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You are invited to
Shomrei Torah Sisterhood



Members:
FREE
if Sisterhood
dues are paid,
Guests: \$36



Please contact
the synagogue
office to **RSVP** by
February 22 and
a Zoom link will
be sent to you.

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP
Monday, March 1
8:15 pm following minyan
via Zoom



Through the vivid prism of her family's story, Rahel Musleah introduces audiences to the distinctive heritage of the Jews of India and Iraq. The seventh generation of a Calcutta family, she traces her roots to 17th-century Baghdad. Her multi-faceted visual, song and story presentations offer a rare and intimate view of a rich culture little-known to most.

Rahel is an award-winning journalist, author, singer, storyteller and educator. Her articles have appeared in publications from The New York Times to Hadassah magazine. She is a pioneer in the Sephardi/Mizrahi community as a woman prayer leader. Rahel leads Jewish heritage tours to India twice a year, in November and February, and would love for you to join her when we are back on the road! Please visit her website

www.explorejewishindia.com

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Recurring Zoom Services

WEEKDAY MORNING MINYAN

7:45 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/266613078>

Meeting ID: 266 61 3078

Password: 883944

EVENING MINYAN

7:45 pm Sunday - Thursday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885732009>

Meeting ID: 818 857 32009

Password: 550223

FRIDAY EVENING

5:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/136582968>

Meeting ID: 136 582 968

Password: 163826

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315456073>

Meeting ID: 853 1545 6073

Password: 4KF3ng

SATURDAY EVENING

Maariv & Havdalah

5:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/492905364>

Meeting ID: 492 905 364

Password: 6Fvib

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN 9am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/590553803>

Meeting ID: 590 553 803

Password: 699693

MISHNAH MONDAY 3pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/764089745>

Meeting ID: 764 089 745

Password: 271850

TORAH STUDY THURSDAY 3pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/334932950>

Meeting ID: 334 932 950

Password: 062 587

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

2/5.....5:01 pm

2/12....5:10 pm

2/19....5:18 pm

2/26....5:26 pm





FROM THE BIMA
Rabbi Randall Mark

We just virtually celebrated Tu B'Shevat and next is Purim, which Jewishly marks the one-year anniversary of the pandemic. For some synagogues, their first virtual event was the Megillah reading. For others, like us, it marked the end of normalcy.

We celebrated Purim with the Megillah reading and our annual carnival, before COVID-19 closed the building and we began our virtual adventure. For many, the transition from in-person activities to virtual gatherings was a difficult one. Sadly, some gave it a try, decided that it was not for them and have not been seen since. Thankfully, most understood that we are a community and so we stand by one another for better or worse, in sickness and in health. As so we made the slow adjustment to the new normal. I think that some of our members now like the virtual gatherings so much that they will be reluctant to return to in-person events even when the pandemic is over. But most miss being together in-person and look forward to the day when we can join together. But you can't keep a good community down and so we gather for services, for classes, for meetings and for events over Zoom, and we remain an active, vibrant, community.

Purim this year will have some similarities to years past and some changes. As you have seen our Sisterhood is running our annual *Mishloach Manot*, Purim Box exchange. I hope that you have already signed up to participate. If not, let me encourage you to do so. First of all, it is a mitzvah! Second, as I said above, we are a community, and so it is important to make yourself a part of it and have your name on the card. One change is that every box will need to be delivered. I hope that you will volunteer to deliver some boxes. Let me know if you are willing to help!

On Purim itself, we will again have a Tot Purim, just on Zoom. We will have our Family Friendly Megillah Reading involving students from our Religious school, again over zoom. And as we have done in the past, we will read the *Ganse Megillah* on Purim morning at minyan for those who want to hear the whole thing.

Wishing you a Happy and Safe Purim!

FROM THE PRESIDENT Henry Ramer



REMEMBERING RINA

Over a year ago, Shomrei Torah lost Rina Lerner, a longstanding and valued member. Naturally our synagogue and members responded with timely condolences to Rina's husband Burt, their daughters Jessica and Debbie, their son Josh and additional family members. Because of an important gift recently made by her family, Rina's memory will live on in the halls of our Synagogue.

Rina and I grew up together during the 1950's in the same social circle in Paterson's Eastside and both of our families were members of Temple Emanuel. We were in some of the same synagogue youth groups. Later, as adults, we attended social functions and usually sat together at what we laughingly called the "kiddie table" because the demographics at Temple Emanuel made us thirtysomethings the youngsters. Later on, in Wayne, my wife Carol and I were lucky enough to be included by Rina and Burt in gatherings at their home. They were both very gracious and thoughtful hosts.

Rina always supported Shomrei Torah, especially education and youth activities. She was an independent thinker and articulate on issues she was passionate about. She had definite ideas about how things should be done, some of which we were able to implement.

Recently Rina's family made to the Synagogue a significant gift in Rina's memory. We will name one of our classrooms in her honor and use the proceeds of the gift to continue making Jewish education at Shomrei Torah available to our members, both children and adults to ease the burden of tuition and costs. As Rabbi Mark often says, the education of the next generation is a communal responsibility which should not fall exclusively on the shoulders of the childrens' parents.

With this gift and the naming of the classroom, we know that Rina will be remembered in the synagogue, which she felt such a strong connection to. I look forward to the day when we can meet with family and friends to dedicate the classroom, either in person or by Zoom, to commemorate this gift.



As a Religious school we have continued to meet virtually. On Sundays, each class meets on its own for a length of time that is age appropriate. On Tuesdays, the Hebrew school students meet together with me for tefilah before heading off to their individual classrooms.

Tu B'Shevat was handled the same way. Each of the Sunday school classes celebrated Tu B'Shevat on their own in the way that each teacher thought best. And we did a seder for all the Hebrew school students together on a Tuesday afternoon. I reworked the seder so that it did not include any juice, which seemed a good idea to us since the students are all on electronic devices to attend class. The school supplied each student with a clementine, some dried apricots, and a box of raisins to represent fruits with peels, pits and those that are completely edible.

We are now preparing for Purim. On Sunday, Feb. 21st, when we would normally have had our carnival, we will have two different Purim programs. For our Sunday school students, they will have a Purim Circus Workshop with Time Flies Circus; and our Hebrew school students will enjoy a presentation by the Bible Player with students from other Religious schools in northern NJ.

On Thursday, Feb. 25th, we will celebrate Purim itself. Our Sunday school students will be invited to a Tot Purim Experience at 4pm and our Hebrew school students will help with our family friendly abbreviated Megillah reading at 6pm. This year a virtual service.

Stay safe and Happy Purim!

Rabbi Randy Mark, Principal

From time to time L'Chaim has been writing about members dealing with the pandemic. So far we provided an article by Judge Garry Rothstadt about New Jersey court functioning; by Executive Vice President Sheri Taback about getting a daughter off to college; and by Dr. Rick Krieger about medical practice during these times.

Today's issue carries an interview with member **David Rubin** about operating pizza businesses nowadays. David's parents are among the Synagogue's founders and David himself is a long-standing member, beginning with his religious education and Bar Mitzvah here.



L'Chaim: David, when did you first get interested in restaurants?

David Rubin: I worked part time in restaurants in college and was always interested in cooking. After college I had a taco restaurant in Wayne and then gradually invested in pizzerias. Nowadays I own and operate three places, Franklin Lakes Pizza, Wyckoff Pizza and Ridgemont Pizza in Park Ridge.

L'C: How have you been impacted by the pandemic?

David: Actually, only very slightly. Right after the lockdown business declined a bit. But as people began to get used to the idea of no more in-person restaurant dining, the pizzeria business remained steady.

L'C: How so?

David: Our pizzeria business was easily adaptable to the delivery and carry out operations that were the only options left to people. We already had our own delivery staff in place and had been serving a take away trade for many years.

L'C: Have you worked with the likes of Grub Hub, Uber Eats, etc.?

David: No, we didn't need them, since we already had the delivery operation worked out for ourselves, although these national delivery services were sure eager for us to work with them.

L'C: How can a little guy compete with the likes of Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Dominos and so on? You are the David to these goliaths?

David: These goliaths, as you call them, do well in parts of the country outside areas like New Jersey and metro New York. But around here, the pizza business thrives with the ma and pa storefront kinds of operations like ours. The national chains may use frozen dough and cookie cutter recipes. But we know our local customers and cater to their needs in a way that a national chain cannot.

L'C: Do you use any special ingredients?

David: Yes, we do. Believe it or not, it's our water. Water is a key ingredient in pizza, like in the dough for the crust. For some reason, the New Jersey water makes great pizza. I even know a guy in Florida who operates a pizza restaurant and imports water for his pizzas from New Jersey at great expense. So go figure.

L'C: Are you thinking about growing your business to a fourth store?

David: You know, if somebody came along with a great location and offered a sure fire idea, I might consider it. But for now, three places is about all I can handle. Between full and part timers, we employ about 100 people. That's enough for me to worry about.

L'C: Any members of the family help out in the business?

David: My wife Ellen does payroll and accounts payable, and she is actually a great help. I have three daughters who have tried working in the stores and help out on an as needed basis.

L'C: How has the pandemic affected the employees?

David: We have a very stable work force and many people have been with me for years and years. So except for some momentary blips, the workers have remained the same.

L'C: Did you take advantage of the federal Payroll Protection Program?

David: When some of the business slowed down (I mentioned a lull), the PPP helped. But for the most part, our business continued as before.

L'C: What's the worst thing that ever happened to your stores?

David: Maybe a natural disaster, like one that caused a power outage, and we had to throw away a lot of food; or a super snow storm that wiped out business for a few days.

L'C: Any really funny things ever happen?

David: Nope, business as usual.

L'C: Do kids ever make phony phone calls and, say, order delivery of five pizzas to the neighborhood grouch?

David: I can't say that never happened, but if you are in the business long enough you can sniff out the fake orders.

L'C: Did you ever think of getting fancy, offering artisanal pizza or gourmet food?

David: We've got it down pretty well as a family oriented, mid-level food service facility. We do salads, sandwiches and some dinner-type plates. But I don't see the point of getting too cute or tinkering with an operation we know already works well.\

L'C: What are the latest trends in pizza?

David: We have gluten free and cauliflower crust pizza. If somebody wants Hawaiian pizza with pineapple, we can do that, too.

L'C: David, sound like you got it down. Keep up the good work and best of luck.

David: Thanks. Stop by for a pizza some time.



In Observance of Black History Month



The Shomrei Torah Adult Education committee
hosts a virtual presentation by

MR. JIMMY RICHARDSON

Paterson-based author and chronicler of the
Black community.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Minyan: 7:45 pm

Zoom Presentation: 8:15 pm No charge

**There will be live question & answer session following
Mr. Richardson's remarks.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86916196790?pwd=Zy9ESnAycTVSUVdydnJWTzRyUFE3dz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1619 6790

Passcode: 975822

Jimmy Richardson is often referred to as the chief historian of Paterson's African American community. Mr. Richardson has worked with the National Park Service as a spokesman for the Negro League and with the Veterans Administration to honor African-American veterans. Mr. Richardson has achieved landmark status for several local African American Churches and is currently involved in efforts to secure certification for Paterson's Underground Railroad from the Network to Freedom. He has a special kinship with the Jewish community in the Paterson area where his ambitions as a young man were supported by Paterson businesses, many of which were owned by members of the Jewish community.

Donate blood now!
Shomrei Torah Men's Club
BLOOD DRIVE



**Give the gift that keeps
on giving & donate
blood!**

**Please remember to eat,
drink, & bring ID!**

Thursday, February 18

1:30 – 7:30 pm

Social Hall

30 Hinchman Avenue, Wayne

Because of the current health crisis, several drives have lost their locations so our drive at Shomrei Torah takes on even greater importance.

All safety precautions will be followed including hand sanitizing, social distancing, and a face mask be worn for the entire time you are in the building.

Donors should be between 17 and 75 years old, in good health, and weigh over 110 pounds, and no donations within the previous 8 weeks. There is a brief medical screening before the donation and a light snack provided afterwards. All blood types are needed. The giving of blood is a quick painless procedure that is truly a good deed!

Walk-ins welcome!

▲ New Jersey Blood Services
A Division of New York Blood Center

**It is estimated that 75% of the population will need blood at some point in their lifetime.
Yet less than 5% of the eligible population donates.**

Shomrei Torah
Sisterhood Zoom
Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, February 19

5:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat



We invite friends, family and our fellow congregants to share

with us as we lead our Friday Night Service

Please contact Maxine Berger if you would like
to help with the service: maxberg2@aol.com

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!



Help Deliver
PURIM BASKETS!

Sunday, February 21

To volunteer

Contact Linda Gaba:

Lsippy1@optimum.net



Purim 2019 Responses were GREAT!
Purim 2020 Responses were AMAZING!
**Let's Make Purim 2021
SPECTACULAR!**

משלוח מנות
**MISHLOACH
MANOT**
HAPPY PURIM!



Here's how it works: For just **\$5.00 per recipient**, you can participate in the sending of a **beautiful gift basket** to anyone on our list -- all Shomrei Torah members and staff. Every family who gets checked will get one gift basket, plus a card saying who sent it. *For example, if five families send you a basket, you'll get one lovely basket with a card listing those five families.*

If you wish to send to **EVERYONE** on the Shomrei Torah list, it is **only \$136** and your name will be included on everyone's card.

If you wish to purchase additional Purim Baskets to send out **on your own** to relatives and friends – (that is, to people not on our Shomrei Torah list) the cost will be \$18 per additional basket and we will be happy to deliver to those who live in Wayne.

We hope that participation in this mitzvah and Sisterhood's largest **FUNDRAISER** will be overwhelmingly positive.

**Any questions, call Linda Gaba: 973-356-6198 or email
Judy Krantz: jckrantz@gmail.com**

**Purim Basket Orders and Payment are due in the synagogue
office no later than THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.**

**Please note that all CDC Covid-19 related precautions will be observed in
the packing and distribution of Purim Baskets.**

PURIM BEGINS WEDNESDAY EVENING , FEBRUARY 25

PURIM BASKET ORDER FORM

Basket	Last Name	First Name
	Adler	Bernay
	Albaum	Neil & Ruth
	Allenson	Andrew & Miriam
	Altshuler	Robert & Lynn
	Amoroso	Todd & Jennifer
	Appel	Jeffrey & Lisa
	Asarch	Alan & Shari
	Bacon	Craig & Linda
	Bader	Seth & Margo
	Baig	Bill
	Baron	Robert & Susan
	Beck	Paul & Lee Ann
	Becker	Lilia
	Bello-Truland	Rosemarie
	Berenzweig	Elyce & Evan
	Berger	Barry & Maxine
	Berger	Ilan & Elisa
	Bernstein	Jay & Jill
	Bernstein	Stanley & Ellen
	Betito	Eitan & April
	Bickoff	Drew & Robbin
	Blaifeder	Len & Janice
	Blecherman	Barry & Sarah
	Blecherman	Sid & Caroline
	Bowski	Miriam
	Bradley	Warren & Rebecca
	Brauer	Lila
	Brazer	Robert & Cynthia
	Broser	Cliff & Alice
	Brunwasser	Gregg & Eva
	Burns	Les & Cindy
	Burr	Jamie & Lori
	Capodiferro	Craig & Corie
	Chazen	Jeffrey & Allyson
	Chilowicz	Daniel & Karen
	Cohn	Charles & Lucille
	Davidovich	Alberto & Mariana
	Delman	Scott & Meredith
	Dodds	David & Gail
	Dumoff	Mark & Linda
	Ehrlich	Stuart & Harryet
	Eisenstein	Elliot
	Ellias	Percy
	Emont	Daniel & Tamara
	Epstein	Mitchell & Jodie
	Esgar	Justin & Michelle
	Ettinger	Bruce & Terri
	Fechner	Lawrence & Mady
Total#	Column A	

Basket	Last Name	First Name
	Fein	Stanley & June
	Feldman	Alan & Judy
	Feldman	Kenneth & Susan
	Fischer	Joe & Debi
	Fischer	Anita
	Fischgrund	Michael & Leslie
	Fisher	Eugene & Iris
	Fishler	Rhoda
	Fleischer	Joseph & Jessica
	Foster	Shelley
	Frankel, M.	Cindy Simon
	Freedberg	Suzanne
	Friede	Zev & Tova
	Friedman	Alan & Amy
	Friedman	David
	Gaba	Linda
	Gastwirth	Stephen & Rhita
	Gerber	Steven & Ellen
	Gerstein	Ivan & Stacy
	Gilgur	Gary & Lorry
	Gilgur	Steve & Erin
	Gold	Barry
	Goldberg	Lee & Patrice
	Golden	Jeff & Hindi
	Goldstein	Gail
	Gordon	Robert & Susan
	Gorshein	Dov & Linnea
	Gotian	Lior & Tammy
	Gottlieb	Joan
	Green	Jerry & Fran
	Green	Michael & Laurie
	Greenberg	Arthur & Carol
	Greenberg	Paul & Marsha
	Greenblatt	Michael & Eric
	Greenfield	Warren & Jane
	Greenwald	Jeffrey & Rachel
	Grosser	Brian & Susan
	Grosser	Ed & Eileen
	Gutman	Bernard & Linda
	Halpern	Matthew & Paula
	Hayet	Jeffrey & Cheryl
	Helfand	Lonnie & Jackie
	Heller	Jon & Alicia
	Hendler	Harvey & Susan
	Hesney	Jonathan & Carli
	Hirschberg	George & Roz
	Hochler	Murray & Yona
	Hook	Howard & Ilissa
Total#	Column B	

Basket	Last Name	First Name
	Horn	Rabbi & Dena
	Jaffe	Jeanne
	Jalowicz	Marc & Orly
	Janker	Larry & Nancy
	Jeshion	Michael & Marilyn
	Joress	Philip & Shari
	Julie	Edward & Beth
	Kalen	Ilene
	Kamo	Maurice & Lena
	Kashmann	Bernard & Jodi
	Kass	Mark & Judy
	Kent	Howard & Marcia
	Kiguelman	Esteban & Piedad
	Klein	Norman
	Klein	Paul & Marlene
	Klein	Robert & Aleen
	Kleinstein	David & Smadar
	Kornblau	Marc & Deborah
	Korngold	Robert & Marlene
	Krantz	Joan
	Krantz	Judith
	Kreger	Ruth
	Kressel	Neil & Dorit
	Krieger, R.	Laurie Nahum
	Kwiat	Steven & Gail
	Lakind	Alvin & Mimi
	Lampert	Sam
	Landau	Steven & Jill
	Langfelder	Ruth
	Lawner, G.	Shara Gastwirth
	Lederman	Barry & Dawn
	Lepp	Bruce & Diane
	Lerner	Burton
	LeRoy	Gerald
	Leshowitz	Jason & Diane
	Lesser	Gary & Lisa
	Levine	Larry
	Lewin	Shelley
	Lewis	Brian & Laura
	Lewis	Susan
	Lowe	Kenneth & Gail
	Maines	Jeffrey & Stacey
	Manfredonia	Andrea
	Marcus	David & Marcy
	Margolis	Richard & Rose
	Mark	Rabbi & Dassy
	Markhasin	Rimma
	Marks	Michael & Arlene
Total#	Column C	

Basket	Last Name	First Name	Basket	Last Name	First Name	Basket	Last Name	First Name
	Mazer	Neil & Eileen		Schinasi	Mel & Phyllis		Weltman	Ben & Gerda
	Mendel	Alan & Bella		Schlossberg	Seymour & Elaine		Whitman	Richard & Stephanie
	Merker	Alan & Cindy		Schwartz	Frederick & Shirley		Whitmore	Esther
	Miller	Naomi		Schwarz	Daniel & Lisa		Wiener	Bruce & Roby
	Millstein	Stuart & Tamara		Seidman	Bruce & Marlene		Willner	Harold & Carol
	Mirsky	Barry & Susan		Seidman	Lawrence & Sonia		Wolk	Robert & Heidi
	Mittman	Seth & Kim		Seltzer	Richard & Diane		Wolkowitz	Perry & Cindy
	Molnar	Robert		Seplow	Daniel & Julie		Zarin	David & Alison
	Montanez	Orlando & Denise		Seradzky	Edward & Roslyn		Zevin	Lisa
	Morovati	Sam & Amy		Serber	Howard & Stephanie		Zitcer	Marc & Barbara
	Moskowitz	Paul & Alice		Shaiman	Lee & Paula		Zudkevitch	Daniel & Alyssa
	Nadel	Sydel		Shechtman	Neil & Cheryl			
	Nagler	Harvey & Susan		Sheydwasser	Frank & Mary		Sisterhood	N/M
	Nessman	Leslie		Shulman	Mark & Zina		Beer	Michelle
	Nuccetelli	Philip & Maria		Siegel	Martin & Laura		Behrman	Fran
	Ohayon	Jacques		Simon	Andrew & Nancy		Ganz	Sandra
	Orland	Avia		Simon	Jeffrey & Nathanya		Gluzman	Mina
	Ort	Roberta & Jeffrey		Simon	Len & Barbara		Rein	Beth
	Padover	Michael & Julie		Singer	Betty		Staff	
	Petak	Anita		Sklar	Peter & Arlene		Milan	Gloria
	Podell	Scott & Adrienne		Skolnick	Stuart & Anita		Wiesel	Mark
	Radnor	Martin & Linda		Smith	Robert & Marisa		Zofi	Suzanne
	Ramer	Henry & Carol		Sohn	Daniell & Michal		R/S Teachers	
	Razen	Kenneth & Sandi		Solomon	Leon & Estelle		Ginsburg-Goldstein	Rabbi Claire
	Reicher	Oscar & Terri		Spira	Alby & Alice		Hudes	Ophir
	Reiser	Glenn & Randy		Spodek	Robert & Jill		Vaknin	Etty
	Reisman	Steven & Leslie		Staloff	Phyllis			
	Reisner	David & Christine		Steinberg	Stuart		R/S Only	
	Resnick	Gene		Steuer	Phil		Roux	Andre & Amy
	Rittenberg	Carole		Stricker	Harry & Mickie		Wiskind-Royere	Hallie
	Rock	Sondra		Sukel	Arthur & Carole			
	Rogers	Marvin		Sussman	Joel & Adele	Total#	Column F	
	Rolnik	Marcia		Taback	Ivan & Sheri			
	Rosen	Ellen		Taylor	Scott & Fern	Total	Baskets	
	Rothenberg	Sylvan & Lee		Terry	Mark & Sharon		Column A	
	Rothstadt	Garry & Sandra		Trachtenberg	Alan & Sandra		Column B	
	Rubin	David & Ellen		Voyticki	Ivan & Edith		Column C	
	Rubin	Michael & Marilyn		Warren	Michael & Christine		Column D	
	Rubinstein	Ellen		Wasserstrum	Bennett & Monique		Column E	
	Ruditser	Jonathan & Rebecca		Waxman	Adam & Judy		Column F	
	Rudow	Victor & Carla		Weil	Jay & Judy		Total # x \$5	per Basket
	Salny	Abbie		Weinberg	Ruth	\$136	Congregation	
	Sarin	Barry & Sheryl		Weinstein	Jeffrey & Laurie Ann	\$	\$18 per Extra Basket	
				Weis	Eric & Fern	\$	Opt. Donation	
				Weiss	Richard & Karen	\$	TOTAL ENCLOSED	
						NAME		
						Y/N	Local Delivery Only	
							No Basket, will be	out of town.
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If you identify as LGBTQ+, have a loved one who does, or have interest in/perspective about LGBTQ+ matters, Shomrei Torah's LGBTQ+ Committee needs to hear from you. Your voice is important. Your perspective is essential. As the committee moves forward to make Shomrei Torah an inclusive, welcoming community, we value your experiences to date and ideas for the future. Please call Jessica Fleischer, Committee Chair, at [201-657-6271](tel:201-657-6271) for a conversation as long or as short as you would like. Thank you!

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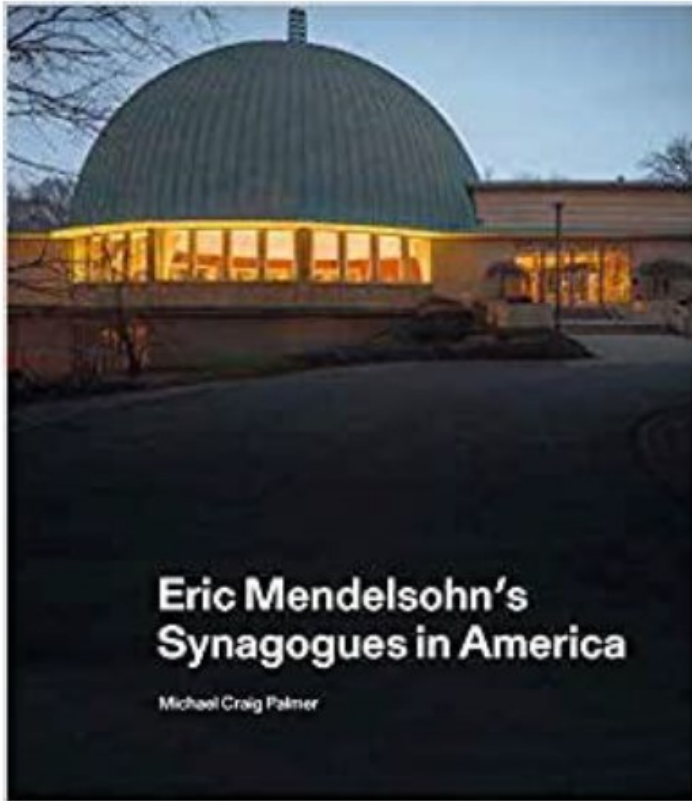
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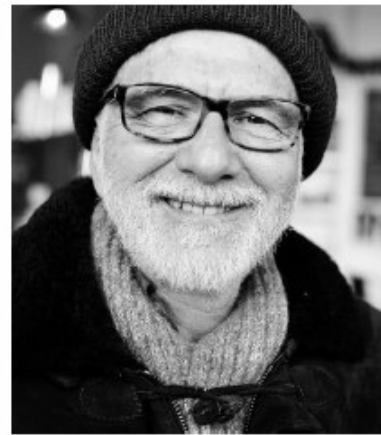
The Ritual Committee has allocated \$180 each to the Wayne Interfaith Food Pantry and Eva's Kitchen



Shomrei Torah
Adult Education presents
“A Zoom Discussion with
Michael Palmer”

Author of
Eric Mendelsohn’s
Synagogues in America

Tuesday, March 9
8:15 pm
following evening minyan.



Eric Mendelsohn designed and built four synagogues in the United States that became benchmarks for modern American synagogue architecture.

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WAYNE INTERFAITH NETWORK AND A PANTRY UPDATE

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If you are hesitant to drop off food donations at the synagogue because of the pandemic, but do go out for essential shopping, please consider buying something and dropping it off at the WIN collection box at the Shop Rite on Hamburg Tpke. As always, you may send checks to WIN, PO Box 3341, Wayne, NJ 07474-3341, leave your check (payable to WIN) at the synagogue office, or arrange for Sisterhood Scrip to be donated through the synagogue office.

You will be hearing about the Jewish Federation's food drive coming in the early Spring. WIN is one of the beneficiaries of their food drive. Here's the great part: at that time you can bring your food donations to Shomrei Torah, and they will be brought directly to the WIN Pantry. The quantity of bags will be reported to Federation so everyone WINS!

Please check out our WIN web site at winfoodpantry.org to see which items are most needed. Also, from time to time you will receive e-mails from the synagogue with specific requests.

Stay warm and stay safe! WIN thanks Shomrei Torah for our consistent support !

Betty Singer, Shomrei Torah Representative to the Wayne Interfaith Network

Shomrei Torah Sisterhood has contributed Stop n' Shop and ShopRite scrip cards to the Rabbi for distribution to congregants in need of a little extra help during these trying time.

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