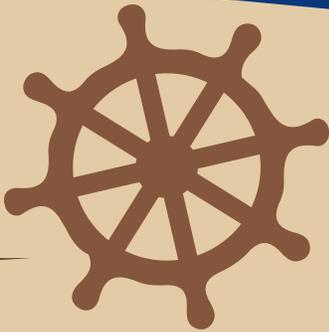


TAS TIMES



PIRATES OF PURIM



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Temple Avodat Shalom

March 2023

Adar - Nisan 5783

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MARCH 2023/5783 adar – nisan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>APRIL</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30</p>			<p>8 Adar 1</p> <p>TASTE 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Adar 2</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>10 Adar (5:31) 3</p> <p>First Friday Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm Oneg, 8:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Adar 4</p> <p>Parashat Tetzaveh Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am</p>
<p>12 Adar 5</p> <p>TAS & KD PURIM CARNIVAL @ TAS, 9:30 am</p>	<p>13 Adar 6</p> <p>Adult Study, 6:00 pm Purim Megillah Reading for All, 7:00 pm, followed by dinner & Oneg</p>	<p>14 Adar 7</p> <p>PURIM Tuesday Study Group, 9:30 am Religious School @ KD, 4pm</p>	<p>15 Adar 8</p>	<p>16 Adar 9</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>17 Adar (5:39) 10</p> <p>Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Adar 11</p> <p>Parashat Ki Tisa Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of LEV NORTON Move clocks ahead</p>
<p>19 Adar 12</p> <p>Religious School @ KD, 9:30 am</p>	<p>20 Adar 13</p> <p>Brotherhood Board, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Adar 14</p> <p>Tuesday Study Group, 9:30 am Religious School @ KD, 4pm</p>	<p>22 Adar 15</p> <p>TASTE 6:30 pm Sisterhood Board, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>23 Adar 16</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>24 Adar (6:46) 17</p> <p>Luck o' Shabbat Services, 8:00 pm Irish Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Adar 18</p> <p>Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am Open Minyan followed by light lunch</p>
<p>26 Adar 19</p> <p>Religious School @ KD, 9:30 am TAS Board, 10:00 am Grade 6 Kehillah @JCCP</p>	<p>27 Adar 20</p>	<p>28 Adar 21</p> <p>Tuesday Study Group, 9:30 am Religious School @ KD, 4pm</p>	<p>29 Adar 22</p>	<p>1 Nisan 23</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>2 Nisan (6:54) 24</p> <p>Grade 3 Shabbat @ KD, 6:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Services, 8:00pm Oneg, 9:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Nisan 25</p> <p>Parashat Vayikra Wrestling with the Torah, 9:15 am Shabbat Services @ Temple Israel, 9:00 am, followed by kiddush lunch and presentation, RSVP</p>
<p>4 Nisan 26</p> <p>Religious School @ KD, 9:30 am Sisterhood "I Can't Believe It's Kosher", 10:00 am</p>	<p>5 Nisan 27</p>	<p>6 Nisan 28</p> <p>Tuesday Study Group, 9:30 am Religious School @ KD, 4pm</p>	<p>7 Nisan 29</p> <p>TASTE 6:30 pm Sisterhood Book Club, 7 pm</p>	<p>8 Nisan 30</p> <p>Torah Study @ Noon</p>	<p>9 Nisan (7:01) 31</p> <p>"April First Friday" Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm Oneg, 8:30 pm</p>	<p>REMINDER</p> <p>The calendar on our website contains the most up-to-date information</p>

Wednesday, March 1st:
6:30 pm TASTE

Thursday, March 2nd:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, March 3rd:
7:30 pm First Friday Shabbat Services
8:30 pm Oneg

Saturday, March 4th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services

Sunday, March 5th:
9:30 am Purim Carnival at TAS

Monday, March 6th:
6:00 pm Adult Study
7:00 pm Purim Megillah Reading followed by Dinner & Dessert

Tuesday, March 7th:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Thursday, March 9th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, March 10th:
8:00 pm Shabbat Service
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, March 11th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services
Bar Mitzvah of LEV NORTON

Sunday, March 12th:
9:30 am Religious School @ KD

Monday, March 13th:
7:00 pm Brotherhood Board Mtg

Tuesday, March 14th:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Wednesday, March 15th:
6:30 pm TASTE
7:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, March 17th:
8:00 pm Luck O' Shabbat Service
9:00 pm Irish Oneg

Saturday, March 18th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services, Open Minyan followed by light lunch

Sunday, March 19th:
9:30 am Religious School @ KD
10:00 am TAS Board Meeting
6th Grade Kejillah @ JCCP

Tuesday, March 21st:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Thursday, March 23rd:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, March 24th:
6:30 pm 3rd Grade Shabbat at KD
8:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, March 25th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
9:00 am Shabbat Services @ Temple Israel, followed by Kiddush lunch and presentation

Sunday March 26th:
9:30 am Religious School @ KD
9:30 am Sisterhood "I Can't Believe It's Kosher for Passover"

Tuesday, March 28th:
9:30 am Tuesday Study Group
4:00 pm Religious School @ KD

Wednesday, March 29th:
6:30 pm TASTE
7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Group-*River Sing Me Home*

Thursday, March 30th:
12:00 pm Torah Study

Friday, March 31st:
7:30 pm "April First Friday" Shabbat Service
8:30 pm Oneg



Rabbi Jim Stoloff
rabbi@avodatshalom.net

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

This Purim is BYOP Bring Your Own Pirate!

Barring an early evening meltdown, I am planning to bring a very small and cute pirate, who just turned one year old!

I can hardly believe it! Last year at Purim, our world was very small with Hudson, Charlotte, and the NICU doctors and hospital staff. I can't express enough gratitude for the support we had during those weeks, and even more so that - as terrifying as it was for Hudson and Charlotte's situations - in the end it was temporary. The path to a full recovery can be long, and the emotions and some of the trauma stays with us, but if the path is there, how can we feel anything but grateful?

On February 20, Hudson turned one year old. And it was so...amazingly normal. Family and friends came over and Hudson had the traditional "smash cake." And when I sent this picture to the medical staff who saved his and Charlotte's lives, they couldn't believe it. Is this the baby who couldn't make his own platelets, breathe on his own, or eat on his own? Now a one year old baby, who is shall we say on the dense side, and shoving cake in his mouth?

That type of gleeful abandon, of having a good time, of just enjoying life, is what Purim is all about. After facing life threatening hardship, the Jewish response is to embrace life to the fullest. No, we can't live every day as if it was Purim, but we should sometimes. And we are obligated to at least once a year on this crazy day. And I am so excited not to miss it this year; Purim really is one of my all time favorite holidays. And in addition to the religious school Purim Carnival on Sunday morning March 5, we have an Erev Purim that will give us a memorable, fun evening with all four mitzvot of purim in one go.

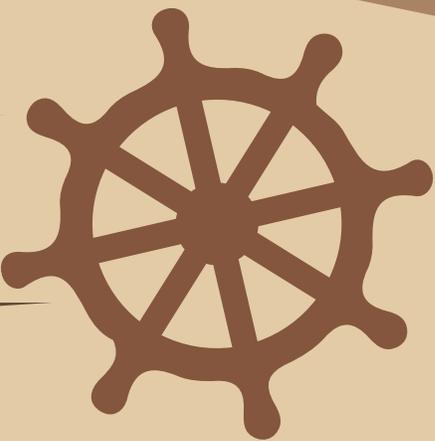


They are reading the book of Esther (megillah), giving gifts to friends (mishloach manot), giving tzedakah to the needy (matanot l'evyonim), and having a festive dinner party (seudat purim). March 6, Erev Purim will have it all. Give gifts through the Sisterhood, donate a few dollars to disaster relief when you RSVP, come to the text study followed by megillah reading, and stay for a dinner including pirate dress up and Jewish Pirate trivia!

For Purim 2023, I will just be happy to be there. And I know you will be too!

Rabbi Jim





PIRATES OF PURIM



MONDAY, MARCH 6TH

Ahoy hearties! Avast and gather:

**6 pm – Guide and Grog for yer grown
mateys (Text study and adult beverages)**

7 pm – Megillah reading. Open to ALL

We'll chow on Dinner and the Oneg after services

Suggested donation of \$5 to Earthquake Disaster Relief

**Ye must RSVP
or ye'll walk the plank**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Sloves
president@avodatshalom.net

"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?" – Albert Einstein

I spend parts of every day thinking about Temple Avodat Shalom. There is room in my cluttered mind to think about TAS. Like every President, I was handed a cluttered desk and will pass one on. You can't avoid it. Fund raising, programming, the kids, the seniors, the building (is that a new leak or a stain up there?), the tenants, the professional staff. Oh yeah, and the religion stuff.

A lot of balls to keep in the air. Fortunately, I am not a juggler on my own. I have my team.

Esther was not alone in the 5th Century BCE. She had Mordecai and, together, they set Ahaseurus straight and put Haman in his place.

Purim marks the beginning of the Spring cycle of Pesach, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Shavuot, end of the school year, camp, and our TAS fiscal year.

With each milestone, TAS leadership is looking forward to the next cycle, and the next, enhancing your educational, social, cultural, and religious Jewish life.

I like my cluttered desk. It reminds me of you and the things we need to facilitate to make you happy. We'll get there. Trust us, work with us. It may be uncomfortable here and there, but the end result will warm your kishkas.

*B'shalom,
Dave*

Sisterhood



Sisterhood has been very busy this past month and is looking forward to March with anticipation!

Our Sisterhood Service was beautiful and the dinner prior was delicious! A very big thank you to Barbara Starr and Bethlee Potolsky for arranging and to all who participated.

Sisterhood held its annual Breakfast on February 26th, and Speaker Timothy J Boyce was captivating while keeping us all on the edge of our seats, and taught us about the positivity of the human spirit. Thank you to Lisa Cohen for organizing this fantastic event.

Since March is around the corner, that means that Purim is near! A special thank you to Cassy Kadesh and Cheryl Jaffe for assembling a themed bag with "A Few Of Our Favorite Things!" Once again, you have outdone yourselves!

Moving forward, on March 26th from 10 am-12 pm, we will be hosting our special in-person event, "I Can't Believe It Is Kosher For Passover!" So, brush off all your amazing recipes and whip them up to be shared with our community. Please email us at: sisterhood@templeavodatshalom.net with your recipe of what you will be making. More information to follow!

On April 16th from 9:30 am -12 pm, we are bringing back our beloved Mah Jongg Madness! A morning of fun! Save the date. There will be more information to follow!

Lastly, our monthly board meeting will be held on March 15th at 7:00 pm, please feel free to join us and bring any ideas you may have!

Lisa and Cheryl

BROTHERHOOD

Our Brotherhood Jewpardy Breakfast was very well attended and was very enjoyable. Thanks very much to David Greenfield, Tracy Cohen, Adam Herbst, for creating and running the games, & Jonathan Rochlin our wonderful Game Show Host. It was great being back together in person!!

Also special thanks to Mitch Light for his consultation. We'd also like to mention (plug) that Nick's Bagels in River Edge provided discounted bagel pricing and has always been a great support to TAS.

We have decided to postpone the "Brotherhood Sock Hop" 3/25 event and will be reviewing the calendar for a future date.

Please join us at our Brotherhood Shabbat Service on Friday, March 24th. Please email us at brotherhood@avodatshalom.net if you would like to participate or contact David Greenfield for details. We thank the Sisterhood in advance for sponsoring the Oneg!!

Looking forward, we will be planning a Brewery visit, hosting a spring/summer concert and maybe having a Billiards day.

Let us know what you think at brotherhood@avodatshalom.net

Mike E

Tikkun Olam

Making the world a better place

DOVE LOUNGE!

Next event – Sunday, March 26th at 4 pm

This Bulletin has been finalized before the first Dove Lounge held on February 26th. We will report on it for the April Bulletin but our own Sara Starr and Mark Edelstein helped facilitate the first meeting of Dove Lounge, a safe space for all LGBTQIA+ teens in the 7th -12th grades (not just those who are Jewish). We expect to expand our advertising for Dove Lounge in the future. Dove Lounge is sponsored by Bergen Jewish Social Justice Alliance, which is a team from TAS, Kol Dorot, Barnert Temple, Emeth Temple and Temple Sinai seeking change in Bergen County. Please contact Laurie Rochlin if you are interested in helping to plan for this and future Dove Lounge events.

RAC-NJ LEARNING TOGETHER – INTEGRATING NJ SCHOOLS

NEXT EVENT – SUNDAY MARCH 19th

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Date for a great in-person event at Congregation B'nai Abraham in Livingston on Sunday, March 19th from 1-3:30 pm; this will also be live streamed. At the event, we will hear from, among others:

- **Justice Gary Stein**, a retired justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, about the Latino Action Network lawsuit that challenges the existing segregation of our public schools – what it is, where it is going, and the proposed voluntary remedies for integrating our schools.
- **NPR's School Colors Podcasters Mark Winston Griffith and Max Freedman**, who have spent two seasons exploring integration in NYC school districts.

Please join Reform Jews as well as people from Salvation and Social Justice and other social justice groups from across New Jersey to discuss this important issue and how we together can make a difference in the lives of all our children.

We can carpool to the event. Please contact Nilene Evans or justice@avodatshalom.net for more information.

CLIMATE CHANGE

In late February, the national Religious Action Center Reform Judaism launched *Power for Purpose: The Reform Movement's 2023 Campaign for Climate Justice*. This campaign is just getting started.

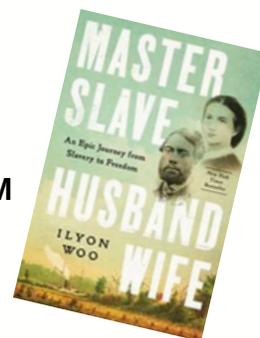
- **March 22** 8:00pm - 9:15pm – Acting for Climate Justice: Power for Purpose Campaign Orientation, on zoom.

To register: <https://rac.org/calendar/acting-climate-justice-power-purpose-campaign-orientation>

- **May 10-11** – Join like-minded Reform Jews in Washington, DC for a Day of Action on Climate Change, to hear from keynote speakers including elected officials and leaders from partner organizations. We will also spend time in smaller cohorts, building community across our networks. The Day of Action will culminate in lobby meetings on Capitol Hill, during which we will advocate for vital policy change.

To register: <https://rac.org/calendar/dc-day-action-0>

MASTER SLAVE HUSBAND WIFE: AN EPIC JOURNEY FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM TOC Book Club Meeting – May 2, 2023



"The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as "his" slave." - Amazon.

This book has received a glowing review from The New York Times Sunday Book Review.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/15/books/review/master-slave-husband-wife-ilyon-woo.html?searchResultPosition=3>

The TOC Book Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd and will be on Zoom to make it accessible to more people.

"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

Thanks again to all of the generous donors to our 20,000 Kochavim of TAS year end fundraiser.

Watch for our Spring Meshugganah Calendar Raffle! The exciting new format will have prizes listed on each day, and drawn on the four Sundays in April, for that Sunday through Friday. Tickets will be sold for \$18 each, 3 for \$54, 10 for \$180, and 20 for \$360. You can't choose which day your ticket will be picked. All tickets go into a big pot for weekly picking. As with all raffles, the more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win. A flyer with the Calendar attached to 2 sheets of 5 tickets each will be sent to each congregant family. All are encouraged to buy the 10 tickets, or have family and friends buy tickets. There will be more tickets available at the TAS office. Each ticket has two parts, clearly marked that one side is for your records, and the other needs to be returned to TAS for inclusion in the big pot.

The 2023 Awards event will be a glorious brunch, scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. It promises to be a meaningful celebration, with an Award Journal to be enjoyed.

We are always happy to entertain any new fundraising ideas!

Wishing everyone a MESHUGGANAH SPRING!

Sharon and Peggy



TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The decision to make a charitable gift is a wonderful way to express your commitment to Temple Avodat Shalom as a priority in your life or to honor a loved one or special event.

This list of items that will benefit our temple community will evolve as time goes on. Every item and any amount makes a meaningful addition to our community and is greatly appreciated.

Once you have chosen a gift, please contact the Temple office to be guided through the process.

Your name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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**Return to: TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM, 385 Howland Ave. River Edge 07661
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Enhancing Worship

- "The Torah: A Women's Commentary" (\$36 each)
- Mishkan T'filah siddur (\$36 each)
- Sponsor an Oneg in honor, in memory, just because (\$150)

Commemoration

- Sponsor a bench in the outdoor Sanctuary (\$72 each)
- Yahrzeit plaque (\$180 each)
- Mitzvah Walk brick (\$360)
- Tree of Life (\$250)

Building

- New podium for the bima (\$10,000)
- Comfy schmoozing area for the lobby (\$5,000)
- New seating for the Bima (\$9,000)
- Additional lighting in the parking lot (\$6,000)
- Snow plowing (\$1,000/plowing)
- Landscaping (\$400/month)
- Utilities (\$2,500/month)
- Roof maintenance (\$2,400/year)

Live Streaming

- We now have the ability to live stream our services, study, and programming, impacting our homebound and distant members and beyond. Your donations will help improve and maintain Livestreaming at TAS.

Religious School

- Hebrew School scholarship (\$1,500/year)
- Sponsor a student's B'nai Mitzvah training (\$750 for one child)
- Sponsor Religious School programming (\$1,000)

Youth

- Support our teens' annual Midnight Run (\$72)
- Sponsor the Youth Group's annual Purim Carnival (\$2,000/year)
- Sponsor a teen's NFTY summer in Israel (trip costs \$8,000)
- Sponsor a child's summer at a Reform Jewish camp (one month costs \$6,000)

Scholar / Artist in Residence

Give a weekend filled with lifelong Jewish memories to the entire congregation. Scholars and artists in residence make a week or weekend at TAS - from study to worship - go from ordinary to extraordinary. Honorariums range from \$3,000-\$5,000.

Member Hits the Lottery

- New carpeting throughout building (tbd - \$40,000 - \$60,000)
- Upgrade the HVAC in building
- New stained glass panels on front of building
- Renovate the Sanctuary

Rabbi Jim Stoloff

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MAZEL TOV BAR MITZVAH



Lev Norton
March 11, 2022

Lev is the Goalie for the NJ Ice Dogs. When he isn't stopping pucks on the ice he is making friends and family laugh. Lev plays the trumpet, drums and occasionally beatboxes. Lev's parents, Michele & Brett and his sister Hannah are so proud of all his recent accomplishments and can't wait to celebrate the amazing young man he has become!

Mazel
Tov!

...to Janet & Paul Ritter on the birth of their grandson Charlie Jay.

...to the Norton family on the Bar Mitzvah of Lev

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO TAS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
STUDENTS:



LEV NORTON

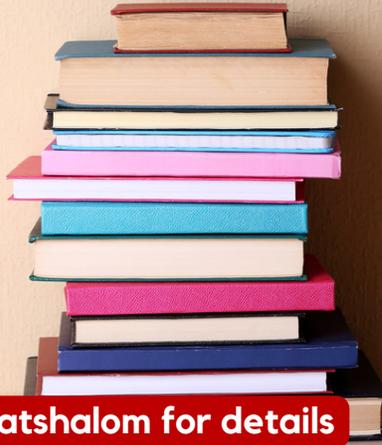


HOLLIN BARTH

AND GRAYSON BERGER

Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 pm



email sisterhood@avodatshalom for details



Brotherhood SHABBAT

March 24th 8:00 pm

email brotherhood@avodatshalom.net to participate

PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:30AM: 5 YEARS & YOUNGER

10:30AM: ALL AGES

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM

\$20 1ST CHILD OR

\$40/FAMILY





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Temple

Invites you to the
Rabbi Selig Salkowitz Memorial Distinguished Speaker Series
Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat March 24-25
Introducing Rabbi Daniel Frelander speaking on
"The Disorganization of Organized Judaism"



Rabbi Frelander

- ♦ **Rabbi Daniel Frelander recently retired after 45 years of leadership to the North American Reform synagogue movement.**
- ♦ **Former President, World Union for Progressive Judaism .**
- ♦ **Former Senior Vice President, Union for Reform Judaism.**

All services and presentations held at Temple Israel

Friday Night-Service 6:30pm, followed by dinner and presentation:

"The Disorganization of Organized Judaism: A View from Ridgewood".

Saturday-Service 9:00 am, kiddush luncheon and presentation

"The Disorganization of Organized Judaism: A View from Jerusalem".

Friday night dinner and Shabbat lunch is complimentary. Please email mnassan@synagogue.org with the number attending so we may prepare for you by March 17, 2023. #of adults/children/vegetarian for Friday and Saturday.



Religious Activities Committee: ANNOUNCING MONTHLY SHABBAT MORNING LIBRARY MINYAN



Join us in the Library once a month for an informal Shabbat Morning Service followed by a light lunch. Torah Study will continue to be from 9:15 - 10:30 in the Walzer Lounge. The morning Shabbat Service will be in the Library and on zoom – this is a perfect occasion for b'nai mitzvah students to practice as well as for anyone to commemorate a Yahrzeit, pray for healing or just enjoy the beauty of Torah. No charge for lunch but we will require an RSVP to ensure sufficient food for all – see the weekly Thursday email before the Shabbat morning.

The next Library Minyan will be on Saturday, March 18th. For more information, contact the Office.





DOVE LOUNGE

For All LGBTQIA+ Teens and Allies
Grades 7-12

**A safe place for teens to meet and make friends,
hang out, play games, listen to music and enjoy
pizza & snacks.**

Sunday, March 26, 2023 4 - 6 pm

Temple Avodat Shalom

**385 Howland Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661**

**Sponsored by:
Bergen Jewish Social Justice Alliance
For Further Information:
dovelounge18@gmail.com**

I Can't Believe it's
Kosher for Passover



March 26th
10 am-12 pm

Passover
can be
delicious!

RECIPE SWAP AND TASTING PARTY

Brush off your amazing recipes and whip them up to be shared with our community.



For inclusion in our cookbook, please email your recipe to:

sisterhood@templeavodatshalom.net

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 love 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.



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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 12/31/21 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:

Yelena Antonovskaya Z"L, mother of Aleksandra (Sasha) Shmulenson, mother-in-law of Roman Shmulenson, and grandmother of Jacob and Rina Shmulenson.

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.**

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**

**Remember to change the clocks
MARCH 12, 2am**





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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

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 To Linda Gould & Family in memory of Philip Gould
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Thank you for your continued support and the beautiful funeral service for Phil ROBERTA PALEY & JOE MOSKOWITZ To Linda Gould & Family in memory of Philip Gould

RABBI JIM'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Thank you for your continued support and the beautiful funeral service for Phil BETHLEE & MARC POTOLSKY To Rabbi Jim & Charlotte in honor of Hudson's 1st birthday

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Much gratitude to both PEGGY SCHNEIDER and SHARON GREY for their patient help and expert instructions benefitting all in attendance for Sisterhood's most enjoyable Mah Jongg morning.

Our sincere sympathies to BARBARA AND MICHAEL STARR on the recent passing of MICHAEL'S NEPHEW LUIGI STARR KRAMER.

Much appreciation to BARBARA STARR AND BETHLEE POTOLSKY for their efforts, energy and enthusiasm chairing Sisterhood's Shabbat Service and the delicious preservice dinner.

Mazel Tov and hearty congratulations to RINA SHMULENSON on her BAT MITZVAH.

Mazel Tov to JANET AND PAUL RITTER on the birth of their new grandson CHARLIE JAY.

Sincere condolences to ALEKSANDRA (SASHA) and her husband ROMAN SHMULENSON on the recent passing of her mother YELENA ANTONOVSKAYA who will also be greatly missed by her grandchildren JACOB AND RINA.

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:

Mishkan T'filah Youth	\$18
Library Fund	\$18
Gates of Joy	\$18
Gates of Prayer	\$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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