



# Voice of the Shore

CONGREGATION TORAT EL ~ JERSEY SHORE JEWISH CENTER

DECEMBER 2023 ~ CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5784

## CTE ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**11:00am-1:00pm**



**Men's Club Famous Latkes \* DJ  
50/50 Raffle Drawing \* Yummy Treats & Dreidel Games**

**All are welcome to attend. Bring your family and friends!**

**No RSVP needed.**

**To order latkes for your home please visit  
[upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) to place your order!**

**\$15 per dozen**

**Order deadline is December 4. Pick up at the party!**

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# December Service Announcements

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

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

**Candles 4:11pm**

Yahrzeits: Helayne Berger, Manny Berkowitz, Donald Brodie, Sylvia G. Colby, Alex Cotler, Esther Deitelbaum, Jack Flamendorf, Marvin Friedman, Blanche Furie, Sadye Goldstein, Charles Goldstein, Warren Goode, Morris Handel, Esther Kaplan, William Kronengold, Rose Laskowitz, Harry Luria, Sharon Mandel, Iris Maurer, Minnie Miller, Charlotte Rediker, Joseph Rediker, Sylvia Reich, Marilyn C. Rosset, Jakob Safier, Sadie Schlam, Irene Schreiber, Audrey Silverstein, Kate Sokoloff, Wesley L. Steinman, Messody Thomas, Arlene Wiener

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**Shabbat Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Vayishlah 34:1-35:15**

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

***Kiddush Lunch sponsored by Neil & Marcia Weitzenkorn in honor of Neil  
reading at least one verse of every chapter in the Torah***

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

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

**Candles 4:10pm**

Yahrzeits: Abraham Mayer Brand, Judie Chalfin, Maxwell Colby, Harry Cooper, Joseph Crawford, Vivian Forman, Rita A. Friedman, Joseph Gaffin, Adrian Goldstein, Adrienne Gordon, Rosalyn Haratz, Jessie Ingber, Emanuel Joseph, Shirley Kantor, Hyman Marowitz, Benjamin Mayerowitz, Elizabeth Medwin, Cecelia Ostroff, Betty Parness, William Parness, Albert S. Rediker, Reuben Samuel, Herbert Schimel, Harry Schutzer, George Schwartzstein, Victor Shain, Roz Weinstein, Herman Wilk, Shirley Yaskulka, Bernard Yeaman, Roslyn Zimmerman

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Vayeshev 38:1-30**

**Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7**

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

**Religious School Family Service ~ 5:15 pm**

**Candles 4:11pm**

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

Yahrzeits: Seymour Absatz, Allan Axelrod, Greta Boden, M. Harvey Brown, Ken Curtis, Anna Davis, Rae Donner, Martha Drossman, Gussie Fisher, Esther Fleishman, Berek Frochcwajg, Estera Frochcwajg, Betty Fromer, Norman Gayton, Minnie Ginsburg, Joseph Warren Gold, Rhoda Goldberg, Jerry Goldstein, Adelaide Goldstein, Belle Horenstein, Barbara Farkas Jacob, Harry Kantor, Bernard Karasic, Lawrence Karasic, Beatrice Kraus, Pearl Krongelb, Lily Laster, Lawrence Lucisano, Elsie Mannes, Sally Meyer, Zimel Resnick, Ernest F. Rosset, Sheldon Sacks, Simon Samuel, Robert Schneider, Nathan Schulman, Edith Paley Schwaber, Milton Seidman, Alfred Silverstein, Abraham Slovin, Rosalind Stern, Bob Stone, Ruth Wilk

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Mikkets 41:53-43:15**

**Haftarah: 1 Kings 3:15-4:1**

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

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

**Candles 4:14pm**

Yahrzeits: Avram Bercovicz, Samuel Bloom, Fred Boone, Shirley Borsch, Marda Brown, Mae Castello, Morris Cohen, Robert Deitch, Nelson Farber, David Fields, George Fink, Max Gonski, Amelia Greenfield, Samuel Hipschman, Mortimer Kobb, Robert Krantz, Lois Nelson, Ronald Rosen, Lee Rubenstein, Mathilda Simha, Roxie Skoler, Harry L. Vineburg, Marilyn Weinstein, Chiam Ben Zev

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Vayiggash 45:28-46:27**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28**

**Friday, December 29, 2023**

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

**Candles 4:18pm**

Yahrzeits: Shai Lanem Binns, Louis Breslow, David Cooper, Julius Droisen, Rose Frank, Else Graupe, Frida Haber, Simon Klein, Rebecca Kramer, Annette Kurman, Shirley Levine, Michael Maltzman, Gussie Michelson, Stuart Nelson, Dora Osattin, William Potter, Ben Rassas, Sol Reinman, Mildred Richelson, Milton Sabin, Samuel J. Sarch, Sigmund Schreiber, Saul Shapiro, Shari Lynn Woda, Sidney Zislin

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

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

**Parsha: Vayhi 49:1-26**

**Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12**

## 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**

# IN SEARCH OF THE LIGHT



A story is told of a king and queen who had three children. As they were getting older, the royal couple wanted to ensure that one of their children would be chosen to lead in their stead one day. The challenge was, that they loved each of their children equally and were not sure who to choose. One day, they devised a "test" to see which child would have the proper skills to rule the kingdom when the time came. The king and queen called their three children into the room and explained that there was one huge room in the palace that was big and empty and never used. They told their children that whichever one of them "filled the room the most," would become first to rule the kingdom after their death. Each child had 30 days to fill the room to its fullest potential.

The oldest son thought that he had it all figured out. He decided to fill the room with stones – big stones, pebbles, anything to "fill the room." After 30 days the king and queen went to check out their oldest son's handy work. The room was full, but there were still tiny spaces between the rocks. The parents told their oldest that they were so proud of him, had the room cleared, and turned to the middle child. The middle child decided to do something different. He thought that if he filled the room with feathers, it would surely fill up. After all, feathers can be compressed. After 30 days the king and queen again came to check out this son's handywork. When they opened the door to the room, feathers started flying out. "Great job," they exclaimed. "But there are still some spaces that are yet to be filled." Finally, it was time for the third child to have a turn. She was eagerly awaiting her chance, but decided to spend a few weeks thinking about what to do. The brothers wanted to help their sister out because each of them were trying to be supportive of the other. Finally, on day 29, the daughter had an idea. When the king and queen entered the room, they both smiled. In the center of the room was their daughter, holding a lit candle in her hand. She had filled the room with light! "Our precious daughter, you have what it takes to rule this kingdom with thoughtfulness and wisdom. When the time comes, you will be our next ruler."

Hanukkah is called *Hag Ha-Urim*, the Festival of Lights. It has always fascinated me that the main focus of Hanukkah, particularly in the Diaspora, has revolved around the ritual of lighting candles. Why did a holiday celebrating a military victory of the Maccabees over the Hasmoneans, and the rededication of the Temple, turn into a home holiday focused on the lighting of lights that were to be proudly displayed in the window for all to see? Part of the lesson here is that historically speaking, all odds were stacked against Judah and the Maccabees, who should not have been able to defeat the mighty Assyrian army as they fought for religious freedom. Nevertheless, despite the odds and the darkness that surrounded them at the time, they survived and went on to squeeze out the tiniest bit of oil and light that was physically and spiritually left over, to bring forth a light that would continue to shine for generations to come.

Thus Hanukkah, and the *Hanukkiah* that we light and publicize is meant to remind us of both the oil, and the battle – becoming a symbol of hope, light, and overcoming darkness.

As I write these words, Israel is still at war and the anti-Semitism that we have seen in this country, on college campuses, and around the world is more than unsettling. As we approach this coming Hanukkah, let us do so remembering never to despair and never to lose hope. Let us remember that we can be that light that fills up the darkness and emptiness that sometimes surrounds us. As we explain Israel's right to defend itself and defend the Jewish people to the world, let us remember that wisdom from one tenth-century Jewish philosopher, Bahya Ibn Paquda, who once taught that *"A little truth overcomes much falsehood, as a little light dispels much darkness."* Let us look for stories and examples of light, and hope, and heroism even in these dark times, reminding ourselves that there is goodness in the world, there is light, and not everyone "is against us" (even if it sometimes feels that way). And then, as we consider the *Hanukkiyah*, and the *Shamash* (the helper candle), let us strive to be the kind of people who bring light into the darkness, who fill the empty rooms in this world with our own special light.

This year, as we set our *Hanukkiyot* in our window for public display, proud of our Judaism and the light for which it stands, let us remember the power of this ancient symbol and practice. This Hanukkah, as we support our Israeli brothers and sisters, as we support one another, as we support our Jewish and non-Jewish friends and family during these difficult days, let us never forget our power to share the light, to be the light, and to hope in the light that will push away the darkness.

With prayers for better days ahead and a reminder that our people is very much still here, and filled with light, I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah.

Dear Friends,

As the war in Israel rages on, tensions remain high at home and abroad, as anti-Semitism is on the rise and around every corner. Here at the synagogue we continue to balance our needs for safety with our values of being warm and welcoming. At times we may feel leery to speak to someone we do not know, to offer them a seat next to ours, to let them into our building.

The security guard you see on Shabbat and special events is funded by the generous donations received in response to the optional security request on your July statement. The cost for this service is approximately \$20,000 per year. However, as you know, the synagogue is not just open for Shabbat services and special events. We are open seven days a week, and at any given time, there are staff, congregants, and students here. Our operating budget does not allow for an armed guard on our premises during all of these hours. We have estimated that it would be an additional \$100,000 per year for such coverage.

We all realize even an armed guard is not enough. There are numerous ways to make our building more secure. The term "target hardening" encompasses myriad additions, updates and improvements to keep all of us safe, regardless of the time of day, or how many of us are here.

Based on recommendations following a site visit from state and local law enforcement, our Board of Trustees itemized and prioritized our most urgent security needs:

- Bulletproof/shatterproof glass film on all doors and windows – \$45,000
- Enhanced camera system, cloud-based for police viewing in real-time, better visuals and zoom capabilities, license plate reader – \$35,000
- Installation of security door at entrance of School Wing with staff-only access – \$20,000
- Update antiquated burglar alarm system – \$12,500

Unfortunately, we were not amongst the recipients chosen to receive funding from the most recent round of Homeland Security Grants.

To that end, on behalf of your Board of Trustees and staff, I am left with the unenviable task of asking for your support once again. We know that many of you contributed to the original security request. We know many of you are making significant donations directly to Israel. We will continue to apply for Homeland Security Funding as it becomes available, but the risks, threats and fear are real and they are now.

We are asking you to be as generous as you can. These items are all costly, but necessary to mitigate any potential risks against our synagogue and our community. If you've already responded to this plea with a donation please accept our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Winters, President

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to Congregation Torat El)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bill my account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be making my donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ via the temple website (torat-el.org)



# ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI SCHONBRUN 2023-2024

## Lunch and Learn: Significant Sugyot — A Survey Of The Talmud

What is the Talmud and who are these “rabbis” and “sages” that are always being mentioned throughout our tradition? What ancient wisdom does the Talmud have to teach us and how might that wisdom be relevant for our lives today? Come join us each week as we spend the year “swimming in the sea of Talmud,” and studying some of most significant texts from the 63 tractates and over 2,700 folio pages of this ancient text. As always, remember to bring your questions and a friend to the conversation. We look forward to learning with you!

***Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm (No class Wednesday, December 27)***

## Letters To The Next Generation

Do you have a letter that is most precious to you? What did it say? Was it from a loved one who is no longer with us? Did it offer you any life wisdom? A number of years ago Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (z”l) wrote letters to his students reflecting on Jewish life in particular and the importance of living a life of purpose, faith, and morality. Join us as we explore these writings and consider what it would look like for us to write a letter to those who we hope will carry on our spiritual, moral, and ethical legacy. We will also explore selections from a wonderful volume written by Rabi Elana Zaiman entitled: *The Forever Letter: Writing What We Believe For Those We Love*. Join us prepared to share your personal thoughts and experiences and do some writing of your own. ***Wednesdays, January 3-March 6, 7:30-9:00pm on Zoom***

## HAZAK MOVIE AND SNACKS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 3:00PM**



## ***RAGE AND GLORY***

An avowed anarchist and Stern Gang hitman is sent to Jerusalem to assassinate a senior British officer creating much tension within the already troubled cell and almost brings its collapse, as the British operatives are closing in. Heralded by the Film Society of Lincoln Center as one of the most important films in fifty years of Israeli cinema.

Reservations at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) by Friday, December 1.

# OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

## **Mazel Tov to:**

Marian & Bill Warshauer on the marriage of their son Matthew to Kasey Morrison

Fran & Alan Stern on the birth of their grandson, Chance Berry, son of Tracey & Patrick Berry

Diane & Steve Resnick on the engagement of their daughter Sarah Resnick to Alexi Fineman

Jules Resnick on the engagement of his granddaughter Sarah Resnick to Alexi Fineman

## **Condolences to:**

Anne Siegel on the loss of her husband Cantor Bruce Siegel

Linda Pickelny on the loss of her husband Jeff Pickelny

Arlene Brodie on the loss of her son-on-law Jeff Pickelny

## **Welcome to:**

Jill Pannone



# RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Gabriel Valenti for leading Services on Friday night and Shabbat morning, and for leyning Torah and chanting his Haftarah so beautifully in honor of his Bar Mitzvah! Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Eden Horowitz for leading Services on Friday night and Shabbat morning, and for leyning Torah and chanting her Haftarah so beautifully in honor of her Bat Mitzvah! Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Douglas Sacks for chanting his Haftarah so beautifully in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah! Mazal Tov!

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

Mark Engel  
Marvin Goldin  
Eden Horowitz  
Harvey Jacob

Ben Laskowitz  
Alan Morris  
Douglas Sacks  
Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Lori Schuldiner Schor  
Joel Schulman  
Gabriel Valenti  
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 732-861-7450 or [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org).

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

While we didn't have too much classroom time in November, we made the most of it!! In addition to their regular studies, our youngest students learned about being grateful, creating beautiful masterpieces for those they love. Our older students once again made cards for IDF soldiers (this time hand-carried to Israel by Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields) and learned more about the history of Israel. Our first Family Friday Night was a success, and we look forward to this month's as well!

With Chanukah just around the corner, we hope you will all attend our annual Chanukah party on Sunday, December 10. It's always great fun!

On Wednesday, December 13 we will continue our Chanukah celebration by joining Rabbi Schonbrun as he lights the Township Menorah, followed by a Chanukah Concert here! Students in our PreK-2 class are also encouraged to attend, and we'd love to see siblings, parents and grandparents, too! More information will be sent home in the coming days.

Here's a look at the month ahead:

Saturday, December 2	Shabbat School (Library, return borrowed books)
Wednesday, December 6	Religious School
Saturday, December 9	Shabbat School
Sunday, December 10	CTE Chanukah Party (11:00 am)
Wednesday, December 13	Chanukah Religious School Celebration for all grades & ages 4:30pm Town Menorah Lighting 5:00pm Chanukah Concert
Friday, December 15	Family Friday Night Service (5:15pm)
Saturday, December 16	NO SHABBAT SCHOOL
Wednesday, December 20	Religious School
December 23, 27 & 30	NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

### **ZOOM TRAVEL SERIES - JEWISH GREECE** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1:00PM**

**Greece is full of history, and this is reflected in the history of Greek Jewry, a unique combination of Sephardic, Ashkenazi, and Romaniote communities with roots in Spain, the Balkans, and going back all the way to the Roman Empire. We will discover this rich history, and will talk about the social perceptions prevalent in contemporary Greek society concerning Jewish identities. Finally, no good discussion about Greek Jewry can be conducted without talking about the language, food, and music of the community!**

**Register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) to receive Zoom link**



# MENORAH LIGHTING AND CONCERT

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Join Rabbi Schonbrun as he lights the town menorah. Hot chocoate and donuts.

**4:30pm**

Chanukah concert by Miss Sherri of Honey Child Music for religious school students of all ages.

**5:00pm**



# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

**Thanksgiving Food Collection:** Thanks to Robin Bauer for chairing the collection of apples and yams and monetary donations for Jewish Family & Children's Service. Thank you to all who participated in the Apples and Yams Collection for Jewish Family & Children's Service. CTE Sisterhood collected 70 pounds of yams and 51 pounds of apples, as well as \$125 in cash. It was very much appreciated.

**Min Pincow Raffle:** The letters to join the raffle for the year will be mailed soon. Please renew your number or choose a new number or get in the game for the first time when you are contacted. Thanks to Toby Sukinik for continuing to chair this important fundraiser for us. This has become one of our major sources of funding for Sisterhood and the temple. Tickets are \$100 for 10 chances to win throughout the year. Thanks to everyone in advance for your continued or new participation.

**Board & Committee Members Needed:** A Recording Secretary is still needed for our monthly meetings and occasional Executive Board meetings. Sisterhood members are also always welcome to assist on various committees. Please contact me, Susan Sferas, ctesisterhood@gmail.com or suesfer@aol.com or (732) 239-0750 for more information or if you are interested in participating.

**College Packages:** Our Sisterhood is happy to send holiday-themed packages to members' children who are college students or serving in the armed forces. Dawn Barofsky and Mindy Wiser-Estin are sending gift cards for Hanukkah via e-mail to all who have registered. Please send the name and address and e-mail address of the person to dawnrachel926@aol.com. Holiday packages will also be sent for Purim and Passover.

**Upcoming Programs:** There is a plan to host our January luncheon program with an interesting activity for people to enjoy. Save the date – Thursday, January 25 at noon! We are hosting an Israeli Dancing afternoon on Thursday, January 18 at 3:00pm and perhaps continue this as an ongoing activity if people are interested. \$10 per person.

**Save the Dates:** Sunday, March 10 – Hamantashen Bake-a-thon  
Thursday, March 21 – Torah Fund Program  
Sunday, April 7 – Mah Jongg Tournament ... and more!!!

## ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

**The "Knitzvah Group" is now making blankets and hats for Israel!!**

We are looking for anyone interested in joining us in this worthwhile project. We meet at CTE the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm. **For the month of December we will meet on December 20.**

Can't stay? Stop in any day we meet and pick up supplies to work at your own pace at home. We supply all material and can offer instruction for novices.

For more information, contact Judy Cohen at 732-567-7200 or ticklebug4@aol.com.

## 2024 Mah Jongg Cards

**Standard \$14, Large \$15**  
**Make check payable to CTE Sisterhood**

**Please mail checks to:**  
**Gloria Gribin**  
**19 Malke Drive, Ocean, NJ 07712-3372**

**Checks must be received by January 26, 2024**





# **BUNDLE UP AND GIVE!**

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**AT CONGREGATION TORAT EL**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 12:30-6:30PM**

**Appointments recommended.**

**For an appointment call 800-933-2566 or visit  
[nybc.org/drive](https://nybc.org/drive) (sponsor code 70307)**

**Please remember to eat, drink and bring your ID with  
your name and photo. Appointments are preferred  
however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.**

**MEN'S CLUB  
MAN OF THE YEAR  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 11:00AM  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah**

Congregation Torat El has elected

**Mark Engel, Man of the Year  
Aviva Schonbrun, Youth of the Year**

Mazel tov to both! A very well deserved honor!!

Men's Club invites you to participate in the  
celebration by joining them for  
the luncheon and awards ceremony  
at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick  
and/or by placing ads in the ad journal.

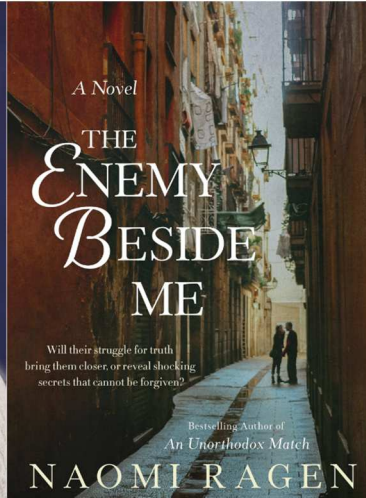
Place your ads by visiting [adjournal@nnjr.org](mailto:adjournal@nnjr.org)

Make your reservations for the luncheon by  
emailing Neil Becourtney at [nedzelnz@yahoo.com](mailto:nedzelnz@yahoo.com).  
Cost is \$70 per person, checks payable to  
CTE Men's Club and mailed or dropped off  
to the temple.

# MEET THE AUTHOR ZOOM EVENT ONLY!!

**Sunday, January 7, 11:00am**

**Meet Naomi Ragen, author of *The Enemy Beside Me***



Taking over from her father as head of an organization whose purpose is to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, Milia Gottstein has dedicated her life to making sure the voices of Holocaust victims will never be silenced. This overwhelming mission has usurped her passion and energy, leaving little time for her personal life. Just as she prepares to leave her job, she accepts an invitation as keynote speaker at a Holocaust conference in Lithuania, a country that has not only engaged in Holocaust distortion and refused to educate their children as to the true role their country played in the

annihilation of its Jewish population, but has also continued to honor mass murderers.

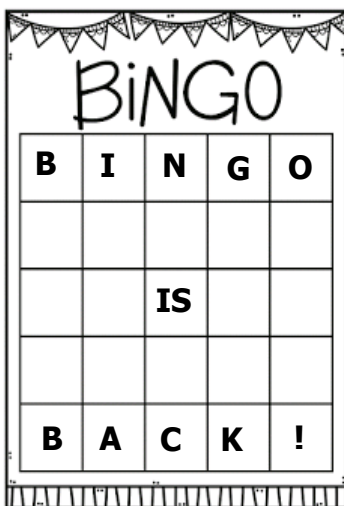
This powerful and provocative novel is not only about the Lithuanian-Nazi collaboration and distortion of history, but also the wider topic of what the relationship today should be between the children of survivors and those of perpetrators.

Naomi Ragen is an American author and playwright who has lived in Jerusalem since 1971. She is an outspoken advocate for women's rights and an active combatant against anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda through her website.

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

**No charge for this event but reservations required to receive Zoom link.  
Reservations at [www.mta.torat-el.org](http://www.mta.torat-el.org)**

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



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
CONGREGATION TORAT EL**

**INVITES YOU TO A FUN NIGHT  
OF BINGO!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**



## CTE Sisterhood presents an Israeli Folk Dancing Class

All ages and levels are welcome - no partner needed

# Great Music! Great Exercise! Fun!

## Thursday, January 18, 3:00 - 4:30pm



Lots of dancing and instruction  
Professional Dance Instructor: Vera Galleid  
\$10 per dance class  
RSVP to [Ctesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:Ctesisterhood@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood and deliver to:  
Congregation Torat El  
301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ  
Questions? Contact Karen at [karengstarrett@gmail.com](mailto:karengstarrett@gmail.com)

# COMEDY NIGHT

## SAVE THE DATE!

## Saturday, March 2

## WATCH FOR DETAILS

# DONATIONS

## **Congregation Torat El General Fund**

### **In Honor of:**

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Jeff Donner's marriage to Rosemary Varga by *Marjorie & Stanley Cotler, Neil & Marcia Weitzenkorn & Family*

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### **In Memory of:**

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Ruth Grayson – mother of Leila Grayson by *Neil & Marcia Weitzenkorn & Family, Rich & Barbara Boden*

Cantor Bruce Siegel – husband of Anne Siegel by *Be Yeamans, Neil & Marcia Weitzenkorn & Family*

Lynette Zohn by *Estelle Gildenberg*

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### **In Memory of:**

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## **Susan L. Samuel Memorial Fund**

### **In Memory of:**

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## **Adie Gordon Fund**

### **In Memory of:**

Fanny Osher – grandmother of Michael Gordon by *Michael Gordon*

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3 CPR Class 9:30am Hazak Movie 3:00pm	4	5	6 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm	7 Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm  Chanukah Candle 1	8 Candle Lighting 4:10pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm  Chanukah Candle 2	9 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am  Chanukah Candle 3
10 Annual Chanukah Party 11:00am  Chanukah Candle 4	11  Chanukah Candle 5	12 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	13 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Township Menorah Lighting w/Rabbi 4:30pm Chanukah Concert for Kids 5:00pm  Chanukah Candle 7	14  Chanukah Candle 8	15 Candle Lighting 4:11pm Religious School Family Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	16 Shabbat Service 9:00am Teen Connection Havdalah/Hot Sand Glass Blowing 5:30pm
17 Virtual Trip to Jewish Greece 1:00pm	18	19 Executive Board Mtg 7:30pm	20 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm Religious School 4:15pm	21 Blood Drive 12:30pm	22 Candle Lighting 4:14pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	23 Shabbat Service 9:00am
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