



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El - Jersey Shore Jewish Center
April 2026 - NISSAN/IYAR 5786



Passover Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 31 by 12:00pm - Sale of Chametz Due

Wednesday, April 1, 8:00am - Feast of the Firstborn

Wednesday, April 1 - First Seder

Thursday, April 2, 9:00am - Pesach Service

Friday, April 3, 9:00am - Pesach Service

Wednesday, April 8, 9:00am - Pesach Service

Thursday, April 9, 9:00am - Pesach/Yizkor Service

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April Service Announcements

Friday, April 3, 2026

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm

Candles 7:04pm

Yahrzeits: Norbert Belfer, Genevieve Breslow, Abraham Cohen, Frank Eliscu, Sam Farber, Fanya Gonski, Josephine Hopkins, Sylvia Israel, Celia Kobb, Paul Kramer, Paula Kronengold, Waldmar Krongold, Fanny M. Marx, David Maurer, Roberto Mislavsky, Simon Noveck, David Ozarow, Norman Pickelny, Philip I. Rose, Sheldon Rosner, Sidney Rubenstein, Edwin Ronald Rubin, Murray Rudnick, Arnold Jerome Schreiber, Milton Slifman, Harry Spiera, Harry Tretsky, Mollie Warar, Sanford Weiner

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Ki tissa 33:12-34:26 (p. 538) Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 1308)

Friday, April 10, 2026

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm

Candles 7:12pm

***Oneg is sponsored by proud grandparents Rachel & Mark Steinberg
in honor of their granddaughter Olivia becoming a Bat Mitzvah***

Yahrzeits: Ellen Baker, Liza Bawnik, Katie Kalika Bookbinder, Selma Cohen, William Furie, Frank C. Haddad, Leon Hirschhorn, Donald Horowitz, Noreen G. Hunt, Dr. Leonard I. Kraut, Anne Kreizman, Beverly Levin, Sylvia Rudnick Levy, Arlene Maltz, Zachary "Sol" Nagrod, Isabel Pincus, Jules Platt, Gloria Rediker, Joseph Charles Robinson, Abraham Rose, Annie Schiffer, Roger Schoch, Alice Schultz, Berthold A. Sherman, Nettie T. Sulkin, Robert Weinstein, Philip Wiser, Lou Zuckerman, Betty Zuckerman

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Brochstein

Parsha: Shemini 9:1-10:11 (p. 630) Haftarah: 2 Samuel 6:1-7:17 (p. 645)
***Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by proud parents Amye & Nathan Brochstein
in honor of their daughter Olivia becoming a Bat Mitzvah***

Friday, April 17, 2026

Family Friday Night Service ~ 5:15pm

Candles 7:19pm

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm

Yahrzeits: Marcia Aaron, Jeanne Berger, Jeannette Bienenstock, Sarah Bohm, Alan Brown, Albert Brown, Arnold Chernin, Jacob Cohen, Eva Cotler, Samuel James Gordon, Nathan Haber, Jean Ingber, Sharon Lager, Alan Markowitz, David Meckler, Celia Miller, Gertrude Pollack, Miriam Rauch, William Rediker, Liam Nathaniel Rosen, Mary Rosenthal Adler Singer, Julian Simon, Mildred Steinberg, Robert Sukinik, Sylvia Zimmerman

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parsha: Tazria-Metsora 12:1-13:39 (p. 649) Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24 (p. 1220)

***Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by Betty Goldin, Marcia Sacks, Marcia Weitzenkorn, Beth Jacob,
Kim McConnell & Melanie Engel in honor of their April birthdays***

Friday, April 24, 2026

Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:00 pm

Candles 7:26pm

Dinner following services (pre-paid reservations only)

Yahrzeits: Leonard Bergen, Arthur Bernstein, Alicia Rene Casey, Freida Deitelbaum, Sol Dorfman, Bernard Eliscu, Sheila Gold, Sidney L. Goldstein, Howard Isaacs, Sam Kaplan, Irving Konner, Barry Margulis, Frank M. Marx, Fanny Mislavsky, Kenneth Negin, Harry Negin, Doris Noveck, Minnie Rachles, Miriam Rauch, Bessie Shapiro, Miriam Shapiro, Bessie Slovin, Samantha Stachel, Donald Weinstein, Berish Benjamin Wetstein, Freida Wishnick

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am

Parshot: Aharey Mot-Kedoshim 16:1-17:7 (p. 679) Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15 (p. 706)

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

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, March 31, 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:

_____ (address)

_____ signature



To complete this form online please visit our website:

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



Siyyum Bechorim ~ Calling All First-Born (Men and Women) Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00am

According to Jewish tradition, the first-born son of a mother or father is required to fast on the day before Passover as an expression of thanks for the deliverance of the first-born Israelites who were spared from the Tenth plague. Fortunately, one can be exempt from this fast if he or she has the opportunity to participate in a *seudat mitzvah*, a festive meal following the completion (*siyyum*) of a unit of study. Join us for this annual tradition as we study together and celebrate our learning with a festive meal following minyan that will include lots of delicious chametz!

All are welcome to join us even if you are not a firstborn.

HAG HA-MATZOT – THE FESTIVAL OF MATZAH



It was a few days before Purim and I was minding my own business, doing my grocery shopping in Wegmans when I saw it. *Oh no, I thought to myself, not yet?! Yes, you guessed it; they had already started creating a Passover section – complete with the bright orange boxes of Manischewitz matzah! Uch- matzah, please, not yet, my mind continued; I still have to bake my hamantashen!*

Perhaps one of the most familiar symbols to many of us, matzah is an essential part of our Passover experience. Indeed one of the four names for Passover is Hag Ha-matzot, the festival of Matzah. [The others are, *hag ha-pesach* (Passover), *hag ha-aviv* (spring), *hag ha-herut* (freedom)].

But where does this notion of having matzah come from, and what are the deeper messages that we can get from this crumbly companion that accompanies us for a week each spring? Matzah is first mentioned just before the final plague, the placement of the sacrificial blood on the doorposts and God's "passing over" the Israelite dwellings, and the Israelites exodus from Egypt. We are told that:

In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. No leaven shall be found in your houses for seven days. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person – whether a stranger or a citizen of the country – shall be cut off from the community of Israel. **Exodus 12:18-19**

Separately, towards the end of Exodus 12, we are given the explanation that many of us know:

And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had taken out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, since they had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves. **Exodus 12:39**

To make things even more confusing, as the story is being re-told in Deuteronomy, we are reminded that during the celebration of the Passover ritual:

You shall not eat anything leavened with it; for seven days thereafter you shall eat unleavened bread, **bread of distress** — for you departed from the land of Egypt hurriedly — so that you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt as long as you live. **Deuteronomy 16:3**

So which is it? Were the Israelites supposed to avoid unleavened products for the week as a part of the experience to begin with (Ex.12:19)? Was the matzah a reminder that we had to leave in a hurry (Ex. 12:39) or, is the matzah supposed to remind us of our affliction (Deut. 16:3)? Is the matzah supposed to remind us of our freedom (Exodus), or of our slavery (Deuteronomy)? Rabbi Yitz Greenberg teaches us that the answer is, unsurprisingly, both!

Matzah is, therefore, both the bread of freedom and the erstwhile bread of slavery... But there is a deeper meaning... Freedom is in the psyche, not in the bread.

The *halakha* [Jewish law] underscores the identity of hametz and matzah with the legal requirement that matzah can be made only out of grains that can become hametz – that is, those grains that ferment if mixed with water and allowed to stand. *How the human prepares the dough* is what decides whether it becomes hametz or matzah. *How you view the matzah* is what decides whether it is the bread of liberty or of servitude.

The point is subtle but essential. To be fully realized, an Exodus must include an inner voyage, not just a march on the road out of Egypt. The difference between slavery and freedom is not that slaves endure hard conditions while free people enjoy ease. The bread remained equally hard in both states, but the psychology of the Israelites shifted totally. When the hard crust was given to them by tyrannical masters, the matzah they ate in passivity was the bread of slavery. But when the Jews willingly went from green fertile deltas into the desert because they were determined to be free, when they refused to delay freedom and opted to eat unleavened bread rather than wait for it to rise, the hard crust became the bread of freedom. Out of fear and lack of responsibility, the slave accommodates to ill treatment. Out of dignity and determination to live free, the individual will shoulder any burden.

HAG HA-MATZOT – THE FESTIVAL OF MATZAH



Matzah, then, is a symbol of the slavery of our people. But choosing to eat a symbol representing our “affliction,” is a choice that only free people can make. We eat matzah to remember that we were once slaves, but now we are free. We eat matzah to remind us that there are so many people today who are “enslaved,” literally, figuratively, and emotionally. In the Talmud, the sage Shmuel taught that “The bread of affliction [*lechem oni*]” (Deuteronomy 16:3) means bread over which one answers [*onim*] matters... (Pesachim 115b)” In other words, as we eat our matzah we are invited not only to ask good questions, but to consider possible answers of how we might begin to help individuals, and communities who are suffering.

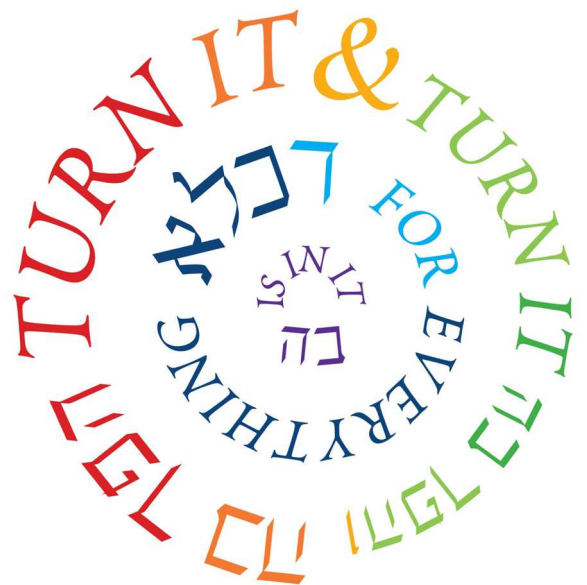
At the beginning of the seder we will proclaim: *Ha lachma anya, This is the bread of affliction our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come in and eat; let all who are in need come and join us for Pesach. Now we are here; next year in the land of Israel. Now slaves; next year we shall be free.* There is so much to consider in that opening, in the seder ritual and week of holiday that will follow. This year, as we eat our matzah (Shmurah, machine made, homemade, gluten free, or otherwise!), let us take time consider this most ancient food and all that it symbolizes as we work to make all that is broken in this world a bit more whole – celebrating the great privilege of the freedoms that we enjoy and the enormous responsibilities that come along with them. *Hag kasher v’sameach* – may you all have a meaningful Passover!

ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI SCHONBRUN

Spring Evening: Timeless Torah- Ancient Ethics For Modern Times

Our ancient sage Ben Bag Bag (great name!) taught that the purpose of Torah study is to “turn it and turn it, for everything is in it; look into it and grow old with it, for there is no greater portion in life” than Torah study. This teaching from *Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Sages*, reminds us that some spiritual wisdom is timeless. Join us as we explore some of his favorite texts from *Pirkei Avot* and discuss their relevance today. By the end of the series, you will have the tools and resources to continue this study on your own or with a friend or family member for many years to come.

Wednesdays, April 29, May 6, 13, 7:30pm
In Person



OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

Mazel Tov to:

Maddy and Bob Cohen on the engagement of their son Ben to Nina Michelle Horowitz

Welcome to:

Hal Stern & Toby Wisner-Stern

Condolences to:

The family of Beatrice Friedman

Thank you to all my friends who gave donations to Congregation Torat El and Sisterhood in memory of my step-son, Alan Meyer, and in memory of my sister-in-law, Doris Loigman. They were much appreciated.

~ Fran Meyer

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

Once the last hamantashen was eaten, our thoughts and lessons turned to Passover. The students celebrated with lessons, activities and a Model Seder.

Please note that April's Family Friday Night Service has been moved from April 24 to April 17. Therefore, we will have Shabbat School on April 25, rather than April 18.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and there is still plenty to learn and do. Please mark your calendars for what's happening:

- ◇ April 1-8 – NO SCHOOL (Passover/Spring Break)
- ◇ Saturday, April 11 – Shabbat School resumes
- ◇ Wednesday, April 15 – Religious School
- ◇ Friday, April 17 – Family Friday Night Service (5:15pm)
- ◇ Saturday, April 18 – NO Shabbat School
- ◇ Wednesday, April 22 – Religious School/Celebrate Israel (ALL STUDENTS)
- ◇ Saturday, April 25 – Shabbat School
- ◇ Wednesday, April 29 – Religious School
- ◇ Saturday, May 2 – Last Shabbat School
- ◇ Wednesday, May 6 – Last Religious School/Celebrate Lag Ba Omer (ALL STUDENTS)
- ◇ Friday, May 8 – Religious School-led Service, Graduation & Teacher Appreciation Oneg (6:00pm)

RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Schonbrun, Sam Fields, Rachael Goldman, Joshua Schor, and Lori Schuldiner Schor for chanting Megillat Esther on Purim so beautifully!!!

Yasher Koach to Steven Schwaber for sharing an inspiring and meaningful Dvar Torah.

Yasher Koach to Joel Schulman for leyning the special Maftir for Shabbat Shekalim in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Myron Samuel for chanting Haftarat Terumah in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!

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

Mark Engel
Cameron Fields
Sam Fields
Rachael Goldman
Ben Laskowitz
Alana Malek

Alan Morris
Larry Ozarow
Bonnie Reiss
Andrew Robins
Myron Samuel
Helene Santo

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun
Joshua Schor
Lori Schuldiner Schor
Joel Schulman
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 at 732-861-7450 or benlaskowitz@torat-el.org.

SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

A great big Sisterhood thank you to EVERYONE who supported and helped with Shaloch Manot this year. Anyone who ordered and all who baked and packed hamantashen and those who packed the purple bags and the many people who braved snowy driveways to deliver.

Min Pincow Raffle: Thanks to **Laurie Gross** and **Kathleen Burke** for chairing this important fundraiser for us. The March winner was Susan Sferas.

Mah Jongg Tournament: A huge thank you to **Carol Klein** and **Gayle Ardakanian** who again ran an amazing tournament.

Book Club: We are meeting on May 17 at 10:00 am at the home of Gayle Ardakanian. The book we are reading is *Last Twilight in Paris* by Pam Jenoff. Please Contact **Kathleen Burke** at kathiemb@gmail.com to RSVP, and for carpool arrangements, Gayle's address.

Knitting Club: The "Knitzvah Group" is continuing to make hats and blankets for the hospital and Jewish Family & Children's Service. We meet at CTE the second and last Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm. This month they will only meet on April 22 due to Passover. For more information, contact **Judy Cohen** at 732-567-7200 or ticklebug4@aol.com.

Sisterhood Slate of Officers for 2026-2027: President – Diane Resnick, VP – Melanie Engel, VP – Lynn Zimmerman, VP – Carol Klein, Corresponding Secretary – Beverle Richelson, Financial Secretary – Lynne Verderese, Recording Secretary – Elynn Taylor, Treasurer – Amy Wiener, Past President – Robin Bauer

Volunteers Needed: CTE Sisterhood is hosting a Feminine Hygiene Supply Packing Party on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30pm. Come help us prepare individual tote bags of personal hygiene products for local women and girls in need. We are partnering with Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey to address period poverty through Dignity Grows and a grant from the Aerie Real Foundation. Together we will help build confidence in women and foster an inclusive and supportive community to help make the world a better place. Please join us! All are welcome! To volunteer visit <https://jewishheartnj.regfox.com/2026-dignity-grows-packing-party>. Please note we are not collecting donated items for this event. Federation will deliver to us all hygiene products to be packed. Questions? Please contact **Peggy Gaber-Casey**: 908-309-7470 or **Janet Cohen**: 732-513-6876

Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed this year's Mah Jongg Tournament. We had 124 players. We know they just don't come to play their favorite game. They also come for the delicious lunch! A huge thanks to all of our helpers: Marcia Sacks, Marcia Weitzenkorn, Diane Resnick, Amy Wiener, Judy Solomon, Robin Bauer, Marian Warshauer, Janet Attner, Melanie Engle, and Carri Silverberg. Each and every one of you is vital to our success! Not only did you help us, we heard you even enjoyed it! A special thank you to Rich who spent the day helping us with whatever we needed!

Co-chairs: Carol Klein, Lee Alexander, and Gayle Ardakanian

To All of our kneaders, pinchers, fillers, bakers and counters, shoppers, planners and delivery folks,

In the middle of a blizzard, during sub zero temperatures, you did not let anything stand in your way. Your goal was clear and, you accomplished your mission. Our synagogue family - young and old, members and staff received a bountiful bag of shalach mones. The mask was a fabulous addition.

Thanks to you, we have fulfilled two of our Purim obligations. Thank you for "taking care" of so many people. As Tevya would say, "A blessing on your head - - Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov!"

I hope all of the Purim crew enjoyed the holiday. Best wishes for a Zissen Pesach!

Sincerely,
Anita Kraut

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH, OLIVIA BROCHSTEIN!

Hello, my name is Olivia Brochstein. I go to Ocean Township Intermediate School, and I'm in 7th grade. I've been coming to Congregation Torat El since I was 9 years old. Even though I haven't been a member for very long, my family has always had strong connections to this temple. My Bat Mitzvah will be on April 11, 2026, and I'm really excited to share everything I've learned this past year with all of you. One of the biggest parts of preparing for my Bat Mitzvah was choosing a Mitzvah project that would let me show how important helping others is to me.



At first, it was hard to decide what my project should be. But after talking with my dad about what community has meant to him throughout his life, I realized something important: even small acts of kindness can make a huge difference for someone who is struggling. Over the past year, my mom and I have been volunteering at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, also known as TASK. I first learned about TASK when I visited my mom's company on "Bring Your Child to Work Day." We helped put together utensil and napkin packets, but I quickly saw that there was so much more that could be done to support people who need help.

I know that giving someone a meal doesn't solve every problem they face. But TASK does more than just serve food. They work to support people in becoming more independent and building better lives for themselves. It reminds me of the saying, "Give a person a fish and feed them for a day; teach a person to fish and feed them for a lifetime."

As part of my Mitzvah project, I'm asking you to help support not only your local food bank, but also programs that teach skills and provide training. These programs can help break the cycle of hunger and give someone the chance for a better future.

HAZAK MOVIE AND SNACKS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 3:00PM





2026 Jewish Teen Summit

Special Guest Tessa Veksler

8th to 12th graders will gain practical tools to confidentially navigate college environments that may challenge their Jewish identity and engage in pro-Israel, real world civic action by lobbying state legislators and engaging in hands on volunteerism while earning volunteer hours.

Keynote:

Inspirational speaker Tessa Veksler, a '24 UCSB graduate and former student body president, will share her journey in leadership and personal fight against antisemitism on campus and beyond.

Sunday, April 19th

1:00 PM

Oakhurst (location provided prior to event)

Kosher lunch provided.

Register:
jewishheartnj.org/teensummit



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Monday, April 13

7:00pm

Please join us for a meaningful presentation from second generation children of Holocaust survivors as we hear the remarkable stories of their families' survival during the war. We will hear from a number of speakers who have the honor of passing on these stories m'dor l'dor, from one generation to another. We will be joined by 2GNJ, a local organization dedicated to advancing Holocaust awareness, as we gather together to listen to the stories of remarkable survivors, light candles and say prayers in their memory.

For planning purposes please RSVP by visiting upcomingevents.torat-el.org

Security Town Hall Meeting



Wednesday, April 22, 7:00pm

The information and training learned here is not only helpful to you when you are at the synagogue but the knowledge you will gain can be applied anywhere.

**JNF
SHABBAT
FOR ISRAEL**



Friday, April 24, 6:00pm

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Congregation Torat El will join thousands of homes and synagogues in celebrating community and tradition with a Shabbat dinner.

**Israeli Style Shabbat Dinner
\$40 per adult (13+), \$20 per child (5-12)**

**Reservations by April 17
upcomingevents.torat-el.org**



Dr. Margie Donlan



Luanne Peterpaul

Men's Club Breakfast/Speaker Program

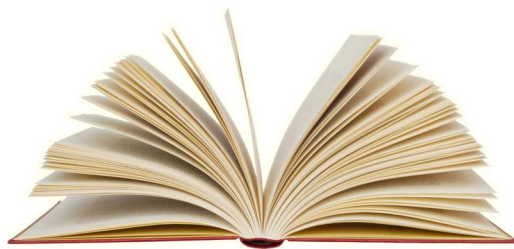
Join us in welcoming Assemblywomen Dr. Margie Donlan and Luanne Peterpaul.

Sunday, April 26, 9:30am

Breakfast followed by program. There is no charge but RSVPs are requested for planning purposes to upcomingevents.torat-el.org by April 19.

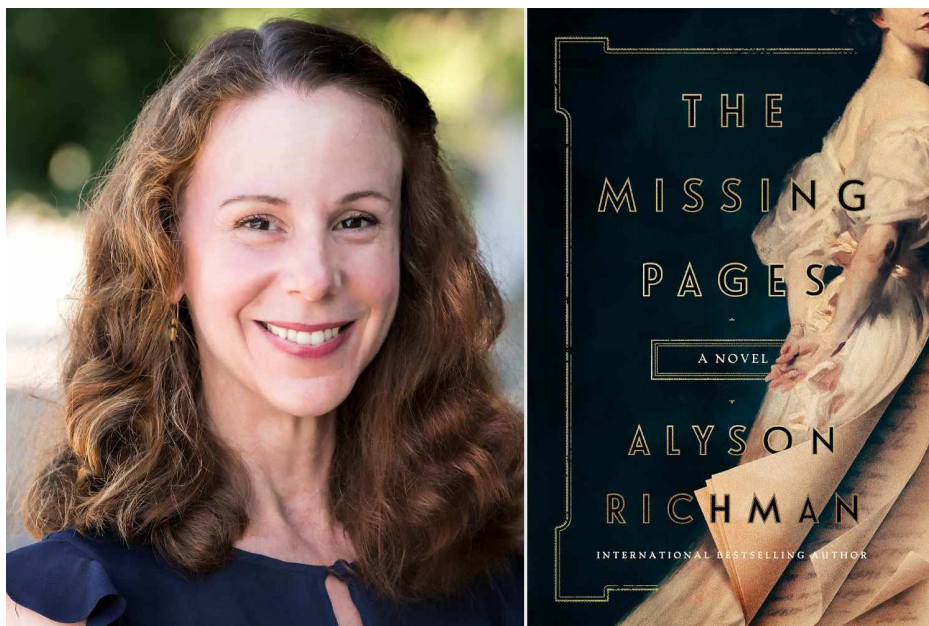
Questions for our speakers can be asked in advance to Neil at nedzelnz@yahoo.com

MEET THE AUTHOR IN PERSON EVENT!!



Sunday, May 3, 11:00am

Meet Alyson Richman, author of *The Missing Pages*



A ghost in a library. A story waiting to be told. *The Missing Pages* is a rich, lyrical novel that reminds us that books are as eternal as the soul.

1912: Harry Widener, a promising and passionate book collector, boards the Titanic holding tight to a priceless volume he's just purchased in London. After catastrophe strikes the ship, Harry's last known words are that he must return to his cabin to retrieve his latest treasure. Harry's mother builds the Harry Widener Memorial Library at Harvard to house his extensive book collection and ensure his legacy.

Decades later, Violet Hutchins, a Harvard sophomore recovering from her own great loss, is working as a page at the Widener Library. When mysterious things begin happening at the library, Violet wonders if Harry Widener's ghost is trying to communicate with her.

Bestselling author, Alyson Richman has written a love story, a ghost story, and an elegy to the healing power of books.

Alyson Richman graduated from Wellesley College with a degree in art history and Japanese studies. She is an accomplished painter and her novels combine her deep love of art, historical research, and travel. Alyson's novels have been published in 25 languages and have reached the bestseller lists both in the United States and abroad. She lives on Long Island with her husband and two children, where she is currently working on her next novel.

Pre-Paid \$20 per person by April 30/\$25 at the door
A lovely brunch will be served
Reservations at www.mta.torat-el.org or 732-531-4410



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Please join us for an evening
honoring members of
Congregation Torat El's "Chai Club"

These members have been part of
our synagogue community
for 18 years and longer!

Friday, May 15, 7:00 pm

Shabbat service followed by
dessert reception

Please RSVP to the temple office
or online at chaiclub.torat-el.org
by May 10

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CHAI CLUB

If you have been a member for 18 or more continuous years and do not receive your invitation in the mail by April 10 please call the office so we can update your account with the correct join date.

SHAVUOT

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 6:30PM

Pasta Dinner:

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner accompanied by salad, garlic bread and of course...CHEESE CAKE!!



Tikkun:

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			1 Office Closed Morning Minyan in Person/Feast of the Firstborn 8:00am Candle Lighting 7:03pm First Seder	2 Office Closed Passover Service 9:00am	3 Office Closed Passover Service 9:00am Candle Lighting 7:04pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	4 Shabbat/Passover Service 9:00am
5 Morning Minyan in Person 8:30am	6 Morning Minyan in Person 8:00am Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	7 Morning Minyan in Person 8:00am	8 Office Closed Passover Service 9:00am	9 Office Closed Passover/Yizkor Service 9:00am	10 Candle Lighting 7:12pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	11 Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Brochstein 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
12 Hazak Movie 3:00pm	13 Morning Minyan in Person 8:00am Yom Hashoah Program 7:00pm	14 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	15 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm	16 Morning Minyan in Person 8:00am	17 Morning Minyan in Person 8:00am Candle Lighting 7:19pm R/S Family Friday Night Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	18 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch
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