

Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center February 2022 - Shevat/Adar I 5782

Mahzor Lev Shalem

We will be introducing *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the Conservative movement's newest High Holy Day prayer book, at Rosh Hashanah 5783/2022. This mahzor was developed by our leading contemporary rabbis and scholars, and it's a powerful and engaging new translation that's also fully egalitarian. Some of the features include:

- Supplementary readings for those looking to engage the text beyond prayer.
- An inviting and creative graphic design.
- Transliteration of key Hebrew prayers and phrases allowing more participation.
- A fully egalitarian text including the appropriate blessings for the matriarchs and patriarchs.

Purchasing these mahzorim is a step in the direction of increasing holiness through improving our prayer service. As we look forward to incorporating this new mahzor into our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, we invite you, our congregants and friends, to participate in this exciting endeavor. For each book you donate, a name plate will be placed in the inside front cover. The bookplate will include the name of the donor and/or the name of anyone you wish to honor.

Watch for further details and order forms!

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Friday, February 4, 2022

Erev Shabbat Service ∼ 6:15 pm

Candles 4:59pm

YAHRZEITS: Gail Altschuler, Dina Bercovicz Stauber, Frances Bergstein, Julia Greenblatt, Cynthia Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Ida Kessel, Phyllis Young Krakow, Samuel Kreizman, Irene Lam, Lillian Margulis, Sara Marowitz, Miriam Mayerowitz, Judith Millender, Robert Moss, Kurt Ottenheimer, Sylvia Pollak, Pauline Retholtz, Fishel Reuven, Ellen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz, Rhoda Sokol, Magdalena Stern, Pearl Weinberg, Yetta Weisman, Sidney Zimmerman

Saturday, February 5, 2022 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Parsha: Terumah 26:31-27:19 Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday, February 11, 2022

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm

Candles 5:08pm

YAHRZEITS: David Barish, Jacob Benofsky, Fred Brown, Annette Cook, Molly Davis, Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Chaim Feldman, Sylvia Fisher, Samuel Freedman, Roslyn Gaber, Lillian Goldenberg, Barbara Gorlin, Garry Grabelle, Flora Gurman, Herman Hirshfield, Rona Kalika, Kenneth Kouri, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Doris Kurtz, Rose Levenson, Maxwell Margulis, Cookie Needle, Irwin Rosen, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, James Schneider, Matthew Schwatzman, Benjamin Shuzman, Hyman Skora, Joseph Weissman, Lottie Wirth

Saturday, February 12, 2022 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Parsha: Tetsavveh 29:19-30:10 Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Friday, February 18, 2022

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm

Candles 5:16pm

YAHRZEITS: Abraham Altschuler, Stanley Anderman, Jacob Anschelewitz, Bertha Barr, Mildred Brasovankin, Marge Cohen, Harry Cowen, David Epstein, Bernard Farber, Florence Farber, Mamie Friedman, Joel Gruskin, Richard Hoenig, Jacqueline Hurwitz, David Kaplan, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Benjamin Maron, Cypora Safier, Stanley Spiegel, Bertha Weiner, Sigmund Weinstein, David Wiener, Jennie Zimmerman

Saturday, February 19, 2022 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Parsha: Ki tissa 33:12-34:35 Haftarah: 1 Kings 18:1-39

Friday, February 25, 2022

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm

Candles 5:24pm

YAHRZEITS: Estelle Bass, Harry Bass, Ann Berkowitz, Ethel Brand, Edward Feldman, Lillian Fox, Irwin Gerechoff, Florence Ginsberg, Louis Glantzman, Nathan Goldwasser, Pauline Goodman, Rachel Hock, Rita Hunter, Ira Katz, Annette Klein, Norma Levine, Edith Moses, Rochelle Nagrod, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Monroe Pincus, Marlene Poretsky, Mae Rediker, Gertrude Rosen, Barnett Schiff, Saul Simha, Beckie Singer Morgenstern, Etta Sprechman, Milly Weitzenkorn, Leo Wilk

Saturday, February 26, 2022 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am Parsha: Vayakhel 36:20-38:20 Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:1-17 Shabbat Shekalim

Join Services In-Person and Online

Shabbat:

Friday, 6:15pm 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

LIVING A FULL LIFE



Over the past few weeks, as I reach two years of daily Talmud study, I have found myself studying tractate Megillah – the tractate dedicated to the rules and regulations of Purim and its celebration. Though Purim is still more than a month away, the conversations in this tractate have been both fascinating and wide ranging. From the rules and regulations of reading the Megillah (walled city versus un-walled city, Hebrew versus translation, the importance of reading from a scroll), to the mitzvot associated with Purim (gifts to one another and gifts to the poor), to the many midrashim enhancing the Purim story, the tractate has plenty to say about Purim in particular, and this time of year in general. It is in this tractate where, taking off from the discussion of reading from one particular scroll, we receive all of the rules and regulations behind our weekly practice of reading Torah (and

Haftorah).

Hidden amidst much of the Puirm talk, is a fascinating text articulating some rabbinic wisdom about what it means to live a purpose-driven life. Couched in the language of "longevity," and framed with a theology that we might find theologically problematic, the text is nevertheless an interesting one. Below is an excerpt of a conversation between some sages and their students:

Rabbi Eleazar b. Shammua' was asked by his disciples: In virtue of what have you reached such a good old age? He replied: Never in my life have I made a short cut through a synagogue, nor have I stepped upon the heads of the holy people, nor have I lifted my hands [to say the priestly blessing] without reciting a blessing...

Rabbi Nehunia b. ha-Kaneh was asked by his disciples: In virtue of what have you reached such a good old age? He replied: Never in my life have I sought respect through the degradation of my fellow, nor has the curse of my fellow gone up with me upon my bed (*when he would go to bed, he would forgive anyone who had annoyed him*), and I have been generous with my money...

Rabbi Akiba asked R. Nehunia the great: In virtue of what have you reached such a good old age?... Then he said to him: Never in my life have I accepted presents, nor have I insisted on retribution [when wronged], and I have been generous with my money...

Rabbi Zera was asked by his disciples: In virtue of what have you reached such a good old age? He replied: Never in my life have I been harsh with my household, nor have I stepped in front of one greater than myself, nor have I meditated on the Torah in filthy alleys, nor have I gone four cubits without Torah and tefillin, nor have I slept in the beth ha-midrash, either a long or a short sleep, nor have I rejoiced in the downfall of my fellow, nor have I called my fellow by his nickname... **Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 27b-28a**

Without getting into the particulars (that's a whole Megillah in and of itself!), notice that in each of these cases, the answers to the question of longevity are couched in values. This tangential conversation that seems to have nothing to do with the tractate as a whole, seems to be teaching us a significant lesson that the true way to measure the length and fullness of our lives lies in how we behave and treat our fellow human being day in and day out. These sages are saying to their students, and in turn to us, that it is only when we make time to recite blessings; when we avoid degrading others; when we are generous with our money; when we make time for study and are generous with the members of our household; it is only when we make time to prioritize what is important in life – that we are able to claim that we have lived a full life. And if we fail to stand up for, and be guided by the values of our people (something that Esther eventually does in the Megillah), who knows what challenges might follow?

In the end, some of us may be fortunate enough to live long lives in the literal sense of the word, but all of us can live full, rich, values-driven lives, each and every day. Remembering to live with Torah as our guide, avoiding the pitfalls of complete assimilation that nearly destroyed the Jews of Persia, and striving to live a principled life in which we care for one another, my prayer as we head into the first Adar of this year, is for each of us to remember some very ancient wisdom that a wise person may count the days of his or her life, but a person of wisdom makes every day count (Wisdom of Ben Sira).

Happy Adar I. I will look forward to celebrating Purim with you (in some fashion) during Adar II!

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 are studying from The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary written by Steven and Sarah Levy. Register at upcomingevent.torat-el.org. You will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email.

Wednesdays, 12:00pm



Together & Apart: The Future of the Jewish People

Back by popular demand, come join Rabbi Schonbrun as together, we begin another wonderful iEngage video series, put out by the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Through video lectures, interviews with experts and text study, we will explore the concept of peoplehood and the "contemporary challenges to the Jewish people in an era in which we have moved from having no home to having two different, vibrant, homes in Israel and in North America.

We will look closely at "the forces dividing the Jewish people today, including nationalism, antisemitism, dual-loyalty, and identity politics" and imagine new frameworks that might help us nurture the story of our people for generations to come.

We will start the class on Zoom and hope that we can eventually move to in person. **Please note this class is only open to CTE members.** PDF study guides will be provided to participants.

Please register at upcomingevents.torat-el.org. You will receive the Zoom link prior to class beginning.

Wednesdays, February 2-May 25, 7:30pm

Race Matters III - A Four-Part Program With Michael L. Sanow Ph.D.

In America today, there has been a resurgence of racism with an increase of activity by white supremacists. It is of critical importance that we examine and understand the history of white supremacy and how it has shaped our country.

In these sessions, participants will grapple with the issues of race and racism with a focus on racism in American history and the challenges racism in our society today through the lens of Clint Smith's highly acclaimed book, "The Word is Passed - A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America."

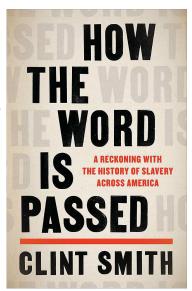
This program is open to temple members only and does not require participation in last year's sessions., For the purpose of dialogue and continuity, the hour-and-a-half session will be limited to 20 participants who have pre-registered and made a commitment to attend all four sessions. If you are unable to obtain the book, several copies will be available. You may contact the temple office to make arrangements to pick one up.

Questions? Please contact Michael Sanow at msanow911@gmail.com.

At the present time we plan to hold this program on Zoom.

Please register at upcomingevents.torat-el.org.

Mondays, March 14-April 4, 7:30pm



A Message from the President

Engagement and Sustainability

There are many components to our continued success as a *Kehillah Kedosha*, a holy community of conservative Jews here at the Jersey Shore. Our staff and lay leadership continue to work to expand our programs and spirit of connection. Our Capital Campaign has provided financial stability. We see increased involvement in our services through the hard work of our Director of Ritual Engagement Ben Laskowitz and the scores of congregants who have expanded their role in our services. Our youth programs are moving forward to new levels under the leadership of our Director of Youth Education and Engagement Rachel Weitzenkorn.

As Rabbi Schonbrun shared during our High Holy Days services, the healthiest congregations strengthen from within as members of the community increase their involvement, engaging in ways that best fit their interests, their skills and their style. As we move through and past the challenges of the pandemic, we need to focus on finding roles for every congregant to add to our programs, ritual life and operational needs and for each congregant to enjoy the benefits increased engagement can provide.

Our Sustaining Dues Model continues to grow on our past successes with continued involvement year after year. The premise of the Sustaining Dues Model is that each member commits to a dues level that works for them, recognizing that, on average, there is a Sustaining Level that provides for our budget when spread over the entire congregation. In a similar way, there is a level of Sustaining Engagement — a level, on average, when the combined effort of our congregation creates tremendous vibrancy with multiple ways that our members add to our congregational health while simultaneously deriving from our congregation what they want spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and socially.

So what is the level of Sustaining Engagement? Our Sustaining Dues Level is calculated using our budget and number of members that we can predict with some comfort. Our Sustaining Engagement Level is harder to calculate as it is virtually unlimited. Yes, at some point we only have so many hours and days to provide engagement opportunities, but even as we have continued to increase engagement, we are only using a small fraction of the time and space available. In reality, our ability to expand through engagement is virtually limitless. And we have only glimpsed the personal rewards increased engagement can provide.

Your lay leadership and your staff look forward to working with each of you to create engagement opportunities as we continue to grow as a community.

Andrew Robins President

Introducing Our New Bereavement Support Group

A partnership between Congregation Torat El and JFCS of Monmouth County

The loss of a loved one can take a great deal of time to process. That is, in part, the reason that the Jewish tradition outlines such a lengthy traditional period of mourning (7 days, 30 days, 11 months), and follows that with numerous occasions to remember our loved ones throughout a given year. Loss is also not something that we are meant to go through alone — something that is also evident by rituals such as shiva and community gatherings for yizkor that we commemorate each year. It is with the values of community, support, and taking time to process our loss that we are pleased to partner with Jewish Family and Children's Service of Monmouth County to offer a bereavement support group for our members. **Beginning on Thursday, February 17 at 11:00AM and led by Jessica Strauss (LSW), the group will meet over Zoom every other week.** For more information, or to sign up, please call Jessica at (732) 556-4046 or email her at: jessicas@jfcsmonmouth.org. May the memories of your loved one be for a blessing.

CONGREGATION TORAT EL SECURITY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I was shaken by the recent hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Texas. Once again, one of our fellow congregations was placed in harm's way for being Jews gathered in prayer. While the safe release of the hostages provided a sense of relief compared to our worst fears, we cannot ignore that innocent victims and their families were terrorized for countless hours, and our collective sense of safety was again challenged.

The safety and security of our synagogue and all those who join us here remains a paramount focus of our lay leadership and staff. While we have not experienced any unfortunate events, small or large, we do not assume that we are immune to the threats that face our larger Jewish community. To the contrary, we review and revise our security protocols on a constant basis.

We are fortunate to have a very good working relationship with our next-door neighbors at the Ocean Township Police Department. Our security consultants, the Praetorian Agency, provide armed security personnel on Shabbat mornings, special services and events. Together, our grounds receive frequent patrols and we have armed response available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Based on recent professional evaluations, we are a secure facility; however, there is always room for improvement. To that end, Executive Director Pam Cardullo has been preparing for the next round of Homeland Security grants by identifying potential upgrades and additions to our physical systems. Past grants, coupled with generous donations to our security fund by our members, have allowed us to improve our alarm systems, increase our exterior lighting, install more secure doors and windows, and provide 24-hour video coverage around our facility.

And while new technology and equipment are important elements, it is also critical that we are prepared to respond should we face a dangerous situation. In the coming months, we will be rolling out security information/training sessions and drills. As we all have learned, and our friends in Texas have emphasized, such preparations are key to helping save lives.

We remain focused on providing a safe space for learning, prayer and camaraderie as we continue to build relationships with each other, with our people and with our faith.

Please feel to reach out to me if you have any questions or to share your concerns or ideas. I can be reached at president@torat-el.org or you may leave a message with the office.

Sincerely,

Andrew Robins President

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

Mazel Toy to:

Steve & Dorothy Secol on the marriage of their daughter, Steffanie Naiberg to Erik Bronstein

Steve & Dorothy Secol on the selection of their great-nephew, Jake Wechsler, a 14-year-old ranked fencer, to participate in the Maccabee Games in Israel

Elynn Taylor on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Emma Sloane Fisher

Fran & Steven Nudelman on the birth of their niece, Joyce Nudelman

Regina Weiss on the engagements of her twin granddaughters, Madeline Pendergast to Gabriel Smith, and Hannah Pendergast to Jacob Miske

Regina Weiss on the marriage of her granddaughter, Rachel Tucker to Kenan Frager

Regina Weiss on the birth of her great grandsons, Charles Jay Tucker and Jules Eren Frager

Lisa & Eric Arnold on the marriage of their son, Alex to Elizabeth Needle



Judy Sherman on the loss of her husband, Alan Sherman Carole Shapiro on the loss of her brother, Alan Sherman

Welcome to:

Judy Klotzkin

Blood Drive Results

The December Blood Drive at the JCC was another success! We collected 28 pints (units) — 22 whole blood units, and six red cell units. Each red cell donation counts as two units.

Thank you to those who participated. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22.

~ Michael Gordon, Blood Drive Chairperson

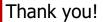
College Packages

If you did not share your student's address, it's not too late for them to be included in the Purim and Passover deliveries. Please email Dawn Barofsky at Dawnrachel926@aol.com.

Also, please tell Dawn if your student changes their address or is going abroad in the Spring.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!

Before you leave us for warmer climates, please call the office and let us know so we can use your winter address for future mailings!









Congregation Torat El

Rabbi Jacob S Friedman Religious School **Youth Education & Engagement Updates** February 2022

**Please see weekly emails for any adjustments in timing or location and additional KADIMA & USY Teen events.

2/2	Weekday Virtual Classes (4 th grade: 5pm, 5 th grade: 4pm, 6 th grade: 5pm)
2/5	Shabbat School (9am)
2/9	Weekday Virtual Classes (4 th grade: 5pm, 5 th grade: 4pm, 6 th grade: 5pm, Hebrew High: 6pm)
2/11	Family Friday Night Service (5:30pm) Start Shabbat together with a special student and family Erev Shabbat opportunity. This is in place of Shabbat School for the week.
2/13	Social Action Event (10am) Students 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 related to Lashon Ha'ra (Guarding your Tongue/Gossip).

2/16

Weekday Virtual Classes (4th grade: 5pm, 5th grade: 4pm, 6th grade: 5pm)

2/23 **Weekday Virtual Classes**

(4th grade: 5pm, 5th grade: 4pm, 6th grade: 5pm, Hebrew High: 6pm)

2/26 Shabbat School (9am)

Questions?

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L'Dor V'Dor: From Generation to Generation

A special interview project with our CTE Youth and Congregants

During April 2021, several of our Congregation Torat El Hebrew High Students interviewed congregants via Zoom to learn about their journeys from childhood to adulthood, including moments of significance in their Jewish learning and Judaic connections. Each month, we will highlight a member of the congregation and the interview to help share their stories and words of wisdom.

Interview with Susan Sferas



By: Samuel Field



Susan Sferas was born in and currently lives in Neptune, New Jersey. She grew up in Long Branch, New Jersey, which she considers a "Diverse Area of Religion." She did not get Bat Mitzvahed because at the time it wasn't common for girls to be Bat Mitzvahed, even though some of her girlfriends did get their Bat Mitzvah. While Ms. Sferas isn't fluent in Hebrew, she has been taking classes at Torat El and with Women's League and she listens to services and learns a lot from that.

When her father died at age 15 she made a large connection with Judaism. At that time, they celebrated some holidays and sometimes went to Sunday School at Torat El's former synagogue Temple Beth El. Ms. Sferas's parents had gotten married older and weren't sure if they were going to have children, and she found it very important to say Kaddish for him.

Ms. Sferas attended high school in Long Branch, and she never felt Anti- Semitism during high school. She had groups of Jewish and Non-Jewish friends and was never bullied for being Jewish. She is looking forward to attending future reunions.

After high school, Ms. Sferas started out as a teacher, but then worked with Fort Monmouth and INSCO (an insurance company). She became an analyst and worked for more than thirty-five years in the industry.

When asked why is being Jewish important to you she said very interesting things such as "It was something I always felt," "gave me some grounding," "gives me awareness and how to live and how to feel." CTE is very active and friendly and they welcomed her very kindly. The congregation offered for her to go to community service, and she decided to become a congregational member and went to all the services. Ms. Sferas got involved with Sisterhood and is currently on the board. She is involved with the Meet the Author program committee where she gets to meet more people. She attends Rabbi Schonbrun's classes.

Other interests of Ms. Sferas include reading and playing Mah Jongg, including an online version of the game. She is affiliated with The League of Women Voters, which is a non-partisan program. She has bowled, played racquetball, and used to play tennis. She now enjoys watching sports. Currently, Ms. Sferas participates with the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Ms. Sferas doesn't cook, but she does enjoy pizza, matzah balls, and Italian food.

Ms. Sferas's advice to our students and others includes "Be happy," "Study but give yourself a chance to enjoy yourself," "You have to ready for life's twists and turns," and "Enjoy yourself but realize there will be times that won't be good but you have to be resilient and learn lessons."

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

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

Mark Engel Sam Fields Marvin Goldin Mike Gordon Harvey Jacob Ben Laskowitz Shoshana Meyer Steven Nudelman Andrew Robins Michele Robins

Leora Schonbrun Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun Steven Schwaber Neil Weitzenkorn Mark Wertlieb

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 at benlaskowitz@torat-el.org or 732-861-7450.

ISRAEL CORNER

When it comes to life-changing inventions and innovations, Israeli scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs have put Israel way out front, making it "The Startup Nation." Some highlights of those inventions are listed in the links below. There may be a few that will surprise you!

https://jpost.com/israels-70th-anniversary/70-years-of-israeli-ingenuity-whats-israels-top-invention-549867

https://www.haaretz.com/haaretz-labels/cuttingedge/1.9707214

https://nocamels.com/2020/11/5-israeli-time-100-best-inventions-2020/

https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/top-10-israeli-inventions-need-aware/

https://theculturetrip.com/middle-east/israel/articles/11-israeli-innovations-that-changed-the-world/

https://interestingengineering.com/11-israeli-inventions-that-have-changed-the-world-for-the-better and the state of the

https://www.jpost.com/Jpost-Tech/Top-10-Israeli-inventions-of-the-last-10-years-612118

https://www.timesofisrael.com/celebrating-a-decade-of-life-changing-israeli-inventions/amp/

Enjoy! CTE Israel Committee

It's that time of year again, winter at home. The Membership Committee invites all CTE members to join your Torat El family in a Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Nothing is more interesting and fun than a true hunt for the obscure and always needed everyday things. Have you faced that challenge using ONLY two adjacent rooms in your house? It's our version of Let's Make A Deal, "Do you have in your possession" that



appears near the end of the network show. Clues will be read aloud by the moderator for the items you will need to collect. So you will need to FIRST figure out what the item is (don't yell it out) AND SECOND hope you actually have it!!! Each item has to be brought to your starting position within 1.5 minutes. Focus on items that can befound in your kitchen/"junk drawer" plus your office/den/supply closet. The person who collects the most CORRECT clue items will be declared the prize winner. Happy hunting and hope to see you!!! Register at upcomingevents.torat-el.org and you will receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, February 17, 7:30 pm

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Thank you to Jeryl Krupnick for chairing our Mah Jongg Card sales. Thank you to all our members who diligently sold cards to all their friends.

Thank you to Susan Sferas for arranging the interesting afternoon meeting on January 20. We learned about FASHION: THE HISTORY OF WHAT WE WEAR, presented by Peggy Dellinger, the Exhibit Director of the Ocean Township Historical Museum.

Min Pincow Raffle: Please renew your number or choose a new number 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. Tickets are \$100 for 10 chances to win. Each winner receives approximately \$300.

Mah Jongg Tournament, open to all, has been rescheduled to May 1.

Sisterhood Scholarship has been revitalized. This scholarship is a monetary award for a congregant's child who is continuing their Jewish education in Israel. This scholarship is available to high school students thru a GAP year. The student will be asked to provide hours of community service in which they have participated in the community as well as within the Temple. Examples are leading services, helping with younger students in our Hebrew school, helping with Sisterhood projects such as baking and delivering Hamantashen and the Rummage Sale. The family of the student must be in good standing with Congregation Torat EI. The award-winning student will be asked to provide one presentation at a Sisterhood meeting on their Israeli experience. The application is available by request to the Temple office and can be emailed to the student. The amount of the award will be based on the number of applications received, student essay and the Sisterhood budget. The maximum award will be \$1000. The deadline for receipt of the application is April 8, 2022. Please refer any questions to Janet Attner at ctesisterhood@gmail.com.

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 **Wednesday**, **March 16**.

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

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

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PAM'S PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Jews in the American Theater: A Legacy Like No Other

Jews in the American Theater: A Legacy Like No Other – Believe it or not, there was a time when there were no Jews in the American theater. What changed that? And how did Jews come to play such a vital role in every aspect of the business, reshaping it over the last 150 years? Entertainment historian John Kenrick uses fascinating behind-the-scenes stories and rare photos and performance videos to celebrate the role Jews have played on Broadway and beyond.

John Kenrick has worked in the theater at every level from amateur to Broadway, eventually serving as personal assistant to six Tony Award-winning producers, including the team behind the original production of *Rent*. He has taught musical theater history courses at New York University's Steinhardt School, The New School University, and Philadelphia's University of the Arts. John's books include *Musical Theatre: A History*. He is the creator of the educational website Musicals101.com. One of his students put it this way: "He didn't just make me laugh – he made me care."

Please register at upcomingevents.torat-el.org. You will be sent the Zoom link prior to the program.

Tuesday, February 1, 8:30pm

The Golden Age of Jewish Life in Sepharad/Spain – Guide for the Perplexed

For centuries, the Jewish community of Spain was one of the world's most significant. Its creative achievements in the arts, sciences, literature, medicine, diplomacy, etc. were unprecedented for a Diaspora community, largely because of the interaction and integration of the Jewish community in Muslim Spain. All this ended during the same year that Columbus set sail to discover America. What is the legacy of this important community? We will visit some of the more important Jewish centers, including Cordoba, birthplace of Maimonides, Granada, home of the beautiful Alhambra Palace, where Ferdinand and Isabel issued their expulsion order, as well as the beautiful synagogues of Toledo. The presentation will also touch upon the complexity of minority/majority relations, the tension between integration and assimilation and celebrating the rich legacy of Sephardic Jewry.

Our tour guide, Mike Hollander, was born in Canada and made Aliyah in 1988. He has an MA in Jewish-Christian Relations and is a registered tour guide. He has led groups from Federations, Birthright, Interfaith groups, political groups, congregational trips and even the rich and famous like Bono. His areas of expertise include history, politics, Middle Eastern and interfaith studies.

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Sunday, February 6, 1:00pm

"The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Out of Tragedy Comes Social Justice"

On the first day of Spring in 1911, a terrible fire broke out in Manhattan's Garment District. When it was over, half an hour later, 146 workers, mostly young immigrant Jewish women, were dead. This horror capping years of worker protests against intolerable conditions, propelled a powerful coalition of New Yorkers to enact factory safety legislation that would become a model for the nation.

Professor Pamela Nadell holds the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History at American University where she directs the Jewish Studies Program and received the university's highest award, Scholar/Teacher of the Year.

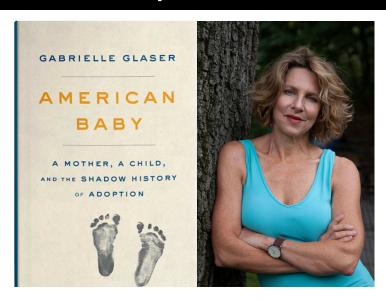
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Thursday, February 10, 8:30pm

MEET THE AUTHOR COMES TO ZOOM!



Thursday, March 24, 2022 ~ 7:30pm Meet Gabrielle Glaser, author of *American Baby*



In American Baby, A Mother, A Child, and the Shadow History of Adoption, Gabrielle Glasser writes the powerful and shocking truth about post-war adoption in America through the bittersweet story of teenager Margaret Erle, and the son she was forced to give up, and their search to find each other.

Adoption agencies and other organizations that purported to help pregnant women, engaged in unethical behavior and shamed millions of young women into surrendering their children. The author writes a story millions of Americans share – one of loss, love, and the search for identity.

Gabrielle Glasser is a best-selling author whose work has appeared in *The New York Times* and many other publications. She has also appeared on national radio and television programs, including NBC and ABC. Her book *American Baby* was named as one of the best non-fiction books of 2021 by the *New York Times Book Review*.

Buy your copy of the book from Bookshop.org (to support independent bookstores) or 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.

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