

# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El - Jersey Shore Jewish Center
October 2025 - Tishrei/Cheshvan 5786



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Friday, October 3, 2025 Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm Candles 6:16pm
YAHRZEITS: Evelyn Aronson, Sophia Blitt, Charles Cooper, Elaine Cooper, Everett Garey, Mark Gould, Goldie Kasson,
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Saturday, October 4, 2025 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Ha'azinu 32:1-52 (p. 1185) Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51 (p. 1197)

Friday, October 10, 2025 Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm Candles 6:04pm YAHRZEITS: Robert Jacob Agris, Samuel Blitt, Jerrold Cohen, Robert Comer, Norman Feinstein, Murray Feller, Hinda Forman, Cindy Fruchtman, Cecille Gould, Alice Greenhut, Larry Jupiter, Dora Kaufman, Irving Kessel, Anne Kessler, Sam Levy, George Malek, Toby Marder, Julius Slotoroff, Gerald Vogel

Saturday, October 11, 2025 Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Parsha Ki Tisa 33:12-34:26 (p. 538) Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:16 (p. 1260)
Baby Naming of Faye Elizabeth, daughter of Hayley and Dennis Goldbin
Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by Ferris Ginsberg in honor of the naming of his granddaughter Faye

Friday, October 17, 2025 Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm Candles 5:54pm
YAHRZEITS: Sam Adler, Kenneth Brehne, Hyman Cohen, Joseph Cook, Marcus H. Deitelbaum, Anna English,
Philip Forman, Helen Friedman, Sylvia Levine Glazer, Jack (Hymie) Gold, Irene Gordon, Paul Gould, Irving Granet,
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Saturday, October 18, 2025 Shabbat Morning Service  $\sim$  9:00am Parsha: Bereshit 1:1-2:3 (p. 3) Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10 (p. 36)

Friday, October 24, 2025

Family Friday Night Service ~ 5:15pm Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm Candles 5:44pm

YAHRZEITS: Karin Bogner, Sylvia Dennis, Sally Detzky, Muriel Dulberger, Irving Ettinger, Jennie Farber, Louis Fisher, Ruth Friedland, Ruth Grayson, Esther Kaplan, Sheldon Kaplan, Marshall Klein, Kris Krengel, Jesse Lager, Morris Mandel, Hyman Negin, Jesse Rabinowitz, Stanley Rediker, Sophie Rothenberg, Arthur Salaman, Albert Salka, Charles Schulman, Mildred Shapiro, Hannah Shery, Ruth Wahl

Saturday, October 25, 2025 Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Noah 6:9-8:14 (p. 41) Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Saturday, November 1, 2025 Shabbat Service  $\sim$  9:00am Parsha: Lekh Lekha 12:1-13:18 (p.~69) Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16 (p.~95) "Grab & Go" Kiddush

#### Join Services In-Person and Online

Shabbat: Friday, 6:15pm and Saturday, 9:00am

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

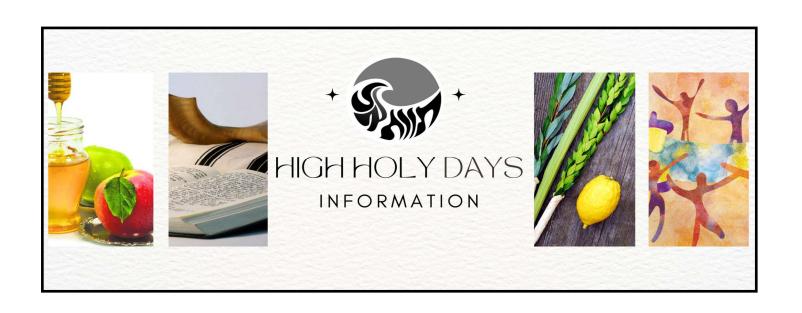
Morning Minyan: Monday-Friday, 8:00am, Sunday, 8:30am

Monday & Thursday - In person only

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday - Zoom only (same mtg info as below)** 

Evening Minyan: Monday-Thursday, 7:00pm

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



#### **YOM KIPPUR**

Kol Nidre, Wednesday, October 1~ 6:15pm Yom Kippur, Thursday, October 2 ~ 8:30am

Yizkor ~ I I:00am (approximate time)

Conclusion of Service ~ I:30pm (approximate time)

Yizkor Service Open to the Community ~ 2:30pm

Mincha/Neilah ~ 5:15pm/6:30pm

Communal Shofar Blowing ~ 7:35pm

Break Fast ~ 7:45pm (approximate time)

### **SUKKOT**

Erev Sukkot, Monday, October 6 ~ 6:00pm 1st Day Sukkot, Tuesday, October 7 ~ 9:00am 2nd Day Sukkot, Wednesday, October 8 ~ 9:00am

### SHEMINI ATZERET / SIMCHAT TORAH

Hoshanah Rabbah, Monday, October 13 ~ 8:00am

Shemini Atzeret /Yizkor, Tuesday, October 14 ~ 9:00am

Simchat Torah Spectacular, Tuesday, October 14 ~ 6:30pm

Simchat Torah, Wednesday, October 15 ~ 9:00am

If you are joining us for Mincha/Neilah and have your own shofar, please bring it so you can be part of the communal shofar blowing!



# Sukkah Builders Wanted!! Sunday, October 5, 9:00-11:30 AM



Come and join with the members of the Men's Club and help build the Sukkah that we can all sit, eat and chat under during the upcoming holidays.

Men's Club will supply breakfast for all who help. Bring some work gloves and a positive attitude. You will be performing a mitzvah.

If you are feeling especially generous, stick around to help build the sukkah at the home of the winner of the annual Sukkah Drawing!



SIMCHAT TORAH SPECTACULAR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 6:30PM

#### DANCING AND ICE CREAM!!

No charge, but for planning purposes, please RSVP at upcomingevents.torat-el.org or to the temple office by October 10.



SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:00AM

## SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH: WAIT, WAIT- IT'S NOT OVER JUST YET!



By the time you read this, the High Holiday season will be in full swing. It was wonderful to see so many of you on Rosh Hashanah and we are very much looking forward to seeing you again on Yom Kippur! This is the time that so many of us return to the synagogue each year. We come to pray, to reflect, to work on improving our souls and our relationships, and yes, we even come to shmooze with those who we have not seen in a while. But I want to let you in on a secret: If you only take advantage of joining us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during this High Holiday season, you will have missed half of the festivities! It is almost like going to a baseball game and leaving in the fifth inning when the score is tied and you are not sure how the game is going to end. What do I mean? What part of the High Holiday experience are you missing if you leave after Yom Kippur? The best part, the joyous part, the part filled with fun, love, sharing and joy – the festivals of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

After the serious work of introspection and self-renewal of the High Holidays comes the joyous celebration of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. We build Sukkot and celebrate with our family and our friends. This joyous time is actually called *zman simchateynu*, the festival of our joy. It is a time to recognize that yes, life can be serious and fragile, but we must remember to live an open life in which we reach out to others, deepen our relationships, and simply share the joy of being blessed and alive with our friends, family, and community. While it is true that this time of joy has been muted somewhat over the past two years since October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023, the themes of celebration and connection amidst community remain, and are perhaps even more important these days. As Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin writes about Sukkot:

This holiday helps us understand that sometimes the walls that we build to protect us serve instead to divide us, cut us off, lock us in. The walls of our sukkot may make us vulnerable, but they make us available too, to receive the kindness and the support of one another, to hear when another calls out in need, to poke our heads in to see whether anybody is up for a chat and a cup of coffee. In contrast, our walls of concrete and steel can enslave us in our own solitude and loneliness. Sukkot reminds us that freedom is enjoyed best not when we are hidden away behind our locked doors, but rather when we are able to open our homes and hearts to one another. (Tapestry of Jewish Time, 86-87)

But it doesn't end there. After a week of eating with friends, relaxing outdoors (if it is not too cold and wet this year!) and spending time with loved ones, we are invited to continue the celebration of life and of our Judaism with Simchat Torah, a separate holiday that is all about the "simcha," the joy of living a Jewish life, a life dedicated to Torah.

Here is Rabbi Cardin on the joy that comes with celebrating Simchat Torah:

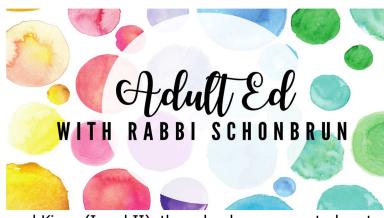
On Simchat Torah we clear away the seats and dance... everyone joins in... the Torah scrolls are held by everyone who desires to hold them. To be given a Torah to hold is to be given a license to dance. The first time one holds the Torah is often a moment of elation as well as a rite of adulthood, like being given the keys to the family car... supportive and encouraging, the congregation dances — with abandonment and love, with joy and energy. Jews dance in the synagogue and in the halls, on the lawn and on the streets. (Tapestry of Jewish Time, 91).

When I was a child I loved Sukkot and I loved Simchat Torah. I remember schlepping the huge wooden walls of the Sukkah and helping my mom decorate the walls with drawings from school, as we hung plastic fruit from the ceiling. We would eat in the Sukkah, have guests over, and just enjoy relaxing in one another's company. And when it came to Simchat Torah, I always had a blast in synagogue. Why? Because I was finally allowed to run around and dance with joy. (I didn't sit still very well back then... not sure how much has changed!) I will always remember the singing, clapping, and dancing with the Torah while waving toy flags and eating popcorn and candy apples at my synagogue in San Diego. While I did not yet appreciate the meaning behind what we were doing, I understood the joy and power of the moment.

Of course, Sukkot and Simchat Torah can only truly be joyous if they are celebrated as a community and shared with one another. So this year, I would like to invite you to join us for the second half of the ball game! Join us for any or all of the following. We hope to see you there! Check the calendar in the back of the bulletin for all times (some events had RSVP dates prior to this printing, but mark your calendar for next year!)

- o Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Sukkah building at 9:00AM
- Sukkot Services on Tuesday and Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:30AM) followed by kiddush in the Sukkah
- o Erev Simchat Torah on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> complete with singing and dancing (6:30PM)
- o Simchat Torah morning on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> when we roll out the entire Torah (9:00-11:30AM)

Bring your family, your friends, and guests from the community as we celebrate this second half of the season together. Our tradition teaches in Proverbs 3:18 that *etz hayim hi l'machazikim bah,* the Torah is a life to those who grab hold of it. Join us and grab hold of the Torah as we bring in the New Year with family, friends, food, song, laughter, and dance. And of course, may 5786 be a happy, healthy and peaceful year ahead for all of you.



#### **Lunch and Learn**

While many people are familiar with the first five books of Moses, when it comes to the Prophets, many of us are left to wonder whether we learned very much beyond the Haftorah that we memorized for our bar or bat mitzvah! But the Book of Prophets, in particular *the Nevi'im Rishonim,* the Early Prophets are filled with action, adventure and political intrigue. Including the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel (I and II)

and Kings (I and II), these books are a central part of our ancient historical narrative that often get left out of our early Jewish education (unless you grew up in Israel!). Come and join us this year as we begin our exploration of these important texts and the lessons they might come to teach us today. **Wednesdays, beginning October 22, 12:00pm** 

#### **Lessons From The Esh Kodesh, the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto**

Rabbi Kalonymous Kalman Shapira, also known as the Esh Kodesh and the Piaseczno Rebbe, lived, wrote, and perished during the years leading up to, and including, the Holocaust. Writing during an impossible time of darkness, he sought answers to what it meant to live a life of faith and spirituality while living in impossible conditions. Join Rabbi Schonbrun to explore some of the teachings from the Esh Kodesh and what they might offer individuals who struggle with finding spirituality, meaning, and purpose in a world that can, at times, seem cruel and uncertain. We look forward to learning together. *Wednesdays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 7:30pm* 

# Register for all classes at upcomingevents.torat-el.org



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

A unique way to say "we are thankful" the week before Thanksgiving!

Lend a hand at Lunch Break in Red Bank

Thursday, November 20 9:30am - 1:30pm

Please contact Nancy Redman for information and to register.

NBRedman@aol.com or 732-233-0203

# Marking S October 7th



# We Will Never Forget October 7

# The Heart of NJ Comes Together to Remember in Song

Together we will honor the victims and celebrate the resilience, courage, heroism, and strength of the Israeli people.

#### **Featuring**

Guy Rosmarin in a moving tribute to 15-year old Carmel Bachar of Kibbutz Be'eri, murdered by Hamas, laid to rest with his surfboard, forever riding the waves he loved.

Special performance by Rutgers Hillel Choir, Kol Halayla.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - NO WALK-INS Cost: \$10 per person

# Sunday, October 5, 2025 2:00 PM, Deal

Location provided on registration.

Registration required jewishheartnj.org/oct7 or scan QR code





# **OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES**

#### Welcome:

Judy & Donald Van Nostrand Lisa & Adam Fox Seth Bass Maxine Weinberg Randi Glinsky Camila & Richard Cohen & Family



#### **Mazel Toy to:**

Pam & Anthony Cardullo on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Grace, daughter of Kenny & Lai Cardullo

Pam & Anthony Cardullo on the birth of their granddaughter, Madison Jade, daughter of Jamie & Mike Depasquale

#### **Condolences to:**

Michael Friedman on the loss of his aunt, Phyllis Solden Alan Stern on the loss of this father, Lloyd Stern Lesli Poznak on the loss of her uncle, Robert Chernin Ed Markman on the loss of his wife, Sondra Markman Steve Resnick on the loss of his father, Jules Resnick

If you have news to share, please contact the temple office at 732-531-4410 or office@torat-el.org and we'll get it into Synagogue Families for the next bulletin.

# RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Neil Weitzenkorn for sharing an inspiring and meaningful Dvar Torah.

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

Ben Laskowitz Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun Matthew Eilenberg Mark Engel Alana Malek Lori Schuldiner Schor Cameron Fields Steven Schwaber Larry Ozarow Neil Weitzenkorn Sam Fields Bonnie Reiss Rachael Goldman **Andrew Robins** Mark Wertlieb Jeffrey Klein Helene Santo

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

## SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Thanks to Carri Silverberg and Judy Solomon for chairing **Paid Up Dinner**. All in attendance enjoyed this fun-filled evening with music. Thanks to all Sisterhood members who have paid their dues. If you have not yet submitted your dues payments, please do so by sending your check of \$36 to the temple office or doing it online (\$36 plus an additional fee to cover processing costs).

**Sukkah Raffle:** Thanks to Jackie Rosenheck for chairing this fundraiser.

**Min Pincow Raffle:** The winner for the September drawing was Jay-Ann Shooman. Thanks to Robin Bauer for continuing to chair this important fundraiser for us. This has become one of our major sources of funding for Sisterhood and the temple. Thanks to everyone in advance for your continued participation.

**Temple Grams:** Beverle Richelson, on behalf of the Sisterhood, will send a message of condolences or Mazel Tov to your friends in the congregation when there is a loss or a simcha that you would like to recognize. Contact Beverle via text or phone at (908) 675-5387. The cost of a Gram is \$10.

**Boscov's Fundraiser:** Tickets are available for the annual BOSCOV "Friends helping Friends Fundraiser." The one-day event will be held on October 22nd from 8am to 11 pm. Tickets are \$5 each. The ticket entitles you to 25% off the lowest price on most items and the ability to shop online. You also qualify to enter a raffle to win a \$100 gift card to Boscov's. Sisterhood only profits on the \$5 sale of the ticket. Please buy tickets and sell them to your friends. Tickets are available in the Temple office or by emailing Janet Attner at diattner@verizon.net.

**Knitting Club:** Members and friends are gathering at the temple to knit blankets and other items to be donated to charity. The program is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 2PM. The only session this month will be October 22. Yarn will be provided. Call Judy Cohen at 732-567-7200 to let her know of your interest and for more information

**Membership:** Membership renewals were sent in June. Dues are \$36. Thanks to Lynne Verderese for her efforts. We currently have over 160 members.

Our Sisterhood is planning a lot of wonderful traditional programs as well as some new activities. Your dues payment also entitles you to membership in Women's League for Conservative Judaism (www.wlcj.org), which offers many educational and engagement opportunities. Our Sisterhood is affiliated with the Garden State Region of WLCJ which also offers interesting programs.

**Torah Fund:** Save the date (December 11, 2025). Eva Wiener and Lynn Zimmerman will once again be chairing this event.

Please join Sisterhood in supporting Jewish Family and Children's Service's Thanksgiving Food Drive by picking up an extra bag of apples and/or yams on your next shopping trip. There will be two drop off locations, any time on **Sunday 11/16, Monday 11/17 or Tuesday 11/18.** 

On the porch of Peggy Gaber-Casey 512 Palmer Avenue, West Allenhurst 07711

and

On the porch of Janet Cohen 9 Pal Drive, Wayside 07712

\*You do not need to call in advance or make an appointment for drop off. There will be bins at both locations, so you can bring your donations at your convenience any time on drop off days.

Thank you for your generous participation in this worthy effort!



# **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES**

Religious School is in full swing!

October's calendar is full of holidays and festivals – and we're learning about all of them!

Thanks to the weather, our Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey event was moved indoors, where everyone had the chance to blow the shofar and take home with tasty apples from Rabbi Schonbrun's tree.

Our first Family Friday Night Service is October 24 at 5:15pm. All students will be given parts, so we hope you can be here. Grandparents and friends are invited, too!

Here's a look at what's coming up!

- ♦ Wednesday, October 1 NO School: Erev Yom Kippur
- ♦ Thursday, October 2 Yom Kippur Junior Congregation (10:30am)
- ♦ Saturday, October 4 Shabbat School
- ♦ Wednesday, October 8 NO School: Sukkot
- ♦ Saturday, October 11 Shabbat School in the Sukkah
- ♦ Wednesday, October 15 NO School: Simchat Torah
- Saturday, October 18 Shabbat School
- Wednesday, October 22 Religious School
- Friday, October 24 Family Friday Night Service (5:15pm)
- Wednesday, October 29 Religious School

# **HAZAK PAID UP PROGRAM**



#### WELCOME BACK TO HAZAK

Join us for our Paid Up Program

MOVIE ~ LITTLE JERUSALEM AND PIZZA DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 3:00PM

FREE TO ALL HAZAK PAID UP MEMBERS. HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET?? IT'S OK, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR PAY AT THE DOOR. \$25 PER PERSON

#### Hi Everyone,

Back during the height of COVID, I joined a group within our Executive Director's national organization dedicated to keeping our community connected during such a challenging time. That group, PJP — Partners in Jewish Programming, began offering Zoom-based events to help engage and uplift people when we needed it most.

Thankfully, those difficult days are behind us, but our commitment hasn't wavered. PJP continues to create meaningful, accessible programming—bringing you speakers, experiences, and events (at no cost to you) that would be nearly impossible to host at individual synagogues.

I'm excited to share a sneak peek at what's coming up on our calendar for the year ahead. Stay tuned for details in future bulletins and my weekly emails! ~ Pam

Register for all programs at upcomingevents.torat-el.org

#### **JEWISH MUSEUM TOURS:**

The Jewish Museum, NY Sunday, October 19, 1:00pm ~ Registration now open

National Museum of American Military History

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience



#### **VIRTUAL TOURS OF THE JEWISH WORLD CONTINUED:**

Istanbul Panama Indonesia Kurdistan Uruguay

#### **JEWISH ART SERIES:**

Jews in the Life and Art of Pablo Picasso

#### THE SHTETL:

The Shtetl: A Jewish Universe Sunday, October 26, 1:00pm ~ Registration now open

A Virtual Tour of the Once Jewish Towns of Eastern Europe Exploring the Lives of Jewish Children in Eastern Europe

#### **JEWISH SCHOLAR SERIES:**

Abraham Cahan and the Rise of the American Yiddish Press

Religious Perspectives on Abortion

Talmudic Stories: From History to Literature

Jewish Justification of Diaspora Life

A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: Jewish Name Changing in the 20th Century

#### **BROADWAY SERIES:**

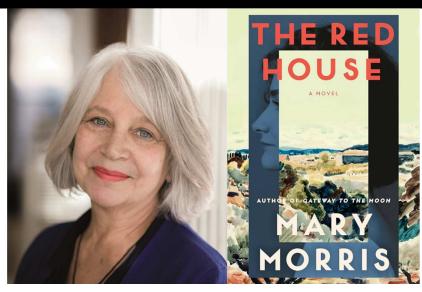
Oklahoma South Pacific Fiddler on the Roof Registration now open for all three

October 5 October 21 November 9 8:30pm 8:30pm 8:30pm

# **MEET THE AUTHOR IN PERSON EVENT!!**



# Sunday, October 26, 11:00am Meet Mary Morris, author of *The Red House*



Mary Morris's *The Red House,* weaves together the intimate story of a daughter searching for answers about her vanished mother with the largely untold story of Italian Jews during World War II.

Thirty years ago, Laura's mother, Viola, went missing. She left behind her purse, her keys and her mysterious paintings of a red house. Viola was never found, and her family never recovered. Laura, an artist herself, held on to the paintings. On the back of each work, her mother scrawled in Italian, "I will not be here forever." The family never understood what Viola meant.

Decades later, at a crossroads in her marriage and her life, Laura returns to Italy, where her parents met after World War II and where Laura spent the earliest years of her childhood.

Laura follows her mother's trajectory as she ventures north to Naples, Turin and finally home. Along the way, she confronts the dark truth of her mother's story and at last makes sense of her own.

One review of the book states: "Morris has created a novel that honors both the specific experiences of Italian Jews during WWII and the universal experiences of love, loss and the search for identity."

Mary Morris is the author of numerous works of fiction, including the novels *Gateway to the Moon, The Jazz Palace, A Mother's Love,* and *House Arrest;* and of nonfiction, including the travel classic *Nothing to Declare: Memoirs of a Woman Traveling Alone.* Morris is a recipient of the Rome Prize in Literature and the 2016 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Fiction. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.

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

Pre-Paid \$20 per person by October 22/\$25 at the door
A lovely brunch will be served
Reservations at www.mta.torat-el.org or 732-531-4410







# VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR CALLING ALL VENDORS!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 ~ 10:00AM - 3:00PM
TABLE PRICE \$40 PER TABLE / \$65 FOR TWO TABLES
CTE MEMBER DISCOUNT \$30 PER TABLE / \$55 FOR TWO TABLES

# SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 FEATURING DR. BENJI DAVIS

Dr. Benji Davis is an American-born Israeli scholar and educator, currently serving as Assistant Professor of Jewish Education at Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration. The founding director of IMPACT Israel Education, he most recently served as head of Israel education at Camp Yavneh and as the 2024-2025 Israel Institute Teaching and Research Fellow at George Mason University. In 2024, he received the Harold Wechsler Award for Emerging Scholars from the Network for Research in Jewish Education (NRJE) for his research on teaching about Israel. A member of the Birthright Israel International Education Committee and a fellow at the Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education, Benji is a proud alumnus of Camp Ramah in California, USY, Solomon Schechter and the Nativ gap year program in Israel. A Los Angeles native, he holds a BA in Middle East Studies & History (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) from The George Washington University, an MA in Jewish Education from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a PhD in Education from the University of Haifa. While Benji calls Jerusalem home, he currently lives in the DC area with his wife Rachel and their three daughters Maia, Ella, and Lia.

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW** 

# "Once Loved, Now Yours.. A Tricky Tray Event of Pocketbooks and More!"

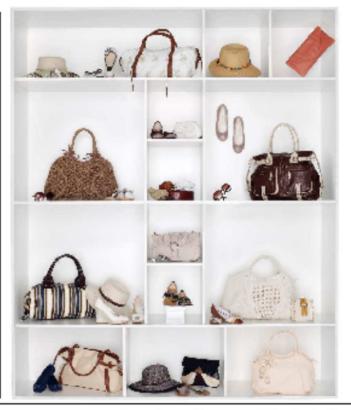
#### **NOVEMBER 6**

Doors open 6:30 PM

Light Snacks and Dessert

Tricky Tray
Tickets sold at
entry: Bring
Cash or
Checks

for tickets and other items for sale



Designer/New/

Like New Purses,

Wallets, Scarfs,

Jewelry, other designer items

Open to all Temple Members and their guests

Do you have items never used or hardly used? Ask family and friends to donate these to our Sisterhood event! Your purse, wallet, scarves or jewelry may love to find another home!

Drop Off Dates: Temple Front Doors:

September 15: 2 to 5 PM

September 18: 7:00PM during Paid Up event

October 19: 9 AM to 12 Noon

- October 20: 2:30-5:30

RSVP for planning purposes would be appreciated: Contact Diane Resnick at 732-740-9834 or <u>Diresnick@AOL.com</u>

To volunteer to help prepare the event, contact Diane Resnick as above (If you are unable to leave your home but have donations, contact Diane and one of our members will arrange a pick up)

## **DONATIONS**

#### **Congregation Torat El General Fund**

#### In Honor of:

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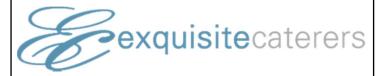
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Chair & Book Breakdown 9:00am Sukkah Building 9:00am Broadway Zoom Series - Oklahoma 8:30pm	Temple Office Closes at Noon Erev Sukkot Service and Dinner 6:00pm	7 Temple Office Closed Sukkot Service 9:00am	8 Temple Office Closed Sukkot Service 9:00am	9 Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah 7:15pm	10 Candle Lighting 6:04pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
12 Sukkot Open House At the Schonbruns' 2:00-5:00pm	13 Temple Office Closes at Noon Hoshanah Rabbah Service 8:00am	Temple Office Closed Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor Service 9:00am Simchat Torah Spectacular 6:30pm	15 Temple Office Closed Simchat Torah Service 9:00am	16	17 Candle Lighting 5:54pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	18 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am
Sisterhood Pocketbook Drop Off 9:00am NY Jewish Museum Zoom Tour 1:00pm Hazak Paid Up Program 3:00pm	20 Sisterhood Pocketbook Drop Off 2:30am	21 Executive Board Mtg 7:30pm Broadway Zoom Series - South Pacific 8:30pm	22 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed 7:30pm	23	24 Candle Lighting 5:44pm RS Family Friday Night Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	25 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
26 Meet the Author 11:00am The Shtetl Zoom Program 1:00pm	27	28	29 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed 7:30pm	30	31 Candle Lighting 5:35pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	