

TAS TIMES

Adar II - Nisan 5784

April 2024



HAPPY
Passover



UPCOMING EVENTS

Events, dates and times subject to change. See <https://www.avodatshalom.net/calendar> for most accurate information

APRIL 2024/5784 adar II - nisan						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 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 30 31	22 Adar II 1 Brotherhood cards, 8:00 pm	23 Adar II 2 Tuesday Study Group, 9:30am Religious School @ KD, 4pm	24 Adar II 3	25 Adar II 4 Torah Study @ Noon	26 Adar II (7:07) 5 Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm Oneg, 8:30 pm	27 Adar II 6 Parashat Shmini Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am
28 Adar II 7 Religious School @ KD, 9:30 Sisterhood Breakfast & Craft, 9:30 am	29 Adar II 8 TASTE @ HUC Soup Kitchen	1 Nisan 9 Tuesday Study Group, 9:30am Religious School @ KD, 4pm	2 Nisan 10 Brotherhood Board, 6:30 pm Sisterhood Board, 7:00 pm	3 Nisan 11 Torah Study @ Noon	4 Nisan (7:15) 12 Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm Oneg, 9:00 pm	5 Nisan 13 Parashat Tazria Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am Shabbat Service Minyan, 10:30 am Lunch, noon Emeritus Rabbi Neal Borovitz
6 Nisan 14 MS Walk @ Overpeck Park Religious School @ KD, 9:30am	7 Nisan 15	8 Nisan 16 Tuesday Study Group, 9:30am NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	9 Nisan 17 Author Mark Braff, 7:30 pm	10 Nisan 18 Torah Study @ Noon	11 Nisan (7:22) 19 Grade 2 Shabbat @ KD, 6:30 Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm Oneg, 9:00 pm	12 Nisan 20 Parashat Metzora Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am
13 Nisan 21 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	14 Nisan 22 Office closed First Seder	15 Nisan 23 PESACH NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Office closed Matzo Brei Breakfast, 10:30 Community Seder @ KD, 6:30 pm	16 Nisan 24	17 Nisan 25 Torah Study @ Noon	18 Nisan (7:30) 26 Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm Oneg, 9:00 pm	19 Nisan 27 Parashat Peach Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am
20 Nisan 28 Religious School @ KD, 9:30am	21 Nisan 29	22 Nisan 30 Office closed Passover Service & Yizkor, 10:30 am Lunch, noon Religious School @ KD, 4pm				

Monday, April 1st:
8:00 pm Brotherhood Cards

Tuesday, April 2nd:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Thursday, April 4th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, April 5th:
7:30 pm Shabbat Services
8:30 pm Oneg

Saturday, April 6th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

Sunday, April 7th:
9:30 am Religious School @ KD
9:30 am Sisterhood Breakfast & Craft

Monday, April 8th:
TASTE @ HUC Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, April 9th:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Wednesday, April 10th:
6:30 pm Brotherhood Board Mtg
7:00 pm Sisterhood Board Mtg

Thursday, April 11th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, April 12th:
8:00 pm Shabbat Services
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, April 13th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Minyan & Luncheon w/Rabbi Borovitz

Sunday, April 14th:
MS Walk @ Overpeck Park
9:30 am Religious School

Tuesday, April 16th:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 17th:
7:30 pm Author Mark Braff

Thursday, April 18th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, April 19th:
6:30 pm Grade 2 Shabbat @ KD
8:00 pm Shabbat Service
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, April 20th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

Sunday, April 21st:
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Monday, April 22nd:
OFFICE CLOSED
First Seder

Tuesday, April 23rd:
OFFICE CLOSED
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
10:30 am Matzo Brei Breakfast
6:30 pm Community Seder @ KD

Thursday, April 25th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, April 26th:
8:00 pm Shabbat Service
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, April 27th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

Sunday, April 28th:
9:30 am Religious School @ KD

Tuesday, April 30th:
OFFICE CLOSED
10:30 am Passover Service & Yizkor
12:00 pm Lunch
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD



Rabbi Jim Stoloff
rabbi@avodatshalom.net

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

The power of coming together And the sacrifice of change

In the weekly Torah cycle, we are currently reading through the Book of Leviticus. And of the main themes of the book, from the very beginning of the very first Parsha, is sacrifice.

Sacrifice, and all of the details that come with it. Sacrifice for one person, one leader, one priest, one community, all the way up to community festivals for the entire people of Israel. Everything from a bowl of grain or a pigeon, to large farm animals and even 8 bulls at once in what is, essentially, the biggest Sukkot barbeque ever.

In the sea of Levitical details on the “how,” there is much less on the “why.” But the short version is...because we want something. The few things that are listed in Leviticus - to seek forgiveness, for health, for prosperity, for gratitude - are still some of the same things we pray for today. And as far as worship goes, prayer has replaced animal sacrifice. But that isn't to say that sacrifice is gone from modern Jewish communities (more on that in a moment).

Switching topics, but not really, I hope you were at one of the three incredible Purim events this past weekend (at the time of this writing). We had a fabulous Purim carnival, a wonderful off-site mix and mingle with TAS / KD on Saturday with 70ish people, and Friday night for our Shabbat, Purim Spiel, and Megillah reading we had well over 300 people! Friday night was particularly powerful. 100+ people for Shabbat dinner evenly split between TAS and KD, and triple that for the service. Families and kids all over the place. It was truly amazing - and a powerful, emotional example of the path available for our community, for our building, and for the future of Reform Judaism in central Bergen County.

I can't emphasize what that Friday evening represents. It was the largest evening gathering of the Reform Jewish community for Purim in Bergen County. It was a wonderful showcase of why our building is being retained and will be used for large community religious, social, and life cycle events in a merged Kol Dorot. There were more kids on the bimah and more people in-person for a religious service than we have had since the fall of 2019 (including the last two in-person High Holy Days).

It was a vision of what the Reform Jewish community in our area could offer. A vision that neither TAS nor Kol Dorot is capable of offering alone. It is the power of coming together.

But coming together won't happen without sacrifice. I have had many one-on-one conversations, listening to how people feel about the proposed merger. Believe me, I share the sense of loss and grief. I wish we didn't have to give up anything to gain back a vibrant Jewish community - but that is not an option. We have a path that will secure a fantastic future for Reform life in our towns. This is for us, but it is also bigger than any one of us.

And yes, we will have to give up some things to make that happen. When an ancient Israelite family or clan sacrificed a large animal, that was a really expensive loss felt by the community. If it wasn't, it wouldn't be a sacrifice. I won't get into details here, but we are on the verge of losing a lot of aspects of TAS life that we love the most, no matter what we do. That being the case, isn't it much better to sacrifice some things to gain the community that could exist, that we saw in our building this Friday, that we could continue to serve with our building and our passion, volunteerism, and leadership? This isn't to say we wouldn't lose things. Loss is the very nature of sacrifice. We have a chance to take the best of our two central Bergen County communities into the future, and I for one would love to see more of what I saw over Purim. It simply blew me away.

As always, please reach out to me. I can only move so fast, and I would love to hear from every person about how you feel about the proposed merger at this time.

Rabbi Jim



David Sloves
 president@avodatshalom.net

MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.
– Vincent Van Gogh

You might be tired of us telling you why we need to merge. Frankly, I'm tired of saying it. And perhaps, you're not even considering the endgame. In other words:

How are you benefiting from TAS uniting with Kol Dorot?

Do you miss hearing the roar of kids on Sunday through the halls? I was at Sunday School in Oradell a few weeks ago and didn't realize until I was there how much I missed hearing kids singing Jewish songs!

If you are a weekly Shabbat worshipper, wouldn't it be nice to have twice as many people in the room?

And if you prefer a Saturday morning service, I bet we'll have the numbers to do one regularly again! No guarantee, but boy, I'll be poking Rabbi Noah!

And speaking of Saturday, wouldn't you like a Torah study twice as robust?

Do you love Sisterhood events? Coming to do crafts with Joyce in a few weeks? Well, KD has a women's group—imagine what the two groups combined as one will do! Same for book clubs.

Enjoy the Comedy Night and "catering" for the Purim Carnival a few weeks ago? KD does not have a Brotherhood—but they'll be getting one now and we'll have a lot more guys to get involved!

Truthfully, our adult education has not been as robust as we'd like. KD has quite a program which we'll all have access to!

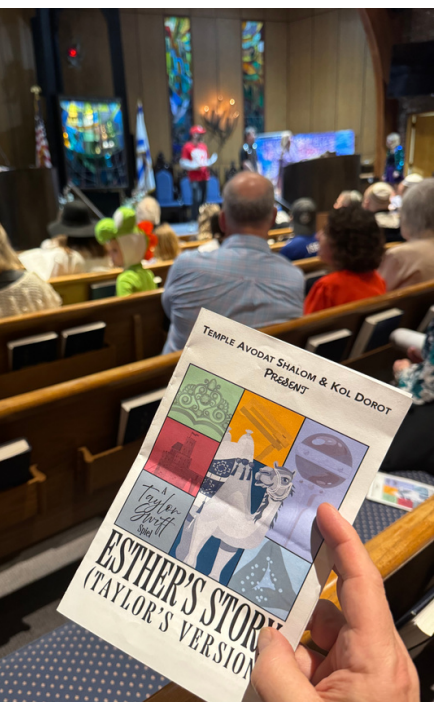
ROMEOs and JULIETs working together with the Empty Nesters group? All these small things brought together will lead us to great things.

B'Shalom,
 Dave



Purim

WEEKEND 2024



Sisterhood



We are looking forward to our Sisterhood breakfast on April 7th! Thank you to Lisa Cohen for coordinating and Joyce Bivone for sharing your crafting talents!

Please join us for the MS Walk as part of Michael Starr's team on April 14th. Can't come? Please make a donation on Michael's page.

A huge thank you to Cassy Kadesh for the very creative charcuterie boxes for Purim. Thank you to everyone who donated to our largest fundraiser. The funds raised go to many scholarships, and a percentage will be donated to an Israeli program to support soldiers.

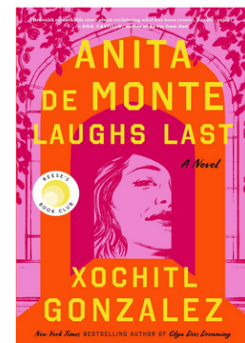
Please join us for the next Sisterhood Book Group meeting on May 28th. We'll discuss the novel, *Anita Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez.

Lastly, if you would like to enjoy a relaxing morning of Mah Jong come join Barbara Starr on May 5th, time to follow.

Wishing everyone a Zissen Pesach!

Cheryl

Book Group Selection
for May





SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST & CRAFT MORNING

JOIN US FOR A
FUN MORNING
AS JOYCE
BIVONE LEADS
US IN MAKING A
SPRING
WREATH OR A
DECORATIVE
HAMSA



APRIL
7
9:30AM

\$10/person includes bagel & lox breakfast
Cost for supplies--Wreath \$5 or Hamsa \$5
(choose one)

Click [here](#) to RSVP by 4/1

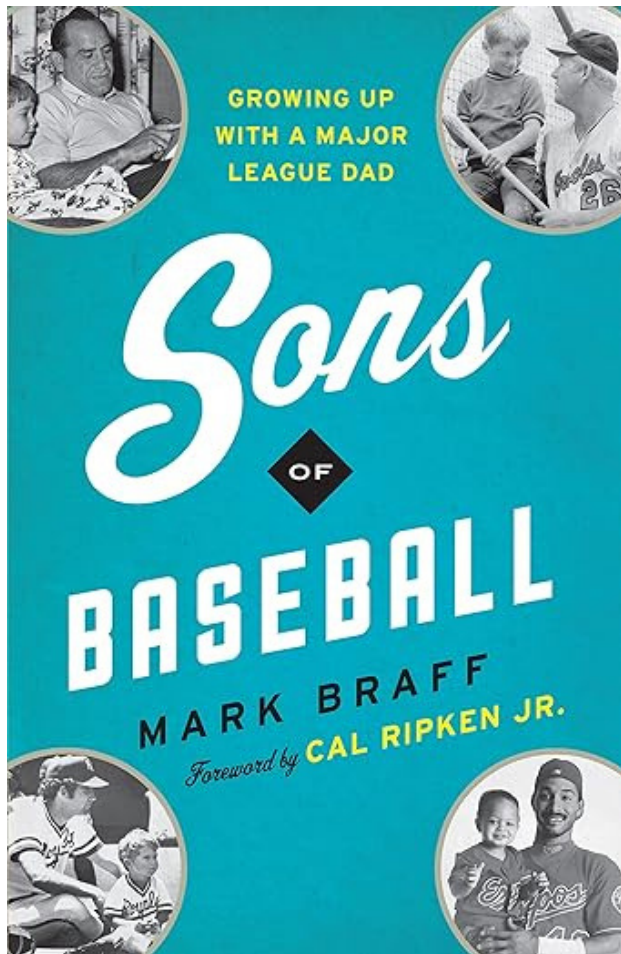


TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM PRESENTS

Author Talk: Mark Braff

Wednesday, April 17th

7:30pm



Join us when author Mark Braff discusses his book of interviews with the sons of popular baseball players Mariano Rivera, Yogi Berra, Roger Maris and 15 others. **SONS OF BASEBALL** reveals the perks and pressures of having a dad who plays major league baseball.

Gives readers a seat at the dinner table with a big-league dad -Tyler Kepner, NY Times

Refreshments will be served • Books will be available for purchase

RSVP by 4/12
membership@avodatshalom.net



BROTHERHOOD

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our fabulous Comedy Night event. We had about 145 people in attendance. The social hall was full, the jokes were funny, and desserts were plentiful.

Thanks to everyone who helped shop, set up, serve, and clean up afterward. All the after-event feedback has been wonderful and we look forward to more fun events in the future.

On Saturday evening 3/30 we held the first (of hopefully many) TAS Dance Party featuring our very own - very talented - TAS member, Tom Bivone and his band "Flashback." We all enjoyed listening and dancing to the music we love from the '60s, '70s, '80s, & '90s. We hope Flashback will return soon and often!!

On April 14th, please join the Brotherhood & Sisterhood at the 6th consecutive Walk MS Fundraiser on the "TAS Super Starr's" in honor of Past President Michael Starr. Taking place at Overpeck Park. Please see the temple announcements for details and a link to make a donation.

Please join us at TAS on April 10th at 6:30 pm for our next Brotherhood "Meeting About Nothing." Pizza will be served.

Thank you,
Mike E.

UPCOMING EVENTS TAS & KD

SPRING 2024

**More info coming soon on these
holiday celebrations!**

**APR
23**

PASSOVER
Community-wide Seder

**MAY
TBD**

**ISRAEL CELEBRATION
AND COMMEMORATION**

**JUN
11**

EREV SHAVUOT
Join us for a choice of learning
sessions plus dinner

avodatshalom.net | koldorot.org

Kol Dorot and Temple Avodat Shalom COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

SECOND Night of Passover

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00pm @ Kol Dorot

660 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell



Adults/Teens: \$70

Ages 6/12: \$35

5 & Under: Free

SPACE IS LIMITED!

RSVP at tinyurl.com/bdzcjtej

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Celebrate the important women in your life and support the TAS Youth Group with beautiful carnations!

Half dozen for \$10

Dozen for \$18

Pick up at temple

Sunday May 12th

8:30am - 11am

Click [here](#) to order now

Pre-orders recommended by May 6th

Extra flowers may be available to purchase that morning.

Tikkun Olam

Making the world a better place

RAC'S Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign

Voting is vital to protecting and strengthening our diverse democracy. On March 20, the Religious Action Center of the Union For Reform Judaism launched its 2024 Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign, which focuses on connecting volunteers with voters who face the biggest barriers to voting and inspiring them to cast their ballots.

Since the launch of RAC's first Every Voice, Every Vote campaign in 2016, over 10,000 volunteers have contacted more than 2.5 million voters. Protecting the freedom to vote has paved the way for progress in reproductive freedom, voting rights, criminal justice reform, LGBTQ+ rights, climate justice, and more.

As we begin to prepare for the presidential election, American voters face disinformation, polarization, and increased barriers to ballot access. Additionally, significant parts of America's population don't believe that the outcome of the last election was legitimate. In this context, YOUR efforts to defend democracy and ensure that all eligible voters can cast their ballots - and that they choose to do so - are even more imperative.

Each of us has a role to play in making sure that all voters have an equal say in the decisions that will impact our lives. Through the Every Voice, Every Vote campaign, Reform Jews and their allies come together to address the most critical issues facing our communities, including:

- Protecting voting rights on the local, state, and national levels
- Sending postcards through Reclaim our Vote to contact voters targeted by barriers
- Writing, calling, and speaking to voters who can expand reproductive freedom in states where it is on the ballot (Florida Arizona, Maryland, Nevada, and New York)
- Supporting the passage of the California Climate Justice Ballot Initiative

For more information on postcarding and other Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign initiatives, go to rac.org.

[Vote-By-Mail in New Jersey in 2024: A Brief Guide](#)

The 2024 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The 2024 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

There are a few changes to New Jersey Vote-By-Mail for 2024. Here's a brief guide to voting by mail in this year's elections in New Jersey.



- **Eligibility:** All active registered voters are entitled to vote by mail. Unaffiliated mail-in voters must declare their party affiliation with the Democratic Party or the Republican Party to vote in the June 4, 2024 Primary Election.
- **Party Affiliation:**
 - o Voters wishing to change their party declaration must do so by Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
 - o Unaffiliated voters may declare their party affiliation and vote at the polls during in-person early voting or on Primary Election Day.
 - o Unaffiliated mail-in voters must declare their party by Tuesday, May 28, 2024 to receive a mail-in ballot by mail, or by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024 to be issued a ballot in person or by authorized messenger from the County Clerk's Office.
 - o Change your party using the declaration form provided by the county or online and submit it to your county Commissioner of Registration or your municipal clerk.
- **Requesting a Ballot:**
 - o By Mail: Request at least seven days before an election.
 - Primary: Tuesday, May 28, 2024
 - General: Tuesday, October 29, 2024
 - o In-Person: By 3:00 p.m. the day before the election.
 - Primary: Monday, June 3, 2024
 - General: Monday, November 4, 2024
- **Ballot Mail-Out:**
 - o Counties commence mailing ballots at least 45 days prior to Election Day.
 - Primary: Saturday, April 20, 2024
 - General: Saturday, September 21, 2024
- **Voter Registration Deadline:**
 - o Register by Tuesday, May 14, 2024 for the Primary Election.
 - o Register by Tuesday, October 15, 2024 for the General Election.

- **Returning Your Ballot:**
 - o Mail: Postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, received within 6 days post-election.
 - o Drop Box: Place in a secure ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
 - o In-Person: Deliver to the county Board of Elections by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

- **Tracking:** Verify receipt of your ballot via the Track My Ballot Portal.

- **Opting Out:** If you usually vote by mail but prefer to vote in person, opt out through your County Clerk. If you opt out after a ballot has been issued, you may vote by provisional ballot at the polls during Early Voting or on Election Day.

- **Correcting Errors:** Contact your County Clerk for a replacement if you spoil or lose your ballot.

- **Vote Counting:** All valid ballots postmarked by Election Day and delivered by mail to the County Board of Elections no later than 144 hours (six days) from the time of the closing of the polls will be counted. Valid ballots delivered by the US Post Office no later than 48 hours (two days) without a postmark will be counted.

For assistance, visit Vote.NJ.gov or contact your County Clerk or Board of Elections.

"It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either." Rabbi Tarfon, Pirke Avot 2:21

Transgender, Gender Diverse, Gender Expansive and Non-Binary & Questioning Youth Support Group (Ages 12-18)

Youth will be helped to find their true selves wherever they are in their journey. Participants will get needed support, share information, and meet understanding friends. Participants will also learn how to navigate school, family and social relationships while building self-esteem and confidence.

Meeting Dates:

April 13, April 27, May 11,
May 25, and June 8

Meeting Time:

Saturday, 11:00am-12:30pm

Location:

852 Kinderkamack Road,
Second Floor, River Edge, NJ

Cost:

Free, though preregistration
is required

Contact:

201-885-3522



FREE BOOKS!

We are planning to clean out the school wing and consolidate our libraries starting in May so the school wing is available for rental as needed. There are some wonderful books in both the children's and adult libraries. You are welcome to rehome any of the books in the children's library as well as any books in the adult library other than the various Bibles and prayer books.

Please come by and browse our libraries.

MORE INFORMATION

 201-489-2463

 administrator@avodatshalom.net



MONTHLY SHABBAT MORNING LIBRARY MINYAN & LUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

10:30 am



Rabbi Neal Borovitz will speak at lunch following Shabbat morning services about his recent trip to Israel and the relationship of American Jews and Israelis post October 7th.

Potluck lunch

RSVP by 4/8 to indicate attendance and whether you will provide any food: administrator@avodatshalom.net





TAS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Giving a helping hand to people
in need in our community

Please Donate

URGENT APPEAL FUNDS CRITICALLY LOW

A \$36 donation can provide seven hot meals.

A \$100 donation can help replenish our
essential supplies and ingredients.

A \$1000 donation can sponsor an entire
night's meal service for 200 individuals.

Donate Today

Donate at avodatshalom.net

or

send a check to the TAS office
and put **"Feeding the Hungry"** in
the memo

Call : 201-489-2463

avodatshalom.net

info@avodatshalom.net

COMMITTEE ON:

WAYS AND MEANS

The 2024 Awards event this year will be celebrated on Friday evening, June 7th, beginning with heartfelt presentations during the Shabbat service, and continuing during a glorious Oneg. This year's Ruth and Lawrence Shavelson Community Service Award is being given, posthumously, to Steve Joffe. The Barbara King Hineni Award is being presented to Phil Lurie. It promises to be a meaningful celebration, with an Award Journal to be enjoyed.

The following Announcement Letter has all the details about these two deserving men and the link to submit your Journal ads honoring Steve and Phil. There is no charge for the Oneg, but you need to RSVP so we can plan accordingly for the event.

Wishing everyone a warm and joyous spring,
Sharon and Peggy



TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM

Rabbi James Stoloff
Cantor Maria Dubinsky
Neal I. Borovitz, Rabbi Emeritus
Ronit Josephson, Cantor Emerita

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that Temple Avodat Shalom of River Edge, NJ, has the honor of celebrating two members of our congregation at our annual awards event Friday, June 7, 2024, beginning during Shabbat services at 7:30, and continuing with a Glorious Oneg.

The Ruth & Lawrence Shavelson Community Service Award is presented to a Temple member, or members, who over the course of many years have contributed their energy to helping make our collective spiritual home a place of which we can all be proud. This year, the award is being presented to **Steve Joffe Z"L**.

Steve Joffe Z"L was nothing less than the face of Temple Avodat Shalom. He knew everyone. He greeted old friends and guests the same way. He knew, somehow, which prayer book was the one your family donated, or was donated in honor of your family, and handed it to you before Friday night services. He was a passionate member of the Religious Activities Committee and the Sunday morning minyans. Simply put, he made a room warmer and made people feel welcome.

TAS is indeed fortunate to have had Steve Z"L contribute his heart and his time to our community.

The Barbara King Hineni Award, established in 2008, is given at the discretion of our Awards Committee to a member, or members, whose service to our Temple community has gone "above and beyond." Hineni, a Hebrew word found in the Bible as a response to God by Abraham and Moses, translates as: Here I am; How can I help? This year's award is being presented to **Phil Lurie**.

Phil Lurie has spent most of his life at Temple Shalom and Temple Avodat Shalom, beginning in 1963. He was responsible for Buildings and Grounds, and is active in Brotherhood. Years after serving as Financial Vice President, last Spring he heard we needed someone in that role. It took all of five minutes for him to appear at President David Sloves's elbow and say, "Here I am". He continued by joining the TAS-KD Task Force as a strong financial voice.

We hope you will join us in honoring Steve Z"L and Phil, and remember them by purchasing an ad in our virtual **Awards Journal**. Profits from the journal support our Temple and various Temple programs. Please return the attached form, with your tax deductible contribution for a Journal Ad and your RSVP for the Glorious Oneg by Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Warmly,

Dave Sloves
President

Sharon Sagerman and Peggy Schneider
Co-chairs, Fundraising

Turn to the next page or click [here](#) for the TAS Ad Journal Form and Event Registration.

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM AD JOURNAL 2024

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

of people attending the Glorious Oneg _____ on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 7:30pm at TAS

We need to know if you will be joining us, so we can order enough desserts.

Advertising Rates

Platinum Full Page	\$900
Gold Full Page	\$720
Silver Full Page	\$540
Bronze Full Page	\$360
Full Page	\$180
Half Page	\$118
Quarter Page	\$72
Standard Business Card Size (1/8 of a page)	\$54
Roster Listing (name only)	\$18
Glorious Oneg	\$0, but RSVPs are required

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

All copy must be clearly printed or typed. All sizes for copy are approximate. If attaching artwork or business cards, please attach two copies. Please do not staple or tape the business cards to this form. Artwork may also be sent to celebrations@avodatshalom.net. All ads must be accompanied by a check made payable to Temple Avodat Shalom and either sent to Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661 or dropped off in the office.

Please write your greeting below

R.O.M.E.O.

Wherefore art thou??

No, not the Shakespearean Romeo...

Retired Old Men Eating Out!!

At least, pre-COVID, we ate out. Now, every Thursday morning we meet either in Van Saun Park or at the temple, depending on the weather.

Care to join us? We discuss politics, sports, music, news, cryptocurrency and whatever else someone brings up.

Contact Len Lawton or Dave Greenfield for more information or send an email to romeo@avodatshalom.net.

J.U.L.I.E.T.

Why should Romeo have all the fun?
A retired girl's gotta eat too!

We "R" J.U.L.I.E.T.
R=Retired

*Just Us Ladies Interested in
Eating and Talking*

We will get together monthly for
lunch and conversation.

Interested in joining us? Contact
Audrey Rosenblatt or send an email
to juliet@avodatshalom.net



Do you or another member of Temple Avodat Shalom need a little assistance? **The Caring Committee** is here to help. If you or another member are recovering from surgery or dealing with another medical issue, have recently lost a loved one, are unable to get to synagogue for services, religious school, or other synagogue events, need help shopping or many others tasks, let us know so we can try to help. Contact the Caring Committee at: caring@avodatshalom.net. If you are willing and able to help another congregant when they need a little help, please contact Caring@AvodatShalom.Net as well. Together, we make our community stronger by making it a Kehilla Kedosha - a holy community.



SISTERHOOD JEWISH CAMP AND EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE A TEMPLE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND A PAID UP MEMBER OF SISTERHOOD BY 12/31/23 IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

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

The congregation extends deepest sympathy to the families of:

Joan Hecht Z"L, lovingly remembered by her husband Gunter, her sons Richard, Michael (Jean), and Stuart, her daughter Linda (Mark Tomilson), and her grandchildren Sarah Tomilson Frick, Sharon Hecht and Amy Hecht.

זיכרונו לברכה

May their memory be for a blessing

Add 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.

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.**

BERGEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Bergen County Division of Community Transportation

- Website: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/public-works-community-transportation>
- Email: communitytransportation@co.bergen.nj.us
- Call: 201-368-5955 and press 1 for dispatch
- ****For Seniors****: ask about the Ride Connect Program

ModivCare (for those with Medicaid)

- Website: <https://www.mymodivcare.com/members/nj>
- There are many different phone numbers. Please visit the website to find the phone number that best pertains to you.

NJ 211

- Website: <https://nj211.org/transportation-options-in-new-jersey>
- Call: Dial 211 or 1-877-652-1148
- NJ211's website provides a list of several different transportation options across the state. Please read through carefully.

EZ Ride

- Website: <https://ezride.org/>
- Email: info@ezride.org
- Call: 201-939-4242

SafeRide Health

- Website: <https://www.saferidehealth.com/access>

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Donations to the General Fund support all activities of the Temple

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To Barbara & Tony Luciano in memory of Judith Fox

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Mazel Tov to Sid Schnall on the birth of his great-granddaughter Nell Sienna

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Mazel Tov to JAMES LO SCHIAVO on his Bar Mitzvah

A note of tremendous thanks and appreciation to both BARBARA STARR AND BETHLEE POTOLSKY for their knowledge and guidance in our Sisterhood Service

Congratulations to SAMARA BARTH upon receiving a scholarship from Sisterhood for summer camp

Congratulations to SIMON GRINBERG upon receiving a scholarship from Sisterhood for a BBYO trip to Israel

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 minimum donation minimum of \$10. However, certain specific Funds require higher minimums, as follows:

Library Fund	\$18
Mishkan T'filah Youth	\$36
Torah Commentary	\$90
Torah Restoration	\$180
Simcha Tree of Life	\$180
Lapidos Tree of Life	\$250
Mitzvah Walk Brick	\$360



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