



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center
February 2020 - Shevat/Adar 5780

**In celebration of Purim,
CONGREGATION TORAT EL PRESENTS
DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT**

Saturday, March 7, 7:00pm

Dinner * BYOB *

Lots of Laughs

Bring all your friends to join the fun!

Reserve a table (8+ guests)

\$65.00 per person

Paid Reservations Requested By February 28

FEATURING



*Johnny Lampert
Andy Pitz
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February Service Announcements

Friday, January 31, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 4:54pm

Yahrzeits: Ruth Adler, Harris Anderman, Warren Dennis, Ducie Epstein, Nathan Feinstein, Chester Friedman, Levi Goldenberg, Diana Graber, Doris Gribin, Mildred Holub, Rose Horenstein, Harold Karasic, Lillian Kaye, Bessie Kirschner, Farha Koreen, Maurice Marx, Milton Paperth, Bernard Resnick, Norman Scheer, Sidney Schwaber, Kenneth Singer, Morey Singer, Harry Steinberg, Sylvia Tillis, Charles Wilk, Ellen Winters

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Bo 10:1-11:3

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Friday, February 7, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 5:03pm

Yahrzeits: Vivian Baime, Sylvia Berman, Alex Block, Shirley Brown, Jeanne Chernin, Jerome Dampf, Dorothy Davidow, Stanley Drossman, Bella Feinstein, Helen Franklin, Elaine Friedman, Michael Friedman, Anne Goldman, Milton Goodman, Philip Gordon, Abraham Horvitz, Annette Korn, David Negnewitzky, Boris Ozarow, Frances Pellmar, James Schneider, Anita Schonbrun, Joseph Semel, Samuel Starrett, Dorothy Stazyn

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Beshallah 13:17-15:26

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday, February 14, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 5:11pm

Yahrzeits: Bessie Cohen, Paul Dorfman, Robert Drazin, Samuel Ellton, Rena Feinstein, Lena Gaber, Rosalie Goodman, Anna Hoffer, Anne Jupiter, Eleanor Karasic Gould, Henry Kirk, Harold Koyner, Harold Krivins, Nissan Krongelb, Rose Levenson, Arnold Levin, Emma Marshal, Edwin Marx, Cookie Needle, Henry Safian, Harry Schwartz, Koppel Steinberg, Ellis Taffet, Bryan Taxin, Irving Vorchin, Charlotte Webman, Robert White, Betty Zolten

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Yitro 18:1-27

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Devon, Erin, Hannah, Benjamin, & David Jacob; Sharon, Mali, & Shachar Jacob; Galit, Avi, Or-El, Maoz, Lilach, Adar, & Keren Haim in honor of Beth R. Jacob's first Torah Reading

Friday, February 21, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 5:20pm

Yahrzeits: Leroy Bennett, Ida Block, Lawrence Breslow, Minnie Curtis, Rafal Edelsberg, Louis English, Rita Fight, Robert Fisher, Ursula Forem, Paula Gluck, Herman Gruber, Monroe Javerbaum, Bert Kanarek, Doris Konner, Sydney Kramer, Frieda Krengel, Max Landsman, Leonard Leibowitz, Morris Maltz, Shirley Marlieb, Saul Poretzky, Anne Posner, Anita Resnick, Murray Richelson, Howard Sprechman, Mary Suskin, Stanley Thomas

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Mishpatim 21:1-22:3

Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:1-17

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Madeline and Joel Schulman in honor of the 65th anniversary of Joel's Bar Mitzvah

Friday, February 28, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 5:29pm

Oneg is sponsored by proud parents Stefanie & Howard Fishbein in honor of Elle's Bat Mitzvah

Yahrzeits: Gail Altschuler, Dina Bercovicz Stauber, Minnie Bromberg, Rita Comer, Isidore Crystal, Julia Greenblatt, Sonya Grill, Cynthia Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Leon Horenstein, Ida Kessel, Phyllis Young Krakow, Samuel Kreizman, Irene Lam, David Levine, Lillian Margulis, Sara Marowitz, Judith Millender, Ada Mintzer, Joseph Mintzer, Sylvia Pollak, Anna Popok, Pauline Retholtz, Fishel Reuven, Ellen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz, Louis Sobel, Magdalena Stern, Yetta Weisman, Alan Wertlieb, Sidney Zimmerman

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Terumah 25:1-40

Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13

Bat Mitzvah of Elle Fishbein

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud grandparents Fran & Les Langer in honor of Elle's Bat Mitzvah

We Are All Renters



The other day I was reading an article in *Time Magazine* about Greta Thunberg, their choice for the 2019 Person of the Year. Thunberg, a teenager who helped spark/re-ignite a global climate change movement by camping out in front of the Swedish parliament holding a sign that said "School strike for climate," has since addressed heads of state at the U.N., met with the Pope, argued with the President of the United States, and inspired 4 million people to join the global climate strike on September 20, 2019. Quite a list of accomplishments for a 16-year-old. While the climate conference held in Madrid this past December did not lead to global consensus on the many issues related to climate change, scientists and environmental activists are warning that the global rise in temperature due to greenhouse gas emissions has the potential to rise 1.5 degrees Celsius, exposing 350 million people to drought and pushing roughly 120 million people into poverty by 2030. (<https://time.com/person-of-the-year-2019-greta-thunberg/>)

As Jews, this is an issue that we ought to care about, taking whatever steps necessary to both educate ourselves about these issues and take action when possible. In just a few weeks, on February 10, we will be celebrating the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat literally refers to the 15th day of the month of Shevat, and was originally a date intended to help farmers follow certain agricultural laws discussed in the Torah. The rabbis designated this date and called it a "birthday" for the all trees. Throughout the years, however, Tu B'Shevat has evolved and been influenced by a variety of Jewish values and beliefs ranging from Mysticism to Zionism to Ecology. The environmental importance of this day that has been emphasized over the past few decades is one that is deeply "rooted" in our tradition which teaches that when it comes to our time on this earth, we are really all simply renters.

Since the biblical period, it has been a religious belief that there is no such thing as human "ownership." The words of the Psalmist teach that "The Earth is the Eternal One's and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants (Psalms 24:1)." In other words, each one of us is blessed to be a tenant on this earth and we should approach this role in a responsible way. From the Jewish perspective it is the height of hubris to claim that the earth is ours and that we can do with it as we see fit. And yet, while most people in this world might not actually come out with such an explicit proclamation, this is unfortunately how we often behave. Last summer, I read a book entitled *Falter*, by Bill McKibben, about the frightening state of affairs when it comes to climate change. He wrote:

Those of us in the fossil fuel-consuming classes, have, over the last two hundred years, dug up immense quantities of coal and gas and oil, burned them; in car motors, basement furnaces, power plants, and steel mills. When we burn them, the carbon atoms combine with oxygen atoms in the air to produce carbon dioxide. The molecular structure of carbon dioxide traps heat that would otherwise have radiated back into space. We have, in other words, changed the energy balance of our planet, the amount of the sun's heat that is returned to space. The scale of this change is the problem... The extra heat that we trap near the planet because of the carbon dioxide we've spewed is equivalent to the heat from 400,000 Hiroshima-sized bombs every day, or four each second!"...

In 2015 study, the *Journal of Mathematical Biology* pointed out that if the world's oceans kept warming by 2100 they might become hot enough to "stop oxygen production by phytoplankton by disrupting the process of photosynthesis." Given that two thirds of the oxygen comes from phytoplankton-that would 'likely result in the mass mortality of humans and animals..." (21,34)

It is the scale of the problem that activists like Thunberg and authors like McKibben are trying to get us to understand. And while this information may make many of us want to throw up our hands in an overwhelmed state of exhaustion, Judaism does not give us that luxury. As Rabbi Tarfon taught: *We are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are we free to ignore it* (Avot 2:21).

So what can we do about these challenges? First, we can educate ourselves about the steps we can take, even the seemingly small ones, to make a difference. There are the basic things such as leaving the water running too long, using too many paper towels, not being careful about recycling, not using environmentally friendly light bulbs in our homes, wasting gas, and discarding our electronics in an unsafe manner. Then there are considerations about the way that we discard our trash at home, the way that we travel, the way that we eat and the foods that we consume. Many of these habits have a direct impact on our environment and many of these habits are hard for us to even consider changing. And yet when Tu B'Shevat comes back around, we are reminded that we must try. We must do something. As the midrash taught:

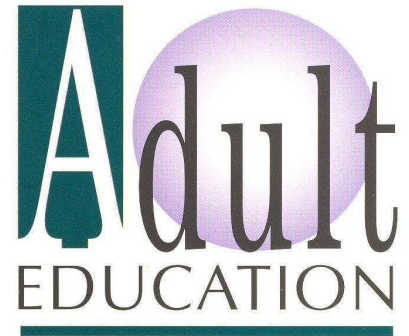
In the hour when the Holy One created the first human being, God took the person before all the trees of the garden of Eden, and said to the person: "See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Now all that I have created, for you I have created. Think upon this, and do not corrupt and desolate my world for if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you. **Kohelet Rabbah 7:13**

Echoing this text (*though they may not know that!*), the majority of the mainstream scientific community and environmental activists around the world are sounding the alarm. As we reach what we are being told over and over again is a critical moment, the question for each one of us as individuals is whether or not we are paying attention. From our homes, to our places of work, to our voting choices, this is an issue that our tradition tells us *must matter*. For we are simply renters – and as such, we have a responsibility to the ultimate land Lord of the world to ensure that this majestic and wondrous creation continues to exist for future generations and beyond.

Lunch and Learn: Mussar 2.0- Living A Life Of Character and Integrity - Rabbi Schonbrun

Back by popular demand. Mussar is a Jewish spiritual discipline that helps to nurture depth of soul and spirit. Guiding us through life's daily struggles and blessings, Mussar has much wisdom to offer as we seek to nurture our character and develop our souls.

Wednesdays, 12:00pm



Lessons Learned Along the Way...

A few years ago Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of best-selling book *When Bad Things Happen To Good People*, wrote a memoir reflecting on his life as an author and congregational Rabbi. Entitled simply, *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*, this short volume explores issues of faith, doubt, fear, forgiveness, mortality and social action. Reflective, practical and relevant to life in the 21st century, Rabbi Kushner has wonderful Jewish advice and life wisdom to offer us. Come and join us as each week we discuss a chapter in this thought-provoking book from one of our movement's greatest thinkers. This class is open to the community. **Please RSVP to the office or online at torat-el.org.**

Wednesdays, February 5-March 25, 7:30pm



**Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00AM
CONGREGATION TORAT EL**

Light breakfast will be served.
RSVP to the temple office
at 732-531-4410

Mark Hetfield, HIAS President and CEO

Mark Hetfield is President and CEO of HIAS, which, founded in 1881 as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, is the world's oldest organization dedicated to refugees. Mark has led the transformation of the organization from one focused on Jewish immigrants to a global agency guided by Jewish values that assists and resettles refugees of all faiths and ethnicities and is a major implementing partner of the United Nations Refugee Agency and the U.S. Department of State. An expert in refugee and immigration policy, Mark's 28-year career began at HIAS in Rome and has included five positions at HIAS, as well as posts with the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C. and Haiti. He is a frequent commentator and writer on refugee issues on television, radio, newspapers, and other media outlets. In November 2016, the *Forward*, the leading national Jewish weekly in the United States, named Mark to its *Forward 50*, the list of Jews who have "impacted American life" in 2016.



Welcoming Refugees: Learning from the Past, Rising to the Moment

Over the last year, the number of refugees and displaced people across the world has grown to more than 70 million – more than any time in history. Because of our experiences and our values, the Jewish people have a unique connection to these most vulnerable people. Join Mark Hetfield, President and CEO at HIAS, to learn more about Jewish displacement in history and the current global refugee crisis, and explore how Jewish values call on us to respond.

A Message from the Temple President

Greetings!

I hope you are all having a good and healthy winter and are staying warm.

I recently returned from a lovely vacation in Barbados with my family. Along with the wonderful weather, picture-perfect beaches and historic sites, there was the Nidhe Israel Synagogue in Bridgetown. We attended Friday night Shabbat services at this Conservative synagogue, located on aptly named Synagogue Lane. It is the oldest Jewish congregation in the Western Hemisphere and was formed by the Sephardic Jewish settlers who left Brazil in the 1620's and introduced sugar cane to Barbados. An 1831 hurricane destroyed the original synagogue, which was then rebuilt in 1833 and restored in 1989. It is currently owned by the Barbados National Trust, which initially wanted to raze the building and erect a courthouse, but due to the petitioning by the local Jewish community, it was returned to be used as a synagogue.

In Barbados there are approximately 50 full-time residents in the Jewish community that have come from a half dozen countries. In the winter, the number of attendees at Friday night services increases with the arrival of snowbirds and tourists. Interestingly, the synagogue name means "Synagogue of the Scattered of Israel."

We arrived shortly before the 6:30pm service and had a chance to speak to the Rabbi. I was pleased to learn that they allow women to count for a minyan and female congregants can get an aliyah. The Rabbi is from London and comes to Barbados for the winter to not only enjoy the beautiful warm weather, but to also conduct the weekly Friday night service. We then met the current President of the synagogue who introduced us to other worshippers.

It was so enjoyable speaking with many of the 30+ attendees that evening. Everyone was so warm and welcoming to us, even though we were only there for one Shabbat.

I continually thought about our warm, friendly and inviting environment at Congregation Torat El. It's so nice to be greeted at the door with a genuine smile. Although we are spread around the world, the Jewish community is still a close-knit group – you never know who you will meet that will be connected to your background and experiences. One worshipper we spoke with was a Rabbi from Long Island vacationing in Barbados for three weeks. It turns out that one of the families of his congregation, with whom he is very close, has a daughter who studied in Israel for a semester of college with my daughter!

Just as you look forward to greeting the regulars and the visitors each week, we should continually strive to be welcoming to all who walk through our doors.

Laurie Gross



WELCOME

*Ladies & Gentlemen
of Congregation Torat El*

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GAME NIGHT

Mahjong • Poker • Chess • Scrabble • & More*

Saturday, February 8th • 7:30-10:30pm

play & enjoy



Coffee



Tea



Dessert

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Check & RSVP by Feb. 3 to: ctesisterhoodrsvp@gmail.com
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**If playing with a group, please call us to reserve a table,
or we'll gladly place you with one.*

CANASTA LESSONS at Congregation Torat El
6-week session — 2-hour class per week
Taught by Jane Grabelle

Thursdays beginning February 13-March 19

7:00-9:00pm



Limit 8 people - priority to temple members

\$60 for the 6-week session for CTE members/ \$72 for guests

Paid registration due by February 7 to the CTE office

OUR STORY. OUR TIME: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONGREGATION TORAT EL

Our Campaign pledges as of January 3, stand at **\$1,268,794** toward our overall goal of \$1,500,000. We have paid off \$460,000 of our debt. There are not enough words of gratitude for your meaningful support. **We need all of you to join us in this exciting endeavor!**

Matching Gifts provide a wonderful way to double and sometimes even triple your gift to the Capital Campaign. Check with your employer to see if they have a matching gifts program. If they do, complete the appropriate paperwork and be sure to tell us so we credit your extra gift!

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OUR STORY. OUR TIME: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONGREGATION TORAT EL

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The Campaign for Congregation Torat El



Special thanks to **Neil & Marcia Weitzenkorn** for hosting a group gathering in their home. If you are interested in hosting a get-together, please let Pam know.

Naming Opportunities are Going!

Please check our website: www.torat-el.org/capitalcampaign for all Naming Opportunities still available and consider this unique occasion as a beautiful way to leave a lasting memory of yourself, your family or a loved one. We will continue to mark those 'SOLD' so don't wait too long. Side pews in the Main Sanctuary are almost gone!

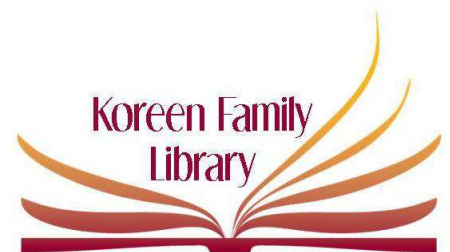
Our tradition teaches that we are each a link in the chain of our Jewish heritage. Just as others built for us, so too must we build for the future. This is our opportunity to embrace the privilege and obligation we have to renew our spiritual home for today and tomorrow.

To make a gift, request a donor pledge form, or discuss naming opportunities, please contact Pam Cardullo, Executive Director, at 732-531-4410 - pamc@torat-el.org, or Rachel Port, Campaign Director, at reiink@verizon.net.

Two new exciting books are now available in the CTE Koreen Family Library. The first one is entitled, *The Amusement Park: 900 Years of Thrills and Spills and the Dreamers and Schemers Who Built Them* by Stephen M. Silverman. If you ever enjoyed visiting Coney Island, Hershey Park, or any one of the Disney parks around the world, then this is the book for you.

It tells the true story of amusement parks from the Middle Ages to the present day, including the "pleasure gardens" of Europe and England, and ends with the most elaborate modern parks in the world today. Beautiful illustrations and well written.

Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs by Beth Ricanati, MD. This is a very unique book which deals with 11 steps for a recipe for challah, but this book is much more than writing about food. *Braided* won the 2019 Reader's Favorite Award for nonfiction. It is really a self-help book which combines cooking with a path to personal growth through Jewish meditation. Dr. Ricanati combines mindfulness along with baking challah as a means of inspiring deep thinking about Jewish life.



~ Library Committee

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Koach to Larry Ozarow for receiving a Yad in recognition of his 18th Torah reading!

During the month of December, the following individuals performed the mitzvot of leying Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Mark Engel	Ben Laskowitz	Bonnie Reiss
Steven Fineberg	Alan Morris	Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Mike Gordon	Fran Nudelman	Aviva Schonbrun
Harvey Jacob	Steven Nudelman	Steven Schwaber
Olivia Kaplan	Larry Ozarow	Neil Weitzenkorn
Randi Kervick		

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 or 732-861-7450.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH

Hi. My name is Elle Fishbein and I live in Shrewsbury with my mom and dad, Stefanie and Howard, my sister Harper and my brother Max. I go to Shrewsbury Borough School and I am in 7th grade. My Bat Mitzvah is on February 29 and I like playing soccer and doing gymnastics.

For my Mitzvah Project I chose two different organizations. The first organization I chose to volunteer with was Lunch Break, with my mom. But they needed our help at the Boys and Girls Club, so we went there. The Boys and Girls Club is a place for boys and girls to go for food and to do different activities to occupy themselves. The job my mom and I had was to help serve the children food, along with three other people. We all worked together to get each and every child the food that they needed. All of the kids there were very sweet and polite, as was the manager of the building. She was very kind to me and she cared very much about the children.

The second organization that I participated in is called Backpack Crew, which is an organization that raises money to fill backpacks with food for children. I found out that a few girls in my grade were participating in the organization so I asked if there was any way I could help. They asked if I could bring a creative aspect to the project. I was able to make necklaces and then sell them at a stand at our Shrewsbury 5K. I was able to sell most of my necklaces. All of the money that we made went to Backpack Crew.

The reason I chose these two organizations is because it has always bothered me thinking about families not being able to put food on the dinner table. I enjoyed helping these people and it has made an impact on my life.

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

Mazel Tov to:

Fran & Steven Nudelman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Avery

Condolences to:

Donna Ginsberg on the loss of her mother Elizabeth Simpson

Jonathan Brown on the loss of his mother Marda Brown

Shirley Sabin on the loss of her husband Milton Sabin

The Marton family on the loss of Sara Marton

Welcome new members:

Janice Robins

Rachael and Adam Moss

Susan Lesser-Greenberg and Steven Greenberg

Norman Alpert

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Memories
JOY Friends
THANKFUL Cherish HAPPY LOVE
Together forever

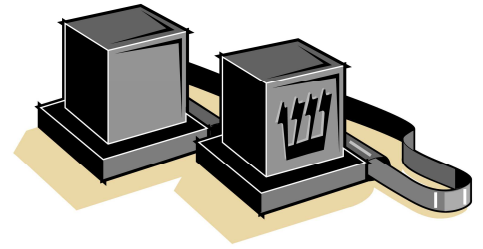
MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

World Wide Wrap

Open to all of the men, women and teens in our congregation. A chance to wrap ourselves in tallit and tefillin on the same day as tens of thousands of our fellow Jews worldwide.

Minyan followed by a deluxe breakfast.

Sunday, February 2, 8:30am



Men's Club Speaker Breakfast *Anti-Semitism/Hate Crimes*

Sunday, April 26, 9:00am

Join us for breakfast and a conversation with local, county and state representatives and learn what steps Monmouth County and the state of New Jersey are taking to combat anti-Semitism and hate crimes.

RSVPs are requested for planning purposes to the temple office or at torat-el.org

Trenton Thunder vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies in Trenton at Arm and Hammer Park

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00pm

This is the minor league team of the NY Yankees vs. the minor league team of the NY Mets

Fireworks to follow game.

\$10 per ticket. Please reserve your tickets at torat-el.org or through the temple office by May 15.

All are welcome to attend. Attendees will arrange their own transportation.

Please contact Neil Becourtney for additional info at nedzenlz@yahoo.com or 973-896-7923.



Congregation Torat El Community Seder - Second Night

Thursday, April 9 - 6:00pm



Menu Includes:

Appetizers:

Crudit  and Dip, Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver

Main Dishes:

Matzah Compote Stuffed Capon
Brisket with Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Mushroom Gravy
Vegetarian/Gluten Free Entr e available upon advanced request

Side Dishes:

Smashed Yukon Gold Onion Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus

Dessert:

Assorted Macaroons, Cookies, Cake, Chocolate Dipped Strawberries,
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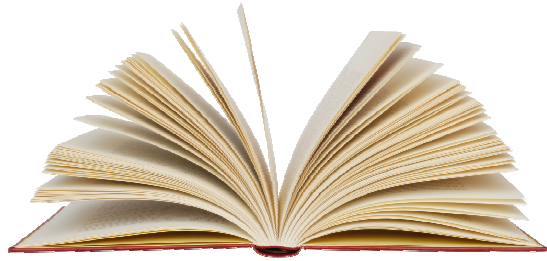
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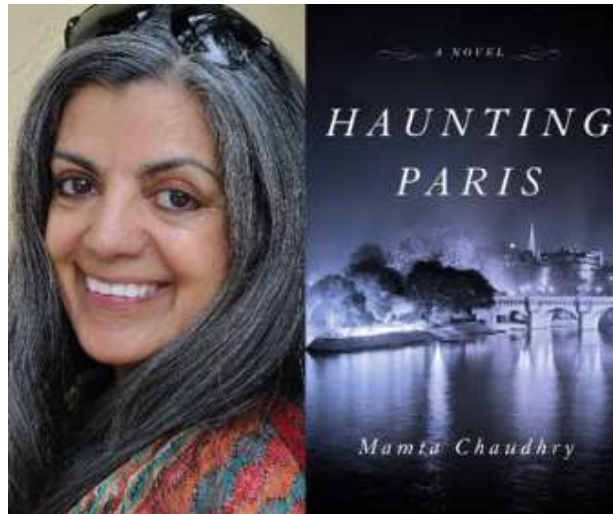
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This ongoing series has been made possible by a generous grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon ~ Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wanted: Kneaders, pinchers, fillers, bakers, counters and your smiles! Please, no children under the age of 13

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

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Orders must be placed by February 14

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\$5.00 per BASKET or **\$15.00** per BASKET for NON-Temple Members **within delivery area only*

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

Cash Prizes

Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Play begins at 9:30 am Sharp

Registration due by March 18

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

Registration Fee: \$36.00 Sisterhood Members

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Remember to bring your 2019 card

Questions? Contact Carol at 732-213-7434 or

carolklein725@gmail.com

Phone reservations will not be accepted

Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form

Name _____

Enclose Check \$ _____

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Sisterhood Member: Yes No (circle one)

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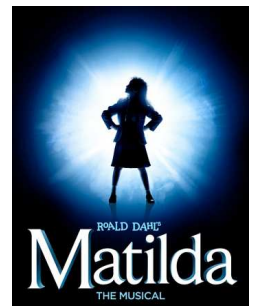
Please join Sisterhood for an enjoyable evening to see MATILDA

When: Saturday, March 21

Where: Axelrod Performing Arts Center, Deal

Time: 8:00 pm

Price: \$50 includes ticket and dessert during intermission



Your reservation is PAYMENT by check made payable to CTE SISTERHOOD no later than March 6.

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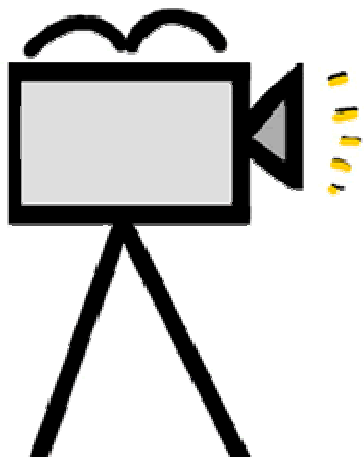
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Sunday, February 23, 3:00pm

No charge but RSVPs requested to the temple office or at torat-el.org by February 20.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

February is a quiet month. Our Hebrew School will be closed February 15th, for President's Day!

On February 19th, our Hebrew High students will be volunteering at Rising Tree Tops, formerly known as Camp Oakhurst. The students will do an art project with the campers, assisting in communication and building connections. Throughout the year, Hebrew High will volunteer at Rising Tree Tops, in place of us having class. When scheduled, please plan to arrive at 6:15pm and leave at 8:15pm.

Grades 2-6, please continue practicing and preparing for our Friday Night Service, which is taking place on March 27th!

The Blood Drive was held on December 23rd.

We received credit for 41 units (pints). There were 36 donors; five gave Red Cells donations which count double. As a result, we exceeded our goal of 35 units set by the New Jersey Blood Service.

I want to thank all who participated and all who assisted in making this drive a success.

It is said that giving help to a person when neither giver nor receiver know each other is the highest form of giving. This thought was made for Blood Donors, GOD BLESS THEM.

~ Michael Gordon, Blood Drive Chair

DONATIONS

Congregation Torat El General Fund

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In Honor of:

Dr. Jonathan Barofsky by *Steven & Bonnie Leff*

Jules Resnick for being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year" by *Marilyn Rosen, Barbara Bascom*

In Memory of:

Harriet Theodore – mother of Gary Theodore by *Greta Adler*

Milton Gottlieb – brother of Sheila Morris by *Marilyn Rosen*

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Irv Kullback, Ina Brustein, Donna Ginsberg

In Memory of:

Yair Duvdevani by *Avi Duvdevani*

Kiddush Fund

In Honor of:

Jules Resnick being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year" by *Michael Gordon*

Pam Cardullo's speedy recovery by *Sheila Morris*

Helayne Berger Fund

In Honor of:

Randi Kervick's 60th birthday by *Michael Gordon*

In Memory of:

Joyce Goldberg by *Janice Shevell*

Paul Morris Liturgical Music Fund

In Memory of:

Milton Gottlieb – brother of Sheila Morris by *Sheila Morris*

Ernest Rosset – father of Meryl Morris by *Alan & Meryl Morris*

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Susan Samuel Memorial Fund

In Honor of:

Jules Resnick being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year" by *Ellen & Myron Samuel*

In Memory of:

Fred Boone – husband of Ellen Samuel by *Ellen & Myron Samuel*

Dora Osattin – mother-in-law of Myron Samuel by *Ellen & Myron Samuel*

Sarah Samuel – mother of Myron Samuel by *Ellen & Myron Samuel*

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Adie Gordon Fund

In Memory of:

Adrienne Gordon – wife of Michael Gordon by *Michael Gordon*

Samuel Sarch – friend of Michael Gordon by *Michael Gordon*

Siddur Lev Shalem

A Siddur has been donated in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Avery Nudelman by *Sandy Lehrer, Randi Kervick, Amy & Mike Addeo*

Tree of Life

A leaf has been hung in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Elle Fishbein by *Stefanie & Howard Fishbein*

A leaf has been hung in memory of Barbara Isaacson by *her children's many friends*

A leaf has been hung in memory of Marilyn & Matthew Goldenberg by *the friends of Amy Leitner*

JNF Trees

In memory of Lois Weiss – niece of Marilyn Schneider by *Marilyn Schneider*

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Contribution Cards

To Jules Resnick in honor of being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year" from **Beverle & Howard Richelson**
To Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Kaplan in honor of the engagement of their son Ethan to Alyssa from **Marjorie & Stanley Cotler**
To Bob Isaacson in memory of his wife Barbara Isaacson from **Joyce & Martin Luria**
To Jeff Donner in memory of his mother Bette Donner from **Dorothy & Steve Secol**
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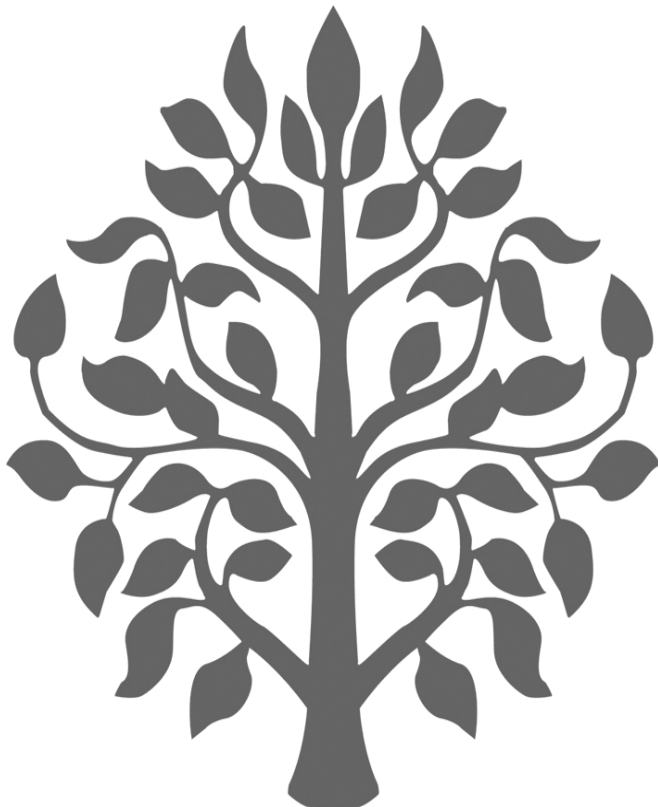


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9	10 Beginner Hebrew 7:30pm	11 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	12 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	13	14 Candle Lighting 5:11pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	15 Shabbat Service 9:00am No Shabbat School Sponsored Kiddush Luncheon
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Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am

Evenings:

Monday-Thursday: 7:00pm

Shabbat Evening: 7:15pm