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June 2023  
Sivan/Tammuz 5783

# L'CHAIM

Celebrating Tradition, Embracing the Future!



## Having a Graduation?

Shomrei Torah wants to honor this milestone!



### Lech Lecha Graduation Shabbat

Friday, June 23

5:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Join us in celebrating ALL Graduates!

Pre-School, Elementary, Middle School, High School, College  
and beyond!

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING FROM \_\_\_\_\_ GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING FROM \_\_\_\_\_ GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING FROM \_\_\_\_\_ GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

We will attend the Lech Lecha Graduation Shabbat on Friday, June 23 # \_\_\_\_\_

Would the Graduate like to participate in the Service \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to co-sponsor the Graduation Oneg Shabbat \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

RSVPs by Monday, June 19 would be appreciated. Contact the synagogue office:  
office@shomreitorahwcc.org or call 973-696-2500.

**Please refer to weekly  
“What’s Happening” or call the  
Synagogue office for Zoom information**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

9:00 am Minyan

**WEEKDAY MORNING MINYAN**

Monday-Friday, 7:45 am

**WEEKDAY EVENING MINYAN**

Sunday-Thursday, 7:45 pm

**TORAH STUDY THURSDAYS**

Thursday 3:00 pm

**FRIDAY EVENING**

6:00 pm Shabbat Service

**SHABBAT MORNING**

9:30 am Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

Havdalah after Shabbat ends

**SHABBAT & HOLIDAY  
CANDLELIGHTING  
TIMES**

6/2.....8:05 pm

6/9.....8:10 pm

6/16...8:13 pm

6/23...8:15 pm

6/30...8:15 pm

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## FROM THE BIMA

June is Pride month. The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism proudly supports LGBTQ+ rights and encourages all member congregations to be open and welcoming to everyone, including members of this community that has not always felt like they belonged in religious settings. I recognize that this is a topic that can be triggering for people on both sides of the divide that still exists today. I know that we have members who strongly support the LGBTQ+ community and we have other members who are uncomfortable at the thought of our hosting a Pride event. The bottom line is that here at Shomrei Torah we want everyone to feel welcome—all people however they identify themselves.

A few years ago, Henry Ramer and I went to a USCJ training session for clergy and lay leaders to learn how we could make our congregation a safe space for those in the LGBTQ+ community. Subsequently, our congregation with the support of our leadership made a few changes that will hopefully make a big difference:

- We accept same sex partners for a family membership should they apply to do so.
- We approved the use of the bima for same sex marriages.
- We approved using non-binary language to call people to the Torah, so you don't have to be ben/bat if you don't want to be.
- We explicitly affirmed that members of the LGBTQ+ community could be teachers in our school, be leaders of our youth groups or for that matter, rabbi of the synagogue.

What haven't we done yet? We have not yet created gender neutral bathrooms. Not that we are opposed, but it will require a sizable commitment on our part and some costly physical changes to our building that we are not currently prepared to implement. Each step that we take will happen because we as a community are ready to move forward. It is an ongoing process.

Our next step is that we have invited the mother of a transgender child to come and share her story with us at our Friday night service on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Regardless of your personal feelings, I hope that you will come with an open mind to hear Jennifer Raz speak. Each of us has our own journey and each one is different, when we share them with each other, it is a beautiful thing. I look forward to meeting Jennifer Raz and hearing her unique story.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Randy Mark



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT SHERI TABACK**

It is said that we all learn something new every day. Last week Beth Julie and I attended a succession planning program run by the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey through their Synagogue Leadership Initiative and I learned a new term: *Tzimtzum*. Before creation, there was only God. He took up all the space that there was. In order to create heaven and earth, He needed to literally contract in order to make room for anything other than himself. Of course, I am probably oversimplifying the concept of *tzimtum*, but I understand why it was used in the context of succession planning for the synagogue.

We have leaders at Shomrei Torah who run the major areas of finance, ritual, membership, fundraising, education, programming and more. However, one does not need to assume a leadership position to help! We, as leaders, cannot take up all the room! In this spirit, I am reaching out to you, the members of our congregation, to share your talent, creativity and ideas with us! Perhaps you have an idea for a program or speaker, or have run a successful fundraiser for another organization, or have a great concept for a membership event. We want to make room for you to be involved! Not everyone has the time or inclination to take on a leadership position, but this does not mean that you can't get involved in our synagogue in a different capacity. We need all of our members to help make Shomrei Torah a place that offers a variety of programs and events that will appeal to our diverse membership, and attract new members to our ranks as well. We need you all to help us continue to build our sacred community.

Please be on the lookout for communications about brainstorming sessions that we plan to hold to hear all of your thoughts and ideas. If you have any that you want to share, you know where to find me! There is more than enough room for everyone to be involved in our Shomrei Torah community, and make it the best it can be.

With Love,  
Sheri Taback



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This was another very good school year because we have a terrific faculty. We have been blessed with good teachers who have returned to us year after year. We lost some good teachers whom we were not able to replace, so in addition to becoming the principal, I found myself back in the classroom. Many took on additional responsibilities to make sure that every student would have a solid learning experience each time that they entered the building. We thank Rabbi Claire for adding an additional hour to her schedule in order to teach Kitah Gimel after her Kitah Bet students were done for the day. And we found Morah Fariba who was willing to come in and teach on Tuesday since the other school she was at met on Sundays and a different day of the week. Morah Etty did some teaching of Kitah Daled in addition to her work with Kitah Gimel after Morah Zahava left New Jersey.

Saying goodbye to Morah Etty was bittersweet. We are happy that she is ready to return to live in Eretz Yisrael, but we are sorry to see her go. She will be a tough act to follow. Years ago, when Mary Sheydwasser taught third grade, she was terrific, so good in fact that when we made her principal, we wondered who could fill her shoes in the third-grade class. Morah Etty was a wonderful replacement and did a great job with the kids year after year. Now once again we will look for a new third grade teacher not only to read Hebrew, but to love Hebrew.

We are thankful that Morah Laura continues to do Hooray for Holidays for our youngest students; and that Morah Dassy continues to provide fun and educational projects for our Gan/Aleph class. Morah Beth will continue to work with our middle school students teaching them to love tefillot (prayers) and Torah.

We have a solid and caring Education committee, comprised mostly of parents, who give us their input so that the school is constantly improving. They are led by Education VP April Seroda and an outstanding Education committee chairperson, Lisa Zevin. Lisa was in school almost every Sunday as a resource for the teachers, as an extra pair of hands when needed and to talk to parents when the principal was in a classroom. As a master teacher herself, she is a tremendous resource and with her caring heart. There is no one better we could have overseeing the education of our students.

Shomrei Torah is truly blessed with caring and talented teachers as well as supportive lay leaders. May next year build upon the success of this year and our school continue to improve.



Join Shomrei Torah for  
a joyous Shabbat  
celebrating  
Israel at 75!

Saturday, June 3  
9:30 am Service followed by a  
Special Israeli Kiddush

RSVPs appreciated  
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[office@shomreitorahwcc.org](mailto:office@shomreitorahwcc.org)



Save the Date!  
The "Salute to Israel"  
parade is on  
Sunday, June 4, 2023!





# Shomrei Torah Pride Shabbat

With Guest Speaker

**JENNIFER RAZ**

**Friday, June 9**

Oneg Shabbat 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm



Jennifer Raz, founding member of Livingston LGBTQ+ Parent Support group will tell her personal story as the mother of a transgender child.

Jennifer Raz describes her “own journey as well as my family’s journey in discovering, learning and supporting my transgender child.” She will also speak to the importance of parental and community support of transgender youth.

RSVP appreciated by contacting the synagogue office:  
973-696-2500 or [office@shomreitorahwcc.org](mailto:office@shomreitorahwcc.org)





Dear Shomrei Torah Congregants and Friends:

Every year, the Men's Club takes part in a raffle run by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Proceeds are used for a variety of purposes. This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. As such, we want to focus on our Holocaust Torah scroll.

When we walk into the sanctuary on the High Holidays, we dress up in our best clothes. The bimah furnishings and our Torah scrolls are also dressed up. But our Holocaust Torah does not have High Holiday vestments. This year, we want it to be dressed in High Holiday finery as it deserves. We need your help to make this happen by taking part in this raffle.

It is very simple to participate. Five raffle prizes, totaling \$2850 will be drawn. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each. You can buy one ticket for \$20, or three for \$54.

To get in on the fun, return the SHORT STUBS with payment to the shul. Please include your name and phone # on each stub. Please make checks payable to "Shomrei Torah Men's Club."

The raffle drawing will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. To be included in the raffle, your ticket stubs and payment **MUST** be received by Shomrei Torah on **or before June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Please support our shul and do your part to make the next High Holidays a truly beautiful experience.

And remember one thing...

***YOU MUST BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!***



**Shomrei Torah**  
**Sisterhood**  
*invites you to*

**Join the fun at our**  
**SUMMER GET-TOGETHER**  
**POOL PARTY**

**Wednesday, July 12**

**6:00 pm**

**at the home of**  
**Marcy Marcus**  
**26 Almroth Drive, Wayne**

**Swim, Schmooze & Eat!**

**Please bring your**  
**favorite (dairy or pareve)**  
**appetizer or side dish to**  
**share!**



**RSVP by Monday, July 10 to Synagogue office:**  
**office@shomreitorahwcc.org**  
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## SHOMREI TORAH'S GARDEN IN ACTION!



Members of Shomrei Torah are invited a **training seminar** on the synagogue's proposed new anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy to be held **Monday, June 12, at 5 p.m.**

The seminar will be led by Lindsay A. Dischley, an attorney with CSG Law whose practice focuses on these issues. The seminar will be in person at the synagogue and accessible on Zoom. The new policies to be discussed were prepared by the synagogue's Law Committee with the assistance of Ms. Dischley.



# JUNE

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### 1st

Gregory Yip  
Laryn Asarch

### 2nd

Joan Gottlieb

### 3rd

Maya Betito  
Rosemarie Bello-Truland  
Marilyn Rubin  
Joseph Fleischer

### 4th

Joshua Zarin  
Davidah Yip

### 5th

Harvey Nagler

### 6th

Laura Lewis  
Jeffrey Ort

### 7th

Lee Ann Beck

### 8th

Rachel Mazer

### 9th

Alan Asarch  
David Ginsberg

### 10th

Charles Cohn

### 11th

Jamie Burr

### 12th

Zoe Greenwald  
Jason Hook  
Barry Mirsky

### 14th

Michael Jeshion  
Zina Shulman

### 16th

Scott Podell

### 17th

Jonathan Ruditser  
Allison Lesser

### 19th

Marc Jalowicz  
Marsha Rolnik

### 21st

Fiona Gilgur

### 22nd

Terri Reicher

### 23rd

Dassy Mark

### 24th

Scott Taylor

### 26th

Henry Ramer

### 27th

Gene Fisher

### 28th

Samuel Kreyman  
Ashlyn Mittman

### 29th

Steven Landau



### 4th

Caroline & Sid Blecherman

### 5th

Mary & Frank Sheydwasser  
Marilyn & Michael Jeshion

### 7th

Carol & Arthur Greenberg  
Meredith & Scott Delman

### 14th

Susan & Robert Gordon  
Cindy & Alan Merker

### 17th

Maxine & Barry Berger  
Lucille & Charles Cohn  
Shirley & Frederick Schwartz

### 18th

June & Stanley Fein  
Denise & Orlando Montanez

### 20th

Cindy & Les Burns

### 21st

Rose & Richard Margolis  
Barbara & Lenny Simon

### 22nd

Susan & Harvey Nagler

### 28th

Susan & Ken Feldman  
Amy & Alan Friedman

### 29th

Holly & Daniel Goldberg



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Rain Date TBD

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strengthening the mind and body all at once.  
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Everyone must RSVP by 6/1 - No Walk-ins



Scan the QR code or visit:  
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According to Hadassah policy, advanced registration and a  
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For questions, contact Marisa Smith, 917-612-5811 or  
[m12marisa@hotmail.com](mailto:m12marisa@hotmail.com).



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## TZEDAKAH ALLOCATION

At this month's Ritual meeting,  
the decision was made to donate  
**\$360** to the Israeli organization  
"Brothers for Life".

Brothers for Life is a non profit organiza-  
tion, created and run by injured Israeli  
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### GOLDEN CARDS \$5.00 PER CARD

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