

TEMPLE ISRAEL CHRONICLE

JUNE 2014

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Our Year at Temple Israel 2013 - 2014 / 5774



June Schedule of Services

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 PM Erev Shavuot Service & Confirmation

Wednesday, June 4

9:00 AM Shavuot Worship Service & Yizkor

Friday, June 6

5:45 PM Got Shabbat? Snacks

6:00 PM Got Shabbat? Family Service, Dinner and Shabbat Activity

8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

9:15 PM Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 7

8:30 AM Meditation & Reflection

9:00 AM Minyan/Torah Study

5:30 PM Late Shabbat Afternoon Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Resnick

Friday, June 13

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:15 PM Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 14

8:30 AM Meditation & Reflection

9:00 AM Minyan/Torah Study

11:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Kadezabek

5:30 PM Late Shabbat Afternoon Service

Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Schwartz

Friday, June 20

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:15 PM Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 21

8:30 AM Meditation & Reflection

9:00 AM Minyan/Torah Study

11:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Meredith Macey

Friday, June 27

6:30 PM Shabbat on the Beach

Saturday, June 28

8:30 AM Meditation & Reflection

9:00 AM Minyan/Torah Study

Life Cycle

We Mourn the Passing of:

- Fran Gare, mother of Marc Gare
- Isaak Gottfried, father of Nanette Gandelman
- Judith A. Kaplan, mother of Shelley Driesman
- Edward I. Small, father of Richard Small
- Ruth Stein, mother of Lynne Minsky

Mazal Tov: Births:

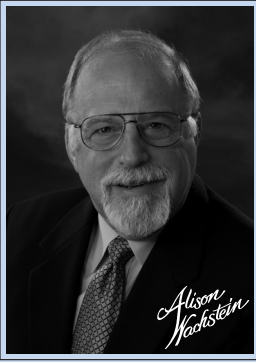
- Isaac Simon and Jonah Ray Sklar, twin sons of Cantors Dan and Shirah Sklar
- Ethan Weber, son of Erica and Marc Weber

We Welcome the Following New Members:

- Sabrina and Daniel Glimcher, and their daughter Karen
- Deborah and Jeffrey Goldenberg, and their children Aidan and Max
- Rachel and Robert Phillips, and their children Andrew and Julia

Weekly Torah Portions for June, 2014

June 4	Shavuot	Exod. 19:1-8; 20:1-14	June 21	Korach	Num. 16:1-18:32
June 7	B'haalot'cha	Num. 8:1-12:16	June 28	Chukat	Num. 19:1-22:1
June 14	Sh'lach L'cha	Num. 13:1-15:41			



Message from Rabbi Richard Shapiro

As I sit at my desk writing this message, the signs of transition are all around me: my books are disappearing from the shelves and the boxes are stacking up; the stacks of paper on my desk are getting smaller; there are fewer and fewer things on my calendar each day; and the number of emails to respond to and phone calls to return are decreasing rapidly. But, after all, this is the way it's supposed to happen; this is the way we planned it.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Interim Senior Rabbi for this past year. Your warmth, openness, and dedication to Judaism and this congregation have made our presence here and my work with you an absolute delight. I am confident that all of these qualities, plus the work you have done in beginning the process of moving forward into the next chapter of your congregational life, will be a solid foundation for the years ahead as you welcome Rabbi Michael Friedman into your family as your new Senior Rabbi.

As you all know, we are on our way to Overland Park, Kansas to begin the next chapter in our lives. As we prepare to move I want you to know that you will all remain a part of my life. Your friendships and support have made it possible for us to feel at home here, and we will take a piece of Westport with us wherever we go. Through your wisdom and commitment, you have been my teachers and have become a part of who I am and will continue to be as a rabbi. For all of that, and so much more, I thank you, and wish you well as your journey continues.

Temple Teens to be Confirmed

Shavuot will be celebrated this year on Tuesday evening, June 3 at 7:30 pm and Wednesday, June 4 at 9:00 am. The Tuesday evening service will be a Temple-wide celebration of Confirmation and will be led by our tenth-grade confirmands. Shavuot is the last pilgrimage holiday of the Jewish year and celebrates the giving of the Law at Sinai and the Covenant made between God and the Jewish people. The Wednesday morning service, to be held in the reception room, will include Yizkor.

During the evening service, our confirmands will confirm their ongoing relationship to God, Torah, and the Jewish people. The Reform movement chose Shavuot as the occasion on which Confirmation would take place because it allows young people in every generation the opportunity to renew that covenant established so long ago at Sinai. The entire Congregation is invited to celebrate with our confirmands and their families by attending the special service and the reception to follow.

The entire Congregation wishes our confirmands and their families *mazal tov*. They are:

Leah Blitstein, daughter of Harriet and Ronald Blitstein
Cassandra Cohen, daughter of Claudia and Arthur Cohen
Adam Gasway, son of Susan Lake and David Gasway
Samuel Glasberg, son of Emily and Mark Glasberg
Jessica Greenwald, daughter of Ellen and Kenneth Greenwald
Maggie Gross, daughter of Amy and Michael Gross
Talia Hendel, daughter of Ellen Lautenberg and Douglas Hendel
Benjamin Kanter, son of Jennifer and Andrew Kanter
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PLEASE JOIN US: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 9 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- To elect Term Trustees and Officers in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws
- To elect members of the Endowment Fund Committee and
- To consider and take such action as the meeting may determine upon all other matters properly coming before the Congregation.

Please call the synagogue office for more information at (203) 227-1293
or email lgoldberg@tiwestport.org

Temple Israel
Shabbat on The Beach!

June 27
July 11
July 18
August 8

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Wonderful Celebrations at Temple Israel

By Lital Rasovsky



It is hard to believe that the year has already passed — an amazing year full of experiences! This year I have learned, taught, experienced, helped, explained, played, shared, tasted, and especially enjoyed. There is no doubt that this year has changed me for the better—I am completing this year as a “different Lital” than when I started it.

I have had so many amazing experiences here. One of them happened just recently. I created a special program about Yom Hazikaron (the day dedicated to remembering the Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day). We started with a ceremony about our Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror; the children took part and told stories about fallen soldiers and each story was told in a video with a song that a soldier wrote; it was so touching. It was important to share with them how we mark the day in Israel and how critically important and vital this day is for all of us. In Israel, there is a shared “National Pain,” a unity of the people, because everybody has either lost a loved one, or knows someone who has lost a loved one defending the country. All day, there are memorial services and even the television and radio stations broadcast special programs and services. People tend to wear white, there are ceremonies in schools and you can just feel it in the air. Yom Hazikaron eve in Israel opens with a siren that is heard all over the country. For two minutes, Israelis stop everything, including driving, and stand in silence, commemorating the fallen and showing respect. Right after the ceremony, we then have a meal, straight from the sadness to happiness, like in Israel. Ending at sundown, the somber, reflective mood of Yom Hazikaron gives way to the celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day), a transition which emphasizes the lasting tie between the sacrifice of the country's fallen and the continued existence of the State of Israel. Thanks to those who have sacrificed themselves in war, we can celebrate the right to have our own country - the State of Israel!

At our program this year at Temple Israel, we had an Israeli dinner and then we enjoyed different activities about Israel: learning about Israeli inventions, visiting places in Israel (we traveled in Israel with Google maps), playing Israeli Jeopardy and we played an Israeli childhood game. Everyone really enjoyed it (including me ;). I have no doubt it was one of my most successful days for the year. Similar to this program, I facilitated a bunch of other activities during the year, we learned about different holidays and how they are celebrated in Israel, we learned about the Hebrew letters, we did memory games about colors in Hebrew, we learned songs, we learned how to say “family” (and learned about my family), we saw pictures from Israel on my vacation in February, we ate Falafel with Pita Bread, we prepared pictures of trees—one half were filled by the children at Temple Israel and the other half were filled by kids at my school in Afula. We even made a grass head and made trees from arts and crafts for Tu B'Shvat. We made a game where we learned how special Shabbat is in Israel, and we tried to match the Israeli singer to the songs—and how we danced!

An unforgettable Kabbalat Shabbat Service, followed by a *Taste of Israel* program, was presented by all of the 15 young Emissaries from Southern New England at Temple Israel, and we took part in the Tefila/worship; we ate Israeli food that we cooked, we prepared bracelets with Hebrew letters, Israeli mobiles and wrote letters to soldiers, played Wheel of Fortune with questions about Israel, we talked about the army, and of course we danced numerous Israeli dances. In addition to all this, I had my own group on Tuesday evening, a group of older kids. We learned about Israel from a different point of view, as they were more mature, so we were able to play a few games, but mainly we had in depth discussions about Israel. I enjoyed every minute with them! And how can we forget the Preschool children I was fortunate enough to visit several times? We shared many fun activities, and I showed them a map of Israel and played games about different places. I told them stories, prepared Hebrew name tags and so much more!

With all of these teaching moments, I feel I also learned so very much on a personal level. I learned about the American people, American culture, about the various types of synagogues here, and I watched more sport games, and ate more donuts, and I celebrated Thanksgiving and Halloween. I saw snow falling from the sky, I saw squirrels running in the streets, and deer crossing the road. I spoke more English (a lot more!), and I had my Bat Mitzvah here where I finally was able to read Torah from the Bima! I even lived with two amazing host families from Temple Israel!

I want to take this time to thank you all -- the amazing and supporting staff and students at Temple Israel.

I always knew I loved Israel, and thanks to this year, I understand why I love Israel so much! So thanks for making me love Israel even more. I realized that no matter which side I will be on, in Israel or here in United States, I will always miss the other side. So thanks to every single one of you that made this year as amazing as it was! Hope to keep in touch with you and meet you in Israel.

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SAVE THE DATES:

Please mark your calendars and join us:

Friday, September 12 – Installation of Senior Rabbi Michael S. Friedman

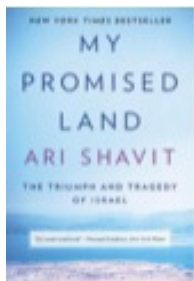
Sunday, September 14 – Annual BBQ beginning at 11:00 AM – following Religious School

Wednesday, September 24 – Erev Rosh Hashanah Services – We will worship all together at Temple Israel

High Holy Day Services at Temple Israel and Bedford Middle School

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Thurs.	Sept 25
Rosh Hashanah Family Service (pre K-grade 2)	Thurs.	Sept 25
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Fri.	Sept 26
Kol Nidre	Fri.	Oct 3
Yom Kippur Morning	Sat.	Oct 4
Yom Kippur Family Service (pre K-grade 2)	Sat.	Oct 4
Yom Kippur Afternoon; Yizkor; N'eilah	Sat.	Oct 4
Yom Kippur Afternoon Youth Services (Grades 7-12)	Sat.	Oct 4

Temple Israel's Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Group



Temple Israel's Contemporary Jewish Writers Book Group invites you to join our next gathering on Thursday, June 12 at noon to discuss the award winning book, *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Israeli columnist, Ari Shavit.

New York Times Book Review: "I can think of no better time for a good book about Israel—the real Israel, not the fantasy, do-no-wrong Israel peddled by its most besotted supporters or the do-no-right colonial monster portrayed by its most savage critics. Ari Shavit, the popular Haaretz columnist, has come out with just such a book... His book is a real contribution to changing the conversation about Israel and building a healthier relationship with it. Before their next 90-minute phone call, both Barack and Bibi should read it."—

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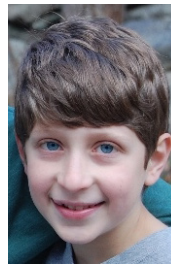
The CJW book group gets together 8 times a year, October-June, Thursday afternoons at noon, to discuss Jewish fiction and non-fiction, by Jewish and non-Jewish writers. Bring your lunch or just come and enjoy some coffee and cake at our informal gatherings. Feel free to attend any or all meetings. We hope you will become part of the group and join in our lively and engaging discussions. CJW Book Group discussion leaders are Harriet Selverstone, Freda Easton and Karin Beitel. For more information, please contact Karin Beitel at kbeitel@tiwestport.org.



June 7

Sydney Resnick*daughter of Beverly and Lonnie*

Service Project: Sydney is taking a leadership role for a second year in Relay for Life. Friends come together raising awareness as well as funds in the fight against cancer. This is a community service project that takes months of planning. Sydney and her friends worked hard selling her own baked goods at sports events. She will continue her dedication on May 17th at Weston High School. Her team will camp out and continue their fundraising efforts well into the evening.



June 14

Benjamin Kadezabek*son of Fran Blackman and Kenneth Kadezabek*

Service Project: Ben has started volunteering at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk, helping to provide breakfast to residents on the weekend. He joined an outreach program sponsored by the youth group at the Christ Church in East Norwalk. He has come to realize that even in communities as wealthy as those in Fairfield County, there is always a need to help those less fortunate.



June 14

Jessica Schwartz*daughter of Linda and Andrew*

Service Project: Jessica chose to support the Tiny Miracles Foundation for her mitzvah project. Jessica is a tiny miracle herself, born three months prematurely and weighing under two pounds. Jessica organized a "blanket-a-thon" with a few friends. Together they made fleece blankets which will be distributed to local hospitals for premie families. The baby blankets are used to cover the isolettes in the NICU to shield the babies' developing nervous system from excess light and noise and help regulate their sleep patterns. Jessica is committed to helping families with premature babies.



June 21

Meredith Macey*daughter of Sharon and Bill*

Service Project: Like her older brother and sister, Meredith has carried on her family tradition of volunteering with Norwalk Grassroots Tennis. This year, Meredith organized a tennis shoe, clothing and racquet drive at St. Luke's School to benefit the kids of NGT and was able to deliver a small truckload of items! She also worked with the younger kids as they crafted their essays for the 15th Annual Arthur Ashe Essay Contest. Meredith continues to tutor kids on weekends in reading and writing.



June 29 in Israel

Zachary Lomnitz*son of Nikki Gorman and David Lomnitz*

Service Project: Zach held a basketball free throw contest to raise money for an organization in Israel that raises and trains guide dogs for the blind. He plans to visit the facility when he is in Israel for his Bar Mitzvah. He also opens his heart and home to his Fresh Air Fund brother each summer for the past several years.

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	shabbat
1 3 SIVAN	2 4 SIVAN 10 am Café Chai	3 5 SIVAN Erev Shavuot 2 pm TING 5:30 pm Confirmation Family Dinner; 7:30 pm Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation; Reception 8:05 pm	4 6 SIVAN Shavuot 9 am Shavuot Worship Service/Yizkor Torah: Exod. 19:1-8; 20:1-14	5 7 SIVAN	6 8 SIVAN 5:45 pm Got Shabbat! Snacks 6 pm Got Shabbat! Family Service, Dinner & Activity 8 pm Erev Shabbat Service 9:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 8:07 pm	7 9 SIVAN 8:30 am Medit'n & Reflection 9 am Minyan/Torah Study 5:30 pm Late Shabbat Afternoon Service 8 pm Spring Gala Torah: Num. 8:1-12; 16
8 10 SIVAN	9 11 SIVAN 10 am Café Chai 7 pm Annual Meeting	10 12 SIVAN 2 pm TING	11 13 SIVAN	12 14 SIVAN Noon Contemporary Jewish Literature	13 15 SIVAN 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 8:10 pm	14 16 SIVAN 8:30 am Meditation & Reflection 9 am Minyan/Torah Study 11:15 am Shabbat Morning Service 5:30 pm Late Shabbat Afternoon Service Torah: Num. 13:1-15; 41
15 17 SIVAN Father's Day	16 18 SIVAN 10 am Café Chai	17 19 SIVAN 2 pm TING	18 20 SIVAN	19 21 SIVAN	20 22 SIVAN 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 pm Oneg Shabbat 8:13 pm	21 23 SIVAN 8:30 am Medit'n & Reflection 9 am Minyan/Torah Study 11:15 am Shabbat Morning Service Torah: Num. 16:1-18; 32
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