE (grades 4-6)</i>
4 <i>Hoshana Raba Service 8:30am</i> <i>Sukkot Open House at the Schonbruns 2:00pm-5:00pm</i> <i>Shmini Atzeret Service 6:30pm</i>	5 <i>Temple Office Closed</i> <i>Shmini Atzeret/ Yizkor Service 9:00am</i> <i>Simchat Torah Spectacular 6:00pm</i>	6 <i>Temple Office Closed</i> <i>Simchat Torah Service 9:00am</i>	7 <i>Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm</i>	8	9 <i>Candle Lighting 6:07pm</i> <i>Shabbat Service 8:00pm</i>	10 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i> <i>No Shabbat School</i> <i>Lunch & Learn and Sponsored Kiddush</i>
11	12	13 <i>Ritual Mtg 7:30pm</i>	14 <i>Religious School Blessing of the Pets</i> <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm</i>	15	16 <i>Candle Lighting 5:56pm</i> <i>Musical Shabbat Service 6:30pm</i>	17 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i> <i>Parent's Night Out USY Babysits at CTE</i>
18 <i>Estate Planning Seminar 9:30am</i>	19	20 <i>Executive Board Mtg 7:00pm</i> <i>Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm</i>	21 <i>Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00pm</i> <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm</i>	22 <i>Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner 7:15pm</i>	23 <i>Candle Lighting 5:46pm</i> <i>Shabbat Service 6:30pm</i>	24 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i>
25 <i>"Complicit" at the Axelrod Theatre 4:00pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00pm</i> <i>Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm</i>	29	30 <i>Candle Lighting 5:37pm</i> <i>Shabbat Service & Deli Dinner 6:30pm</i> <i>Scholar-In-Residence Weekend</i>	31 <i>Shabbat Service 9:00am</i> <i>Kiddush Luncheon</i> <i>Scholar-In-Residence Weekend</i>