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What's New at Temple Avodat Shalom

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*Friday, January 17, 2020 - Shabbat Service & Installation of Rabbi Jim Stoloff &
Aufruf of Charlotte Rocker & Rabbi Jim Stoloff - 7:30 pm*

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For up-to-date Temple information:

- Check the Temple website: www.avodatshalom.net
- Receive weekly announcements by e-mail – send your updated address to administrator@avodatshalom.net

Upcoming Events

January 1st...

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Office closed

NO SCHOOL / NO TASTE

January 2nd...

Torah Study @ Noon

January 3rd...

Tot Shabbat, 6:00 pm

Family Shabbat Services led by

Grade 7, 7:30 pm

Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm

January 4th...

Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am

Shabbat Services, 10:30 am

January 5th...

Youth Choir, 9:00 am

School Committee mtg, 9:30

Junior Youth Group event, 1:00 pm

January 6th...

Brotherhood cards, 8:00 pm

January 7th...

Yoga class, 6:30 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

January 8th...

Sisterhood Board, 8:00 pm

January 9th...

Torah Study @ Noon

January 10th...

Shabbat Services led by Sisterhood, 8:00 pm

January 11th...

Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am

Shabbat Services, 10:30 am

Grades 4 Shabbaton

January 12th

Youth Choir, 9:00 am

Sisterhood Bingo, 9:30 am

Grade 6 Kehillah, 10:00 am

January 13th...

Brotherhood Board, 7:00 pm

January 14th...

Yoga class, 6:30 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Board of Directors, 7:30 pm

January 15th...

Torah Study @ Noon

January 16th...

Shabbat Services, Installation of

Rabbi Jim Stoloff and Aufruf of Charlotte Rocker & Rabbi Jim Stoloff,

7:30 pm

January 17th...

Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am

Shabbat Services, 10:30 am

January 18th...

Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am

Shabbat Services, 10:30 am

January 19th...

Youth Choir, 9:00 am

Brotherhood Breakfast, 9:30

Chaverim: Grades PreK - 3, 11:30 am

January 20th

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Office closed

January 21st...

Yoga class, 6:30 pm

Sisterhood Mah Jongg, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

January 23rd...

Torah Study @ Noon

January 24th

Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm

FROM RABBI JIM STOLOFF ...

An auf...what?

Aufruf, ofrif, oyfruf, ufruf (pronounced "owf-roof," or more colloquially "oof-roof")... however you spell it in transliterated English, אָוְרַפּוּףּ is Yiddish / German for "calling up." Like the word aliyah in Hebrew. In its original Jewish Ashkenazic roots, an Aufruf was the Aliyah l'Torah, the Torah blessings, recited by the Groom on the Shabbat before his wedding to honor his upcoming nuptials. But now, it is so much more.

In non-orthodox synagogues the bride and the groom may do the Aliyah together. There might be candy thrown, there may be a song from the congregation to honor the couple. Ultimately, a modern Aufruf is an opportunity to give the couple a special blessing in advance of their wedding.

The origins of the Aufruf come from the Talmud. The story goes that King Solomon built two special gates in the Jerusalem Temple. The gates were opposite each other so that the general public would be between them. One gate was for mourners to walk through, and the other gate was for grooms. This way the community would be able to recognize both events in their fellows' lives. People would greet those who passed through the mourners gate with words of comfort and consolation, and when a groom walked through his gate the people would say, "May God whose presence dwells in this House gladden you with sons and daughters."

These days the blessings for couples before their marriage are a bit more inclusive, and usually specific to the particular couple. Typically, in Reform synagogues, the Aufruf blessing is given during a Friday night service. The couple is called up to the bimah before the ark to receive the special blessing for their upcoming wedding and marriage with their family, friends and temple community as witnesses. Aufruf can be a great way to celebrate an upcoming wedding with the entire community.

Rabbi Jim Stoloff

January 25th

Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am

Shabbat Services, 10:30 am

January 26th...

Youth Choir, 9:00 am

Family Workshop for Grades Pre-K/K & 1

Feeding the Hungry

January 28th...

Yoga class, 6:30 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

January 30th...

Torah Study @ Noon

January 31st...

Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently, I attended the funeral of Ann Guss. For those who did not know Ann, she was a wonderful person. But that's not why I mentioned her. Ann, and her late husband Harold, were 2 of our founding members. Anne was one of the very last founding members alive. We have almost lost the last physical attachments to our beginnings. We have not, and hopefully never will, lose the spiritual connection to the founders of our community. We continue to be the open, warm community that they created.

For those who heard my speech on Yom Kippur, you know how much that aspect of Temple Avodat Shalom means to me. I did not push hard during that speech about making donations to the temple. In fact, I barely mentioned it. But donations are extremely important to us. Dues & tuition only cover about 69% of our costs each year. The remaining 31% needs to come from donations.

The year end challenge is one of our largest fundraisers. We are attempting to raise \$20,000 to help defer some of our costs. If you haven't made your donation yet, please consider doing so now. Give any amount you are comfortable with. I know it's past the end of the year, but it's not too late to help. Go online, or stop in to the office with a check.

Happy New Year from my family to yours.

Steve



FROM THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR “The One-Who-evenings the evening...”

- What are some examples of the cycles of nature?
- What does it mean to “renew Creation”?
- Noam Katz wrote the song “Roll into Dark” inspired by the *Ma’ariv Aravim* prayer. What other forms of artistic expression can be utilized to convey prayer as well?

These questions and others were thoughtfully investigated during the autumn months as our students were shown that there is more than one way to experience prayer.

We are so happy to have welcomed artist Jennifer Levine* to our religious school! The “Paint-A-Prayer” artist visited our school twice: first for text study and then to assist all of our students (Pre-K/Kindergarten through 12th grade) to design beautiful representations of their own personal interpretations.

Given our choice of prayer to highlight, we chose both the *Ma’ariv Aravim* and the *Yotzer Or* prayers, prayed in the evening and the morning, respectively. Students were challenged to study and explore these prayers on a deeper (developmentally age appropriate!) level, delving into the creation of the world, God’s role in our lives, as well as to discuss the metaphorical juxtaposition of sunset and sunrise, nighttime and daytime, and darkness and light. The text study lent itself wonderfully to elucidate age-old contrasts about the symbolism of darkness and light in terms of the creation of evil and good, ignorance and wisdom, and fear and hope.

Our creative process began with a metaphor. Just as God created the heavens and the earth – “the earth being unformed and void” (Genesis 1:1-2), we, too, embarked upon this project beginning with “nothing”. We may have felt a bit frightened or uncertain, however, just as “God created the human in God’s image” (Genesis 1:27), human beings were thus “created to create”.

After our text study, every student was invited to choose a section, a phrase or, (especially for our youngest children), an idea from within these prayers. Students had the option of either drawing or collaging a piece of art to demonstrate how the text “spoke” to them, and Levine in turn used students’ original artwork as inspiration for two large murals. Based on our students’ concepts and visions, Levine sketched the outlines in her studio, and brought the pieces to TAS to be painted by the students. Levine then took the canvases back to her studio for “finishing”.

This collaborative process was undertaken by more than 100 students, and I’m hoping that whenever they glance at what they have “created”, they will feel a special connection to their collective expression of these meaningful prayers as well as to their lovely artwork (that began as “nothing”).

Perhaps by the time you are reading this, we will have found a proper place to display our murals, so that you, too, can delight in their messages and their beauty.

*Jennifer Levine is an experienced mural artist, educator, and the co-founder of The Peace garden song and Mural project (peacegardenproject.com), an arts education program.

Morah Barbara

JUSTICE AT TAS

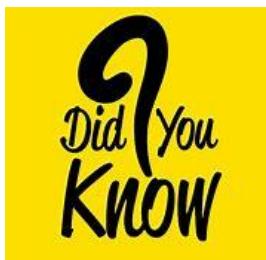


HOW CAN TAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th @ 11 am

Please join us on Sunday, February 9th @ 11 am to start to plan our next social justice/social action projects, as initially discussed at our October 27, 2019 brainstorming session with Rabbi Jim. Here is a brief summary of the brainstorming meeting; more information about the meeting will be available once the Temple's website is updated.

- Create TAS-Specific Tikkun Olam calendar so members and website visitors know what is available
- Begin planning for one major multi-year project plus adding more drives and individual events such as a Men's Dress for Success clothing drive
- Seek to work with other Jewish and non-Jewish partners
- The RAC – the Religious Action Center of URJ – has a lot of resources we can access.
- Potential major project will focus on climate change/making TAS more environmentally friendly
- Continue work in the Gender Identity and Expression area
- Rebrand our work as the Tikkun Olam Committee
- Continue to be SMART – **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant and **T**ime-bound

The Temple's website will be updated in January. At this time, the Justice Central webpages (under Community) are currently out-of date. They will be updated as soon as the new website is operating. Meanwhile, please contact justice@avodatshalom.net to get issues and events added to the Additional Social Justice Opportunities or if you have questions about our activities



Did you know that TAS has graves available for sale to its members? Graves are available in numbers from single graves up to 8 and 12 grave plots. The graves are located in our property at Cedar Park – Beth El Cemetery. If you are interested or want more information, contact Barbara King, bmking64@optonline.net or 201-843-0785.

A Gift for the Future of TAS

When asked what TAS means to our congregants, many of our congregants say “family” or “home.” That is a wonderful thing for our temple community!

If you consider TAS to be part of your family, if you consider TAS to be a home away from home, perhaps you would consider leaving a part of your future estate to TAS. Is there a better place to leave your legacy than to your family, to improve your home?

Please call the Temple office to learn more about how to include the Temple as one of the beneficiaries of your Will, retirement plan, life insurance or IRA.



OMG they were good. I hope they do this again soon. Did you taste those amazing desserts? Just some of the comments we heard as we were leaving the Brotherhood Rock Concert a few weeks ago. Mark Richards and "Plaza North" played three hours of amazing music while we ate decadent desserts made by Dan Schulman. If you missed that event, don't despair we have plenty of great events in the coming months.

Latka Throw Down, what can we say other than Yummy! Another successful event put together by the brotherhood and sisterhood. We were entertained and fed well.

Jewpardy is coming. On February 2nd and Adam Herbst is working hard to finalize some challenging questions, so you better start studying. You can sign up now on the Brotherhood web page.

If you like to laugh, hang with your friends and eat great desserts then make your reservation now for the Brotherhood Comedy Night. On Saturday March 13th, three professional comedians will be performing at TAS. Hurry and sign up now on the Brotherhood web page.



Mahjong meetup is Tuesday January 21st from 7-9 pm. Mahjong will meet each month leading up to Mahj Madness in May! Sisterhood Bingo is Sunday January 12th 9:30-11 am. Book club is reading Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* on Monday January 27th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome for a great discussion! The Sisterhood service is Friday January 10th. Sisterhood Purim Party is February 29th from 7-10 pm. The next sisterhood meeting is January 8th at 8 pm. RSVP to events, questions, ideas and suggestions contact us at sisterhood@avodatshalom.net.



Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's challenge, **20,000 Lights of Chanukah**. And it's not too late., You can still donate by calling the Temple office.

Watch your mailboxes. The **CHAI+ RAFFLE** should be reaching you by the end of January. Over 18 great prizes including gift cards to great local restaurants. And we know everyone will love this year's GRAND PRIZE.

Lisa and Amy



KIPPAH FUNDRAISER

Order Kippot for your special celebration (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding) through the Temple and help support our Parents' Association who help fund many of our children's activities.

Call Debra Tester at 201-791-1773 for information.



Each month, the children in our congregation who are celebrating birthdays are called to the bimah during our First Friday Family Service. January birthdays will be called to the bimah on January 3rd. We wish all of them a Happy Birthday.



Vitali Aiague



Acadia Gremillion



Bailey Wacks

...Sophia Gaffin, Sara Howard, Gabriela Iacoviello, Jacob Kata, Connor Klein, Benjamin Lewis, Ilana Lubin, Jake Rabinowitz and Kiran Seligman...



Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Needy Neighbors

Thank you everyone who helped support the Flames of Giving program this year fulfilling 60 gifts for the organization. Here is a note I received from the organizer Sari Gross:

We truly cannot thank you enough for the amazing, generous and fabulous gifts this year for Flames of Giving!!! I am overwhelmed by your leadership over the years and the generosity of those who participated in the Flames of Giving program you created at Temple Avodat Shalom. This partnership is one of the highlights of Flames of Giving and without it we could not provide gifts to all our neighbors in need.

It means so much to us that you have involved the children and families and members at your synagogue with helping out and together we can bring hope and happiness to those people who are challenged and struggling during the holidays. The compassion, concern and generosity of all those in your congregation who partner with us during the holiday season is incredible.

Thanks again everyone for your continued support!

Liza Barth

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Jen H., earns for hockey

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PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE A TEMPLE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND A PAID UP MEMBER OF SISTERHOOD BY 12/31/20 IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

SISTERHOOD JEWISH CAMP AND EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

One of the goals of the Sisterhood is to encourage our members' children to have fun and enriching Jewish experiences beyond the TAS community

Date:

Parent Name:

Child Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Jewish Camp (please list name) _____

OR

*** Jewish Experience (please specify)** _____

Total Cost of Program _____

Have you previously received a Sisterhood scholarship? If yes, please list date(s) and program(s).

Please describe why you would like to attend your program. (Please use the reverse side of this application or attach a separate sheet.)

Scholarship Rules:

- 1) Parent must be a member in good standing of TAS and the TAS Sisterhood. Sisterhood dues MUST have been paid by 12/31 of academic year.
- 2) All scholarship requests must be received by May 1st or prior to the start of the Jewish experience.
- 3) NEW - Students may apply for a camp scholarship multiple years, however preference is given to first time applicants.
- 4) Scholarships for Jewish experiences other than camp are limited to a one time award per individual experience.
- 5) Decisions will be made no later than May 1st with preference given to first time applicants.
- 6) Students who receive scholarships may be asked to participate in a Temple activity to share their experience.

Parent Signature:

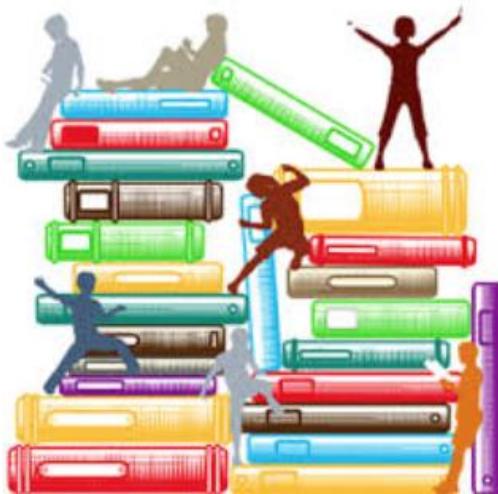
Student Signature:

Jewish experience scholarships are awarded for youth trips to Israel or Jewish youth experiences such as the RAC trip or the NFTY Bi-Annual Convention.

**If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact us at
sisterhood@avodatshalom.net**

HELP OUR LIBRARY GROW!

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATION PROGRAM:



Celebrate your child's (or grandchild's) birthday with a book donation to the Temple Avodat Shalom Library!

The program is simple. You send in a donation for \$18.00, which will be used toward the purchase of a new book. The books will be available in the library for your child to select.

On or near their birthday, the librarian will have your child choose a book. A bookplate with your child's name, birthday and the school year will then be placed inside this book. Your child will be the first person to check out this personalized book and bring it home to share. Children with birthdays in June will choose a book in December, July in January, and August birthdays in February on their "Half Birthday".

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful program to help expand our library! If you have any questions, please email school@avodatshalom.net

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM

- \$18.00 per book
- Checks payable to "Temple Avodat Shalom"; memo section "Birthday Book Donation"

Name of Child	Birthdate

The cutoff date for all donations to be listed in the Bulletin is the 25th of each month; otherwise they will be listed in the following month's bulletin.

IN MEMORIAM

The congregation extends deepest sympathy to the families of:

- ... Ann (Harold) Guss z"l, Mother of Diane z"l, David z"l (Jennifer), Amy, and Janet (Hani);
- ... Ann Appelbaum (Rabbi Neal Borovitz) on the passing of her mom, Teedy Appelbaum z"l;
- ... Richard Chaimson (Meryl Kordower), on the passing of his sister, Marcia Selig z'l.

GENERAL FUND

Donations to the General Fund support all activities of the Temple

ELLEN & STEVE BERMAN

SUSAN & LARRY ALTMAN

Congratulations to Liz & Dave Dunkelman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lacey.

DEBORAH ABRONSON

In loving memory of her parents, Judith and William Abronson.

JOYCE & NEIL MASSOTH

JOAN & STEVE KAPLAN

SHARON & RUSSELL SAGERMAN

Congratulations to Nancy & Warren Heaps on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Eliza.

ANONYMOUS

This donation is to pay the dues for a young family that cannot afford to do so on their own.

JOAN & GUNTER HECHT

In memory of Gunter's parents, Anna & Hugo Hecht.

AUDREY & JOEL ROSENBLATT

JOYCE & NEIL MASSOTH

SUSAN & LARRY ALTMAN

SHARON & RUSSELL SAGERMAN

KAREN & DOUGLAS CHARIPPER

Mazel Tov! to Mary & Rich Lurie on the birth of their grandson Arlo Alexander Lurie.

MARIAN ROFFMAN & DAVID GREENFIELD
In memory of Marian's mother, Florence Roffman.

SUSAN & LARRY ALTMAN

AUDREY & JOEL ROSENBLATT

Wishing Cheryl Jaffe a speedy recovery.

JOYCE & NEIL MASSOTH

"Thinking of you" to Rita & Martin Fox
Wishing Stuart Plotkin a speedy recovery.

ELLEN & STEVE BERMAN

CAROL BERDY

MARY & RICH LURIE

BARBARA & MICHAEL KING

SHEILA FRIEDMAN

LINDA ROSENBERG & BARRY ABLEMAN

Sincerest condolences to the Guss Family on the passing of Ann Guss, their beloved mother and grandmother.

SUSAN & LARRY ALTMAN

Happy 80th Birthday to Linda Gould.

PEGGY & STUART SCHNEIDER

NILENE EVANS

LIZ & LEN LAWTON

BARBARA & MICHAEL STARR

Sincere condolences to Richard Chaimson And Meryl Kordower on the passing of Richard's sister, Marcia Selig.

ELLEN & STEVE BERMAN

To Peggy Schneider with Best Wishes for a speedy recovery.

Condolences to Pam Edelstein on the loss of her sister.

YAHRZEIT PLAQUE

PRAYER BOOK FUND

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

MISHKAN T'FILAH FOR YOUTH FUND

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

THE SCHNOLL MUSIC FUND

CONNIE SCHNOLL

To Gloria & Cubby Cohen in memory of Cubby's brother, Morton Cohen.

YAHRZEIT FUND

VICKI & STEVE MONAOLY

In memory of Vicki's father, Samuel Chalfin.

ELIZABETH & WERNER GOLDSTEIN

In memory of Elizabeth's mother, Hilda Leah Kay.

In memory of Elizabeth's brother, Paul Kay.

JEANNE BUESSER

In memory of her husband, Raymond Buesser; her uncle, Maximillian Schlesinger; her cousin, Howie Kronick; and her friends, Rose Moore and Ron Zanger.

SIDNEY SCHNALL

In memory of his mother, Anna Schnall

VIVIAN SLOVES

In memory of Irving Kaufman and Joseph Sloves.

SUSAN & RICHARD PIKE

In memory of Susan's father, Joseph Fried.

IRIS LAPIDUS

In memory of her aunt, Frances Warhaftig.

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

SHARON & RUSSELL SAGERMAN

Multiple donations in memory of and in honor of life cycle events for congregation members

RABBI JIM'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

SHARON & RUSSELL SAGERMAN

Multiple donations:

In memory of Joel Rosenblatt's stepmother, Frieda Rosenblatt.

Congratulations to Nancy & Warren Heaps on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Eliza.

In memory of Brian Hartman's father, William Hartman.

To Ellen & Steve Berman in honor of their grandson's first birthday.

JUDITH & RALPH RICE

For the Rabbi to use where it's most needed.

HARRIET LEVENTHAL

Thank you from the DBT Group.

GLORIA & CUBBY COHEN

Warm Welcome!

EDUCATOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CONFIRMATION FUND

SISTERHOOD

A. BAER MEMORIAL SCHOOL FUND

BROTHERHOOD

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SHAVELSON FUND

To subsidize teen and young adult participation in Jewish leadership programming

LAPIDOS TREE OF LIFE

KAREN & DOUGLAS CHARIPPER

In memory of Doug's father, Bret Charipper.

MICHAEL MEALIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MITZVAH WALK BRICK

TORAH COMMENTARIES FUND

TORAH RESTORATION FUND

For the care and maintenance of our Torah scrolls

SISTERHOOD SUNSHINE FUND

Sincere condolences to the FAMILY OF ANN
GUSS on her passing

Get well wishes to JOHN DAUGHTERY

Mazel Tov to MARY & RICH LURIE on the birth
of their grandson, Arlo

Condolences to RICHARD CHAIMSON, MERYL
KORDOWER & FAMILY on the passing of
Richard's sister, Marcia Selig

Condolence to PAM & MIKE EDELSTEIN &
FAMILY on the passing of Pam's aunt, Judy

Condolences to ANN APPLEBAUM, RABBI
BOROVITZ & FAMILY on the passing of Ann's
beloved mother, Teedy Applebaum

Get well wishes to PEGGY SCHNEIDER

A REMINDER: Donations to Temple Avodat Shalom's Funds may be made, by phone or mail, in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or "just because." A beautiful card of acknowledgment will be mailed to the honoree or to the family of the deceased upon receipt of the donation, minimum \$10. However, certain specific Funds require higher minimums, as follows:

Mishkan T'filah Youth	\$ 18
Torah Restoration	180
Library Fund	18
Simcha Tree of Life	180
Gates of Joy	18
Lapidos Tree of Life	250
Torah Commentary	90
Mitzvah Walk Brick	360



20,000 Lights of Chanukah

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2019 Year End Challenge and helped us reach our goal of \$20,000.
Donations received after 12/31/2019 will be acknowledged in next month's Bulletin.***

Larry & Susan Altman
The Aufrichtig/Lederman Family
Barry & Shelli Ballan
Gary & Liza Barth
Carol Berdy
Jason & Dawnett Berger
Steve & Ellen Berman
Phyllis Besen
Thomas & Joyce Bivone
Edward & Beverly Calem
Douglas & Karen Charipper
Lisa & Robert Cohen
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Tracey Cohen
Steven & Lisa Nelson-Cohen
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Bernard Faust & Rose Kay Browning
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Howard & Julie Glazer
Gail & Eric Goldfarb
Linda & Philip Gould
David Greenfield & Marian Roffman
Kenneth & Barbara Haber
Warren & Nancy Heaps
Gunter & Joan Hecht
Roy & Carol Hermalyn
Marc & Patty Herrmann
Jeffrey & Carrie Jacobus
Marc & Cheryl Jaffe
The Joffe Family
Seth & Cassandra Kadesh
Joan & Steve Kaplan
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Leonard & Elizabeth Lawton
Alvin Lazarus
Keith & Erin Lazarus
Fred Levitan
Andy & Annette Lieb
Mitchell & Karen Light
Neal & Ellen Litinger
Anthony & Barbara Luciano
Richard & Mary Lurie
Charlotte Magid
Gregg & Dalia Malovany
Jerry & Barbara Markowitz
Neil & Joyce Massoth
Robert & Susan Messer
Sandra Metviner
Stephen & Vicki Monaloy
Steven & Lissa Moskowitz
Kurt Osinsky
Marc & Bethlee Potolsky
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Evelyn Reiser
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Joel & Audrey Rosenblatt
Russell & Sharon Sagerman
Sidney Schnall
Stuart & Peggy Schneider
Edward Schultz
Ellen Schultz
Steven & Lynn Schweighardt
Brian & Aarthi Seligman
Steven Shalit & Michelle Kaufman
Mitch & Heather Sheiner
David & Janice Sloves
Michael & Barbara Starr
Rabbi James Stoloff & Charlotte Rocker
Louis & Susan Teichholz
Michael & Lisa Wacks
Judith Zimmerman

*This is a partial list

A D U L T P U R I M B A S H

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

DJ * DANCING * WEAR A COSTUME * PRIZES

SATURDAY

7PM-10PM

02.29.2020

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE PURIM
WEAR A COSTUME OR COME AS YOU ARE!**

**AT THE TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM SISTERHOOD
385 HOWLAND AVENUE RIVER EDGE NJ**

**PLEASE RSVP - SISTERHOOD
SISTERHOOD@AVODATSHALOM.NET**

Brotherhood's

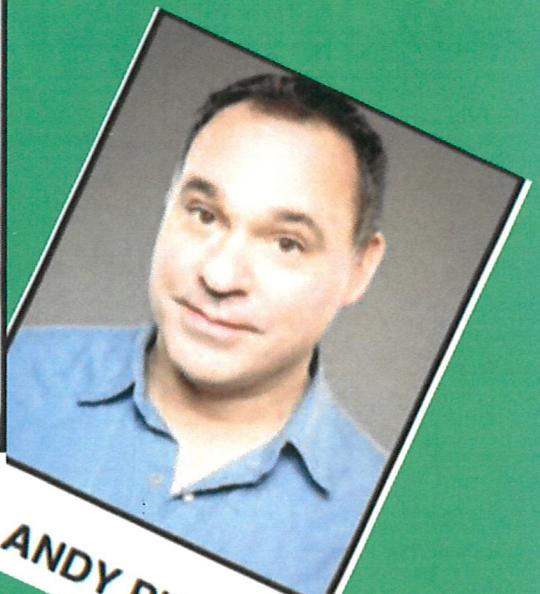
Comedy Night



ROBIN FOX



JOE LARSON



ANDY PITZ

March 14th

** Doors open at 7:00 pm ** Show starts at 8:00 pm

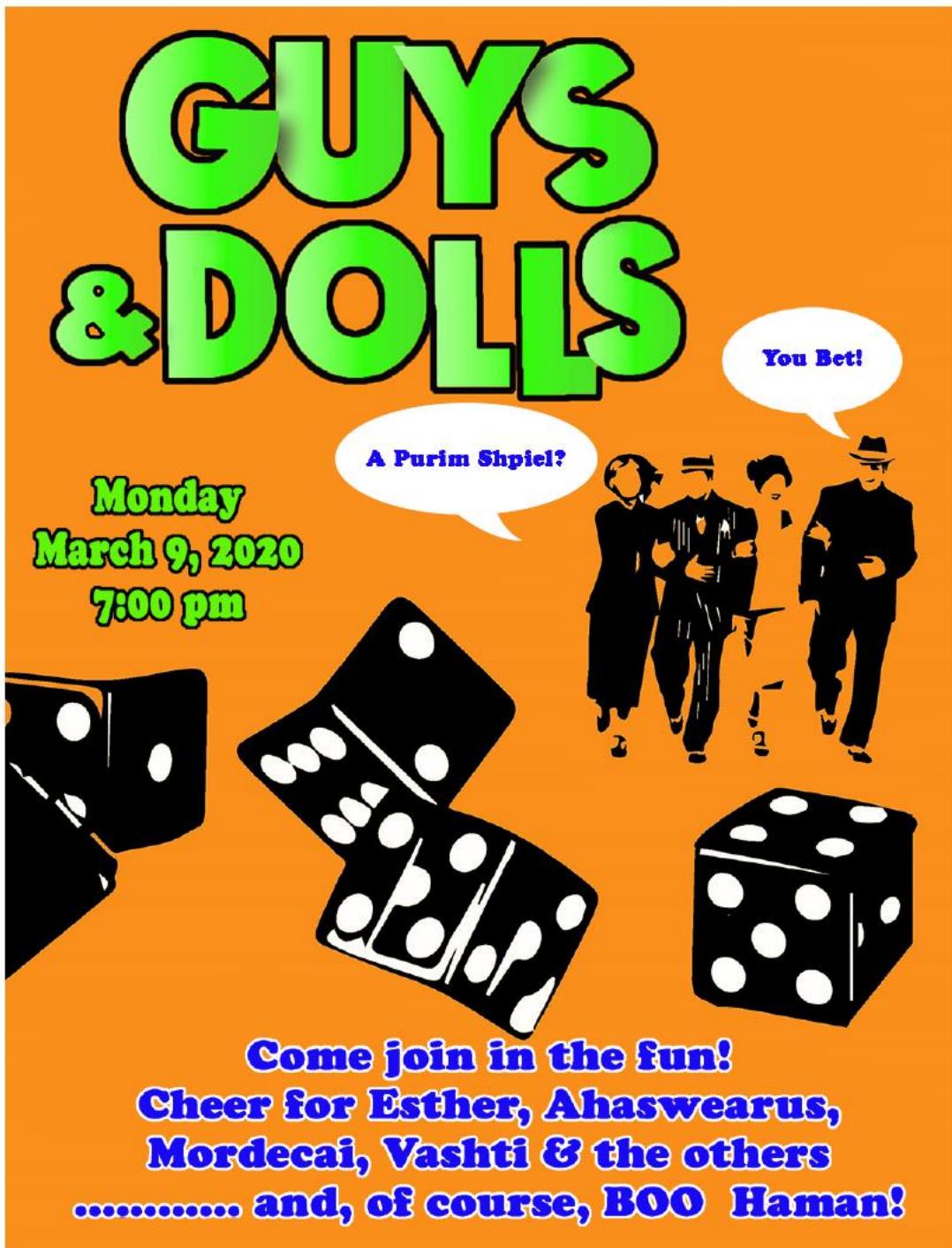
*** Tickets are \$36 if purchased by 2/22, and \$40 after that date. Tickets at the door are \$50. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$340 but only by 2/22/20.

*** BYOB / *** Brotherhood will provide dessert and table snack food. (BYOF Kosher Style Food Please)

*** To register and for more information go to

<https://avodatshalom.net/community/brotherhood>

The TAS Players invite you, your spouse, your kids, your in-laws, your grandparents, and, well, anyone who wants to have a rollicking night of good fun to our schmaltzed up version of GUYS & DOLLS: A Purim Shpiel Story. The plot of this year's play is that Aha-Swearos and Haman, childhood friends and inveterate gamblers, are living the high life! But Esther, Aha's long term fianceé, wants Aha to settle down and become the Haimish guy of her dreams. Haman holds the deed to Temple Avodat Shalom and faces the dilemma of his life: will he lose it at a high stakes game, or will he get lucky and hold on to it? And, what about Vashti, will she ever find love? Join us for this romantic comedy, and place your bets early so you don't miss the fun! Show night (aka , Purim) is on March 9, 2020.



Jewopardy

Who will be on the winning team?

Will it be you!

\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000

Join us on February 2nd at 9:30. \$8 includes bagel and lox breakfast. \$10 at the door. Sign up on the TAS website.



Join us for the Temple Avodat Shalom Retreat at URJ Eisner Camp in beautiful Great Barrington, Massachusetts.



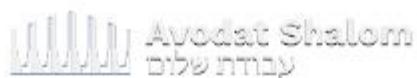
Bring your friends and make new ones! We will celebrate Shabbat together, starting with a festive meal. There will be opportunities for games and learning, adult discussion and screen-free play, time in nature and together. Delicious food will be provided and special dietary needs accommodated. We will conclude before lunch on Sunday to give you time to enjoy the area and return home.

When: Friday, April 3, 5pm - Sunday, April 5, 11 am

Where: URJ Eisner Camp, approximately a 2 hour and 15 minute drive from TAS

Three spots left!!! Complete a registration form and payment online by **November 15** to be eligible for a subsidy from the synagogue at the following rate: \$360/family with up to two adults. After that, the cost is \$430/family. An additional adult per family is \$130. Teens who are willing to work for part of the retreat are eligible for a rebate for their family and should indicate their interest on the registration form.

Questions? Contact wendygrinberg629@gmail.com.



HANDY PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS and DISABLED PERSONS

Want to enjoy a really rewarding experience? The Chore Service, sponsored by the Bergen Volunteer Center, helps keep Bergen County seniors and people with disabilities safe in their own homes. Chore volunteers perform minor household repairs that these vulnerable people can't do themselves nor get anyone else to do, and that can make a huge difference in the quality of their lives. These repairs are performed at no cost to the people, other than the cost of the materials used in the repair. For those on a fixed income, these savings could mean the difference between paying a professional a fee just to evaluate a situation, and whether there is money for food or medicine!

A Chore volunteer should be able to perform the kind of minor repairs that any able-bodied homeowner must do: replacing broken locks/doorknobs, installing washers in faucets, replacing electric outlets or switches, installing grab bars and hand railings, putting in/taking out small air conditioners, even changing light bulbs! The Chore Service has three vans that are sent throughout Bergen County 5 days a week. A volunteer would be assigned one day a week to a crew that performs 4-5 service calls per day.

Chore offers a great volunteer opportunity for retirees or people who work second and third shift jobs. Call Maureen at (201) 489-7790 to find out how satisfying it can be to use your handyperson skills to lend a hand to those in need.



Chore Service

A program of the Bergen Volunteer Center, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Chore Direct: 201-489-7790 Volunteer Center: 201-489-9454

Making your home a safer place to live

Simple household repairs performed by senior volunteers for the senior 60+ and disabled populations in Bergen County

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| Minor Plumbing: | Repair leaking faucets
Repair leaking toilets
Replace washer hoses |
| Minor Electrical: | Replace existing outlets
Replace light switches and plugs
Replace or repair door bells
Replace light bulbs
Replace an existing light fixture if appropriate |
| Weatherization: | Seasonal changes of screens and storm windows
Weatherstrip doors and windows –spring, summer, fall
Air conditioner installations—5,000 BTU or smaller |
| Repair or Replace: | Door locks, handles, springs and closers
Filters and batteries |
| Install: | Smoke Alarms
Mini-blinds (no vertical blinds)
Grab bars in bath areas (3 grab bar maximum per visit)
Interior railings |
- There can be a 2-4 week wait for Chore due to the many requests for service*
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- Chore is unable to service emergencies and does not do outdoor work, painting, masonry, tiling, door or window replacements, work requiring high ladders, heavy lifting, furniture moving, new wiring, or appliance repairs
 - No cosmetic repairs, interior decorating, cleaning
 - Repairs for apartment dwellers are limited to personal items only. Other repairs are the responsibility of the landlord.

Call Chore at (201) 489-7790

Chore Service is a program of The Bergen Volunteer Center and is funded by the Bergen County Division of Senior Services, Bergen County Community Development, Community Chest, client contributions, and Volunteer Center fundraising activities.



Adult Care Brief Drive

Hosted by the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades during July

Help us give seniors freedom to remain social and independent.

25 million older Americans experience urinary incontinence.

25% of New Jersey seniors cannot afford food and other basic needs.

Without absorbent products, older people become isolated at home and fearful of joining social functions and trying new activities.

Please donate today and help us create smiles for seniors in need!

Collection bins will be at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades entrances.

For more information contact Marlene Ceragno at mceragno@jccotp.org or 201.569.7900 ext. 439



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- Incontinence is the second leading cause of institutionalization.
- 25 million Americans suffer from urinary incontinence
- 25 % of Bergen County seniors live below the poverty level
- There are currently no programs that offer financial assistance to seniors in need of adult “briefs” or other incontinence products, making these necessities for independent living unattainable “luxury” items.
- Adult products of this kind cost upwards of \$100 a month, and with social security benefits averaging \$874 a month, purchasing them is not possible for millions of adults.
- Having access to these items are a “basic human need,” allowing senior adults to remain mobile, social and productive. Without them, many healthy older people would be trapped in their homes, fearful of joining social functions, trips to libraries or the movies, or even attending their own grandchild’s wedding!
- Seniors who remain socially active remain healthier, both physically and emotionally, and since people are living longer and leading more active lives, it is critically important to invest in programs that can help them afford products that will allow them to remain engaged in their community. The cost of not providing them will be astronomical by comparison to the care costs incurred by the need of early institutionalization and other health problems!
- Unlike babies, who outgrow the need for diapers, incontinent adults will bear this cost for the rest of their lives.

A recent study indicates that 25% of our New Jersey seniors cannot afford basic necessities. They are not eligible for Medicaid yet their Social Security check does not cover food, medications and adult absorbent products. Did you know that there is no government funding for adult care briefs? (formerly known as adult diapers) Without these products many seniors would be trapped in their homes and unable to attend social and/or family events. People are living longer and leading more active lives. The Adult Care Brief Bank was developed to collect and distribute absorbent products to those in need. Through drives, similar food drives or collections, The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, The Academy of Holy Angels, The New Synagogue of Fort Lee, St. Joseph's Parish, Bergen Family Center and other venues including networking events have collected over 120,000 products. The items collected are distributed to individuals in need through local agencies such as the Center for Food Action, Meals On Wheels of Bergen County, and Pascack, Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County, Jewish Family Services, Bergen Family Center, the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living (SESCIL) and more.

All it takes is an email blast and a collection bin. Oh yea, a bit of media always helps😊

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	REMINDER The calendar on our website contains the most up-to-date information		4 Tevet NEW YEAR'S DAY Office closed NO SCHOOL / NO TASTE	1 5 Tevet Torah Study @ Noon	2 6 Tevet (4:22) Tot Shabbat, 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Services led by Grade 7, 7:30 pm Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	3 7 Tevet Parashat Vayigash <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am
8 Tevet 5 Youth Choir, 9:00 am School Committee mtg, 9:30 am Junior Youth Group event, 1:00 pm	9 Tevet Brotherhood cards, 8:00 pm	6 10 Tevet Yoga class, 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm	7 11 Tevet Sisterhood Board, 8:00 pm	8 12 Tevet Torah Study @ Noon	9 13 Tevet (4:29) Shabbat Services led by Sisterhood, 8:00 pm	10 14 Tevet Parashat Vayeichi <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am Grades 4 Shabbaton
15 Tevet 12 Youth Choir, 9:00 am Sisterhood Bingo, 9:30 am Grade 6 Kehillah, 10:00 am	16 Tevet Brotherhood Board, 7:00 pm	13 17 Tevet Yoga class, 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm Board of Directors, 7:30 pm	14 18 Tevet	15 19 Tevet Torah Study @ Noon	16 20 Tevet (4:37) Shabbat Services, Installation of Rabbi Jim Stoloff and AufRuf of Charlotte Rocker & Rabbi Jim Stoloff, 7:30 pm	17 21 Tevet Parashat Shemot <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am
22 Tevet 19 Youth Choir, 9:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast, 9:30 am Chaverim: Grades PreK - 3, 11:30 am	23 Tevet 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Office closed	21 24 Tevet Yoga class, 6:30 pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg, 7 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm	22 25 Tevet	23 26 Tevet Torah Study @ Noon	24 27 Tevet (4:45) Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm	25 28 Tevet Parashat Vaera <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am
29 Tevet 26 Youth Choir, 9:00 am Family Workshop for Grades Pre-K/K & 1 Feeding the Hungry	1 Shevat 2 Shevat	27 2 Shevat Yoga class, 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm	28 3 Shevat	29 4 Shevat Torah Study @ Noon	30 5 Shevat (4:54) Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm	31