



Temple Israel

# CHRONICLE

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## *A Message from the Rabbi*

**RABBI MICHAEL S. FRIEDMAN,  
SENIOR RABBI**



Shabbat evening is, of course, a weekly event at every synagogue in the world. It is part of the generations-old cycle of what we do.

But lots of things get in the way of our celebrating Shabbat. We have to work late, or

commute from Manhattan. Our children have very full schedules, including athletic teams and birthday parties. We want to make Shabbat special in some way but somehow something else always seems to intervene.

So we asked, given all the obstacles, *What could Shabbat be for our community? Could Shabbat at Temple Israel be a night not to be missed? Could we create a Shabbat experience so extraordinary that we will mark our calendars and make a point of showing up?*

Such an experience would surely have to offer soulful, uplifting *tefillah* (prayer) for all ages that enables us to leave the work-week behind. It would have to include celebratory meals, in which congregants have the opportunity to get to know one another across generations. It would have to culminate in a relaxing-but-engaging evening program for adults. It would have to offer options so that we accommodate different schedules and interests. And of course we would have plenty of challah, wine and dessert throughout!

First Fridays is our attempt to create such a Shabbat experience for our community. We began in October and we invite you to join us on November 6 and December 4. Let's come together on First Fridays to make Shabbat what we know it can be: our unique time to come together as Jews, to rest and celebrate at the end of a long week, to bring our Temple Israel community alive.

# 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
- Shabbat Morning Service  
11:15 am on Saturdays

### SPECIAL SHABBATS

- Shabbat to Commemorate Rabbi Rubenstein's 25th Yahrzeit  
October 16 at 6:30 pm
- FIRST FRIDAYS at Temple Israel  
November 6 starting at 5:30 pm
- Shabbat in Honor of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
November 20 at 6:30 pm

## Religious School

### MEET THE TEACHER WEEK

October 18-22

### FAMILY PROGRAMMING

- 4th Grade Family Connection  
Let's Talk About God  
November 1 at 8:45 am

- 5th Grade Family Connection  
Leaving a Legacy  
October 11 at 8:45 am
- 5th Grade Family Connection  
The Original Jewish Book of Why  
November 22 at 8:45 am

## Youth Events

### KATANTY EVENTS

Students in grades 2-5 welcome

- Tie Dye and Pizza Party  
October 25 at 11:15 am
- Cupcake Wars  
November 15 at 11:15 am

### MITY EVENTS

Students in grades 6-8 welcome

- Dinner at Sakura Japanese Restaurant  
October 17 at 4:45 pm
- Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl  
November 2 at 6:30 pm

### TISY EVENTS

Students in grades 9-12 welcome

- Scavenger Hunt at Westport Library  
October 24 at 5:00 pm
- Paintball at Yankee Paintball  
November 14 at 12:00 pm

### E@T AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Religious school students in grades 2-6

- 2nd Grade at 5:30 pm  
October 19, November 9

- 3rd Grade at 6:00 pm  
October 26, November 16
- 4th Grade at 6:00 pm  
October 22, November 12
- 5th Grade at 6:00 pm  
October 20, November 10
- 6th Grade at 5:30 pm  
October 27, November 17

### CHESED CLUB

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk  
October 18 at 10:00 am  
at Sherwood Island State Park
- Volunteer at Earthplace  
November 22 at 10:30 am  
Meet at Temple Israel

### MADRICHIM TRAINING

- November 30 at 5:30 pm

## Adult Jewish Learning

### TI CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS BOOK GROUP

- In Paradise by Peter Matthiessen  
November 12 at 12:00 pm

### ADULT JEWISH LEARNING SERIES

- Mark Rothko: Toward the Light in the Chapel with Annie Cohen-Solal  
November 1 at 11:00 am

### MONDAY MORNING MATTERS

- Mondays at 10:30 am  
Beginning October 19

## FEATURED EVENTS

### Commemorating the 25th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein



Rubenstein, along with his favorite music.

#### OCTOBER 16 AT 6:30 PM

Celebrate the life and work of Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein, with Byron and Sue's four children, at a special Shabbat held in his honor. Our service will incorporate poetry and writings by Rabbi

### HUC-JIR Shabbat

#### NOVEMBER 20 AT 6:30 PM

Temple Israel welcomes rabbinic and cantorial students from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the alma mater of Rabbi Friedman, Cantor Sklar, and Rabbi Schwartz. Rabbi Shirley Idelson, Ph.D., Dean of HUC-JIR will speak about the College's vision of preparing future leaders for the Reform Movement and Jewish people worldwide. Afterward, stay for a special oneg to meet Rabbi Idelson and HUC-JIR students.



### Adult Jewish Learning Series



#### MARK ROTHKO: TOWARD THE LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL WITH ANNIE COHEN-SOLAL, NOVEMBER 1 AT 11:00 AM

Mark Rothko was one of the foremost Abstract Expressionists. Cultural historian, Annie Cohen-Solal discusses Rothko's art and his trajectory from the point of view of his experience as a Jewish immigrant in the United States. Learn more about Annie Cohen-Solal and her book at [www.tiwestport.org/adultjewishlearning](http://www.tiwestport.org/adultjewishlearning).

### Temple Israel's Book Group to Read, In Paradise by Peter Matthiessen



#### NOVEMBER 12 AT 12:00 PM

In Paradise is the final novel by three-time winner of the National Book Award, Peter Matthiessen. A spiritual retreat in Auschwitz in 1996 is the setting for a story that explores and provokes

an examination of humanity's capacity for evil. Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Book Group discussion leaders are Harriet Selverstone, Freda Easton and Karin Beitel. For more information, please contact Temple Israel's Director of Education, Karin Beitel at [kbeitel@tiwestport.org](mailto:kbeitel@tiwestport.org).

### FIRST FRIDAYS at Temple Israel

#### NOVEMBER 6

We're making the FIRST FRIDAY of each month 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.

5:30 - 6:00 pm

#### Tot Shabbat Sing Along

Starring Cantor Dan & our rabbis

6:00 - 6:30 pm

#### Shabbat Pizza Party

Crafts, food, and fun  
\$5 child / \$8 adult

6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### Congregational Shabbat Service

Soulful music and inspirational worship

7:30 - 8:15 pm

#### Community Dinner

An opportunity to connect with your Temple family  
\$12 child / \$15 adult

8:15 - 9:00 pm

#### Adult Program

Changing monthly to engage and inspire

9:00 pm

#### Dessert Reception

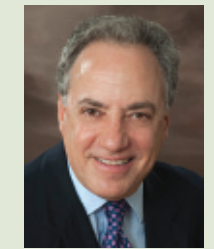
A sweet way to end the night

For more information or to RSVP for dinner, visit [www.tiwestport.org/firstfridays](http://www.tiwestport.org/firstfridays).



## A Message from the President

STEVEN PHILLIPS



### Remembering Rabbi Rubenstein

Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein and his wife Sue came to Temple Israel in 1959. Rabbi Rubenstein

would spend the next quarter century with us as our senior rabbi. In many ways, the Temple Israel we know today, its rhythms and routines, its principles and practices, rest on foundations he helped create.

Friday, October 16, will be Rabbi Rubenstein's twenty-fifth Yahrzeit. We will observe that occasion by commemorating his life and his work. Rabbi Rubenstein's and Sue's four children will join us that evening for a service featuring selections from their father's writings, poetry, and the music he loved.

For our members who recall those days so fondly, this Shabbat will be a singular opportunity to reconnect with the idealism and integrity of a beloved rabbi whose example still resonates in our sanctuary and schools today. For our members who have joined in later years, it will be a chance to celebrate how Rabbi Rubenstein's many years of leadership and service, like those of Rabbi Orkand who followed him, gave us more than stability and purpose. They created a congregation and community.

Our Shabbat service on October 16 will not only be a moving celebration of who we have been; it will be an inspiring evocation of the congregation our rabbis have urged us to become. I hope you will join us.

## GIFTS JUNE 2015 – AUGUST 2015

### ADULT JEWISH LEARNING

Ruth-Anne & Bob Perliss in memory of Herb Barrett

Ruth-Anne & Bob Perliss in memory of Judy Nayer Spevack, daughter of Stanley Nayer

Susan & David Kalman in memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

### ASSISTANT RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Adam & Bonnie Adelpkopf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Derrick Adelpkopf & the Confirmation of Marnie Adelpkopf

Ari, Lauren & Jane Turner in memory of Barry Turner

Leslie Mahtani in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

Eileen & Carl Glickman in memory of Elliot Morris

Rhonda Bloom in memory of my mother, Carolyn Bloom

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Nanette Gandelman in memory of Jeanette Gottfried

Rhona Derrin Lieberson in memory of my father, Robert Rosenfeld

Alexander Chingas in memory of my grandfather, Harry Kohn

Rita Chingas in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

### CANTOR RICHARD B. SILVERMAN MUSIC FUND

Charlene & Gordon Kerner in memory of Judith Ellen Nayer Spevack, daughter of Stanley Nayer

Barbara & Jeffrey Schwab in memory of Ina Ruth Silverman

Marshall Cetlin in memory of Ben Cetlin

Kay & Alan Nudelman in memory of Harry Friedman, father of Julie Sharp

Lois Sussman in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

### CANTOR SKLAR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Leslie Mahtani

Rhonda Bloom in memory of my mother, Carolyn Bloom

Natalie & Michelle Einson in memory of Marshall Einson

Matthew Evans in memory of Sylvia Phillips

Adam & Bonnie Adelpkopf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Derrick Adelpkopf & the Confirmation of Marnie Adelpkopf

The Barrett Family in memory of Herb Barrett

Harve Schuster in memory of Gerda Schuster

Ivy Gosseen in memory of Sylvia Phillips

The Phillips Family in memory of Sylvia Phillips

Allison Ziering Walmark in memory of Sondra Nudelman Ziering

Eileen & Carl Glickman in memory of Elliot Morris

### CAROL SCHOKE ROTHKE FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

James Schoke in memory of Elayne Schoke & Carol Schoke Rothke

Rita Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn

### CARING COMMITTEE

In memory of Harry Katz, father of Sue Hariton

Marji & Norman Feinstein in memory of Herbert Barrett, with sincere condolences to you and yours, know you are in our thoughts

Ilse Greif in memory of Herb Barrett

Mark Pressman in memory of Ken Pressman

Barbara & Jeff Schwab in memory of Gertrude Schwab, mother & grandmother

Barbara & Stuart Rogan in memory of Judy Nayer Spevack, daughter of Stanley Nayer

Linda & Lanny Gans in memory of Jeanette Bloom Friedman, James H. Bloom, Estelle Glass & Marshall Gans

Linda & Lanny Gans with thanks to the Caring Committee for all of the wonderful, generous meals!

In memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

Joyce N. Fensterstock in memory of Frances Kross Narins

Bonita & Lenny Messman in memory of Harry Friedman, father of Julie Sharp

Torah Study Group in memory of Harry Friedman, father of Julie Sharp

Stan & Phyllis Groner in memory of Rachel Groner

Bonita & Lenny Messman in loving memory of Elliot Morris, beloved brother, uncle & father

Bonita & Lenny Messman in loving memory of Nat Magida, beloved husband, father & grandfather

Torah Study Group in loving memory of Elliot Morris, beloved brother, uncle & father

Torah Study Group in loving memory of Nat Magida, beloved husband, father & grandfather

Audrey Magida's Mah Jongg Group in loving memory of Nat

Magida, beloved husband, father & grandfather, with love from Miriam, Ellen, Diane & Bonita

Barbara & Jeffrey Schwab in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

## GIFTS JUNE 2015 – AUGUST 2015

Ken & Phyllis Makovsky in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

Ken & Phyllis Makovsky in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

Lorin & Marc Blitzer in memory of Mindy Wallach, sister of Susan Greisman

Melissa & Ed Diamond in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

Rhonda Bloom in memory of my mother, Carolyn Bloom

### ELAINE GASTWIRT COLLEGE OUTREACH FUND

Linda & Lanny Gans in memory of Jeanette Bloom Friedman

### CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Carole Ruden in memory of Hilda Young

Arnold & Enid Ganz in memory of William L. Ganz

Barbara Roth in memory of Joseph Beckman

Sheila & Steve Israel in memory of Mae Foster

Phyllis & Cal Braunstein in memory of Ann Bronitsky, mother of Phyllis Braunstein

Sheila & Stephen Israel in memory of Edith Israel

Phyllis & Cal Braunstein in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

Phyllis & Cal Braunstein in memory of Alessandra Stein, mother of Richard Stein

Daniel & Sara Levinson in memory of Alessandra Stein, mother of Richard Stein

### GENERAL FUND

Lorin & Marc Blitzer in honor of the Confirmation of Nicki

Blitzer, with many thanks to the Clergy

The Orland & Silverstein Families in memory of Cyrus Topol

Cheryl Hammer in memory of Leo Hammer

Pearl & Paul Kane in memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

Sally & Michael Kliegman in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

Stacy Kamisar in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

### GRANDPARENTS FUND

In memory of Richard Byer

Richard & Martha Siderowf in memory of our dear mother, Bess Resnik

Sue & Mark Hariton in memory of Goldie Katz  
Hank & Carol Herman in memory of Stella Herman

Debra Pinals in loving memory of father & grandfather, Ed Glotzer

Esther Poliner wishing a speedy recovery to my grandson, Todd Kulkin

Ellen Wisser & Family in memory of my father, Samuel Borenstein

Rita Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn

Vivian Edelman in memory of Ben Margolis

Vivian Edelman in memory of Anne Margolis

### FUND FOR JEWISH CONTINUITY

Craig & Ellen Wolson in memory of George Sugarman

Wendy & Brian Sobelman in memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

### RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER LECTURE FUND

Stuart & Valerie Kaye in memory of Marvin Kaye

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Howard & Janet Rubel in memory of Stanley B. Rubel

### RITUAL COMMITTEE

Melissa & Ed Diamond in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

### RABBI FRIEDMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Geri & Merrill Stone in honor of Eleanor Stone Smith's baby Naming

Rhonda Bloom in memory of my mother, Carolyn Bloom

Jean Levy & Family in memory of Barbara Berger

Dan Magida in memory of Henrietta Magida

Arthur Levitt in memory of Dorothy Levitt

In memory of Monty Gerbush

Martin & Gladys Floch in memory of Gloria Lobel, sister of Martin Floch

Lee Perloff & Margo Schiff

Stephen Lasner in memory of my grandfather, A.O. Samuels

Adam & Bonnie Adelpkopf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Derrick Adelpkopf & the Confirmation of Marnie Adelpkopf

Barbara Boroughs in memory of Ada Friedman

Herbert & Arlene Bloom in memory of Louis Perlis

The Barrett Family in memory of Herb Barrett

Sandra Heine in memory of Sally Fleming

Bill & Jodi Felton in memory of Murray B. Felton

Joyce Pauker in memory of Helen Morchower





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Rose Goldstein in memory of my father, William Henkin

Doris Case in memory of Edward Case

Paul & Roberta Cooper in memory of Saul Cooper

Gladys Handelman in memory of my husband, Stuart N. Handelman

Mary & Dan Hoffman

Dan Magida in memory of Abram Magida

The Schuster Family in memory of Joyce Schuster

Craig & Ellen Wolson in memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

Ellen Wisser & Family in memory of Allen Wisser

Estelle Margolis in memory of Emanuel Margolis

Estelle Margolis in memory of my sister, Lorna T. Rosenthal

Russell & Linda Wulf, Ellen Wulf & Ben Riordan & Susann Wulf in memory of our father & husband, Richard Wulf

Susan Yules in memory of Lillian Chrein

Kay & Alan Nudelman in memory of Richard Wulf, father of Russell Wulf

Diane Schwartz in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey Magida

Roberta & Paul Cooper in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

Susan & Stanley Witkow in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

Melissa & Ed Diamond in memory of Mindy Wallach, sister of Susan Greisman & Fern Perlman

Melissa & Ed Diamond in memory of Florence Witkow, mother of Stanley Witkow

Diane Ash in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

Carol & Ted Levy in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

### SCHIFF/NAD SPECIAL CHILDREN FUND

Bob & Suzanne Kahn in memory of Carol R. Kahn

Suzanne & Bob Kahn in memory of Bertha Davis

Leslie Eisen-Abrams in memory of my mother, Marilyn Eisen

Abe Nad in memory of Esther Nad

### STEINBERG LIBRARY FUND

Harold & Sybil Steinberg in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

### TEACHING TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FUND

Sue & Mark Hariton in memory of Rose Hariton

### TORAH STUDY

Bob & Bobbie Bernstein in memory of Herb Barrett

Bonita & Lenny Messman wishing a speedy recovery to Abe Nad

Torah Study Group wishing a speedy recovery to Abe Nad

The Barrett Family in memory of Herb Barrett

Michele Baxter in memory of Allen J. Bagwin

Bob & Bobbie Bernstein in memory of Harry Friedman, father of Julie Sharp

Arleen & Sandy Block in memory of Harry Friedman, father of Julie Sharp

Barbara & Jeffrey Schwab in memory of Nat Magida, husband of Audrey, father of Dan

Lisa & Tony Pesco in memory of Irving Becker

Janet & Denis Mittleman in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

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Arleen & Sandy Block in memory of Elliot Morris, brother of Eileen Glickman

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### TZEDAKAH FUND

Susan & Lawrence Kirschenbaum in memory of Robert Svigals

Carol Goldberg & Scott Zimmerman in honor of Joan Wetzler's 80th birthday

Lawrence Zlatkin & Maureen Whiteman

Bruce & Miriam Adler

Eric & Kim Wiener

Carol Rosetti in memory of Hyman Jaffe & Jonathan Fox

### YOUTH PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND

Paul Levin in memory of Nadine Lee Levin

Susie Blumenfeld & Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Matthew Epstein

Ellie Dinitz in memory of Joseph Kushner

### YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Suzette & Jeremy Jacobs in honor of our niece, Rachel Wiskind

## B'NAI MITZVAH SEPTEMBER 2015 – NOVEMBER 2015

### HAILEY NUSBAUM

Daughter of Jeff & Marni Nusbaum  
September 26, 2015

### JONATHAN AMERI

Son of Daniel & Sharon Ameri  
October 10, 2015

### JESSICA PLOTKIN

Daughter of Jeffrey & Nancy Plotkin  
October 10, 2015

### JEFFREY PRESSMAN

Son of Mark & Jennifer Pressman  
October 17, 2015

### CHLOE LEEDS

Daughter of Richard & Laura Leeds  
October 24, 2015

### OLIVIA SARNO

Daughter of David & Amanda Sarno  
October 24, 2015

### REMY YOUNG

Daughter of Larry & Susan Young  
October 24, 2015

### REED CANEY

Son of Lee & Carolyn Caney  
October 31, 2015

### EDWARD KIEV

Son of Marshall & Johanna Kiev  
November 7, 2015

### EMMA ROSEN

Daughter of Reide Rosen & Jennifer Rosen  
November 7, 2015

### MOLLY GOLD

Daughter of Marc & Jennifer Gold  
November 7, 2015

### ABE RUBIN

Son of Jeff & Sue Rubin  
November 7, 2015

### DANIELLE SPADACENTA

Daughter of Marco Spadacenta & Cindy Yellen  
November 14, 2015

### MICHAEL BLANKFEIN

Son of Eric & Jennifer Blankfein  
November 14, 2015

### NAOMI FENSTER

Daughter of Jordan Fenster & Sarah Woozley  
November 14, 2015

### JACOB WEBER

Son of Seth & Neva Weber  
November 21, 2015

### BENJAMIN CLACHKO

Son of Jeff & Betsy Clachko  
November 28, 2015

### JUSTIN LESSING

Son of David & Stacy Lessing  
November 28, 2015

### HENRY BECK

Son of Joel Beck & Jody Berkowitz Beck  
November 28, 2015





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## *Shabbat Celebrations*

### **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

### **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**

11:15 am on Saturdays

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