



# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center  
March 2023 - Adar/Nisan 5783

## Traditional Megillah Readings

**Monday, March 6, 7:00pm** (This will be our evening minyan.  
It will be in-person and not on Zoom but will be available  
via livestream.)

**Tuesday, March 7, 8:00am** (This will be our morning minyan.  
Available in-person and on livestream.)



## Purim Carnival:

Featuring bounce house, video game truck, DJ, food and prizes!

**Monday, March 6:**

Mini Carnival (Ages 0-5) - 5:00-6:00pm

Family Megillah Reading - 5:00-6:00pm

Dinner, Game Truck, Carnival - 6:00-7:30pm

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# March Service Announcements

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 5:31pm**

Yahrzeits: George Bach, David Wolf Barish, Jacob Benofsky, Fred Brown, Esther Brown, Annette Hock Cook, Molly Davis, Joseph Lewis Dennis, Ida Dorfman, Lillian Drimmer, Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Chaim Feldman, Sylvia Fisher, Roslyn Gaber, Lillian Goldenberg, Barbara Gorlin, Garry Grabelle, Flora Gurman, Herman Hirshfield, Rona Kalika, Kenneth E. Kouri, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Doris Kurtz, Frances Lefton, Maxwell Margulis, Kate Poretzky, Harold Rappaport, Irwin Rosen, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, Matthew Schwartzman, Robert Semel, Benjamin Shuzman, Laura Silbereich, Hyman Skora, Eva Vorchin, Lottie Wirth

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Tetsavveh 27:20-28:30**

**Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34**

**Friday, March 10, 2023**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 5:39pm**

Yahrzeits: Bessie Albert, Abraham Altschuler, Stanley Joel Anderman, Jacob Anschelewitz, Bertha G. Barr, Mildred Brasovankin, Marge Cohen, Harry Cowen, David Epstein, Florence Farber, Bernard Farber, Barbara Fisher, Mamie Friedman, William Friedman, Edward Greenblatt, Joel Gruskin, Kenneth L. Herst, Richard Hoenig, Jacqueline Hurwitz, David Kaplan, Gilbert Kaplan, Max Kasson, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Benjamin Maron, Cypora Safier, Lucille Shapiro, Esther Skora, Stanley Spiegel, Bertha Weiner, Sigmund L. Weinstein, David Wiener, Jennie Zimmerman

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Ki tissa 30:11-31:17**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38**

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 6:46pm**

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

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Vayakhel-Pekudey 35:1-37:16**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18**

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 6:54pm**

Yahrzeits: Jacqueline Abrahams, Morris Barr, Louis Becker, Abraham Fisher, Cecile Glasser, Bella Kaufman, Judy Klotzkin, Andrew J. Knifel, Moshe Koren, Simon Kreisler, Freda Krongold, Samuel Laskowitz, Stephen Markbreiter, Dorothy Markowitz, Phyllis Ruth Marx, Faigy Ostroff, Rebecca Rediker, Clara Reinman, Evelyn Rokaw, Stanley Shapiro, Abraham Silver, Faye Slotoff, Stanford Slovin, Joseph Valenti, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss, Benjamin Wilk

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Vayikra 1:1-2:16**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 7:01pm**

Yahrzeits: Samuel Alpert, Sylvia Anapol, Frank Balkin, Elsie Sevitch Barish, Istvan Benjamin, Henry Block, Harriet Bogart, Celia Brand, Genevieve Breslow, Annette Dampf, Sabina Edelsberg, Frances Estin, Sidney Fineberg, Max Fisher, Barry Fisher, Rubin Gerechoff, Ruth Goldenberg, Richard Gottlieb, Anthony Gribin, Bernard Hirsh, Michael Jacob, Evelyn Kramer, Louis Lefton, Eve Messner, Louis Prager, Clara Rubin, Joan Sanow, Howard Schneider, William Schreiber, Robert Slovin

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

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

**Shabbat Hagadol**

**Parsha: Tsav 6:1-7:10**

**Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24**

## 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**

# A PURIM REMINDER TO DRINK IN MODERATION



When I was in college, one of the Jewish holidays that got the most traction at Hillel and the local modern Orthodox synagogue was Purim. Why? Because of popular-held belief that it is somehow a mitzvah to drink alcohol in excess on Purim. But is it really true that drinking on Purim is somehow a "mitzvah?" Where does this idea come from and what about our obligation to take care of our health and avoid self-destructive and dangerous behavior?

The concept of drinking on Purim originates from a statement in the Talmud that on Purim a person is supposed to drink until they do not know the difference between the megillah's claims, "Cursed be Haman" and "Blessed be Mordechai." Unfortunately, this Talmudic text is often taken as a blank check to drink in excess on Purim. There are many Seudot Purim (Festive Purim Meals) in which participants use this text as an excuse to engage in irresponsible behavior as they drink with complete disregard for their own health, or the behavior that they are modeling for everyone else in the room. While this behavior was historically all too common in observant circles, in recent years there has fortunately been an attempt to educate observant Jews that drinking in excess is actually a sin, and not a mitzvah. Indeed one does not have to look very far in the classical sources to discover that, while drinking in moderation is permitted in general, and even encouraged on Purim, getting completely drunk is forbidden.

In the classic legal code of the Shulchan Arukh, Rabbi Moses Isserles writes:

**"On Purim a Person should drink until he does not know the difference between 'Cursed be Haman' and 'Blessed be Mordechai.' There are some authorities say that it is not necessary to get completely drunk, but merely to drink more than one's normal allowance, so that he may fall asleep and, because he is asleep, not know the difference between 'Cursed be Haman' and 'Blessed be Mordechai.' It is immaterial whether one drinks a lot or a little as long as his thoughts are directed to God."** Shulchan Arukh, 695: 2 (15<sup>th</sup> Century)

In other words, drinking in moderation is fine, but drinking in excess in a way that causes us to forget that we are holy is forbidden. Indeed the Hebrew word for drinking in this text, (*"lebasumei"*) indicates a less intense type of drinking than the more common Hebrew word, *le-shaker*, meaning "to get drunk."

Very early on in the sources, we have a warning about the dangers of drinking in excess on Purim. In a slightly humorous story found in tractate Megillah we read that:

Rabbah and Rabbi Zera joined together in a Purim feast. They became somewhat drunk, and Rabbah arose and cut Rabbi Zera's throat [and killed him]. The next day Rabbah prayed on his behalf and revived him. Next year Rabbah said to Rabbi Zera: Will you come next year and we will have the Purim feast together? Rabbi Zera: A miracle does not take place on every occasion!

**Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 7b**

Again, the message here seems to be – celebrate with caution. Dangerous things can happen when we drink too much and not everyone will be as lucky as Rabbi Zera! The medieval commentator, the Meiri, in his notes to this passage explains that indeed, *we are not commanded to get drunk and denigrate ourselves during this time of joy, for we have not been commanded [to experience] joy in the form of disgrace and stupidity.* And another medieval legal commentary states clearly that

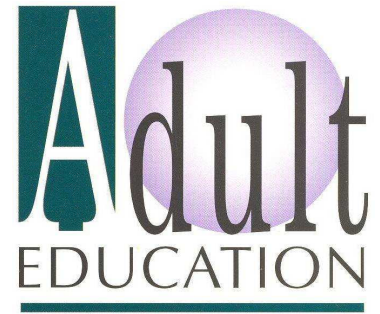
*One should not get drunk – for inebriation is completely forbidden. There is no greater sin than this for it causes forbidden sexual relationships, murder, and many other sins. However, one should drink a little more than usual in order to increase happiness and also to create happiness and comfort for the poor. This is full happiness. (Schwartz, David, Purim and the Journey To Oblivion: Is Inebriation Really a Mitzvah; Sefaria)*

In the end, drinking on Purim, or on any other day, is only acceptable in moderation. If someone struggles with alcohol addiction, they are obligated **not to drink on Purim**. Indeed, we are never allowed to engage in behavior that will endanger our health. As Rabbi Brad Artson explains, there is a principle in Jewish law that health concerns override ritual requirements (*sakanta chamura m'issura*). This is one such example.

With all of this in mind, this Purim, let us take this message to heart (both in general, and for the holiday) as a reminder that celebrating with alcohol consumption can be fine in moderation. But anything more than that violates the spirit and letter of the law. May we rejoice, revel, and remember our past *responsibly* – and may we encourage others to do the same. Hag Purim Sameach to you and your families!



# 2022-2023 Adult Education with Rabbi Schonbrun



## **Lunch & Learn: Torah Wisdom For Our Time**

Our modern-day society is filled with social, political, and economic challenges that can sometimes feel overwhelming and impossible to handle. What does Judaism have to say about these issues and how can the wisdom of our tradition help us as we navigate the complexities of the day? Come and join Rabbi Schonbrun each week as we delve into the wisdom of the weekly portion as it relates to social justice issues and the critical questions of the day. Studying from a book entitled *The Social Justice Torah Commentary*, we will explore the wisdom of rabbis across the denominational spectrum and across the country.

**Lunch & Learn is held in person.**

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

## **Praying with Intention**

"Services are too long Rabbi." "These prayers are all the same Rabbi." "I don't believe in God anyway, and certainly don't think that God needs my prayers Rabbi." "There is too much Hebrew and we go too fast Rabbi." If you have ever felt any of these things, if you struggle with incorporating prayer into your daily life, or if you are curious to learn more about traditional prayer and the meaning behind some of our oldest liturgical poetry, then this class is for you! Come and join us as we explore a new book just released by Rabbi Leonard Felder, entitled *How These Words Can Raise Up Your Energy*, and explore the deeper personal meaning that we might discover from some of our key Jewish tefilot, prayers.

**This class will be held in person.**

***Wednesdays, April 19 - May 24, 7:30pm***

To register for Adult Education classes  
please visit [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)



**Congregation Torat El  
Presents  
A Joyous Weekend of Song  
with Artist-In-Residence**

**RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY**  
**May 5-7, 2023**

Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is one of the innovators in American Jewish music. He's shared his original melodies with Jewish communities across the country. Josh's music touches the hearts and souls of all ages!

**FRIDAY, MAY 5 - 6:15PM**

Josh leads musical Shabbat evening service, followed by Shabbat dinner with song and teaching.

Dinner by pre-paid reservation only:

Adults (13+) - \$30

Children (12 and under) - \$15

Reservation deadline - April 28

**SATURDAY, MAY 6 - 9:00AM**

Josh joins Rabbi Schonbrun for Shabbat morning service, followed by Kiddush lunch with song and teaching.

For planning purposes please RSVP.

No Charge

**SUNDAY, MAY 7 - 2:00PM**

Concert featuring Josh and friends.

For planning purposes please RSVP

No Charge

**301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst NJ 07755**  
**RSVP for all programs at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)**

*This weekend is underwritten by the Paul & Sheila Morris Liturgical Music Fund*

# OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

## Mazel Tov to:

Robin & Stuart Meyer on the birth of their grandson Gavin Ross Schleiffer, son of Megan & Scott Schleiffer  
Marjorie & Stanley Cotler on their granddaughter Sophia Bowman being inducted into the National Honor Society at Marlboro High School

Pam & Anthony Cardullo on the birth of their granddaughter Hailey Rae DePasquale, daughter of Jamie & Mike DePasquale

Shelley & Sheldon Kaplan on the birth of their granddaughter Aubrey Madelyn Kaplan, daughter of Ethan & Alyssa Kaplan

Rachel & Ira Port on the birth of their grandson Yonatan Haim

Lori Schuldiner Schor & Joshua Schor on the birth of their granddaughter Sasha Belle Goldfarb, daughter of Noemi Schor & Michael Goldfarb

## Condolences to:

Eva Wiener on the loss of her husband Howard Wiener

Judy Solomon on the loss of her father Howard Wiener

Amy Wiener on the loss of her father Howard Wiener

Jay-Ann & Harvey Shooman on the loss of their son Jeffrey Shooman



## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Andy Robins for receiving a Tikkun in recognition of his 12<sup>th</sup> Torah Reading.  
Mazel Tov!

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

Jonathan Barofsky  
Mark Engel  
Sam Fields  
Steven Fineberg  
Marvin Goldin  
Mike Gordon

Harvey Jacob  
Randi Kervick  
Jeffrey Klein  
Ben Laskowitz  
Bonnie Reiss

Andy Robins  
Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun  
Aviva Schonbrun  
Leora Schonbrun  
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](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or

I began going on to evening minyan on Zoom when my sister Barbara and husband Howard passed away 8 months apart. The warmth I felt made me realize I would complete the year and then continue to be there for others as they had been for me.

I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to the wonderful congregants who serve as leaders of our evening minyan — Neil Weitzenkorn, Mark Engel, Michael Gordon, Ben Laskowitz, Jeanine Nagrod, Lynne Kraft and of course, Rabbi Schonbrun. Todah Rabah... thank you! These are the words we often forget to say enough. These leaders support the evening minyan, give of their time, knowledge and warmth always. They should be recognized because they help all of us at some point in our lives whether they are guiding us through losses, encouraging a mourner to speak freely or recognizing a yahrzeit.

Our evening minyan runs Monday through Thursday at 7:00pm on Zoom. I would encourage you to join us as little or as often as your time allows. It is a mitzvah; it is an act of loving kindness; it is an act of support.

So again, todah rabah and thank you to our service leaders for what you've instilled in me. Thank you to those who attend minyan regularly for giving those of us in mourning the opportunity to recite *Kaddish*. Bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Beverle Richelson





## Congregation Torat El Rabbi Jacob S. Friedman Religious School Youth Education & Engagement Update

**\*\*Please see weekly emails for any adjustments in timing or location and additional programs.**

### March 2023

1- Weekday Class	4:30 pm Grades 3-7
4 - Shabbat School	9:15 am Grades 3-7 10:00 am PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades
6 - Family Megillah Reading Mini-Purim Carnival (Ages 0-5) School-Age Purim Carnival, Dinner, & Games	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00-7:30 pm
8 - Weekday Class	4:30 pm Grades 3-7
11 - Shabbat School	9:15 am Grades 3-7 10:00 am PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades
15 - Weekday Class	4:30 pm Grades 3-7
17 - Family Friday Night Service	5:30 pm
19 - Sunday Israel Program	10:00 am Grades 3-7
22 - Weekday Class	4:30 pm Grades 3-7
25 - Shabbat School	9:15 am Grades 3-7 10:00 am PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades
29 - Weekday Class	4:30 pm Grades 3-7

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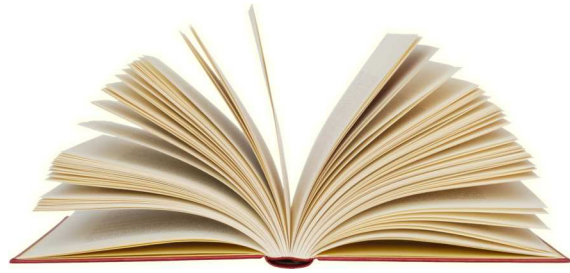
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# MEET THE AUTHOR IN-PERSON EVENT!!

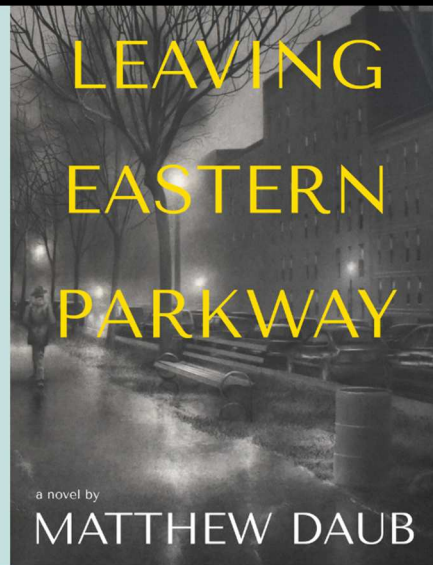
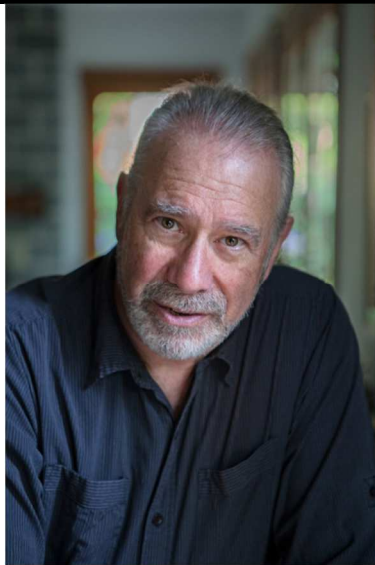


## CONGREGATION TORAT EL

301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ

**Sunday, March 12, 11:00am**

**Meet Matthew Daub, author of *Leaving Eastern Parkway***



Zev Altshul is a fifteen-year-old boy and a talented handball player who breaks the rules of Shabbos to compete in tournaments. A family tragedy forces him to leave the closed world of his Lubavitcher community in Brooklyn. This coming-of-age novel is revelatory, lyrical, and thoroughly engaging as it shows Zev struggling to be true to himself in a world that demands otherwise.

Matthew Daub is a visual artist whose watercolors and drawings have been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the United States. *Leaving Eastern Parkway* is his first novel.

Buy your copy of her 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).

Pre-Paid \$15 per person/\$20 at the door  
A light brunch will be served  
Reservations at [www.torat-el.org](http://www.torat-el.org) or 732-531-4410

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

# **Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making© Film Debut**

**March 26, 2023 ~ 11:15am**

**Congregation Torat El**

**301 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755**

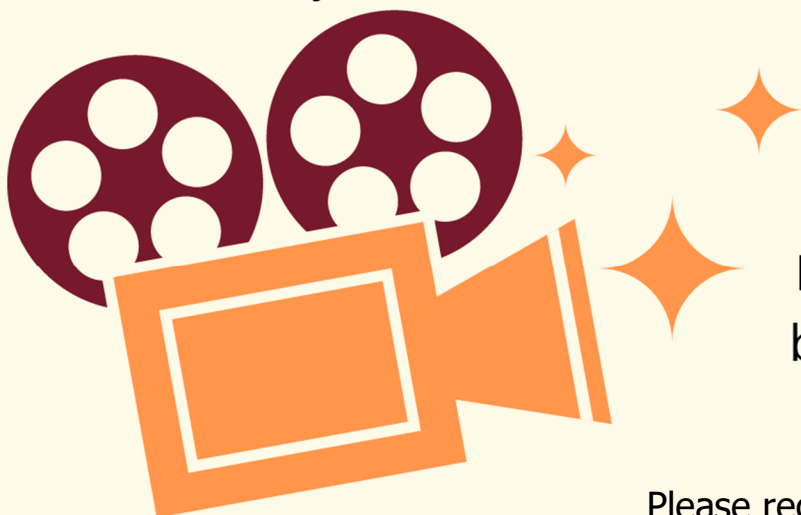
Names, Not Numbers: A Movie in the Making© is an unforgettable film of the survivors' stories and students' experience during the process.

The film will highlight twenty-three 8th-12th grade students across Monmouth and Ocean counties interviewing three Holocaust survivors, Arthur Spielman, Eva Wiener and Hanna Wechsler, who have unique and life-changing stories.

The Names, Not Numbers© program, created by Tova Rosenberg, has been facilitated by Chaya Friedmann, ED.D., a local Jewish educator and coordinator of the Names, Not Numbers© program; Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun, CTE's spiritual leader, Dr. Shira Meyer, CTE's volunteer Co-Coordinator and Rachel Weitzenkorn, LCSW, CTE's Director of Youth Education and Engagement.

Names, Not Numbers© is generously supported by a prominent national foundation.

Funding from Congregation Torat El, the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation, and private donors enabled CTE to bring this unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to our community.



Light refreshments will  
be served following the  
film debut.

Please register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

**Mah Jongg Cards:** A very big thank you to Jeryl Krupnick and Gloria Gribin for putting together the 2023 Mah Jongg Card order. Thanks to all who ordered their card through Sisterhood. This will provide important funding to the Sisterhood and our Congregation so that we can continue to sponsor and participate in activities.

**Min Pincow Raffle:** Thanks to Toby Sukinik, Laurie Gross and Rebecca Gerard for chairing this important fundraiser for us. This has become one of our major sources of funding for Sisterhood and the temple. The January winner was Gayle Ardakanian and the February winner was Deborah Rubin.

**Board & Committee Members Needed:** Sisterhood members are always welcome to assist on various committees. Please contact me, Susan Sferas, [ctesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:ctesisterhood@gmail.com) or [suesfer@aol.com](mailto:suesfer@aol.com) or (732) 239-0750 for more information or if you are interested in participating.

**New Program: Knitting Club** – Members and friends are gathering at the temple to knit blankets and other items to be donated to hospitals. The program will be held on the **last Wednesday of the month at 2PM**. Contact Judy Cohen, (732) 567-7200 to let her know of your interest and for more information on the project.

**Scholarship:** Sisterhood is sponsoring a scholarship for a student in high school or a gap year that is continuing their education in Israel or travelling in Israel as part of a USY program. The deadline for Sisterhood's receipt of the application is April 3, 2023. Please obtain an application from the Temple office. Details can be found in the January and February bulletins. Please refer any questions to Janet Attner at [djattner@verizon.net](mailto:djattner@verizon.net).

**Mah Jongg Tournament** – will be held on Sunday April 23 from 9AM to 4PM. See flyer in this bulletin for details, and contact Carol Klein ([carolklein725@gmail.com](mailto:carolklein725@gmail.com)) for more information.

**College Packages:** We are preparing to send a Passover package to our students and those serving in the Armed Forces. Please donate Matzo for these gift boxes to the temple office with a note indicating it is for the college packages. Please contact Mindy Estin ([mindy.estin@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.estin@gmail.com)) or Dawn Barofsky ([Dawnrachel926@aol.com](mailto:Dawnrachel926@aol.com)) with donations and questions.





## TORAH FUND

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 7:30pm**  
**\$18 per person/ Dessert and Coffee**

Rabbi Rafi Cohen serves as director of admissions for both The Rabbinical School and the H. L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, guiding prospective students in their discernment toward beginning lives of sacred service. Rabbi Cohen earned a BA from Brandeis University in Near Eastern & Judaic Studies while completing the Journalism Interdisciplinary Program, an MA from the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, and ordination from the Rabbinical School. Rafi has served as a congregational rabbi and in Jewish day school and Hillel roles, most recently as director of Jewish student life at City College of New York Hillel. As a rabbinical student not *too* long ago, Rafi was a Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellow at Sharay Torah in Canton, OH and the Resnick Intern at the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, which is home for Rafi, Michele and their two boys. Rafi is a student of Mussar having completed Mussar for Millenials training and recently completed the Cross Seminary Course in Community Organizing with JOIN for Justice. **Register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)**



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### WHAT IS TORAH FUND?

Torah Fund is Women's League for Conservative Judaism's program to strengthen education by supporting scholarships at the following institutions:

- Jewish Theological Seminary (New York)
- Zeigler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles)
- Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem)
- Seminario Rabinico Lainoamericano (Buenos Aires)
- Zacharias Frankel College (Germany)

Women's League supports education for rabbis, cantors and educators to serve the Conservative Movement.



## Passover Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 4 by 12:00pm ~ Sale of Chametz

Wednesday, April 5, 8:00am ~ Feast of the Firstborn

Wednesday, April 5 ~ First Seder

Thursday, April 6, 9:00am ~ Pesach Service

Friday, April 7, 9:00am ~ Pesach Service

Wednesday, April 12, 9:00am ~ Pesach Service

Thursday, April 13, 9:00am ~ Pesach/Yizkor Service

# Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it is tradition to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to ensure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple no later than **Tuesday, April 4, 12:00pm**.

Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name) would like to appoint you as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at:

\_\_\_\_\_.

This sale will be effective the afternoon of Tuesday, April 4.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature



To complete this form online please visit our website:

<https://www.torat-el.org/worship/celebrating-the-holidays/sale-of-chametz-form/>

## If you have room at your Seder table...

Please contact the temple office to host fellow CTE members.

## If you find yourself in need of a Seder...

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# Mah-Jongg Madness 2023

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

**\$\$ Cash Prizes will be Awarded \$\$**

**Sunday, April 23rd**

**Congregation Torat El**

**301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755**

**9:00AM-4:00PM**

**Play begins at 9:30AM SHARP**

**Register by April 14th**

**Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below**

**Registration Fee:** \$42.00 for CTE Sisterhood Members

\$47.00 for Non-Members

*Fee includes entrance, light breakfast nosh & lunch*

**\*\*\*\*\*Remember to bring your 2023 card\*\*\*\*\***

**Questions? Contact Carol Klein at:**

**732-213-7434 or [carolklein725@gmail.com](mailto:carolklein725@gmail.com)**

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## Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current CTE Sisterhood Member? Yes or No (please circle one)**

**I want to be an East\* - YES NO "Only if Desperate" (circle one)**

**\*Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring.**

**Mail completed form along with check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood**

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			<p>1</p> <p>Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00pm</p> <p>Religious School 4:30pm</p> <p>Adult Ed on Zoom 7:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Candle Lighting 5:31pm</p> <p>Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Shabbat Service 9:00am</p> <p>Shabbat School Comedy Night 7:00pm</p>
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