



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center
January 2020 - Tevet/Shevat 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



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Andy Pitz
Kerri Louise*

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January Service Announcements

Friday, January 3, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 4:23pm

Oneg is sponsored by proud grandmother Joyce Nudelman in honor of Avery's Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeits: Fred Boone, Louis Breslow, M. Harvey Brown, Mae Castello, Ken Curtis, Robert Deitch, George Fink, Estera Frochcwajg, Betty Fromer, Norman Gayton, Tema Gerechoff, Joseph Gold, Adelaide Goldstein, Jerry Goldstein, Amelia Greenfield, Samuel Hipschman, Barbara Jacob, Harry Kantor, Marilyn Kaplan, Morris Kempler, Eugene Kirsch, Robert Krantz, Pearl Krongelb, Shirley Kullback, Lily Laster, Betty Parker, Zimel Resnick, Ronald Rosen, Ernest Rosset, Simon Samuel, Robert Schneider, Edith Schwaber, Phillip Schwartz, Milton Seidman, Alfred Silverstein, Roxie Skoler, Abraham Slovin, Bob Stone, Ruth Wilk

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Bar Mitzvah of Avery Nudelman

Parsha: Vayiggash 44:18-45:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud parents Steven & Fran Nudelman in honor of Avery's Bar Mitzvah

Friday, January 10, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15pm

Candles 4:29pm

Yahrzeits: Avram Bercovicz, Milton Bernstein, Samuel Bloom, Shirley Borsch, Julius Droisen, David Fields, Max Gonski, Frida Haber, Louis Kirsch, Gladys Kisner, Simon Klein, Mortimer Kobb, Rebecca Kramer, Lois Nelson, Ben Rassas, Morris Rauch, Mildred Richelson, Lee Rubenstein, Samuel Sarch, Sigmund Schreiber, Stephanie Silver, Mathilda Simha, Fannie Tauber, Harry Vineburg, Marilyn Weinstein, Shari Woda, Chiam Zev

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Board of Trustees Shabbat

Parsha: Vayhi 47:28-48:22 Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Kiddush Lunch to follow

Friday, January 17, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 4:37pm

Yahrzeits: Ivy Altman, Shai Binns, Clara Blance, Louis Breslow, Zipporah Brodie, David Cooper, Jean Frank, Rose Frank, Rose Goldenberg, Kenneth Kobb, Annette Kurman, Shirley Levine, Bessie Lipson, Michael Maltzman, Gussie Michelson, Samuel Miller, Zelda Miller, Solomon Nanos, Stuart Nelson, Dora Osattin, William Potter, Herman Preiser, Sol Reinman, Stanley Rubenstein, Sarah Samuel, Esriel Schwebel, Saul Shapiro, Shirley Shapiro Fein, Jack Solden, John Stazyn, Max Trauben, Sidney Zislin

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Shemot 1:1-2:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Friday, January 24, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

Candles 4:45pm

Yahrzeits: Max Adler, Burton Alexander, Ronald Arnold, Reuben Blaustein, Abraham Block, Rubin Brenner, Belle Franks, Eugene Goldman, William Gross, Sam Kantrowitz, Barry Kollins, Sandra Lazarus, Sam Lewis, Rose Negnewitzky, Sylvia Nipon, Robert Roseman, Steven Scheer, Max Schletter, Sidney Solden, Bertha Steingart, Samuel Sulkin, Gary Taylor, Edythe Wiser, Milton Ziment, Ruth Zimmerman

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am

Parsha: Vaera 6:2-7:7 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Friday, January 31, 2020

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm

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

The Best New Year's Resolution: Be Your Best Self



A New Year is upon us, complete with its festivities and the secular custom of New Year's resolutions. While Jews historically shied away from making *nedarim*, or vows, there is certainly nothing wrong with striving to grow, improve, and challenge ourselves to do better as this New Year approaches. But I would offer one word of Jewish caution: before we make any type of "resolution," we should take a moment to consider the *kavanah*, the intention behind that resolution. What are we trying to accomplish? Who is this resolution really for? Are we trying to live up to our greatest potential, to be our best selves, or are we somehow trying to achieve something based on someone else's definition of success and prosperity?

As we think about our New Year's resolutions, we should ask ourselves this: just who are we trying to become? If the answer is anything other than "my best self," we should likely reconsider. What do I mean? There is a Hasidic story that:

When Rebbe Zusya of Hanipoli was dying, his students found him crying. They asked him what was wrong. You were greater than Abraham. You were as wise and as humble as our teacher Moses! Rebbe Zusya answered: "When I die and am brought before the heavenly court, I'm not worried that they will ask me: 'Why weren't you more like Moses?' I'm worried they will ask me: 'Why weren't you more like Reb Zusya?'"

Rabbi Terry Bookman comments:

We go around thinking we have to be like somebody else, comparing ourselves with others, living up to another's standard or expectations. We drive ourselves crazy by thinking that no matter what we do or accomplish, somehow it is just not good enough, when all along all that God wants of us is that we be ourselves. You be you and I will be me. That's all. That is enough. How simple it is, and yet how difficult we make it. **Bookman, *The Busy Soul*, 36**

I am going to exercise more this year. I am going to lose weight this year. I am going to spend more time with a particular hobby, with my children, grandchildren, family, partner, etc... I am going to come to synagogue more often. I am going to go on vacation. I am going to give charity. I am going to volunteer more often, read more often, etc.... All of these are certainly worthy goals. That is not the question. The question is: Are we striving to better ourselves, for ourselves, or are we striving to live up to some image of an "ideal" person? Are we striving to reach our sacred potential, or are we trying to keep up with the profane (that we sometimes mistakenly mistreat as sacred) of our social media feeds?

Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk once asked so eloquently: *If I spend my life pretending to be someone else, who will be me?* How simple, and yet how complicated we often make it when we try to make changes because we are comparing ourselves to everyone and everything around us. As Rabbi David Wolpe explains:

The Kotzker rebbe told his disciples, "If I am I because you are you and you are you because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you. But if I am I because I am I and you are you because you are you, then I am I, and you are you." This stands as the quintessential definition of what is now fashionably known as codependence: *If your identity is entirely dependent on others, then it is not really yours.*

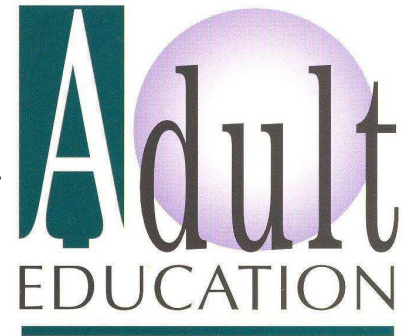
God identifies himself to Moses at the burning bush as "I am that I am." Human beings can never be so self-assured, or so self-defined. We constantly measure ourselves, pruning or expanding our characters in the light of others. But the Kotzker reminds us *that fidelity to oneself is an important measure of integrity.* As unique images of God, *we honor God by becoming what in our uniqueness we were intended to be (emphasis mine).* **Wolpe, *Floating Takes Faith*, 119**

As we make our New Year's resolutions, let us do so with this challenge in mind. Let us remember that all our tradition asks of us is that we strive to become the unique, wonderful, and best selves that God knows we can become. May 2020 be a year of happiness, health, meaning and purpose in all of our lives as we endeavor to live up to this highest and most challenging standard of living lives of personal growth, integrity and honesty with, and for, ourselves.

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 or
online at torat-el.org

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.

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

We are finishing out the calendar year strong! Our Campaign pledges as of December 10, stand at \$1,169,888 toward our overall goal of \$1,500,000. We are on course to pay off \$400,000 of our debt by year-end. There are not enough words of gratitude for your meaningful support. Make a New Year's resolution to join us in this exciting endeavor!

Sisterhood & Men's Club have each made wonderful gifts in support of the Campaign. Sisterhood will purchase 100 new chairs for the Social Hall. Men's Club and Sisterhood are helping to eliminate the debt as well.

Donors as of December 10, 2019

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Thank You as well to the many donors who asked to remain Anonymous

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- ◆ Our outdoor Campaign sign is up and we're well on our way to lighting the Havdalah candle! **Help us reach the flame!**
- ◆ Naming Opportunities are Going!
Please check our new 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!
- ◆ Special thanks to Gary & Sheryl Kaplan and Mark & Rachel Steinberg for hosting group gatherings in their homes. If you are interested in hosting a get-together, please let Pam know.

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.

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

Mazel Tov to:

Jules Resnick for being honored by the Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs as Congregation Torat El's "Man of the Year"

Nicole & Ryan Malc on the birth of their son Journey Asher Malc

Marcy & Ken Malc on the birth of their grandson Journey Asher Malc

Abby Scheer on the engagement of her son Russell Scheer to Celeste Pomputius

Nancy & Irwin Gerechoff on the engagement of their grandson Russell Scheer to Celeste Pomputius

Nancy & Steve Maurer on the birth of their granddaughter Alexandra Jewel Maurer Ragonese

Condolences to:

Ina Brustein on the loss of her brother Simon Rubin

Sheila Morris on the loss of her brother Milton Gottlieb

Welcome to:

Elizabeth & Doron Horowitz & Family

Sylvia & Edward Young



RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

Yasher Kochech to Ryan Abrams for leading services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on her Bat Mitzvah! Mazel Tov!

Yasher Koach to William Lissauer for leading services on Friday Night and Shabbat morning, and for chanting Torah and Haftarah so beautifully on his Bar Mitzvah! Mazel Tov!

During the month of **November**, the following individuals performed the Mitzvot of leyning Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit, Musaf and the Torah Service:

Danny Abrams

Glen Abrams

Ryan Abrams

Stacey Abrams

Mark Engel

Jonathan Horowitz

Harvey Jacob

Ben Laskowitz

Lindsey Lissauer

William Lissauer

Fran Nudelman

Steven Nudelman

Larry Ozarow

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Aviva Schonbrun

Toby Sukinik

Neil Weitzenkorn

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 BAR MITZVAH

Hello. My name is Avery Nudelman and my Bar Mitzvah will take place on January 4, 2020. I live in the Wayside section of Ocean Township with my mother, father, and two younger brothers. I am in 7th grade at the Ocean Township Intermediate School. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I went to the Asbury Towers to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels. I chose to do this because I wanted to help people who need it. Some of these people are unable to go out and get food to eat and survive. Many of these people barely see anyone all day, or even all week. Not only do I help deliver food, I get to see someone and have a conversation with them. This makes their day brighter, and it also makes my day brighter.



In my free time, I love to play video games, read interesting novels, and play sports like basketball, soccer, and tennis. I have been playing tennis since I was five years old, and now enjoy playing tournaments. I have only played in three so far, but I am determined to play more and eventually, win! I am also a Boy Scout in Troop 76 in Wayside. I am going to earn the rank of Second Class soon. In Scouts, I often go camping, and really enjoy it! The most recent camping trip was in Camden, where I slept on a battleship! I can't wait to enjoy becoming a Bar Mitzvah with my family and friends on January 4!

MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

Men's Club Paid Up Sunday, January 26, 1:00pm

Free to all Paid-up Members

1:00pm Bowling at Shore Lanes - 701 Rt. 35 South, Neptune, NJ

3:00-4:30pm - Pizza and Beer at Asbury Park Brewery - 810 Sewell Ave., Asbury Park

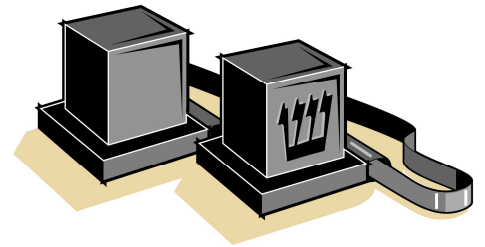
Please RSVP to Gregg Taffet 917-882-4941 or boatman141@verizon.net by 1/17/20

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



Mazel Tov to Jules Resnick CTE Men's Club Man of the Year

Jules was honored at the
Northern NJ Federation
of Jewish Men's Club Gala
with honorees from over 20 other temples
for his many (60+) years of service to our
Temple community.

Yasher Koach Jules!



SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Sisterhood would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make this year's Rummage Sale another huge success!

Annual January Sisterhood Luncheon Thursday, January 16, 12 Noon \$15 Per Person

Marina Kerber will be doing a demonstration of Ikebana – Japanese Flower Arranging. Please join us for this fun program and a delicious lunch – bring a friend or two!

Please RSVP with PAID reservations to the Temple Office by January 2. Make checks payable to Sisterhood.

Please contact Susan Sferas, suesfer@aol.com or Melanie Engel, melanieengel@comcast.net if you have any questions.

2020 MAH JONGG CARDS Standard \$8 Large \$9

Please make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood

Mail to: Jeryl Krupnick
521 Bridlemere Ave.
Interlaken, NJ 07712

All orders must be received by January 22

Min Pincow Raffle 2019

The year 2019 is almost over. Congratulations to all our winners for the year: Diane Resnick; Carol Amrany; Susan Sferas; Rochelle Nagrod; Beverle Richelson; Michelle Winters; Marian Warshauer, Jeanne Isaacson, and Janet Cohen; Jeryl Krupnick; Amy Wiener, and Alyce Isaacson.

Letters regarding your ticket purchase have been mailed and should have arrived in your home. Won't you choose a lucky number and join the winner's circle? Remember, the more tickets we sell the larger the prize. Help support the Sisterhood and all the good work we do.

Toby Sukinik
732-493-3719

*Ladies & Gentlemen
of Congregation Torat El*

SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO

GAME

NIGHT

Mahjong • Poker • Chess • Scrabble • & More*

Saturday, February 8th • 7:30-10:30pm

play & enjoy



Coffee



Tea



Dessert

\$18 Check
payable
to CTE
Sisterhood

**Check & RSVP by 1.25.20 to: ctesisterhoodsvp@gmail.com or
invitelady1@aol.com • 732-493-8531 or 732-922-9535**

**If playing with a group, please call us to reserve a table,
or we'll gladly place you with one.*

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

Carri Silverberg 732-245-8939 or bruce.silverberg@verizon.net

Orders must be placed by February 15

Shalach Manot Purim Baskets

Fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim by ordering Purim baskets for Congregation Torat El members, staff, teachers, family and friends. Send a basket for only **\$5.00!** Recipients receive one basket with a card listing the names of all who sent it to that home. The basket of **homemade** hamantashen, candy and other goodies will be delivered by Purim, which begins on **Monday, March 9.**

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

ORDER FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7.

NOTE THAT THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED.

Drivers needed to help deliver Sisterhood Shalach Manot baskets!

For questions or to volunteer to drive, call/email:

Marian Warshauer at cookstools@comcast.net or 732-380-7800

Toby Sukinik at tasukinik43@gmail.com or 732-493-3719

Linda Gurman at 732-493-0668 or Elaine Schreiber at 732-922-4129

March Mah Jongg Madness

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

Cash Prizes

Sunday, March 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

\$40.00 for Non-Members

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 \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Sisterhood Member: Yes No (circle one)

I want to be an East and bring a set: Yes, No (circle one)

Make check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood

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

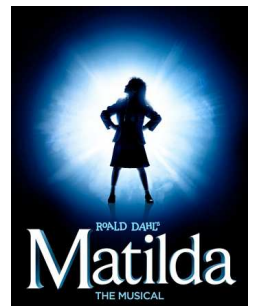
*Please join Sisterhood for an enjoyable evening to see **MATILDA***

When: Saturday, March 21

Where: Axlerod 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.

Name _____

of tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

Mail payment to CTE Sisterhood

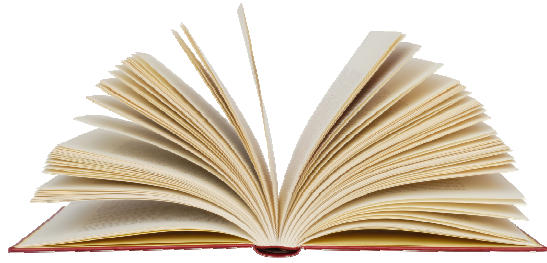
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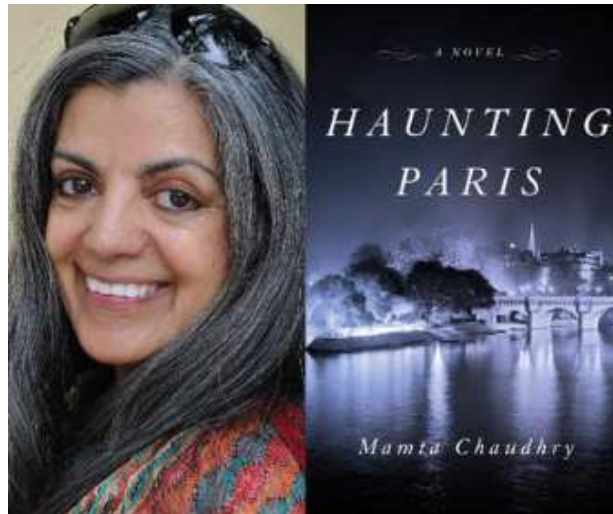
MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES



CONGREGATION TORAT EL

SUNDAY, March 22, 11:00AM

Meet Mamta Chaudhry, author of *Haunting Paris*



Haunting Paris is an evocative story of love and loss that explores the grief from losing a partner, the protective conspiracies of family secrets, and the power of memory. The story moves between the summer of 1989 and Paris in July of 1942, at the time of the infamous Val D'Hiv Roundup. This poignant debut novel is both a love letter to Paris and an exposure of the dark side of the City of Light.

Mamta Chaudhry has worked in television and radio in Calcutta, Texas and Florida. Her writing has been published in the Miami Review, The Statesman, and The Telegraph. This is her first novel.

Pre-Paid \$15 per person/\$20 at the door
Books are available at the temple office
A light brunch will be served
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**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

SYNAGOGUE ESCAPE ROOM

**Sunday, January 12
12:00 - 2:00PM**

Come to the synagogue for a fun
afternoon of problem solving
and teamwork!

After you've "escaped" the
room, we'll be heading out for a
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There is no charge for this event.
Please RSVP by January 6th
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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
7:00PM**

**PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THIS
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Kindly contact the Congregation Torat El office if you will be joining us.

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*Winter
Book
Club*

Sunday, January 26th at 1PM

After our successful Summer Book Club, the Meet the Author committee decided to offer a follow-up event. Come and take the chill off and enjoy discussing one of the Jewish Book Club offerings. The book is called *Invisible City* by Julia Dahl. The author will not be there for the discussion.

Invisible City offers a fascinating glimpse into the insular Hasidic Jewish community of New York City. When a Hasidic woman is found murdered, Rebekah Roberts is sent to cover the case for her newspaper. Rebekah's Jewish heritage allows her access to the community that no other reporter has.

There is no charge for this program but registration to the temple office is required as space is limited. Please make your reservation by January 22.

This program is open to temple members only.

Join us for popcorn and a movie!

Sunday, January 19, 3:00pm

The Catcher Was a Spy starring Paul Rudd

This gripping espionage thriller brings to life the incredible true story of Moe Berg, the pro baseball player who became a World War II spy.

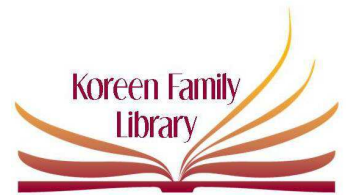


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Two outstanding new biographies are now available in the CTE Koreen Family Library.

Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein by Leonard Bernstein's daughter, Jamie Bernstein, (780.92 BE) is an intimate, witty, bold description of what it is like to be a child of the very wealthy and famous. Growing up in the notorious Dakota Apartments in New York City with her famous father Leonard Bernstein, who was a world-renown conductor, composer and humanitarian, and her beautiful Chilean actress mother Felicia, is vividly described. Jamie is one of three children who all graduated from Harvard as their father did. If you want a peek into the musical, theatrical world of the rich and famous during the 1950's to the present, this is the book for you. Well written, fast paced, it opens your eyes to a world known only to the privileged few.



The Strange Case of Dr. Couney: How a Mysterious European Showman Saved Thousands of American Babies by Dawn Raffel (618.92 RA) is a truly remarkable story of medical importance. Dr. Martin Couney, whose real name was Michael Cohen, saved some 7000 premature babies. He revolutionized neonatal care. In 1901, premature babies were considered mistakes and parents were urged to let them die naturally. Dr. Couney believed he could save them and took premature babies from all races and socioeconomic backgrounds into his clean, well-run nursery which was right next to circus exhibits, freak shows, wild rides and exhibitions. He charged admission to look at these babies and thus was able to care for the preemies without charging the parents. Amazingly, the survival rate was 85-90%! Read how Dr. Couney saved approximately 7000 lives! A wonderful example of how compassion, determination, and perseverance transformed the pediatric world.

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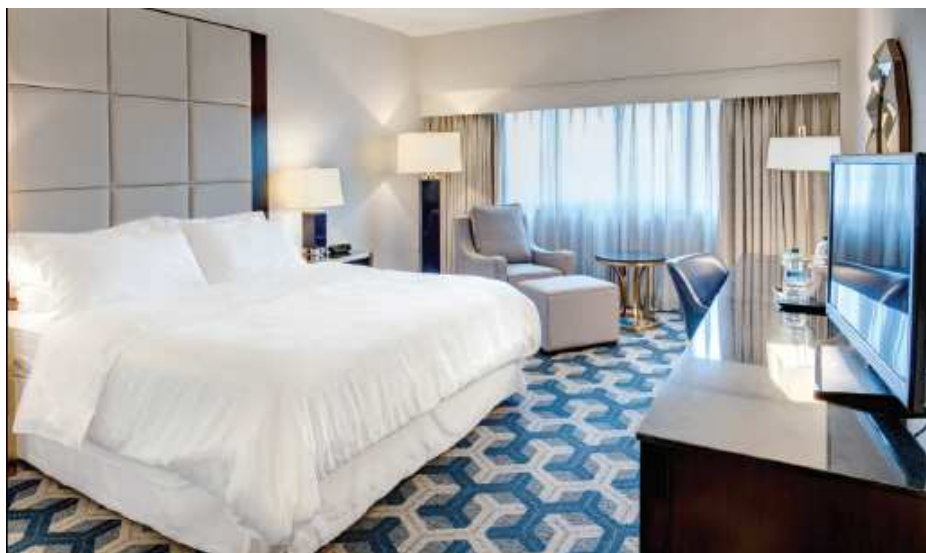
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