



Temple Israel

November/December 2018

CHRONICLE



CHANUKAH

December 2
11 am - 1 pm

lights & laughter
brisket throwdown
latkepalooza

A row of ten lit Chanukkah candles in a menorah, with the flames glowing brightly against a dark background.

RSVP tiwestport.org/chanukahparty

What Does Community Look Like?

RABBI MICHAEL S. FRIEDMAN, SENIOR RABBI



When I ask congregants what's most important to them about their experience at Temple Israel, the word I hear most often is "community." Recently a congregant wrote to me:

What's most important to the four of us at Temple Israel is our community. Each of the clergy has each been instrumental in making us part of this fantastic Temple Israel family. Our best friends have been made due to our belonging at TI. Our older daughter's best friends continue to be the girls she was in the 2s class with. We've been surrounded by the TI community in happy times (meal trains when our second daughter was born) and sad (clergy and members reaching out when we lost a parent). In short, every time we walk through the doors, we feel like we are home.

I simply loved reading her words. She illustrates that community is created through shared experience. You can't just assemble a group of individuals and tell them to be a community. But if you ask them to build a sukkah, cook a meal for Gillespie Center, or study Pirkei Avot - all of a sudden they become a community.

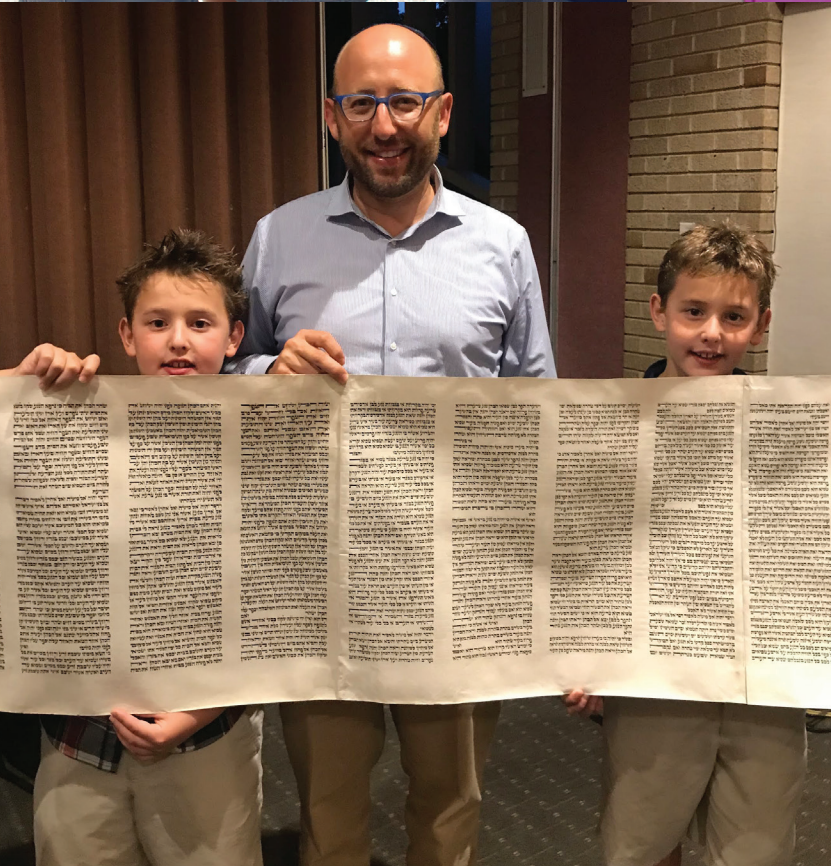
Community, like some other things, is difficult to define but easy to spot. I see it when congregants form a minyan at a shiva. I see it when our Caring Community swings into action to provide meals to a family. I see it when 30 teens gather for Havdalah, then get on a bus to attend a BBYO regional event. I see it when the Women's Group comes together to celebrate and learn in honor of Rosh Chodesh. I see it when our Men's Group gets together for softball, or pizza and beer.

Community is foundational to Judaism. There's a reason we need at least 10 people to have a proper prayer service. On the other side of the coin, the sin of the wicked child at the Passover seder is that he separates himself from his community by referring to the Jewish people as "you," not "we."

May our community be strengthened through friendships old and new. May it be a source of support at times of celebration and times of loss. Every time we walk through the doors, may we feel at home.







FEATURED EVENTS

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING



**RABBI DARREN LEVINE:
POSITIVE JUDAISM, A RABBI'S GUIDE TO WELL-BEING AND HAPPINESS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 11:00 AM**

Positive Judaism is a new vision for the 21st century that places personal happiness, individual thriving, and communal wellbeing at the center of Jewish life. Learn how this practical focus on positivity through Jewish living can transform individuals, families, and their communities.



**RABBI GEOFF MITELMAN:
THE EVOLUTION OF MORALITY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 11:00 AM**

When we think about Darwinian evolution, we often think about fierce competition for resources, or how our genes influence our kids' height, or how it might clash with religious teachings. But in fact, evolution by natural selection can help us understand the roots of morality, which can then inform Jewish law and Jewish ethics.

WOMEN'S GROUP & MEN'S GROUP



**LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7:30 PM**

Learn about women's health issues and the latest trends in healthcare from top local doctors. Panel includes: Heather Frimmer, Radiologist and author of just published novel *Bedside Manners*; Dr. Richard Zerkowitz, Oncologist; Dr. Jeanne Capasse, Breast Surgeon; and Mary Heery, Nurse Navigator. RSVP at tiwestport.org/letshearitforthegirls/



**BREAKFAST FOR BOYCHICKS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 9:00 AM**

The Boychicks are back in town! Come for another fantastic breakfast featuring great food and inspiring conversation. Event is free of charge. Register at tiwestport.org/boychicks2/

COMMUNITY EVENTS



**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 7:00 PM**

An annual evening of shared worship, fellowship and community among all faith communities in Weston and Westport. Reception to follow. Please bring gently used coats for our coat drive for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Unitarian Church, 10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport, CT 06880

FIRST FRIDAYS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Unite, pray and celebrate with your family and ours.

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Shabbat Sing Along

November 2

*Celebrate with Religious
School grades K-2*

December 7

PJ Library Chanukah Shabbat

6:00 to 6:30 pm

Shabbat Pizza Party

Family Dinner and fun

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Congregational Shabbat Service

*Soulful music and
inspirational worship*

7:30 - 8:15 pm

Community Dinner

All are welcome

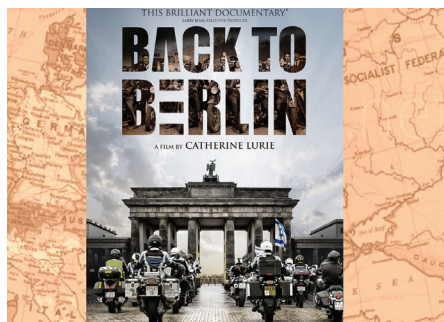
8:15

Israeli Film Series

*A sweet conclusion
to the evening*

Register for either of the dinners
tiwestport.org/firstfridaysignup/

FILM SERIES: REMEMBRANCE & RESILIENCE



BACK TO BERLIN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM

This epic journey marries biker-flick and Holocaust documentary. In 2015, the European Maccabi Games (aka the Jewish Olympics) were held at the site of Hitler's infamous 1936 Berlin Olympics for the first time since WWII. *Back to Berlin* follows 11 Israeli motor-bikers carrying the Maccabi torch from Tel Aviv to Berlin, retracing the tracks of the original 1931 Maccabiah riders. Along their moving and inspirational journey they reveal how they or their family survived the Holocaust. Presented by Temple Israel, in partnership with the Jewish Arts & Film Festival of Fairfield County and Merkaz Community High School for Judaic Studies. Co-sponsored by Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County. Register online.



82 NAMES, SYRIA PLEASE DON'T FORGET US TUESDAY, NOV 13, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

See the Connecticut premier of *82 Names: Syria, Please Don't Forget Us*. This documentary film, a co-production of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Maziar Bahari, is about Mansour Omari, a refugee of torture and imprisonment in Bashar al-Assad's Syria. In the film, Omari, living in exile, reflects on bringing attention to the brutal regime he escaped from, visiting Holocaust memorials in Germany to learn about the importance of preserving the past and countering extremist ideology. *82 Names* is a powerful story of how one man risked his life to document atrocity crimes and bring that evidence to the world. Register online.

GIFTS SEPTEMBER

Adult Jewish Learning

Bob and Bobbie Bernstein in memory of Rachel Luterman

Art Fund

Brian Sobelman in memory of Jerome D. Sobelman
Sam and Brian Ullman in memory of Robert Westerlund

Cantor Richard B. Silverman Music Fund

Leslie Eisen Abrams in memory of Marilyn Eisen
Rose Goldstein in memory of William Henkin
Linda and Robert Roth in memory of Jerome Roth

Cantor Sklar's Discretionary Fund

Arline and Joel Beckoff in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Michele Corenman and Evan Rabinowitz
in memory of Mac Corenman
Fran Danter in memory of Roslyn Brecker
Steve Ginsburg and Lori Strasberg
in honor of Jack Ginsburg's bar mitzvah
Eileen and Carl Glickman in memory of Sarah Morris
Monica Goldstein in memory of Ethel Cohn
Susan Greisman and Richard Lipton
in honor of Cantor officiating at our wedding
Nancy Lefkowitz in honor of Hazel Hendler's bat mitzvah
Melissa and Paul Levy
in honor of Derek Levy's bar mitzvah
Rhona Derrin Lieberman in memory of Beverly Rosenfeld
Kay and Alan Nudelman in memory of Rachel Luterman
Wendy, Brian, Eric, Rob and Deb Sobelman
in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Ricki and Stanley Stern in memory of Eleanor Lipson
The Wilkes Family in memory of David Wilkes
Aliza and Maury Wind in memory of Eleanor Lipson
Aliza and Maury Wind in memory of Rachel Luterman
Lawrence Zlatkin
in memory of Maureen A. Whiteman Zlatkin

Caring Community

Lorin and Marc Blitzer in memory of Stephen Imbey
Carolyn Caney in memory of Richard Bacon
Joseph Carbone and Family
in memory of Stefania A. Koren
Michele Corenman and Evan Rabinowitz
in memory of Molly, Anna and Hyman Corenman
Jim, Maria, Robert and Nina Donaldson
in memory of Harry Fliegelman
Leah and Manuel Fine in memory of Arline Seltzer
Linda Gans in loving memory of Jeanette Bloom Friedman
Blaine Hammer in memory of Paige Hammer
Ellen Mason in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Maxine and Arnold Nickelsberg
in memory of Harriette Rauh
Jane Sachs
in appreciation of the Caring Community's
sincere kindness and caring to Marty Sachs

Carol Schoke Early Childhood Center Endowment Fund

Nancy and Richard Isaacs
in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Danny Moss to Rabbi
Susan Landau
Geri and Merrill Stone
in honor of the engagement of
Rebecca Isaacs, daughter of Nancy and Richard Isaacs
Temple Israel ECC 4's class 2018-2019
in memory of Marlene Kantrowitz
Nancy and Richard Isaacs in memory of Eleanor Lipson

Cemetery Beautification Fund

Ellen, Jenny and Evan Horowitz
in memory of Jed Horowitz
Sheila and Steve Israel in memory of Mae Foster
Laurel Schwartz in memory of Peter D. Schwartz
Sheila and Steve Israel in memory of Edith Israel
Joan Slosberg in memory of Dora, Frank and Zalle Shidler

Elaine Gastwirt College Outreach Fund

Steve and Sheila Israel
Sheila and Steve Israel in memory of Edward Israel
Stephen and Jo Michaelson
in memory of Rachel Luterman
Marna and Stuart Novack in memory of Irving Novack
Pearl and Don Richman in memory of Helene Seidell

Fund for Jewish Continuity

Barbara Boroughs in memory of Allen Friedman

Fund in memory of Scott Rutsky

Patricia Schneider in memory of Harry Fliegelman

General Fund

Vivian Edelman
in memory of Benjamin Margolis and Anna Margolis
Ruth and Steven Glazer
in appreciation of Lisa Goldberg, Rabbi Danny
and Cantor Sklar, their dedication and vitality
infuse us with a love for TI and our Judaism
Cheryl Hammer in memory of Leo Hammer
Michael and Sally Kliegman
in memory of Rachel Luterman
Melvin and Helen Neisloss in memory of Lillian Neisloss
Virginia Sapiro in memory of Bill and Florence Sapiro
Francee and Richard Sviridoff
in memory of Rachel Hope Doran
Zoe Tarrant in memory of Alan Handler
Susan Chrein Yules in memory of Samuel Loeb Chrein

Grandparents Fund

Rita Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn
Alex Chingas in memory of Harry Kohn
Eleanor Dinitz and Family in memory of Arthur Dinitz
Rochelle Hollander, Sam and Stacey Walker,
Phil and Allison Neidoff in memory of Gloria Israelski
Bonita and Lenny Messman
in honor of Alison and Bob Wachstein's new grandchild

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Bonita and Lenny Messman
in honor of the marriage of
Eileen and Carl Glickman's granddaughter
Stephen and Barbara Raffel in memory of Harriet Raffel
Torah Study Group
in honor of Alison and
Bob Wachstein's new grandchild
Torah Study Group
in honor of the marriage
of Eileen and Carl Glickman's granddaughter

Levine Children's Book Fund

Estelle T. Margolis in memory of Samuel Thompson
Philip Weiner in memory of Diana Loevy

Rabbi Friedman's Discretionary Fund

Faye and Abe Adler in memory of Stephen Ian Imbey
Arline and Joel Beckoff in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Michele Corenman and Evan Rabinowitz
in memory of Nellie Corenman
Eleanor Diniz in memory of Joseph Kushner
Gladys and Martin Floch in memory of Allen Wisser
Dorothy Nevas Freedman
in memory of Eva Nevas and Nate Nevas
Ellen and Art Gang in memory of Rachel Hope Doran
Eileen and Carl Glickman in memory of Elliot Morris
Caroline Andrew and Matt Goland-Van Ryn
in honor of our wedding
Monica Goldstein in memory of Ethel Cohn
Larry and Nancy Gorkin
in honor of Michael and Madelyn Gorkin's wedding
Susan Greisman and Richard Lipton
in honor of Rabbi officiating at our wedding
Betty Heller and Family in memory of Charles Heller
Mary and Dan Hoffman
in honor of Hilary and Rob's marriage
Judith Hyatt in memory of Stephen Ian Imbey
Estelle Kesselman in memory of Joseph Kesselman
Nancy Lefkowitz in honor of Hazel Hendler's bat mitzvah
Melissa and Paul Levy
in honor of Derek Levy's bar mitzvah
Rhona Derrin Lieberman
in memory of Robert Rosenfeld and Beverly Rosenfeld
Myra and Hector Motroni
Abraham Nad in memory of Elsa S. Nad
Deborah and Paul Oestreicher
in honor of the wedding of
Jessica Oestreicher and Alex Moore
Monica and Robert Pepperman
in memory of Lazar Mandler
Norma and Jerry Perlman
in memory of Rachel Luterman
Diane Schwartz in memory of Mollie Schwartz
William and Lynn Silverman
in honor of Jack Silverman's bar mitzvah
Lana and Richard Steinberg
in memory of Dr. Philip M. Steinberg
and Sylvia Steinberg
Ricki and Stanley Stern
in honor of memorable New Year
services and sermons

The Wilkes Family in memory of David Wilkes
Lawrence Zlatkin
in memory of Maureen A. Whiteman Zlatkin

Rabbi Moss' Discretionary Fund

Arline and Joel Beckoff in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Michele Corenman and Evan Rabinowitz
in memory of Rose, Abraham and Solly Orenbain
Steve Ginsburg and Lori Strasberg
in honor of Jack Ginsburg's bar mitzvah
Lesley and Robert Landau in honor of Rabbi Moss
Nancy Lefkowitz in honor of Hazel Hendler's bat mitzvah
Rhona Derrin Lieberman
in memory of Beverly Rosenfeld
Bonita and Lenny Messman
in honor of the marriage of
Rabbi Danny Moss to Rabbi Susan Landau
Ricki and Stanley Stern in memory of Rachel Goldberg
Geri and Merrill Stone
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Torah Study Group
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Sheila Weiss in memory of Anna Lebow Roazen
Lawrence Zlatkin
in memory of Maureen A. Whiteman Zlatkin

Rabbi Robert J. Orkand Fund for Temple Israel

Warren and Carole Heller
in memory of Henry Sussman,
Edith Sussman and Leo Heller
Mary Sue and Ed Teplitz
in memory of Carolyn Rothenberg

Religious School Fund

Richard and Carol Stein
in memory of Irving Milton Robbins
Susan Yules in memory of Lillian Chrein

Schiff/Nad Special Children's Fund

Barbara and Timothy Boroughs
in memory of Brooke Boroughs
Gladys Handelman in memory of Stuart Handelman
Suzanne and Bob Kahn in memory of James Davis
Abraham Nad in memory of Esther Nad

Torah Study

In memory of J.P. Schluckebier
Lisa and Tony Pesco in memory of Irving Becker
Torah Study Group
in honor of Dan Magida for
his insights and guidance through Torah

Tzedakah Fund

Gene and Carol Cederbaum in memory of Judy Levin
Evan Rabinowitz and Michele Corenman in memory of
Steven Rabinowitz
Arlene Sachs in memory of Marvin and Ruth Sachs
Milton Sussberg
in honor of the bar mitzvah of Joshua Schlechter
Rita and Steve Weisskoff in memory of David Weisskoff



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ETHAN WALMARK

Son of
Alison and Michael Walmark
November 3, 2018



JOSHUA SCHLECHTER

Son of
Sarah and Michael Schlechter
November 10, 2018



MADELINE SOLLINGER

Daughter of
Debra and Jem Sollinger
November 10, 2018



MIA OREN

Daughter of
Judith and Dr. Brad Oren
November 17, 2018



SIMONE SNOW

Daughter of
Jennifer Krasnow & Steven Snow
December 8, 2018

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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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