

# TAS TIMES



## Shavelson and Hineni Awards Celebration and Brunch



**Rich Lurie**  
Shavelson Community  
Service Award recipient



**Steve Berman**  
Barbara King Hineni  
Award recipient

## Sunday June 11, 2023



Temple Avodat Shalom

June 2023

Sivan - Tammuz 5783

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## JUNE 2023/5783 sivan - tammuz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>15 Sivan</p> <p>4</p>	<p>16 Sivan</p> <p>5</p> <p>Brotherhood cards, 8:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Sivan</p> <p>6</p> <p>Tuesday study group, 9:30am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Sivan</p> <p>7</p>	<p>19 Sivan</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>20 Sivan (8:08)</p> <p>9</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm</p> <p>Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Sivan</p> <p>10</p> <p>Parashat Beha'alotcha</p> <p>Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am</p> <p>Tot shabbat, 10:00 am</p> <p>Library Minyan &amp; Lunch, 10:30 am</p>
<p>22 Sivan</p> <p>11</p> <p>Shavelson/Hineni Awards Brunch, 10:00 am</p> <p>TAS Board, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Annual Congregational Meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Sivan</p> <p>12</p> <p>Brotherhood Board, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24 Sivan</p> <p>13</p> <p>Tuesday study group, 9:30am</p>	<p>25 Sivan</p> <p>14</p>	<p>26 Sivan</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>27 Sivan (8:12)</p> <p>16</p> <p>Shabbat Services &amp; Installation, 8:00 pm</p> <p>Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Sivan</p> <p>17</p> <p>Parashat Sh'lach</p> <p>Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 10:30 am</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah of IAN BERGER</p>
<p>29 Sivan</p> <p>18</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p>	<p>30 Sivan</p> <p>19</p> <p>JUNETEENTH</p>	<p>1 Tammuz</p> <p>20</p> <p>Tuesday study group, 9:30am</p>	<p>2 Tammuz</p> <p>21</p>	<p>3 Tammuz</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>4 Tammuz (8:13)</p> <p>23</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm</p> <p>Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Tammuz</p> <p>24</p> <p>Parashat Korach</p> <p>Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 10:30 am</p> <p>Bat Mitzvah of JULIET PARENTE</p>
<p>6 Tammuz</p> <p>25</p>	<p>7 Tammuz</p> <p>26</p>	<p>8 Tammuz</p> <p>27</p> <p>Tuesday study group, 9:30am</p>	<p>9 Tammuz</p> <p>28</p>	<p>10 Tammuz</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>11 Tammuz (8:14)</p> <p>30</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Tammuz</p> <p>July 1</p> <p>Parashat Chukat-Balak</p> <p>Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 10:30 am</p>

### Thursday, June 1st:

12:00 pm Torah Study

### Friday, June 2nd:

7:30 pm Rainbow Shabbat Service

8:30 pm Oneg

### Saturday, June 3rd:

9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

10:30 am Shabbat Services

Bat Mitzvah of NAOMI GRINBERG

### Monday, June 5th:

8:00 pm Brotherhood Cards

### Tuesday, June 6th:

9:30 am Tuesday Study Group

### Thursday, June 8th:

12:00 pm Torah Study

### Friday, June 9th:

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

9:00 pm Oneg

### Saturday, June 10th:

9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

10:00 am Tot Shabbat

10:30 am Library Minyan & Lunch

### Sunday, June 11th:

10:00 am Shavelson/Hineni Brunch

7:00 pm TAS Board

7:30 pm Annual Congregation Meeting

### Monday, June 12th:

7:00 pm Brotherhood Board

### Tuesday, June 13th:

9:30 am Tuesday Study Group

### Thursday, June 15th:

12:00 pm Torah Study

### Friday, June 16th:

8:00 pm Shabbat Service & Installation

9:00 pm Oneg

### Saturday, June 17th

9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

10:30 am Shabbat Services

Bar Mitzvah of IAN BERGER

### Sunday, June 18th:

Father's Day

### Monday, June 19th:

Juneteenth

### Tuesday, June 20th:

9:30 am Tuesday Study Group

### Thursday, June 22nd:

12:00 pm Torah Study

### Friday, June 23rd:

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

9:00 pm Oneg

### Saturday, June 24th:

9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

10:30 am Shabbat Services

Bat Mitzvah of JULIET PARENTE

### Tuesday, June 27th:

9:30 am Tuesday Study Group

### Thursday, June 29th:

12:00 pm Torah Study

### Friday, May 30th:

6:00 pm Shabbat Service

### Saturday, July 1st:

9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah

10:30 am Shabbat Services



# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Jim Stoloff  
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## **That belongs in a museum! 1,100 year old Tanach sells at auction for \$38 million.**

Don't worry. It is going to be in a museum in Tel Aviv.

A few weeks ago I went into Sotheby's auction house in Manhattan. Despite being very close to where I used to live and work, I had never been there before. I was in search of an old, a very old, Hebrew bible. I did not expect a combination luxury item / fine art museum.

Sotheby's is a really cool place. I would now highly recommend visiting it to anyone in the city. From famous artwork like a Rothko square to contemporary art so bizarre I shouldn't describe it in a Temple bulletin, from extremely fancy jewelry to a \$3 million blow up purple swan...it has a little bit of everything. But I was on a mission. I had a timed entry ticket to see the oldest, most complete Hebrew bible in the world.

Now, if that sounds like a pair of caveats, that is because it is. Remember, this is an auction house, so any way to make it "The Oldest" is going to be used to generate interest and raise the price. So what does the "oldest, most complete" mean?

Let's start with the phrase "most complete Hebrew bible." The phrase "most complete" means closest to a modern Tanach, aka Hebrew bible. This consists of the Torah, the Nivi'im (Prophetic books like Isaiah, Amos, and Jonah), and the Ketuvim (Writings, a catch all category including Proverbs, Lamentations, Psalms, Job, and others).

However, it took hundreds of years and a new world religion to create what we now call the Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament. From the proto-Israelite period (1100ish BCE) to the First Temple period (until 586 BCE), most of what is in the Tanach hadn't even happened, much less been written down. Much of the Torah likely existed in that time, but we don't know anything about how it compared to the Torah as we know it. After the Babylonian Exile started the Second Temple Period in 539 BCE. In the years that follow the Torah is set as we know it and translated into Greek (aka the Septuagint) in the 200s BCE. The Prophetic books and the Writings books are also written and circulated...but it is not "The Bible." It's more like The Torah already as a special stand-alone collection on the one hand, and on the other a collection of Hebrew religious books and texts including (now apocryphal) books like Enoch and Judith. Until...

Enter Christianity and the Gospels. In the early days of Christianity, when it was essentially just another sect of Judaism in the Roman empire, Greek books on the life of Jesus and his followers were circulated as equivalent to these sacred Hebrew books. Eventually, Jewish authorities organized to decide what was, and was not, going to part of "The Hebrew Bible," and Christianity became a truly new religion and canonized the New Testament. This is all over Hundreds of years and includes massive historical events like the destruction of the second temple, the founding of Rabbinic Judaism, and the Roman Empire adopted Christianity.

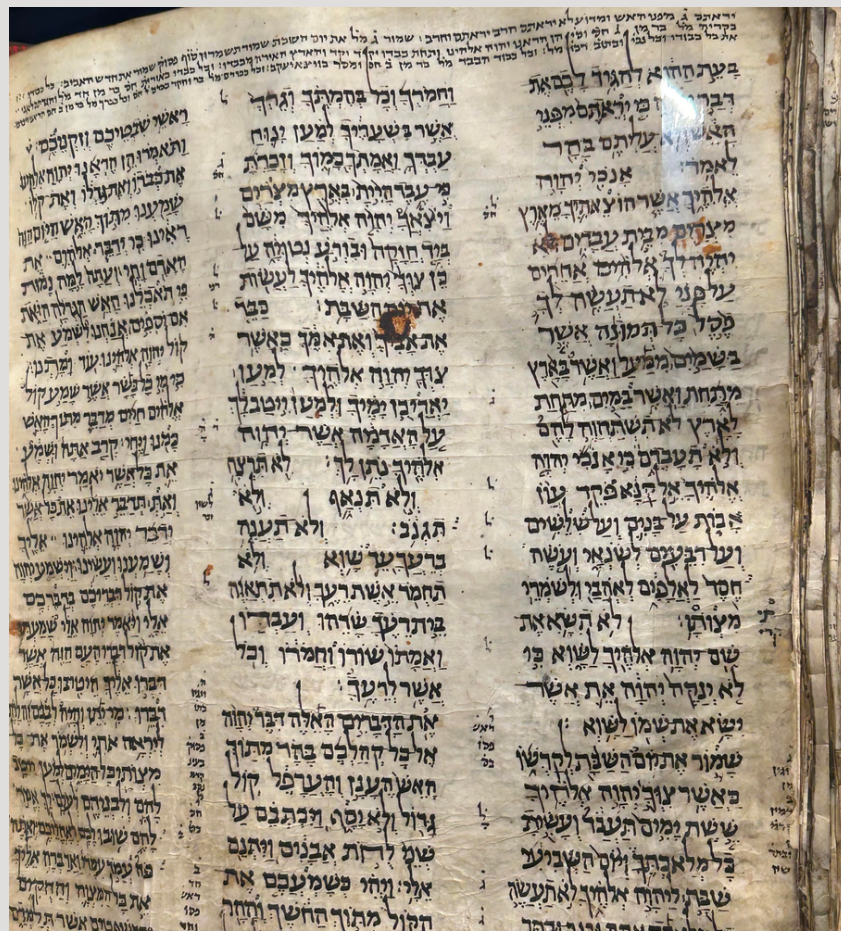
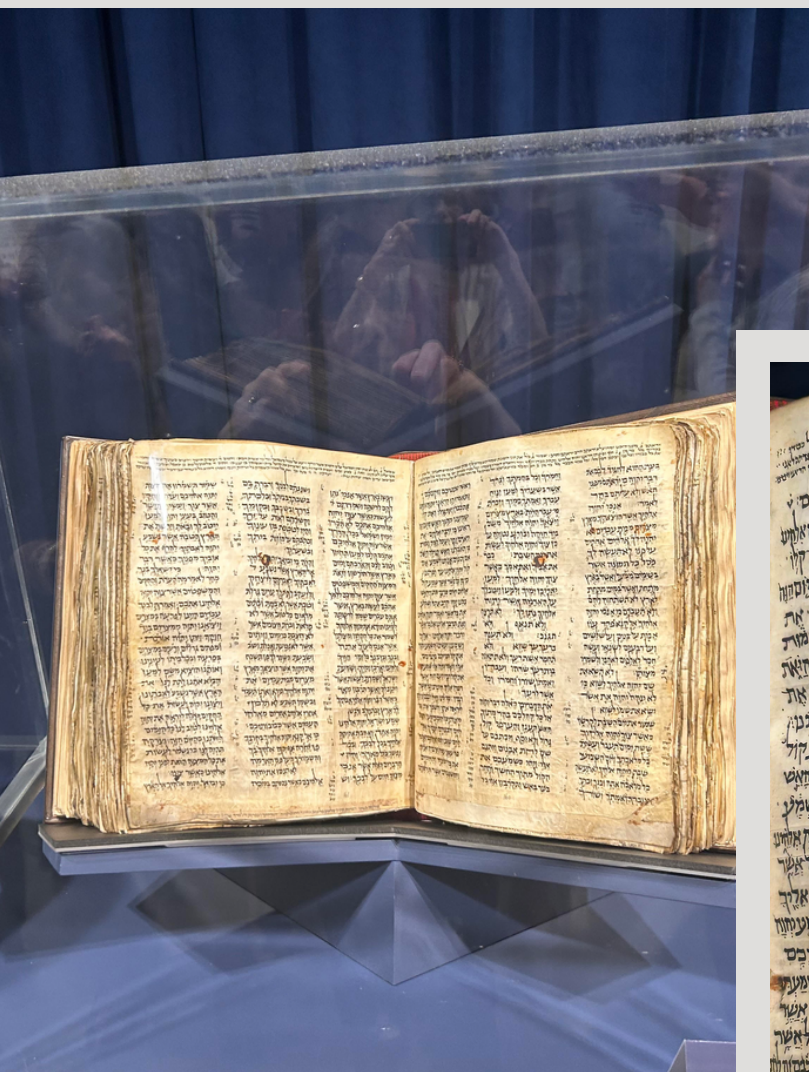
The only texts we have from these centuries are the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. And they are...weird. They include some books very similar to ours (like Isaiah), Zoroastrian like books that are totally unique (The Sons of Light and Dark), and a little bit of everything else. They span hundreds of years, are in a Hebrew script that is hard to read, and probably stem from an off-shoot Jewish sect, the Essenes.

But then something incredible happens, a watershed event in Judaism you may not know about: The Masoretic Text is established by Rabbinic Jewish academies in and around the land of Israel from 700 - 1000 CE. The previously most famous text from this period was the Aleppo Codex. The Sassoon Tanach is even more complete and from the same period, around 900 CE. The Masoretes / Masoretic period refers to a movement at that time to establish the full Hebrew down to every last letter, vowel, and cantillation mark (they come from this period). And this is the true birth of the Tanach as we know it. In fact, the most incredible thing about the Sassoon Hebrew Bible is if you put it in front of a B'nai Mitzvah student at their torah portion, they would be able to read the 1,100 year old book without issue (that is not true of the harder to read Dead Sea Scrolls).



Why this important scroll was overlooked for so long, and its journey over a millennium, can be fully explored at [Sotheby's website](https://www.sothebys.com). Thankfully, it was bought at auction by the exact right type of person. Instead of being privately held in an inaccessible billionaire's abode somewhere, it is immediately being donated by The American Friends of [ANU: Museum of the Jewish People](https://www.anu.edu.au/museum-of-the-jewish-people). It will be making its way to that museum. Make sure to go see it, and the rest of the newly redone and reopened museum, next time you are in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Jim





David Sloves  
 president@avodatshalom.net

## MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

***We each decide whether to make ourselves learned or ignorant, compassionate or cruel, generous or miserly. No one forces us. No one decides for us, no one drags us along one path or the other. We are responsible for what we are.***

**--- Maimonides**

We have reached June. Weddings, graduations. End of school, Shavelson Awards.

In a few days from when you get this Bulletin, we will hold the Lawrence and Ruth Shavelson Awards Brunch and award the Barbara King Hineini Award. When I sat to write my article for the Bulletin, and the Awards Journal, and my words for the Brunch, I looked, as always, for a theme. Maimonides did better than I could.

Think Larry and Ruth Shavelson. Think Rich Lurie. Think Barbara King. Think Steve Berman. They have, or still do, personify the last words of the quote above: "We are responsible for what we are."

I have no way to put a dollar value on the time they've devoted to our community. Put it this way - if you calculated this for Larry and Ruth, Barbara, Rich and Steve - we could never have afforded it.

They each decided individually what they were going to do and how. Collectively in parts of seven decades. How many changes, transitions, did this Temple go through since Larry was President? Five Rabbis have followed Rabbi Stern who was on the pulpit then. Dozens and dozens of men and women serving as officers and committee members.

Each crafting their involvement per the writings of Maimonides.

Each ready to help us meet the transitions as they came, as they'll come.

Now I must go write my part of the Award Journal and my "MC"ing the brunch stuff. As soon as I say,

B'Shalom,  
 Dave



# Sisterhood



As spring turns to summer, Sisterhood is already planning for next year with new ideas and some of our regular tried-and-true events.

Looking forward to our Sisterhood Night in the Sukkah, our always inspiring Sisterhood Service, the Sisterhood Breakfast with a very special event planned, our fun “whether you have read the book or not” book club, the not-to-be-missed Latke Throwdown and MS Walk co-sponsored with Brotherhood, Mishloach Manot and so much more!

Sisterhood, of course, continues to support our TAS community with outreach and Tikkun Olam endeavors such as shiva meals, camp and Israel scholarships for our teens, donations to the kitchen renovation, and the Eagle Scout redo of the Youth Lounge, among others.

Plan on joining us at any or all of these events. Any ideas for new things we can plan? Just let us know!

We hope to see you around the temple over the next few months. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Warm regards,

*Cheryl and Lisa*

# BROTHERHOOD

The Temple Avodat Shalom Brotherhood wishes everyone celebrating a happy and healthy Fathers Day!

As we look toward the summer months please watch for our emails with a few events we are looking into. Summer BBQ, Brewery Visit, Concert, and maybe a couple of "Meeting's about Nothing." We are planning Brotherhood Breakfasts for a couple of Sunday mornings next fall with speakers and topics. We have a few ideas, but if you have a hobby or topic that you would like us to consider please let us know by email to: [brotherhood@avodatshalom.net](mailto:brotherhood@avodatshalom.net)

Thank You,

*Mike E*

## MAZEL TOV

The Grinberg family on the Bat Mitzvah of Naomi

The Berger family on the Bar Mitzvah of Ian

The Parente family on the Bat Mitzvah of Juliet





# Tikkun Olam

## Making the world a better place

### RAC'S POWER FOR PURPOSE CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

On May 10-11, Rabbi Jim and Nilene Evans participated in the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's national campaign – Power for Purpose: The Reform Movement's 2023 Climate Justice Campaign. At the DC Day of Action, about 200 Reform Jews from across the nation gathered to call upon the White House and Congress to confront the existential threat posed by climate change and cut climate pollution in half by 2030. Over two days, we heard from speakers like LaTosha Brown, Co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund, and Ben Jealous, formerly of the NAACP and now Executive Director of the Sierra Club, on the intersection of racial and climate justice, met with and heard from Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock and directly made our case in lobby visits to elected officials and their staff to build Power for Purpose. As part of the NJ delegation, we spoke with aides of Senator Booker and Representative Gottheimer urging them to commit to fully funding the EPA and strong regulations to limit climate pollution. There are many opportunities to continue this climate justice work, some of which will be highlighted in future Tikkun Olam on Tuesday emails. For additional information, go to <https://rac.org/take-action/reform-movements-2023-justice-campaign>

### RAC-NJ LEARNING TOGETHER – INTEGRATING NJ SCHOOLS

Please stay tuned for future programming on integrating NJ schools. Please contact Nilene Evans or [justice@avodatshalom.net](mailto:justice@avodatshalom.net) for more information.

### VOTING INFORMATION

*From The League of Women Voters of New Jersey:*

Election season is never over in New Jersey! In 2023, all New Jersey State Senate and Assembly seats are on the ballot. Visit [lvnj.org/vote](http://lvnj.org/vote) for election dates and deadlines. In 2023, voters will be casting a ballot in the all-new legislative districts put in place following the 2020 redistricting cycle. **Use the League's Fair Districts New Jersey district look-up tool** by visiting [FairDistrictsNJ.org](http://FairDistrictsNJ.org) and entering an address in the search box. Toggle between "Legislative" and "Congressional" to see how districts for both state and federal representatives have changed.

The district look-up tool includes an interactive map and a list of the towns that have been added and removed from each district, so voters can see in detail how their districts have changed. In addition, the tool provides up to date demographic information from the 2020 Census, showing how district and town demographics have changed over the past decade. New Jersey's population has grown increasingly diverse over the past decade; per the 2020 Census, over 48% of New Jersey residents are people of color.

To get LWFNJ's bi-monthly newsletter, contact [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org).

### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

The TAS Feeding the Hungry program is strong and active, thanks to the dedication of our TAS volunteers and the remodeled kitchen that enables us to make 180 high-quality meals every month. These meals cost less than \$5.00 each and include fresh, never-frozen chicken legs, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, fruit, and dessert. With your financial support, we can provide 1600 meals every year. We have several remaining dates for 2023:

- June 11
- August 27
- September 10
- November 19
- December 17

***"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***

COMMITTEE ON:

# WAYS AND MEANS

The 2023 **Shavelson/Hineni Awards** event is just days away! It will be held on Sunday, June 11th, at 10am, and will feature a glorious brunch with a festive punch in addition to delicious food from quiche to great desserts, and so much more. Check out the attached flyer for the details.

This year's Ruth and Lawrence Shavelson Community Service Award recipient is Rich Lurie, and the Barbara King Hineni Award is being presented to Steve Berman. The Announcement Letter which follows has all the details about these two amazing men and the link to reserve your spot at our celebratory brunch, and to submit your Journal ads congratulating Rich and Steve.

Remember, the Journal Ads are a huge part of ensuring the TAS has the funds for all the beautiful services and enlightening programs we all love to attend throughout the year, so please do what you can to help, and have fun expressing your thoughts!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Awards Event on June 11 th and to reading all your good wishes for our deserving award recipients.

We are always happy to entertain any new fundraising ideas!

*Sharon and Peggy*



Rabbi James A. 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 this year at our annual awards brunch Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 10:00am. **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 **Rich Lurie**. Rich has been involved in our Temple since 1965, when he was in first grade in the Sunday School. He and his wife Mary joined the Temple in 1992, with their sons Joe and Sam. He was Brotherhood President from 1999-2002. During that time, he helped design the current Sukkah, for which he has supervised construction each year since. Rich is a Trustee on the Temple Avodat Shalom Board and serves on the Religious Activities Committee. He is also active in Tikkun Olam, Family Promise and Feeding the Hungry. He sings in the choir and has joyfully participated in several Purim Shpiels (remember the Cowardly Lion?). Rich is famous for the rum balls he makes when it has been his turn to lead the summer services over the past 20+ years. TAS is indeed fortunate to have Rich 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 award is being presented this year to **Steve Berman**.

Since joining TAS in 1999 with his wife, Ellen, and daughter, Stephanie, Steve has dedicated countless hours to our Temple. He became President in July 2019, and basically held the synagogue together during his 3-year term, through the ongoing complications and stresses of Covid. He was able to work with past and present leaders and clergy to coordinate the ever-changing pieces of the Covid puzzle to keep our synagogue intact, such as streaming services, health protocols, security issues and more.

As President, Steve was directly involved in Federation's Synagogue Leadership Initiative, a program designed to get the lay leaders and clergy of the local synagogues to convene and discuss what the next 5-10 years of Reform Judaism in Bergen County will look like. Last year's Purim Across Bergen is a great example of the cooperation that was begun and continues going strong today.

We hope you will join us in applauding Rich and Steve and congratulating them by purchasing an ad in our virtual Awards Journal. Profits from the journal support our Temple and various Temple programs. Please click the link below and make your tax-deductible contribution for a Journal Ad and to RSVP for the Celebratory Brunch by Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Warmly,  
*David Sloves.*  
President

*Sharon Sagerman & Peggy Schneider*  
Co-Chairs, Fundraising

[Click here for the TAS Ad Journal Form 2023 and Brunch registration](#)



## TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM AD JOURNAL 2023

Contributor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people attending the Celebratory Brunch \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 10:00am at TAS.

### Advertising Rates

_____ Platinum Full Page	\$900 Includes 2 tickets to Brunch
_____ 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	\$18
_____ Celebratory Brunch \$30 per person	

### **DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS MAY 25, 2023**

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](mailto: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.

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**Please write your greeting below**

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# Shavelson and Hineni Awards Celebration and Brunch

SUNDAY

**June 11, 2023**

10:00 am

Join the TAS community as we celebrate Rich Lurie, the Ruth & Lawrence Shavelson Community Service recipient, and Steve Berman, winner of the Barbara King Hineni Award.



Please join us in applauding Rich and Steve, and congratulating them by making a tax deductible donation for an ad in our virtual Awards Journal and attending the celebratory brunch. Profits from the journal support our Temple and various Temple programs.

**RSVP by Thursday, May 25, 2023**

# MAZEL TOV BNAI MITZVAH



**Naomi Grinberg**

**June 3, 2023**

Naomi is a seventh grader at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Fair Lawn. She is a great friend and a pretty good cook! Naomi's favorite things are Eisner Camp and her dog Rosie. For her mitzvah project this year, she has helped cook for the local shelter, volunteered at Rise Against Hunger, and made bags for collecting fruit for Israel's food rescue organization, Leket Israel. Naomi, her parents Wendy and Misha, and her brother Simon are so excited to celebrate with her extended Jewish community.



**Ian Berger**

**June 17, 2023**

Ian is a 7th grade student at Shepard Schools. He enjoys swimming, video game coding and design, soccer, Taekwondo, creating comic books, and spending time with his brothers and pet gerbils Simon and Manny. Ian's mitzvah project was volunteering with the Fair Lawn Recycling Department to help clean up litter in parks and in open green spaces throughout his community. Ian is compassionate, kind, smart, artistic, funny, and creative. His parents, Jason and Dawn, and brothers Damian and Grayson are so very proud of him and are looking forward to celebrating his special day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**TO TAS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS:**



Ian Berger

and Tessa Klein

## Brotherhood Card Night

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 5th  
8:00 pm**



Feeling Creative? Want to see what others are working on and get some hints?  
Need help with a project? Can you assist others with theirs?



# Drop in Craft Nights

Monday, June 7th

Monday, July 10th

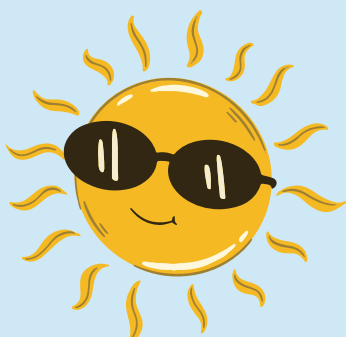
Monday, August 7th

7:00 PM - 9:00pm

Come to one or come to all, whatever you wish! Bring whatever project you are working on -- Knitting, Crochet, Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Needlepoint, Collage, Macrame, mending and/or sewing buttons.....whatever!  
Come and Schmooze!

Contact Audrey Rosenblatt at: [craftnights@avodatshalom.net](mailto:craftnights@avodatshalom.net) for a headcount

# Look for the summer issue of **TAS TIMES** in mid-July







# DOVE LOUNGE

**For LGBTQIA+ Teens and Allies Grades 7-12  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Meet and make friends, hang out, play games,  
listen to music and enjoy pizza & snacks**

*Coming Fall 2023*  
**Monthly on Sundays 4 - 6 pm**



**JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH**

**Click this [LINK](#) for a list of local PRIDE events**

**Temple Avodat Shalom**  
385 Howland Avenue  
River Edge, NJ 07661

**Sponsored by:**  
**Bergen Jewish Social Justice Alliance\***  
\*Temple Avodat Shalom, Barnert Temple, Temple  
Emeth, Kol Dorot, Temple Sinai

**For Further Information:**  
**dovelounge18@gmail.com**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:caring@avodatshalom.net). If you are willing and able to help another congregant when they need a little help, please contact [Caring@AvodatShalom.Net](mailto:Caring@AvodatShalom.Net) as well. Together, we make our community stronger by making it a Kehilla Kedosha - a holy community.



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# **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 12/31/22 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](mailto:sisterhood@avodatshalom.net)**

# ARE YOU...

- **A resident of Bergen or Hudson County, who has a permanent physical disability and are 18 years of age or older?**
- **Employed, actively volunteering at least 20 hours per month, or enrolled in school or vocational training?**
- **Capable of self-direction and able to supervise a personal assistant?**

**Then you may be eligible to participate in the PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) for up to 40 hours a week!**



**For more information, please contact the PASP Coordinator at (201) 336-6508**

Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services  
One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor • Hackensack, NJ 07601



**See info sheet on next page**



**The Bergen County Transportation Services is now providing a free Easy Ride service:**

- **call 201-368-5955 to register**
- **two weeks notice IS REQUIRED**
- **Contact Nicole**

HAPPY  
*Father's day*

**Sunday, June 18th**



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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**DIVISION ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

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## **PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FACT SHEET**

### **What is the Personal Assistance Services Program?**

The Personal Assistance Services Program, (PASP) provides routine, non-medical personal care assistance to adults with permanent physical disabilities, who are 18 years of age or older, who are employed, preparing for employment, attending school or involved in community volunteer work and who are able to self-direct and supervise their own services. The goal of this program is to support individuals with physical disability so that they may remain active participants in their community. The PASP offers participants choice, flexibility, control, and the opportunity to manage their own personal care services.

### **Here's how the PASP works:**

A needs assessment is conducted to determine the number of hours a participant will receive. The hours are then converted to a monthly budget. With assistance from the County Coordinator, participants develop a cash management plan (CMP) outlining exactly how their monthly budgets will be spent. The CMP includes details such as who they will hire, what services will be provided and what rates each worker will be paid. A fiscal intermediary services organization then distributes the monthly budget to purchase services as identified in the CMP.

### **What are Personal Assistant Services and who provides them?**

Personal assistants are individuals with training or related experience in providing in-home services, who directly assist a person with a disability in carrying out routine non-medical tasks. Such as bathing, dressing, transfer to a wheelchair, meal preparation, laundry, shopping, household management, and transportation. On the other hand, the PASP participants can choose to hire friends, neighbors, family, independent employees or agency services.

### **What is the financial eligibility criterion?**

- Individuals who have Medicaid or who may qualify for Medicaid are not eligible for the PASP program.
- Individuals who qualify under the current Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) guidelines receive the services at no cost. Those with incomes in excess of those guidelines are expected to contribute toward the cost of their services based on a sliding scale (Cost- Share).

### **Eligible applicants must:**

- Reside in New Jersey
- Have a permanent physical disability and require assistance with activities of daily living
- be 18 years of age or older
- live in the community
- be capable of directing and supervising their own services
- be employed, preparing for employment through a vocational training program, in school, or actively volunteering in the community for a minimum of 20 hours per month.

### **Who will administer this program?**

The PASP for Bergen County and Hudson County is administered through the Bergen County Division of Disability with oversight and funding provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services.

### **For further information on the Bergen/Hudson PASP, please contact:**

Liliana Zorrilla, PASP County Coordinator (201)336-6508  
 Anna Alpine, PASP Assistant County Coordinator (201) 336 6502  
 TTY (201) 336-6505

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*Donations to the General Fund  
support all activities of the Temple*

SUSAN & LARRY ALTMAN

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Mazel Tov to Joyce & Tom Bivone on the birth  
of their granddaughter Julia Paige

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To Stephanie & Jeff Brenner in honor of  
Sammy's Bat Mitzvah

To Yona Lieberman in memory of Murray  
Hochler

PHYLLIS BESEN

Thinking of you to Naomi Jacoby Cohn

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To the Blumenstyk Family in memory of  
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Mazel Tov to Nancy & Warren Heaps on the  
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To Maggie & Shane Klein in honor of  
Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah

CAROL BERDY

Condolences to Cheryl Baer on the passing  
of Doug Markley

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To Maggie & Shane Klein in honor of  
Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah

To Beth & Douglas Brooks in honor of  
Matthew's Bar Mitzvah

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Mazel Tov to Janice & David Sloves on the  
birth of their grandson Dominic Jordan

JILL SCARPA

Wishing a speedy recovery to Susan Altman

**YAHREZIT PLAQUE****MISHKAN T'FILAH PRAYER BOOK**

WE ARE GRATEFUL

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To Risa Resnick & Andy Teichholz in memory  
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Thank you for all that you did in preparing Sabrina  
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Happy Mother's Day to Naomi Jacoby Cohn

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Congratulations to JASON EDELSTEIN as he continues his Masters in Opera Performance at the Boston Conservatory at Berkeley

Mazel Tov to AVA SCHECHTER on her Bat Mitzvah

Condolences to DAN STENCHEVER and children SARA AND JOSHUA on the recent passing of their mother, his wife, LISA STENCHEVER who will always be missed

Condolences to the family of RACHEL BLUMENSTYK on her passing. Lovingly remembered by her daughter ANETTE (Gary) LIPMAN and her son LARRY (Anna) BLUMENSTYK

Congratulations to NANCY AND WARREN HEAPS on the birth of their grandson JOSHUA ASHER, son of JASON HEAPS and SARA BEITMAN

Mazel Tov to SABRINA KLEIN on her Bat Mitzvah

Mazel tov to MATTHEW BROOKS on his Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to JONATHAN GINSBERG on his Bar Mitzvah

Sisterhood made a generous donation to JARED DAVIS' YOUTH LOUNGE EAGLE SCOUT TROOP #205 from Paramus toward their efforts to clean and paint the room

Congratulations to RICH LURIE upon being awarded the RUTH AND LAWRENCE SHAVELSON AWARD for all his generous efforts throughout the many years for TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM

Congratulations to STEVE BERMAN upon receiving the BARBARA KING HINENI AWARD for the countless hours he donated to TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM

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Torah Restoration	\$180
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