



# *Voice of the Shore*

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center  
November 2021 - Cheshvan/Kislev 5782



**Celebrate Chanukah with Congregation Torat El**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 6:00pm**  
(rain date Wednesday, December 1)

**Menorah Lighting, Chanukah Songs, Hot Chocolate,  
S'mores, Surprise Entertainment**

For planning purposes please register on our website at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

*Share the gift of light*

**Keep someone warm**

We are now accepting new and gently used coats for children and adults. Donations will go to local shelters and human services centers. Donation bins are located in temple lobby and will be outside at the Chanukah celebration.

**Bring joy to a child**

We are now accepting new/in-the-box toys. Donations will go to local shelters and Ronald McDonald House. Donation bins are located in the temple lobby and will be outside at the Chanukah celebration.



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# November Service Announcements

**Friday, November 5, 2021**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm**

**Candles 5:29pm**

Yahrzeits: Rose Blume, Bernard Cook, Estelle Ezechel, Judith Gerard, Albert Gerechoff, Daniel Gold, Moses Goldman, Cynthia Latish Gould, Sheldon Horvitz, Irving Kalika, Seymour Klein, Samuel Kraft, Lora Lang, Josef Lasko, Jeanne Leibowitz, Marsha Levy, Hilda Nagrod, Ila Nelson, Fanny Osher, Samuel Osher, Frieda Reisch, Yenita Rosenbluth, Selwyn Rosenheck, Frank Schwartz, Clara Semel, William Shorr, Rebecca Siegel, Elaine Silverberg, Laura Tabakin, Joseph Weiss, Susan Wildman Schneiderman, Frances Zimmerman, Leo Zimmerman, Minnie Zislin

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Toledot 27:28-28:9**

**Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7**

**Friday, November 12, 2021**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm**

**Candles 4:22pm**

Yahrzeits: Herman Adler, Jean Albert, Arnold Ansell, Marcia Baker, Harriet Bazer, Arnold Bienenstock, Betty Casper, Hilda Cohen, Jacob Droisen, Jacob Friedman, Theodora Granoff, Hilda Greenstein, Estelle Joseph, Maurice Karasic, Alex Kaufman, Peggy Kaufman, Janet Kramer, Zina Lapides, Frances Morris, David Nagrod, Joseph Nelson, Seymour Rachles, Rose Rosen, Mildred Rubin, William Rubin, Harriet Schletter, Esther Schulman, Harriet Strauss, Morris Tauber, Emil Weiss, Lea Weiss, Sylvia Wilk, Bess Wizansky, Louis Zimmerman, Mala Zolty

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Vayetse 31:17-32:3**

**Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10**

**Friday, November 19, 2021**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm**

**Candles 4:16pm**

Yahrzeits: James Albert, Helayne Berger, Ann Blaustein, Sylvia Colby, Ethel Friedman, Bertha Froot, Sadye Goldstein, Irving Granoff, Henrietta Greenberg, Morris Handel, Morris Kantrowitz, Esther Kaplan, Rose Laskowitz, Harry Luria, Sharon Mandel, Minnie Miller, Ruben Pellmar, Joseph Rediker, Jakob Safier, Claire Schwartz, Kate Sokoloff, Dora Sulkin, Sanford Tabakin, Messody Thomas, Phyllis Weinstock, Norman Weiss, Ben Zimmern

**Saturday, November 20, 2021**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Vayishlah 35:16-36:43**

**Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21**

**Friday, November 26, 2021**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 7:15 pm**

**Candles 4:12pm**

Yahrzeits: Manny Berkowitz, Judie Chalfin, Celia Cohen, Maxwell Colby, Harry Cooper, Alex Cotler, Esther Deitelbaum, Harold Eder, Marvin Friedman, Blanche Furie, Joseph Gaffin, Albert Ginsburg, Adrian Goldstein, Charles Goldstein, Rosalyn Haratz, Jessie Ingber, William Kronengold, Hyman Marowitz, Iris Maurer, Betty Parness, William Parness, Albert Rediker, Sylvia Reich, Marilyn Rosset, Sadie Schlam, Irene Schreiber, Audrey Silverstein, Wesley Steinman, Arlene Wiener, Shirley Yaskulka, Roslyn Zimmerman

**Saturday, November 27, 2021**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Vayeshev 39:1-40:23**

**Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8**

## Join Services In-Person and Online

**Shabbat:**

**Friday, 7:15pm and Saturday, 9:00am**

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Morning Minyan:**

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

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Evening Minyan:**

**Monday-Thursday, 7:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID 859-0261-9504 - Service held on Zoom only**



# REDISCOVERING OUR INNER LIGHT



Shalom my friends. I hope you and your families are all doing well as we find ourselves approaching Hanukkah. (Yes, it seems quite early this year)!

As many of you know, over the past couple of years through my work with the Institute of Jewish Spirituality in their Clergy Jewish Leadership Program, I have become exposed to a great deal of Hasidic and mystical texts and interpretations of Torah (spanning the 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century) as they relate to helping individuals cultivate and nurture their inner lives. And so it is that I found myself exploring a text from the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib (1847-1905 Poland) as it relates to Hanukkah. The text below is a bit complicated, but keep reading – I will do my best to explain, as I think it has something profound to offer. The topic

is Hanukkah candles and the way that they symbolically reflect the inner sacred light that can be found within each one of us. As the Sefat Emet Teaches:

It is written: A candle of Adoni is the soul of a person searching out all the belly's chambers (Proverbs 20:27)... We say each day "the soul You have placed within me is pure." *This means that there is a certain pure place within each Jew, but it is indeed deeply hidden.*

When the Temple was standing, it was clear that all life-energy came from God... But even now, after that dwelling place has been hidden, it can be found by searching with candles. The candles are the mitzvot; we need to seek within our hearts and souls in order to fulfill a mitzvah with all our strength. The word NeR (candle) stand for Nefesh Ruah ("soul" and "spirit"). To fulfil a mitzvah in this way we also make use of all our 248 limbs. These, combined with love and fear, together add up to the equivalent of the word NeR.. Then we are ready to find sanctuary, to come to the hidden point within. Especially at this season, when lights were miraculously lit for Israel even though they did not have enough oil, *there remains light even now to help us, with the aid of these Hanukkah candles, to find that hidden light within.* Hiding takes place mainly in the dark; we need the candles' light to seek and to find...

This happens by the power of the mitzvot that you do with all of your strength. They arouse the inner-life energy which is the pure point... By the power of inwardness we can find the hidden light within all our own inner chambers.

This is the meaning of the verse: "A person must always measure him/herself as though a holy being dwelt within his/her innards. Of a person who conducts him/herself in this way, it is written: Let them make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell within them." Truly within them!

Okay, so the *Sefat Emet* is a bit tricky here, but what I think he is trying to get us to understand is that each one of us has a divine spark, a divine light within us. The way to access that spark is by living a life of mitzvot, by working to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others. So far, so good. But more specifically, the Sefat Emet is inviting us to explore the specific mitzvah of Hanukkah candles by considering how we might use them to nurture our spiritual selves. Through my recent practice of mindfulness and meditation I have noticed that in order to pay attention, in order to notice what is happening within, and if we are lucky to glimpse the sacred, we have to stop, to slow down, to breathe and to reflect. It occurs to me that the Hanukkah candles afford us just that opportunity. This year, instead of quickly lighting the candles, singing blessings and songs, and moving on, we are being invited to try something different. This year, we are being asked to light the candles, and then stop to try to tap into our inner light by considering: what other mitzvot fill us with light? What other areas of our lives help us connect to the deepest part of our souls, to the sacred within? As we begin to experience more hours of darkness, what do we need to do to tap into that inner light, to re-charge ourselves, our relationships with others, and the way that we interact with the world?

God's presence, God's light fills the world. It is often hidden, but we are being taught that if we make the time, we might be able to catch a glimpse of that which is most sacred – the inner light of our souls, that sacred spark which helps to inform our sacred purpose.

With four kids and a dog, lighting Hanukkah candles in our house is not usually a quiet and contemplative experience. This year, after everyone has left the table, I think I will sit a while and try to notice – both the light that is shining outside, and the sacred light that might be discovered within. I invite you to join me.

*Hag Urim Sameach*, May this Hanukkah be filled with blessing, joy, and light.



## Lunch N'Learn ~ What's Bothering Rashi?

Join Rabbi Schonbrun in exploring what Rashi had to say about the weekly Torah portion and how these lessons remain relevant to our lives today. We will be studying from The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary written by Steven and Sarah Levy. **Register at [upcomingevent.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevent.torat-el.org). You will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email.**

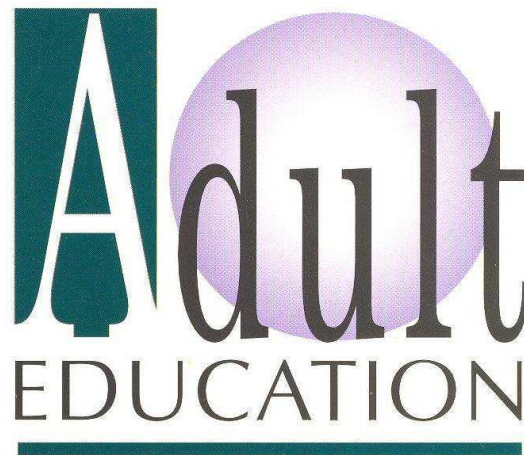
***Wednesdays, 12:00pm***

## Swimming In The Sea Of Talmud

Join Rabbi Schonbrun on Zoom as we study brief and accessible selections of Talmud complete with contemporary interpretations.

**Register at [upcomingevent.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevent.torat-el.org). You will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email.**

***Wednesdays, October 13-November 17, 7:30pm***



## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Sam Fields, Katie Schwartz, and Ava Winters for each being added to the Master Torah Readers plaque in recognition of their 24<sup>th</sup> Torah reading. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Jared Gutman and Noah Malek for each receiving a Tikkun in recognition of their 12<sup>th</sup> Torah Reading. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to this year's 'Jonah Squad'. The 'Jonah Squad' was created many years ago by Cantor Siegel, and consists of a group of teens who chant Haftarat Jonah during Yom Kippur Minchah Services. The members of this year's Jonah Squad are: Leora Schonbrun, Jessica Healy, Avery Nudelman, Sam Nudelman, and Sam Fields. Yasher Koach to all of you for chanting Haftarat Jonah so beautifully!

During the month of September 2021, the following individuals have performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit and Musaf. Those with an asterisk (\*) next to their names also led services and/or chanted Torah/Haftarah during the High Holidays:

Jonathan Barofsky\*  
Julia Comer\*  
Mark Engel\*  
Judy Feldbaum  
Sam Fields\*  
Steven Fineberg  
Marvin Goldin  
Michael Gordon  
Mitch Grayson  
Cantor Ira Greenberg\*  
Jared Gutman\*  
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## 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](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or at 732-861-7450.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What is the Engine of Our Congregation?

Our Congregation's growing strength is a result of our focus on engagement and welcoming.

We continue to strive to welcome everyone where they are and join them on their personal paths to a greater connection with our people, our faith and each other.

Similarly, we continue to foster engagement on as many levels as we can.

New members have told us how our focus on welcoming and engagement has attracted them to join our *Kehillah Kedosha* -- our holy community. Rabbi Schonbrun and our hard working staff do all they can to foster our approach. But the true engine that can keep us driving forward is our membership -- each of us -- all of you.

The focus of my remarks on this past Rosh Hashanah (reprinted in our October Bulletin) was on the importance of volunteerism.

We have many members who play important roles in our congregational life -- members who volunteer for tasks. Some of the tasks large, but many small, but equally meaningful. Our members who help are our congregation's engine of action and engagement.

By way of a simple example, the process of setting up for our High Holidays, and then reverting to our set-up for the rest of the year, involves moving hundreds of our prayer books, moving hundreds of chairs, sorting through our tallitot for those in need of refurbishment, distributing honors and compiling our Book of Life and Remembrance. If left to a just handful of volunteers, these tasks would be overwhelming, but we have been fortunate to have scores involved so that the efforts become manageable and no less rewarding.

The same principle of spreading the work broadly applies to every aspect of our congregation's life and functions. While we have had many members contributing their time, creativity and insight, we are only tapping a small amount of our potential. If we had hundreds of volunteers, we would achieve so much more. We need each of you.

The amount of time you volunteer is, of course, your choice. You can help out occasionally for few minutes, dedicate a considerable block of time on a regular basis, or anything between. Your volunteering can involve fundamental tasks that require "extra hands" or you can provide a unique or critical set of skills as part of a more involved effort. You can help with the "day to day" or help add to our existing programming or provide new offerings. Again, the choice of how and when is yours. All that we ask is that you choose to help out in some way.

We will continue to reach out as best we can, but what would really help is if you reach back to us with your ideas or a simple "what can I do to help?" If we achieve a greater degree of volunteerism, our possibilities are limitless. Please take the time to consider what you are prepared to do and let us know.

I can be reached at [president@torat-el.org](mailto:president@torat-el.org), or, if you prefer, reach out to any of our lay leadership.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Andrew Robins, President Congregation Torat El





Facemasks  
required

CTE SISTERHOOD  
presents

# PAINT PARTY

Social  
Distanced  
Seating

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30PM  
LIVE EVENT AT THE TEMPLE!

JOIN US FOR THIS  
FUN ACTIVITY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

**\$40/SISTERHOOD MEMBERS ~ \$45 GUESTS**

ALL MATERIALS NEEDED FOR PAINTING A CANVAS TOTE BAG INCLUDED IN PRICE  
**DUE TO COVID, NO FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE SERVED**

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 PARTICIPANTS! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY AT [UPCOMINGEVENTS.TORAT-EL.ORG](http://UPCOMINGEVENTS.TORAT-EL.ORG)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ROBIN BAUER AT [RBB6@VERIZON.NET](mailto:RBB6@VERIZON.NET)



# OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

## Mazel Tov to:

Russell Scheer & Dr. Deborah Alpert on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam Scheer  
Sherrie Robinson on the birth of her grandson Cooper Sol Nudd, son of Monica & Tim Nudd  
Florie Bunin on the birth of her great grandson Cooper Sol Nudd, son of Monica & Tim Nudd  
Dr. Monte Pellmar on becoming the Director of Headache Medicine at the new Neuroscience Center at Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center

## Condolences to:

Stuart Koperweis on the loss of his father Henry Koperweis  
Harriet Carchman on the loss of her sister Susan Miller  
Joan Krengel on the loss of her husband Kris Krengel  
Harvey Shooman on the loss of his brother Mark Shooman  
Beverle Richelson on the loss of her husband Howard Richelson

laugh FAMILY  
Memories LE  
JOY Cherish FRIENDS  
THANKFUL HAPPY  
Together forever

Please accept my deep appreciation for all the acknowledgements, donations, support and love received from our Congregation Torat El family on the passing of my dear husband, Ned Meyer. Please know that you have helped me as I continue on the path to get through this difficult time. I remain grateful to each of you.

~ Fran Meyer

## Blood Drive Results

We had 31 whole blood donors and three double red cell donors (each donate two units) for a total of 37 units at the recent Blood Drive at the JCC. Your support will make a difference in the lives of as many as 91 patients.

~ Michael Gordon, Blood Drive Chairperson



*Happy 100th Birthday  
Leonard Rokaw!*

Dear Congregation Torat El,

**Thank you so much for thinking of us and hosting a food drive. You donated a total of 1,066 pounds of food! That is almost 900 meals for our neighbors in need! You are all amazing and we cannot thank you enough!**

**We are lucky to have community members like you who are so dedicated to giving back.**

**Thanks again for all the donations,  
Alexa Palmieri  
Community Engagement Specialist  
Fulfill**





# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Thank you to Gale Mark for decorating our Sukkah with the gorgeous fruit and flower arrangements. These decorations can be re-used and enjoyed for years to come.

Thank-you to all who supported the Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS FUNDRAISER .

**College Packages:** Please submit addresses of college students or servicemen/ women in the armed forces to Dawn Barofsky at dawnrachel926@aol.com. We are happy to send holiday packages for Chanukah, Purim and Passover. If your child is not going back to school after Thanksgiving please let Dawn know.

**Min Pincow raffle** winner for September was Diane & Lew Goldberg. Please renew your number or choose a new number when contacted as this has become a major fundraiser for our Sisterhood and in turn for our Temple. Thank-you to Toby Sukinik and Rebecca Gerard for continuing to chair this fundraiser.

**Thanksgiving food collection** for Jewish Children and Family Services will take place on 11/16 , 17 & 18. Please drop off 5 lb bags of apples and yams at the home of Rebecca Gerard: 1705 Melville St. Oakhurst. Personal checks are also appreciated as more Jewish families than ever are in need in our area. Thank-you for helping.

**Mah Jong lessons** are being planned. Please contact Sue Sferas at SueSfer@aol.com or at 732-239-0750 for more information. Cost will be \$45 for Sisterhood members and \$60 for non-members. We will need at least 10 participants to run the lesson with a maximum of 15. The lessons will be a 5 week session. Our teacher will be Candy Friedman who is an expert player and a wonderful teacher. All Covid-19 protocols will be met.

## ISRAEL CORNER

### ISRAEL IN THE NEWS 9/26/21

Bipartisan efforts continue to support Israel overcoming some more vocal critics of Israel. Last month a small number of house members attempted to block 1 billion dollars for Israel's Iron Dome system from an emergency spending bill. As of the submission of this article, the funding is temporarily blocked by Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky) to force other changes to foreign aid. The full Senate is expected to pass the Legislation before you read this and President Biden has promised to immediately sign the bill into law.

The vote in the house was 420 in favor to 9 against, Bush, (D-Mo), Carson (D-Ind), Garcia (D-Ill), Grijalva (D-Az), Massie (R-Ky), Newman (D-Ill), Omar (D-Minn), Pressley (D-Mass), and Tlaib (D. Mich) voted against.

### Read about it in the following articles:

#### House Passes Israel Iron Dome funding.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/23/us/politics/israel-iron-dome-congress.html>

#### Sarah Silverman denounces 'the Squad' over Iron Dome Jerusalem Post, October 3, 2021

<https://www.jpost.com/j-spot/sarah-silverman-denounces-the-squad-over-iron-dome-position-680904>

#### Jerusalem Post: Israel needs to repair its relationship with Democrats - EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/israel-needs-to-repair-its-relationship-with-democrats-editorial-680302>

#### Haaretz: Comparing Rand Paul to the Squad

<https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/.premium-comparing-rand-paul-to-the-squad-is-unfair-he-doesn-t-hate-israel-1.10281477?v=1634091233620>





**Congregation Torat El**  
**Rabbi Jacob S Friedman Religious School**  
**Youth Education & Engagement Updates**  
**November 2021**

**Here is our schedule for November's programs:**

- 11/10**     **Weekday Virtual Classes**  
(4<sup>th</sup> grade: 5pm, 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 4pm, 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 5pm,  
Hebrew High: 6pm)
- 11/13**     **Shabbat School** (9:00 am)
- 11/17**     **Weekday Virtual Classes**  
(4<sup>th</sup> grade: 5pm, 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 4pm, 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 5pm,  
Hebrew High: 6pm)
- 11/19**     **Family Friday Night Service** (5:15pm)  
Start Shabbat together with a special student and family Erev  
Shabbat opportunity. Families will leave with some special  
items to help make Shabbat Special at home. This is in place  
of Shabbat School for the week.
- 11/21**     **Social Action Event** (10:00 am)  
All students Grades Prek-12 and families are invited to our next  
program building upon the theme of "Tikkun Olam" (Repairing  
the World) through a series of hands-on activities.

**YOUTH**

Education  
and  
Engagement

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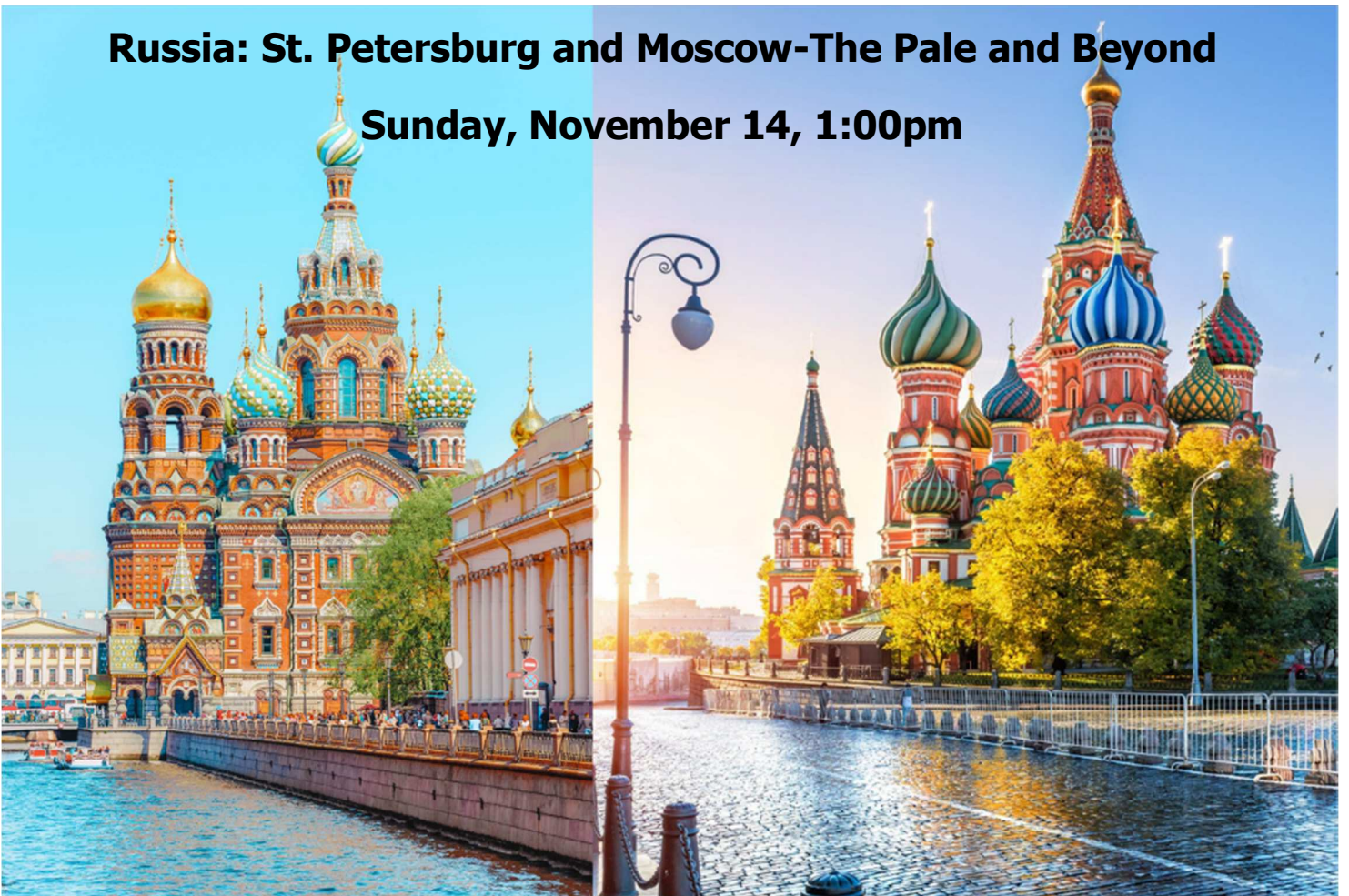
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## Russia: St. Petersburg and Moscow-The Pale and Beyond

Sunday, November 14, 1:00pm



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## True Colors

Live Zoom Performance and Q&A

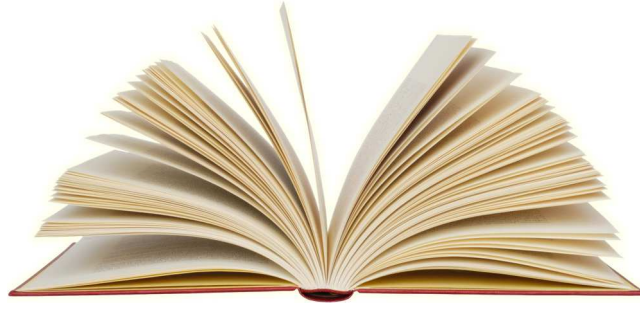
Humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from Jews of color exploring identity, community and what it means to be a Jew in modern times.

Saturday, November 20, 8:00pm





# MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

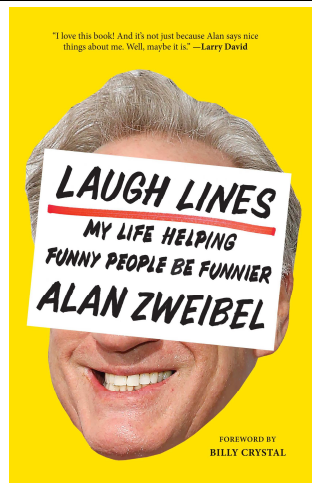


CONGREGATION TORAT EL

## MEET THE AUTHOR COMES TO ZOOM!

Thursday, December 9, 2021 ~ 7:30pm

Meet Alan Zweibel, author of *Laugh Lines*



*Laugh Lines – My Life Helping Funny People Be Funnier*, a memoir by Alan Zweibel, weaves together the stories of his influential career in television, feature films and on Broadway to trace the trajectory of American comedy from the Borscht Belt comedians to Saturday Night Live, to the rise of cable TV and beyond.

Alan Zweibel became one of the first writers at *Saturday Night Live*, where he penned classic material for Gilda Radner, John Belushi, and all of the original Not Ready for Prime Time Players. From *SNL*, Zweibel went on to have a hand in a series of landmark shows—from *It's Garry Shandling's Show* to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. This is a warmhearted cultural memoir from a talented, award-winning writer.

Mr. Zweibel has won Emmys, Tonys, awards from the Writers Guild of America and from the Critics Association as well as the Thurber Prize.

Buy your copy of his book from [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) (to support independent bookstores) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) (remember to use your Amazon Smile account if you have one that supports your local congregation.)

**There is no charge for this event but registration is required.**

**Please register at [torat-el.org](http://torat-el.org) and you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.**

*This ongoing series has been made possible by a grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.*



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7	8	9 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm	10 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Virtual Hebrew High 6:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	11 Sisterhood Paint Party 7:30pm	12 Candle Lighting 4:22pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	13 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:00am
14 Virtual Tour of Russia 1:00pm	15	16 Executive Board Mtg 7:30pm	17 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Virtual Hebrew High 6:00pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	18 Meet the Author Ron Balson 8:00pm	19 Candle Lighting 4:16pm Shabbat School Family Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 7:15pm	20 Shabbat Service 9:00am True Colors 8:00pm
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