



Temple Israel

November/December 2016

CHRONICLE





Temple Israel
WESTPORT, CT

Annual Fund for Temple Israel

*Please help us secure our future by donating to
Temple Israel's Annual Fund.
Every gift is precious.*

As we inaugurate our Annual Fund, we are also augmenting our traditional Gold and Platinum Chai with other opportunities for giving. Whatever you choose to give is appreciated, because every gift is a heartfelt commitment to our congregation and to one another.

<i>Up to \$600</i>	<i>Supporter</i>	<i>Amudim</i>
<i>\$600 and above</i>	<i>Gold Chai</i>	<i>Chai Zahav</i>
<i>\$1,000 and above</i>	<i>Platinum Chai</i>	<i>Chai Platina</i>
<i>\$1,800 and above</i>	<i>Friend</i>	<i>Chaverim</i>
<i>\$3,600 and above</i>	<i>Visionary</i>	<i>Anshei Chazon</i>
<i>\$5,400 and above</i>	<i>Guardian</i>	<i>Shomrim</i>

If you are interested in making a leadership gift of \$10,000 or above please contact Gary Schanzer directly at president@tiwestport.org.

tiwestport.org/annualfund

Attend a Congregational Forum

Learn more about Temple Israel's finances and our vision for the future.

Wednesday, November 2 or

Monday, November 14

at 7:30 pm

Becoming a Gun Safe Congregation

RABBI MICHAEL S. FRIEDMAN, SENIOR RABBI



The truth is evident to us all: senseless gun violence has claimed far too many lives. As your rabbi, I can no longer stand in front of our congregation in good conscience and bemoan these tragedies as I have so many times. Words were long ago deemed feeble and empty.

If we truly lament these shootings and if we truly want them to stop then let's do something about it. Let's put the strength of this congregation behind a principle that matters to us all: creating a safe community.

That's why I'm launching an initiative to make Temple Israel a **Gun Safe Congregation**. In fact, Temple Israel is going to be the very first congregation - Jewish, Christian or Muslim - to brand itself in this manner.

Sadly, none of us can stop a murderous rampage in Orlando or Charleston or San Bernardino. But we can save lives here in Westport and Weston. We can do that by creating a culture of safety and responsibility regarding guns.

What does it mean to be a Gun Safe Congregation? There are several aspects, beginning at our congregational home and radiating outward.

- Simply put, no one should feel the need to bring a firearm into Temple Israel. We have a trained security team here. We have an excellent relationship with the Westport Police Department. We review our security stance on a regular basis. Our congregation is safe.
- If you own a gun at home it should be stored safely away, under lock and key. Furthermore, all adults in the home should be trained in proper firearm use and safety.

- Let's keep our precious children safe. When we send our child to a neighbor's home we need to ask whether there's a gun in the house, and whether it's safely secured. I know this may feel nosy or embarrassing, but we have to ask the question. And we have to keep asking the question until it's part of the culture of our entire community.

- We will put the strength of this congregation behind sensible state and federal legislation to make our community safer. We are already working with our police and other gun safety allies to make sure the gun laws here in CT make sense and are effective at keeping our community safe. We will find opportunities to do the same in Washington, despite the obstacles that legislation sometimes faces.

- We will continue to work with our interfaith partners to encourage manufacturers to bring smart gun technology to the marketplace. Smart guns can only be operated by the legal owner of the weapon. Bringing them to market will reduce accidental shootings, theft of weapons, and the number of guns sold on the black market.

Why do individuals come together to be part of Temple Israel? For Jewish ritual, learning and community, to be sure. But we also come together as a congregation so that together we can have an impact on the world that we could never have on our own. We desperately want to live in a world that reflects and lives by the values that we hold sacred. By becoming a Gun Safe Congregation we act to preserve the sanctity of human life and we increase peace in the world. May it be so.

For more information visit:
tiwestport.org/gunsafecongregation

Upcoming Events

Shabbat Celebrations Youth Events

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 SHABBATS

- FIRST FRIDAYS at Temple Israel
November 4 at 5:30 pm
December 2 at 5:30 pm
- Shabbat of Chanukah
Friday, December 30 at 6:30 pm

Chanukah Celebrations

- Chanukah Party
Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am
- Shabbat of Chanukah
Friday, December 30 at 6:30 pm

Religious School

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

- 4th Grade
"Let's Talk About God"
Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 am
- 1st Grade
"Celebrate Shabbat"
Sunday, November 20 at 9:00 am
- 2nd Grade
"Shedding the Lights of Chanukah"
Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am

E@T AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Religious School Students in grades 2-6

- 2nd Grade
Monday, November 14 at 5:30 pm
Monday, December 5 at 5:30 pm
- 3rd Grade
Monday, November 21 at 6:00 pm
Monday, December 12 at 6:00 pm
- 4th Grade
Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 pm
- 5th Grade
Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm
- 6th Grade
Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 pm

KATANTY

Students in grades 2-4

- Gaga at The Gaga Center
Sunday, November 13

MITY

Students in grades 5-7

- Dinner at Sakura
Monday, November 7

TISY

Students in grades 8-12

- Cupcake Wars and Movie Night
Friday, November 18 at 5:30 pm
- Jordan's Indoor Ropes Course
Sunday, December 11

Adult Jewish Learning

• RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER LECTURE

Rabbi Judith Schindler, speaker
Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 am

• BOOK GROUP

The Betrayers, David Bezmozgis
Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 pm
Safekeeping, Jessamyn Hope
Thursday, December 8 at 12:30 pm

• TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Community Events

- Covenant, Commandment and Commitment: Mitzvot, Obligation and Sacrament in Jewish and Christian Tradition
Sunday, November 20 at 8:30am
at Norfield Congregational Church
64 Norfield Rd, Weston, CT

- Chanukah Party
Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am

Fine Arts Events

- Rabbi Greg Wall Jazz Band and Coffee House
Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 pm

Women's Group

- TI Women are talking about...
Life Choices: Balancing Career, Family and Self in 2016
Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 pm
RSVP womensgroup@tiwestport.org
- Brisket Throwdown!
Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am
To enter into the contest or to learn more
womensgroup@tiwestport.org

FEATURED EVENTS

Fine Arts Program



RABBI GREG WALL JAZZ BAND AND COFFEE HOUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 7:00 PM

Saxophonist and rabbi of congregation Beit Chaverim Synagogue of Westport/Norwalk, Rabbi Greg Wall has performed and recorded with Hasidic New Wave, Greg Wall Trio, The Wall/London Band, Neshama Carlebach, the Hi-Tops, Greg Wall's Unity Orchestra, and has made many session appearances for record dates and film scores. Cocktails and light appetizers begin at 7:15 pm, show begins at 8:00 pm with dessert to follow.

Adult Jewish Learning

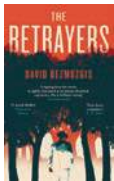


RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER LECTURE, RABBI JUDITH SCHINDLER, SPEAKER THE FIVE STEPS TO LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR: MOVING CONGREGATIONS FROM VOLUNTEERISM TO ADVOCACY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 11:00 AM

The Jewish commandment to 'love your neighbor,' known by the interfaith world as the Golden Rule, is found in fourteen religious traditions. In Judaism, its fulfillment requires more than emotion it requires action. Rabbi Judy Schindler will explore how creating a 'minyan on the move' as a congregation outside the synagogue walls offers meaningful participation to many modern Jews.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK GROUP

Come and enjoy engaging discussions and rich fellowship.
For more information and descriptions of each book visit tiwestport.org/tibookgroup.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 12:30 PM The Betrayers, David Bezmozgis



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 12:30 PM Safekeeping, Jessamyn Hope

Community Events



THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AMBASSADOR DENNIS ROSS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 7:30 PM

The Conservative Synagogue of Westport 30 Hillspoint Road, Westport, CT
What does a new administration mean for U.S. Policy in the Middle East? What are the implications for Israel's security, counterterrorism, and our relationships with key allies in the region? We will gather two weeks before Election Day to hear Ambassador Ross' trusted insight and broad expertise as he explores these issues and more. Register at dennisrosswestport.eventbrite.com

FIGHTING BDS IN CONGRESS AND ON CAMPUS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 7:30 PM

The Conservative Synagogue of Westport 30 Hillspoint Rd, Westport, CT
A panel discussion on AIPAC's two-pronged approach to tackling the de-legitimization of Israel, co-hosted by Rabbi Friedman.



COVENANT, COMMANDMENT AND COMMITMENT: MITZVOT, OBLIGATION AND SACRAMENT IN JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TRADITION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 at 8:30AM NORFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 64 NORFIELD RD, WESTON, CT

How do Christians and Jews understand the role of commandment and commitment in their unique traditions? How do we comprehend what God wants of us, and then act upon it in the world? Rabbi Friedman will join Rev. Dr. Bernard Wilson and Rev. Kelly Hough Rogers of Norfield Congregational Church for an intimate exploration of these questions and more. Rabbi Friedman will speak at the worship service immediately following.

FEATURED EVENTS

First Fridays at Temple Israel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 and DECEMBER 2

The FIRST FRIDAY of each month is a Shabbat not to be missed. Whether you're a family or a senior, single or partnered, young or young-at-heart, there's something for you at FIRST FRIDAYS. Visit www.tiwestport.org/firstfridays for more information.



TOT SHABBAT SING ALONG

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Song and celebration starring Cantor Dan & our rabbis

PIZZA AND CRAFTS

6:00 - 6:30 pm

Food and family fun

\$5 child / \$8 adult



CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT SERVICE

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Soulful music and inspirational worship



COMMUNITY DINNER

7:30 - 8:15 pm

An opportunity for connection and reflection

\$12 child / \$15 adult



ADULT PROGRAM

8:15 - 10:00 pm

November 4, *Annie Hall*

December 2, *A Serious Man*

DESSERT RECEPTION

10:00 pm

A sweet send off

Women's Group

TI WOMEN ARE TALKING ABOUT... LIFE CHOICES: BALANCING CAREER, FAMILY AND SELF IN 2016
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 7:00 PM

RSVP womensgroup@tiwestport.org

TI BRISKET THROWDOWN
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Think you (or someone you know) makes the best brisket in Fairfield County?
Be part of the first ever brisket competition at Temple Israel's Chanukah party.



GIFTS AUGUST — MID-SEPTEMBER 2016

ASST. RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Carl and Eileen Glickman in memory of Elliot Morris

Leslie Mahtani in memory of J.P. Schluckebier

Richard Friedman in memory of Rhoda Friedman

CANTOR RICHARD B. SILVERMAN MUSIC FUND

Leslie Eisen-Abrams in memory of Marilyn Eisen

Stan Nayer in memory of Judith Levin

CANTOR SKLAR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sheila and John Weiss in memory of George Weiss

Hazel and Stephen Shulman in memory of Evelyn Shulman Chefitz

Trudy Selib and Family in memory of David Selib

CARING COMMITTEE

Barbara Rogan in memory of Dorothy Lavey

Carolyn Caney in memory of Richard Bacon

Vivian Rosenzweig Edelman in memory of Anne Margolis and Benjamin Margolis

Mitchell Richling in memory of Ida Richling

Arlene Sachs in memory of Marvin and Ruth Sachs

Martin and Jane Sachs in honor of Sarah Magida's happiness and future wedding

Lauren Cetlin in gratitude for their caring hearts

Lauren Cetlin in honor of Kay Nudelman, may God grant her healing

CAROL SCHOKE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

James Schoke in memory of Elayne Schoke and Carol Schoke

James Schoke in memory of Charles Schoke

ECC Staff in memory of Lester Breidenbach, Jr.

CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Monica Goldstein in memory of Ethel Cohn

Linda Gans in memory of Jeanette Bloom Friedman and James H. Bloom

Joan Slosberg in memory of Frank Shidler

Eleanor Dinitz and Family in memory of Arthur Dinitz

ELAINE GASTWIRT COLLEGE OUTREACH FUND

Sheila and Steve Israel in memory of Edward Israel

GRANDPARENTS FUND

Monica Goldstein in memory of Ethel Cohn

Rita Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn

Martha and Richard Siderowf in memory of Burton and Bess Resnik

RABBI FRIEDMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rhona Derrin Lieberman in memory of Robert Rosenfeld

The Schuster Family in memory of Joyce Schuster

Trudy Selib and Family in memory of David Selib

Susan and Stan Witkow in support of Shabbat on the Beach

Gene Cederbaum in memory of Judy Levin

Gladys and Martin Floch in memory of Allen Wisser

Ellen Wisser in memory of Allen Wisser

Marlene and Jerry Backman in appreciation of Rabbi Friedman

Herb and Arlene Bloom in honor of Mike Stashower's 90th birthday

John and Sheila Weiss in memory of Judith Levin

Suzanne and Robert Kahn in memory of James Davis

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mary Sue and Ed Teplitz in memory of Carolyn Rothenberg

TORAH RESTORATION

Lori Tompkins, Ed and Joan Roth in honor of Ken Olson

TORAH STUDY

Lisa and Tony Pesco in memory of Irving Becker

Bonita and Lenny Messman wishing a speedy recovery to Kay Nudelman

Torah Study Group wishing a speedy recovery to Kay Nudelman

Ken Mufson in memory of Edward Mufson

Lauren Cetlin in honor of the wedding of Sarah Magida and Chase Foster

Lauren Cetlin in honor of the Torah Study Group, in gratitude for their ongoing support and care

YOUTH PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Valerie Malter and Stuart Kaye in memory of Marvin Kaye







B'NAI MITZVAH NOVEMBER — DECEMBER



JOSH LAPPING

Son of
Rhonda & David Lapping
November 5, 2016



AIDAN ROGERS

Son of
Don & Danna
November 19, 2016



DOUGLAS PHILLIPS

Son of
Richard & Lynn Phillips
November 19, 2016



ALEXIS FLIEGELMAN

Daughter of
Lawrence & Pam Fliegelman
December 17, 2016



DANA COFSKY

Daughter of
Larry & Beth Cofsky
November 19, 2016



HANNAH EVEN

Daughter of
Ron & Michele Even
December 10, 2016





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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 Saturdays

TORAH STUDY

10:00 am on Saturdays

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