Temple Israel March/April 2018 CHRONICLE





Purim 2018 Sunday, March 4

Shpiel 10:30 am Carnival 11:00 am Adult class 11:00 am

tiwestport.org/purim

A Home at Temple Israel

RABBI MICHAEL S. FRIEDMAN, SENIOR RABBI



I was impressed when I learned recently that Temple Israel has 299 families who have been members for 20 years or more. We even have 20 members who have been members for over 50 years! At the same time, we have 49 families who joined our congregation in 2017.

These statistics are fascinating to me. I wonder how many of our new families will become long-term members. I also wonder how many of them will be part of TI for a few years and then say farewell – not because they are unsatisfied, but because we will have not proven to be a truly significant force in their lives, and thus worthy of their ongoing affiliation.

What factors account for the difference between the former group and the latter? What truly bonds someone to their synagogue? Lifelong membership is surely not accidental.

Our Board of Trustees has appointed a task force on membership to re-evaluate how we welcome new members and encourage a life-long membership commitment.

As I think about the charge of this task force, I recall conversations I have had with many of you. You have told me about milestone life-cycle events that are highlights of your time at Temple Israel. You have spoken of significant High Holy Day experiences, or of engagement with our social justice initiatives.

Most often, however, those who are most committed to our congregation testify to the deep relationships they have here. I hear often about friendships forged during years in our Early Childhood Center, on a family trip to Israel, or while working as a member of one of our committees. Many long-term members feel a particular connection to our current or former clergy or staff.

We all know how it felt to be welcomed when we moved to Connecticut. Neighbors brought us housewarming gifts. We were invited to a barbecue at the beach. A new friend showed up in our time of need to help care for a newborn. All of these gestures helped us feel safe and known and valued. They helped us feel at home. The same is true of membership at Temple Israel; relationships make all the difference.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat Celebrations

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Kabbalat Shabbat
 6:30 pm on Fridays
- Meditation & Reflection 8:30 am on Saturdays
- Shabbat Morning Minyan 9:00 am on Saturdays
- Torah Study 10:00 am on Saturdays

Special Services

• First Fridays Friday, March 2 at 5:30 pm Friday, April 6 at 5:30 pm

Religious School

SPECIAL EVENTS & SCHEDULES

- Purim Celebration Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 am. All Sunday classes will join the congregation for the Purim Shpiel. Sunday-only students will sign up to volunteer in the carnival in lieu of the third hour.
- SCHOOL VACATIONS: No classes during the week of Passover: Sunday, April 1 to Tuesday, April 3 No classes during spring break, Sunday, April 8 to Sunday, April 15.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

• Third Grade Program Sunday, March 18th 9:00-11:00 From Slavery to Freedom: the Story of Passover This program is in lieu of the Monday, March 19 session. Child care will be provided upon request.

- Fifth Grade Program Sunday, March 11
 9:00 am - 11:00 am Ellis Island Simulation Program designed for all 5th graders, and parents who participate as Ellis Island officials. Students should come dressed as immigrants. The Sunday-only students will stay for additional hour at the conclusion of the simulation.
- Fifth Grade Program Ellis Island Field Trip Sunday, April 29 at 9:00 am

Youth Programs

Grades 1-3:

- Marvelous Mini Golf Magic Sunday, March 25 at 5:00 pm
- Bowling and Bonding Saturday, April 21 at 5:00 pm

Grades 4-6:

- IT is an Adventure Sunday, March 18 at 12:00 pm
- Sakura Sunday Sunday, April 22 at 5:00 pm

Grades 8-12:

- Midnight Run Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 pm.
- Teen Tikkun Olam Trip Wednesday, April 11 to Sunday, April 15

Adult Jewish Learning

- Positive Judaism: A Rabbi's Guide to Wellbeing and Happiness with Rabbi Darren Levine Sunday, March 11 at 11:00 am
- Rabbi Robert Orkand Presents: What Does Jewish Humor Teach us About the Jews? Sunday, April 22 at 11:00 am
- The Brooklyn Institute For Social Research At TI Sundays March 25 and April 29 at 11:00 am
- Adult Learning Chavurah Thursdays at 9:30-10:45 am For more information and to register: www.tiwestport.org/chavurah
- Interfaith Theology Course Tuesdays at 11:00 am-12:00 pm All are welcome, no registration necessary
- TI Book Group Thursday, March 8 at 12:30 pm Thursday, April 12 at 12:30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Events

- Erev Purim at Beit Chaverim 85 Post Road West, Westport Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:00 pm
- Mi Dor L'dor: From Generation to Generation Mystery readers in Early Childhood Center Thursday, March 15, April 26 at 11:30 am
- ECC Open House Sunday, March 25 at 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- ECC Cocktail Party and Auction Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm More Information to Follow

Women's Group

- Passover Cooking Event Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm
- Bringing Rosh Chodesh to TI Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

Special Events

- Purim Carnival & Shpiel Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 am
- Excess and Masquerade: Purim Learning for Adults Sunday, March 4 at 11:00 am
- Second Night Seder Saturday, March 31 at 6:00 pm
- SAVE THE DATE: MITZVAH DAY Sunday, May 6 11:00 am to 1:00 pm



TEMPLE ISRAEL OF WESTPORT FAMILY ISRAEL TRIP

April 11-21, 2019

Join TI clergy and staff for an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime journey



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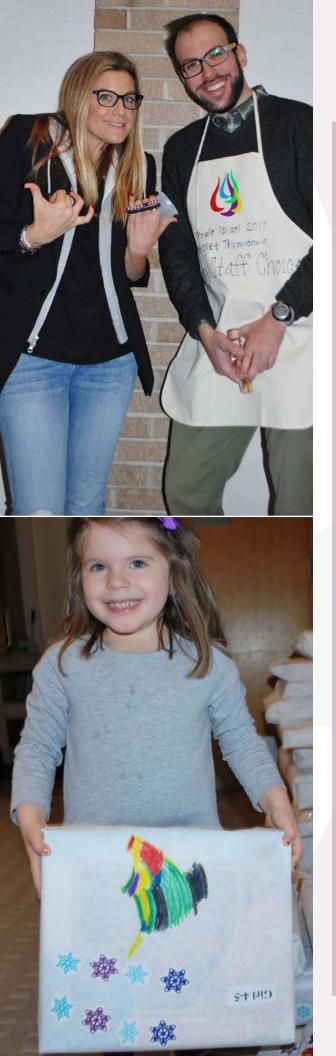
For more information please contact Bryan Bierman at (203) 227-1656 X 314 or email at bbierman@tiwestport.org



Second Night PASSOVER SEDER

Saturday, March 31 6:00 pm Cantor Sklar will host a family-friendly, music-filled congregational Seder at Temple Israel.

tiwestport.org/Passoverseder



ADULT JEWISH LEARNING

THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH AT TI

Temple Israel is sponsoring a series of talks this spring by The Brooklyn Institute for Social Research (BISR) that explore new approaches to Jewish Studies and critical engagement with enduring Jewish themes. Founded in 2012 by young, enterprising PhD's, BISR is one of the most innovative public humanities initiatives in the tri-state area and now welcomes 1500 students per year into graduate-level seminars they offer to the general public. For more information on BISR, please visit: https://thebrooklyninstitute.com

INTOXICATION, INTELLECT, INQUIRY, AND ILLUMINATION: BODILY PLEASURE AND ENLIGHTENMENT IN JEWISH THOUGHT AJAY SINGH CHAUDHARY, PhD SUNDAY, MARCH 25 AT 11:00 AM

It is a long tradition in Western thought - from Plato to Descartes to Kant to contemporary times - that the work of the mind and body are often fundamentally at odds, and that the body, in particular, holds something suspicious, even dangerous about it. Founder and Executive Director of the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research, Ajay Singh Chaudhary, will use Talmudic legal reasoning, the philosophies of Baruch Spinoza and Walter Benjamin and examine a series of vignettes from Jewish thought to consider a contrasting view: one that takes the body seriously as coterminous with mind and understands pleasure as ethics, embodied life as intellectual, and even intoxication as form of rational inquiry.

JEWISH THOUGHT AND THE SINS OF HISTORY: ON COLLECTIVE ATONEMENT AND FUTURE REDEMPTION SUZANNE SCHNEIDER, PhD SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 11:00 AM

"The past is never dead. It's not even past." This line from William Faulkner's *Requiem for a Nun* does much to encapsulate the ways in which historical events continue to affirm their presence and inflame new controversies today. Nowhere is this more evident than when confronting past atrocities like the Holocaust, American slavery, or genocides of the current day. How can ideas of atonement, so central to Jewish ritual and thought, help us think about - and hopefully redress - historic wrongs? This lecture by Suzanne Schneider, BISR's Director of Operations, will explore the tools and concepts within the Jewish textual tradition that might help us formulate a response to this critical social and political need.

FEATURED EVENTS

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING



POSITIVE JUDAISM: A RABBI'S GUIDE TO WELLBEING AND HAPPINESS RABBI DARREN LEVINE SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AT 11:00 AM

Positive Judaism is a new vision for Jewish Life in the 21st Century that places Personal Happiness, Individual Thriving, and Communal Wellbeing at the center. Join Rabbi Darren Levine, the founding Rabbi of Tamid: The Downtown Synagogue in New York City, to learn how this practical focus on Positivity, Happiness, and Wellbeing through Jewish living can transform the lives of individuals and communities.



RABBI ROBERT ORKAND PRESENTS: WHAT DOES JEWISH HUMOR TEACH US ABOUT THE JEWS? SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 11:00 AM

What is Jewish humor, anyway? Is a joke Jewish because it's told by a Jewish comedian? Is it Jewish because it deals with Jews? In short, is there one sentence that can capture the essence of Jewish humor? Probably not. After all, how could one statement encompass jokes about Jewish mothers, reckless and rude drivers in Israel, and anti-Semites? Rabbi Orkand will help us explore Jewish humor and what it can teach us about what it means to be Jewish. Come ready to laugh a little (hopefully) and learn a lot about the many truths Jewish humor reveals.



INTERFAITH THEOLOGY COURSE TUESDAYS 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Westport/Weston clergy of all faiths are joining together to offer this brand-new course on interfaith theology. Each clergy member will teach a segment of the course, enabling us to learn a multitude of perspectives on creation, revelation, redemption, good & evil, covenant and many other topics. Together with our neighbors, we will listen and share with mutual respect and openness in order to achieve greater understanding of others and ourselves.

TI BOOK GROUP

Enjoy engaging discussions and rich fellowship. For more information and descriptions of each book visit: www.tiwestport.org/tibookgroup



THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT 12:30 PM Two She-Bears, by Meir Shalev



THURSDAY, APRIL 12 AT 12:30 PM The Genius of Judaism, by Bernard-Henri Levy



EREV PURIM AT BEIT CHAVERIM 85 POST ROAD WEST, WESTPORT WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 AT 6:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Purim with our friends at Beit Chaverim featuring a reading of, yes you guessed it, the WHOLE MEGILLAH, a Persian banquet, live music and spirits for our spirit!



Volunteer to be a Reading Partner

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." ~ Kofi Annan, Former Secretary General of the United Nations

Build bridges by reading aloud to inner-city children at the Tisdale School in Bridgeport. Opportunities are available in March and April to read and share your passion for literacy with students at this pre K-8 grade school. The Tisdale School welcomes volunteers on either a weekly or monthly basis, and offers flexible scheduling. To participate contact Social Action Committee Chair Allyson Gottlieb: allysonbrooke@gmail.com.





FIRST FRIDAYS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 AND APRIL 6

Reconnect, recharge and renew. Slow down from the week's busyness. Unite, pray and celebrate with your family and ours. Following dinner, enjoy a host of entertainment offerings. For more information: *www.tiwestport.org/firstfridays*

5:30 - 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat Sing Along Song and celebration starring Cantor Dan & our rabbis

6:00 - 6:30 pm Pizza and Crafts Food and family fun \$12 child / \$14 adult 6:30 - 7:30 pm Congregational Shabbat service Soulful music and inspirational worship

7:30 - 8:15 pm Community Dinner An opportunity for connection and friendship \$15 child / \$20 adult **8:15 - 10:00 pm March 2** Featured Guest: Israeli Consul General

April 6 Concert by Sha'ar

9:00 pm Dessert Reception A sweet conclusion to the evening

FEATURED GUEST: YEHUDA YAAKOV CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL TO NEW ENGLAND MARCH 2 AT 8:15 PM

Yehuda Yaakov, the Consul General of Israel to New England, will address the accomplishments and challenges facing Israel as we approach the 70th anniversary of statehood.



SHA'AR PRESENTS: THE MUSIC OF YEDIDIA ADMON ISRAEL'S MOST FAMOUS UNKNOWN COMPOSER APRIL 6 AT 8:15 PM

The band Sha'ar presents an evening of exciting new arrangements to Yedidia Admon's music, complete with stories and anecdotes about the Israeli composer's life and work. Sha'ar has rediscovered Admon's work through the lens of their diverse cultural backgrounds as well as their experience playing improvised music. It is certain to be an evening of exploration and discovery of the work and life of one of Israel's most important composers and songwriters.



FEATURED EVENTS

WOMEN'S GROUP



PASSOVER COOKING EVENT: NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S KUGEL A NEW GENERATION OF PASSOVER COOKING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 AT 7:00 PM

Who says that the Passover Seder has to be the same recipes year after year? Join Brazilian chef Leticia Schwartz in the TI kitchen as she introduces us (and demonstrates) new and delicious recipes to enhance your Passover table. Come ready to sample and take home the recipes to try yourself! Register at: www.tiwestport.org/passovercooking



BRINGING ROSH CHODESH TO TI WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:00 PM

This introductory session will kick off a casual women's study group that celebrates and studies together on the occasion of the monthly new moon, known as Rosh Chodesh.

SPECIAL EVENTS



PURIM CARNIVAL & SHPIEL SUNDAY, MARCH 4: SHPIEL AT 10:30 AM, CARNIVAL AT 11:00 AM

With a shpiel, an adult class, and a carnival full of games, it's bound to be a Purim to remember at Temple Israel! Register for your wristband online at www.tiwestport.org/purim, or pay more at the door.



EXCESS AND MASQUERADE: PURIM LEARNING FOR ADULTS SUNDAY, MARCH 4 AT 11:00 AM

Is this a kids' holiday?! Full of salacious parties, political intrigue, and even attempted murder, the Purim story is one of the most racy in the bible. The Talmud has us get so drunk as to be unable to recognize the difference between cursing the villain and praising the hero. Yet, all this hedonism and inversion is about

more than just a good party. In this session, we will ask, "What are we asking this holiday to do for us?" Through a study of classical Jewish sources and anthropology we will consider how Purim's absurdities help us grapple with life's realities.



2ND NIGHT SEDER

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:00 PM

Join Cantor Dan Sklar and your TI family and friends to celebrate Passover at Temple Israel. We'll read the Haggadah, sing together and celebrate our freedom during this family-friendly, music-filled holiday meal. To register, visit tiwestport.org/Passoverseder.



SAVE THE DATE: MITZVAH DAY SUNDAY, MAY 6 AT 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

It's more than an annual day of service, it is TI's opportunity to serve and bless the greater community. From making meals for the homeless to sending letters to Israel Defense Forces troops, we ensure there is a mitzvah in the making for everyone. More information to follow.

GIFTS NOVEMBER

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING

Lynne and Jerry Minsky in memory of Abraham Minsky

ANNUAL FUND

Rochelle Hollander in memory of Jeffrey Snyder Mitzi Knishkowy in memory of Ken Olson Herb and Marie Rothschild in honor of the Zeldes Family at Chanukah

ART FUND

Toby Michaels in memory of Irving Schwartz

BUILDING AND GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Alexander Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn Ruth-Anne and Bob Perliss in memory of Paige Hammer Ruth-Anne and Bob Perliss in memory of Charles Halper

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Sheryl Benjamin in memory of Paul Benjamin Eileen Berenyi in memory of Ly Herz Brettler Jonathan and Huguette Cunitz

in honor of our grandson, Alex Laskin's bar mitzvah Bruce Fields in memory of Bertram Fields Eileen and Carl Glickman

in memory of Leah Yudkovitz and Carl Morris Marc and Debbie Katz

in honor of the bar mitzvah of Miles Katz Shonnie Lebovitz and Family

with sincerest appreciation from the fam<mark>ily of Meara Lebovitz</mark> April and Steven Lebowitz

on the occasion of Madison Lebowitz' bat mitzvah

in honor of Leah Fenster's bat mitzvah

Debra and Jeff Selden in honor of Jake Selden's bar mitzvah Steven Sklar

Geri and Merrill Stone and Family in memory of Jeff Satkin Randi and Jeremy Vishno and Family

in honor of our daughter Ellery's bat mitzvah

Kim and Eric Wiener in honor of Marc Gare's 50th birthday Torah Study Group

wishing Cantor Dan Sklar's mother a speedy recovery

CARING COMMITTEE

Betsy and Jeff Clachko in memory of Barbara Greenberg Margaret Febbraio in honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday Suzanne Fields in memory of Barbara Meyer Ronnie Aaron Hammer in memory of Gloria Aaron Ronnie Hammer and Al DeLardi

in honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hannes

in honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday Diana Wendy Kleros and George Kleros

in memory of Annette Winston

Stanley Nayer in memory of Esther Nayer Herb Podel and Sheryl Sherman

in honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday

Judith Rafael in honor of Marty Sachs' special birthday Linda and Robert Roth in memory of Lorraine Zimmerman Brody Sondra Rothberg in honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday In honor of Martin Sachs' special birthday

from his loving wife Jane Sachs

Marty and Jane Sachs in honor of Eileen Berenyi wishing a very special birthday to a very special person Sonja Stein in honor of Martin Sachs special birthday Agnes Vertes in memory of Suzanna (Katz) Chiarini Ruth Waldman in memory of Paige Hammer Torah Study Group wishing a speedy recovery

to Arleen and Sandy Block's son Joshua Torah Study Group wishing a speedy recovery

to Bob Bernstein

Torah Study Group wishing a speedy and complete recovery to Leslie Mahtani

CAROL SCHOKE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

James Schoke in memory of Carol Schoke and Elayne Schoke

CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Sheila Foster Israel in memory of Max Foster Bill Mazo in memory of Doba Mazo Barbara Roth in memory of Robert Roth

ELAINE GASTWIRT COLLEGE OUTREACH FUND

Joan Cohen in loving memory of my sister Elaine Gastwirt Marna and Stuart Novack in memory of Eva Novack

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Sheila and Steve Israel in memory of Lou Goldberg

GENERAL FUND

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Rochelle Hollander in memory of Alan Cooper James Kabakow

Sally and Michael Kliegman

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Gary and Shari Korn in memory of Ken Olson Anita Langer in honor of my daughter-in-law and son,

Terrie and Alan Langer, and my grandsons David and Michael Anita Langer in memory of Robert Langer

Marylin and Arthur Levitt in memory of Sidney Blauner Leslie Schluckebier Mahtani

in memory of Phyllis Frost Schluckebier Ken Mufson in memory of Sam Mufson Cheryl Hammer and Ken Mufson

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GRANDPARENTS FUND

Barbara and Joel Beaman in honor of the b'nei mitzvah of Jack Richman and Jake Selden

Art and Amy Buckman and Family

in memory of Barbara Greenberg Rita Chingas in memory of Lui Krieger

Mark and Sue Hariton in memory of Elias Hariton

Dan Magida in memory of Jean Seltzer

Stephen and Barbara Raffel

in memory of Milton Raffel and Mathilda Raffel

Torah Study Group

in honor of Linda Mandel and Arnold Lewis's granddaughter Leah on her bat mitzvah

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IRENE AND STANLEY BESKIND YOUTH FUND

Lynne and Jerry Minsky in memory of Edward Lee Stein

MELVIN AND RUTH P. ZIMMERS CONCERT FUND

Warren and Carole Heller in memory of Bertha Heller

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Betty Heller in memory of Charles Heller

RABBI FRIEDMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sandy and Arleen Block

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Herb and Arlene Bloom

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in honor of our grandson, Alex Laskin's bar mitzvah Marlene Dorison in honor of the birth of Goldie and George Toby Elberger in memory of Harry Elberger

Joyce Narins Fensterstock

in memory of Frances Kross Narins Gladys and Martin Floch in memory of Jeffrey Floch, MD Eileen and Carl Glickman

in honor of our children and grandchildren

Lisa and Jon Gold

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Hedda and Lewis Goldman

Connie Comora Greenfield

in memory of Susan Comora Rosenfeld Mary and Dan Hoffman

in honor of Rabbi Friedman's beautiful family Marc and Debbie Katz

in honor of the bar mitzvah of Miles Katz

David and Phyllis Komansky

Shonnie Lebovitz and Family with sincerest appreciation from the family of Meara Lebovitz

April and Steven Lebowitz

on the occasion of Madison Lebowitz' bat mitzvah Carol and Ted Levy in honor of Joel and Arline Beckoff Linda Mandel and Arnold Lewis

in honor of Leah Fenster's bat mitzvah

Bill Mazo

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Bonita and Lenny Messman

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in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan The Orland and Silverstein Families in memory of Gail Topol Joyce Pauker in memory of Harry Morchower Richard and Harriette Rauh in memory of Lester Rauh Diane Schwartz in memory of Joseph B. Schwartz Marlene and Elliott Siff in memory of Dorothy Marmer Amy, Andrew, Raya and Charlie Sinclair

in honor of Charlie Lucas Sinclair's baby naming Gloria and Mike Stashower

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Geri and Merrill Stone and Family in memory of Jeff Satkin The Thrope Family

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan Philip Weiner in memory of Shirley Weiner Rita and Steve Weisskoff

in honor of the birth of Goldie Rose and George Nolan

Rita and Steve Weisskoff in memory of Anne Richman Weisskoff Craig, Ellen, Lindsey, Michael and Geoffrey Wolson in memory of Max A. Wolson

RABBI MOSS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

Eileen Berenyi in memory of Ly Herz Brettler Debra and Jeff Selden in honor of Jake Selden's bar mitzvah Geri and Merrill Stone in memory of Jeff Satkin Torah Study Group in honor of Rabbi Danny Moss' installation Randi and Jeremy Vishno and Family in honor of our daughter Ellery's bat mitzvah

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Zachary and Ruth Sachs in memory of Irv and Belle Littman

SCHIFF/NAD SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FUND

Abraham Nad in memory of Irving Nad

STEINBERG LIBRARY FUND

Sybil Steinberg in memory of Ann Schless

TORAH STUDY

Arleen and Sandy Block mazel tov to Bob and Bobbie Bernstein on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Sydelle Arleen and Sandy Block in memory of Paige Hammer Arleen and Sandy Block in memory of Curt Block Lauren Cetlin in memory of Paige Hammer Herta Gottschalk and Family in memory of Ernest Gottschalk Ronnie Hammer in honor of Sydelle Bernstein's bat mitzvah Bonita and Lenny Messman wishing a speedy recovery to Arleen and Sandy Block's son Joshua Bonita and Lenny Messman wishing a speedy recovery to Bob Bernstein Bonita and Lenny Messman in memory of Ken Olson Bonita and Lenny Messman in honor of Linda Mandel and Arnold Lewis's granddaughter Leah on her bat mitzvah Stanley Nayer in memory of Ken Olson

Miriam Neswald in memory of Ken Olson Shirlee Schwarz in memory of Ken Olson Torah Study Group in memory of Ken Olson

TZEDAKAH FUND

Barbara Bleemer in memory of Arthur Bleemer Susie and Todd Blumenfeld in memory of Ken Olson Sherelle Harris

Linda and Robert Roth

in memory of Blanche Roth and Hyman Zimmerman Craig, Ellen, Lindsey, Michael and Geoffrey Wolson in memory of Leslie M. Schulgasser

YOUTH PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Susie and Todd Blumenfeld

in honor of Charlie Honig's bar mitzvah Lynne and Jerry Minsky in memory of Edward Lee Stein Zachary and Ruth Sachs in memory of Irv and Belle Littman Craig, Ellen, Lindsey, Michael and Geoffrey Wolson in memory of Evelyn Schulgasser

DONATIONS IN SCOTT RUTSKY'S MEMORY

Susie Blumenfeld in honor of the bat mitzvah of Emmy Marcus Evan and Lorian Perkins Chris and Sarah Thomas

B'NEI MITZVAH MARCH-APRIL



KARLIE SAED Daughter of Brian Saed & Alyse Kramarow March 10, 2018



JACK GROSS Son of Rich & Jennifer Gross March 17, 2018



SOPHIA BRUNO Daughter of Juan Bruno & Jessica Basil March 24, 2018



HOLDEN CANEY Son of Lee & Carolyn Caney April 1, 2018 In Israel



OLIVIA KASABIAN Daughter of Dave & Liz Kasabian April 21, 2018



HANNAH KOHN Daughter of Brian Kohn & Gwendolyn Pane-Kohn April 28, 2018



GAVIN ROTHENBERG Son of Mark & Emily Rothenberg April 28, 2018



BBYO IN westport & weston

BBYO strives to welcome all Jewish teens, regardless of background, denominational affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, including those with a range of intellectual, emotional, and physical disabilities.

Please contact us to learn more.

For years, BBYO has played a significant role for Connecticut area Jewish teens in developing their leadership and social skills, strengthening Jewish identity, learning organizational skills, and creating new friendships with Jewish teens around the world.

BBYO In Our Community

BBYO is the leading pluralistic teen movement that involves more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. With over 500 teen-led chapters (AZA for boys and BBG for girls) across North America, Jewish teens in communities of all shapes and sizes engage their peers in activities focused on community service, philanthropy, civic engagement, Israel education, and Jewish heritage, among other topics.

Temple Israel is thrilled to announce that our 8-12th grade youth program will be transitioning to become a BBYO chapter. BBYO will provide Temple Israel students in grades 8-12 with fun, meaningful and affordable experiences that inspire a lasting connection to the Jewish people. BBYO focuses on the core priorities of inclusivity, Jewish identity, active leadership and tradition. **Come check out BBYO in our community!** If your teens would like to get involved, contact our team.

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Shabbat Celebrations

KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:30 pm on Fridays

MEDITATION AND REFLECTION 8:30 am on Saturdays

SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN 9:00 am on Saturdays

TORAH STUDY

10:00 am on Saturdays

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