

TAS TIMES



Temple Avodat Shalom
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JULY 2022/5782 tammuz - av

18 Tammuz 17	19 Tammuz 18	20 Tammuz Tuesday study group, 9:30 am RAC meeting	21 Tammuz 20	22 Tammuz Torah Study @ Noon TAS Calendar meeting	23 Tammuz (8:03) 22	24 Tammuz Parashat Pinchas <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am
25 Tammuz 24	26 Tammuz 25	27 Tammuz Tuesday study group, 9:30 am	28 Tammuz 27	29 Tammuz Torah Study @ Noon	1 Av (7:57) 29	2 Av Parashat Matot-Masei <i>Wrestling with the Torah</i> , 9:15 am Shabbat Services, 10:30 am
3 Av Brotherhood Cornhole Tournament & BBQ, 4 pm 31	AUGUST 2022/5782 av - elul					
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Tuesday, July 19th:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, July 21st:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, July 22nd:
8:00 pm Shabbat Services
9:00 Oneg
Saturday, July 23rd:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services
Tuesday, July 26th:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, July 28th:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, July 29th:
8:00 pm Shabbat Services
9:00 pm Oneg

Saturday, July 30th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sunday, July 31st:
4:00 pm Brotherhood Cornhole
Tournament and BBQ
Monday, August 1st:
8:00 pm Brotherhood Card Night
Tuesday, August 2nd:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, August 4th:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, August 5th:
6:00 pm Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 6th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services

Monday, August 8th:
7:00 pm Brotherhood Board
Tuesday, August 9th:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, August 11th:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, August 12th:
6:00 pm Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 13th:
9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
10:30 am Shabbat Services
Tuesday, August 16th:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, August 18th:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, August 19th:
6:00 pm Shabbat Service

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9:15 am Wrestling with the Torah
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Tuesday, August 30th:
9:30 am Study Group
Thursday, September 1st:
12:00 pm Torah Study
Friday, September 2nd:
6:00 pm Shabbat Services



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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

A Summer of Renewal

There is a curious idea in Judaism. In most contexts, when we think of improvement, we think of making something better, faster, stronger...or in another word, newer. The new model, the new hotness, the new deal. But in Judaism, improvement is not making something better to be different or newer. Improvement is connected to the concepts of return and renewal, and this is especially focused on at our most sacred holiday, Yom Kippur.

I know, I know, Yom Kippur is far away (though not far enough that we aren't already working on it here!). But rather than go over an in-depth theological notion from scratch in a bulletin article, I hope that I can draw from more familiar Jewish experience. On Yom Kippur we frequently hear phrases like *tshuvah* (repentance, but literally "renewal") and *chadesh yameinu k'kedem* (renew our days as before).

Repentance in Judaism and on Yom Kippur is not only saying sorry and seeking forgiveness for our mistakes. It is that and more, it is *tshuvah*, returning. Returning to what? To a better version of ourselves. Not becoming something new, not becoming someone we are not, but returning to our best self so that when we confront similar situations next year, we do better. That is *tshuvah*. To phrase it spiritually, it is to return to the highest potential of our creation, the version of ourselves closest to our creation *btzelem elohim* (in God's image). It is embracing the divinity we each have within us. In action, it is living and acting as God, the source of ethics, would act, with justice, mercy, forgiveness, grace, and pursuing acts of love and kindness. It is being like God in how we treat ourselves, others, and the world around us.

But that really is going too much into Yom Kippur at this moment; we can save focusing on that journey for the month of Elul and Yom Kippur itself. For now, this summer, it is my hope and prayer that we as individuals and congregations can focus on the other phrase, *chadesh*, renewal. Renewing ourselves and renewing our community of Temple Avodat Shalom.

For ourselves, it is important to take time to relax, to find joy, and to rejuvenate ourselves and be open to new possibilities for ourselves in the year to come. For our TAS community, it is the same...and we have already been working on the last part. As I hope you had the opportunity to experience, our events in June were a huge renewal of our in person, haimish and joyful community, especially our 70th anniversary celebration and awards evening. That energy, that renewal, felt familiar and fantastic, and we all look forward to more of that in the fall. It will also have some of the “new” in the renewal here as well, particularly in our religious school and youth engagement. This year, we are collaboratively running religious school, TASTE, madrichim, and Youth Group with our neighboring congregation, Kol Dorot. It will be a change for our students and families, just as each of the last three years has been a change. Unlike the changes of the last three years though, this is a change we have chosen because it is the best option available to renew the Jewish education, experience, and spiritual growth of both congregations’ youth. We look forward to sharing more details over the summer.

5783 will be a year of great renewal for us across the board, as we come back to what we hope will be a full year of vibrant, in person Jewish life in all aspects of our congregational community. Of course, we will always put the safety of our community first. Even still, I am hopeful and personally pray that this year will finally be my first at TAS where everything happens in a more typical way, in person!

As we continue from July to August and eventually to the new year to come, I wish everyone a summer of renewal and rejuvenation, so that we may be refreshed and ready to find and be our best selves in the year to come.

Amen!

Rabbi Jim

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Sloves
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Eleven days into my Presidency, I took a Jewish Federation class called “Planning Your Purposeful Presidency.” The very first slide, from Exodus Rambam 7.3 read “And G-d said to Moses and Aaron: My children are obstinate, ill-tempered, troublesome. In assuming leadership over them, expect to be cursed and even stoned by them.”

Ahem.

I’m hoping things have gotten better since Maimonides was writing in the 12th Century.

It is truly my honor to be the President of Temple Avodat Shalom. As you may or may not know, I am a 3rd generation Temple President, following my father and his father.

I take the Presidency well aware of the challenges to organized religion, not just Reform Judaism, in America. Challenges abound, but TAS is well situated to be “a light among nations” in our little corner of the world. TAS is committed to religious practice, education, tikkun olam and socialization within the Reform movement—and will continue the leadership we demonstrated in spearheading the countywide Purim weekend spectacular earlier this year.

What do we need from you? Be present. How, I leave to you. Attend services, attend one of our three weekly Torah or Text study programs, join the Choir, attend a special program, build the sukkah with Brotherhood, make challah with Sisterhood, suggest programs, encourage your children to participate with the Youth Group, support a social action effort, help feed the hungry, offer to lead a program in your special area of interest or expertise. And so much more.

In my first email to the temple membership, I referred to TAS as a “kehillah kedosha” –a holy community. It is, and you make it more so. Janice and I look forward to spending time with you here.

B’shalom,
Dave

An Update From Cantor Maria Dubinsky



Cantor Maria Dubinsky
cantor@avodatshalom.net

During February break, Noa and I went to Israel. It was wonderful to see family and friends after the long and draining period of covid. Covid was pretty bad in Israel in February 2022, but it was warm, seeing family and friends was great and Noa and I had the time of our lives. It was all going exceptionally well until February 24th. My friend had recovered from covid and I was very happy to see her and another friend. The three of us went on a trip to the North of Israel. It could have been a perfect experience, but it was not. On February 24th the war had started. My friends, who like me, came to Israel from Russia and the Ukraine, were devastated. This war feels very personal to immigrants from the FSU and it is hard to stay neutral about it. My friend, who was born in Kiev, had a few Israeli citizens in the Ukraine list her as their emergency contact. During our trip, her phone did not stop buzzing- red alerts appearing on her screen one after another: "GET AWAY NOW!" and "TO ALL ISRAELI CITIZENS IN THE UKRAINE, GET AWAY IMMEDIATELY!"

The next few weeks passed in assertive evacuation attempts - my Israeli friends worked tirelessly, trying to get people they knew out of the war zone. Those who did not flee in the first couple of days could not leave as a family - only women and children were allowed to leave the country. However, the evacuation attempts were successful and most people my friends knew personally, evacuated.

While Ukrainian people showed remarkable unity, bravery and strength of spirit, the entire world came together in their relief efforts. It was amazing to see so many countries offering shelter, weapons, humanitarian aid and resources to Ukraine and its people. As everyone else around me, I desperately wanted to help. I, along with my friends, colleagues and my daughter Maya organized and participated in a number of fundraisers, but I felt that it was not enough - I wanted to be with the refugees, offering them my support, expertise and skills.

I could not go to Poland during the school year, but summer came and the opportunity presented itself. After many obstacles, delays and logistical issues, Maya and I arrived in Warsaw. It is important to mention that refugee life now is different from how it was a few months ago. Some people went back to the Ukraine, others had settled, acclimated, found jobs and moved from shelters to rented apartments. Many Jewish refugees made an Aliyah to Israel.

The ones who stayed are either waiting for their husbands to leave Ukraine or have non-Jewish family members who do not seek to live in a Jewish state. It is amazing to see how much Poland supports Ukrainian evacuees. Shelters are placed in 3-4 star hotels and the Polish relief efforts are overall outstanding.

Maya and I are working in a summer school/camp funded by the Jewish community and the JCC of Warsaw. The camp is taking place in a Jewish day school and it offers kosher food and some light Jewish programming. The majority of children in the camp are not Jewish, but there are a few Jewish families. A couple of them are *ba'alei T'shuvah*, who are observing mitzvot and trying to come closer to the Jewish religion, and others are eager to learn as much as possible about their Jewish roots. The camp's staff consists of a few Ukrainian teachers, representatives of the JCC and the Warsaw Jewish community and volunteers, each of whom offers their unique skills and expertise. Maya and I made instant connections with the kids, who are in desperate and constant need of warmth, love and positive regard. The kids want to hug, hold our hands and sit on our laps. I do believe that the war caused these children much PTSD and many attachment issues and it is heartwarming to see their love and trust. After coming back home, I will be offering some of these kids free voice lessons over zoom – I have been trying to do this since the war started, but did not have much success. Now I have a line of kids who want to work with me. I am extremely grateful that I was given the opportunity to be of help to these wonderful children.

I hope and pray that this horrible war will end and they will be able to return home very soon.

Cantor Maria Dubinsky



Sisterhood is looking forward to a great year! We have lots of fun activities planned and we hope you will join us! To kick the year off for our first event, we are hosting a Jewish Federation Supplies for Success pop-up event at our temple in combination with our Brotherhood! This program provides 3,000 vulnerable students in Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson Counties with fresh, new school supplies to start the school year off on the best foot! All are welcome to help with this mitzvah. More information will be forthcoming soon! This year we plan on bringing back Mah Jongg! We also are planning a Passover event and a day trip!

Any suggestions? Contact Lisa and Cheryl at: sisterhood@avodatshalom.net

Lisa and Cheryl

The Brotherhood is very excited about our upcoming Cornhole Tournament & Giant Jenga event for the entire family on 7/31 @4:00pm in the TAS parking lot. We will be providing the BBQ Hotdogs. 🌭 Please BYO side dishes, beverages, & tailgate chairs. In the event of rain, we will move indoors.

Brotherhood has decided to make a donation to Cantor Maria's trip to Poland with other Clergy where they will focus on helping Jewish Refugee Children from Ukraine. 🇺🇦 We are also making a donation to the Jewish Federations School Backpack Program for underprivileged children in our area.

At our recent calendar meeting, we set dates for several exciting events, gatherings & initiatives for the coming year. Please watch this bulletin and our weekly announcements for more details.

We are considering attending a Minor League Baseball Game on August 13th. More information is coming soon.

Later this summer, we will begin coordinating our High Holiday Ushering schedule and request that everyone please assist with this important Mitzvah.

Wishing you a happy, healthy & safe rest of the summer. 🍷

Tikkun Olam

Making the world a better place

WE HAVE PLANS! WE HAVE PLANS!

The work of Repairing the World never ends. Summer is a perfect time for preparing for the next year. Here are some of our plans for 2022-2023.

EVERY VOICE EVERY VOTE – POSTCARDS!

The national RAC's ongoing Every Voice Every Vote's *nonpartisan* postcarding campaign, in partnership with the Center for Common Ground's Reclaim Our Vote Campaign, engages under-represented voters through sending postcards that provide voter education about registration and making a plan to vote. In 2020, when TAS first participated in this campaign, we sent over 3000 postcards to low-propensity voters in a number of states.



TAS is participating once again in the postcarding campaign. We will send an initial order for postcards in early August. Please contact Nilene Evans or justice@avodatshalom.net to participate in this event.

RAC AND RAC-NJ

So what are they? Much of our Tikkun Olam work these past two years has been in coordination with RAC-NJ. Here is more of who they are.

RAC is the national Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism and is based in Washington, DC. The ongoing Every Voice Every Vote campaign is run through RAC. RAC is a *nonpartisan* organization that for more than six decades, has worked to educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish community to advocate for social justice. RAC mobilizes around federal, state, provincial, and local legislation on more than 70 pressing socioeconomic issues, including gun violence prevention, immigration, reproductive rights, and criminal justice reform. For more information, go to www.rac.org.

RAC-NJ is one of the nine state-focused RAC projects. Since it launched it has brought Reform Jewish voices together statewide – a considerable feat – to advocate for social justice, representing the approximately 15,000 Reform Jewish families in New Jersey. In 2021, RAC-NJ was instrumental in getting the Fair Chance in Housing Act passed.

In 2021-2022, RAC-NJ has advocated for the Same Day Voter Registration Bill that would allow voters to register at polling places during early voting and on election days. Registrants would provide identification & residency info, and then cast a provisional ballot while their information is verified prior to their ballot being counted. Same day registration will help to improve the accuracy of voter rolls. Voters can update outdated information, like a change of address. It has been proven to increase voter turnout and has been successful in 20 states plus Washington, DC, both Republican and Democratic. The Bill has been held up primarily because of Senate President Scutari's objections but RAC-NJ will continue to support passage of this Bill going forward.

RAC-NJ will succeed if WE take action with it. TAS members have contacted and called state representatives, attended zoom trainings, rallied in Trenton and engaged in other activities.

Starting in the fall of 2022, RAC-NJ is turning to new concerns that affect our State. Please stay tuned for more information.

PUTTING OUR VALUES INTO ACTION

To make change, we need to be organized, working together to put our values into action. But what does organizing really mean? TAS members can participate in a half day, in person program to learn basic techniques of organizing. More information will be available in the fall.

Social Justice leaders from Kol Dorot, Temple Emeth, Barnert Temple, Temple Sinai and TAS are exploring ways in which we can, together, make a difference in Bergen County. If you are interested in this effort, please contact Nilene Evans or justice@avodatshalom.net.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

November 6, 2022

In November 2022, we will once again host a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. In our first event in 2021, we had almost 150 people come together in person, from ages under 5 to over 90, to package 20,088 meals that were shipped globally to children otherwise facing starvation. Instead, they will get not only a meal, but an education too, because the meals we made will be distributed in schools. That education gives these communities' children new options in their lives and helps break the cycle of poverty. The hunger situation in the world is even worse now than last year. Save the date!

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Costs are rising and we need your monetary support. Chicken costs have doubled and; like you and your family, our program is feeling the impact of 25% to 60% increases on foil products, vegetables and other supplies we use to feed those that need it most in our community.

Brett and Andy typically provide 150 meals to be served in Hackensack at the Health and Human Services homeless shelter. The meal they prepare is homemade and of the same quality that we would serve to our own family: Lemon pepper chicken drumsticks, fresh cut green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, apple and a dessert.

Each meal costs less than \$5. If you are able to donate 1 meal or 150 we would be so grateful for your support. Donate in the memory of a loved one, celebration of a simcha or anonymously. The next specific Feeding the Hungry Dates are August 28th, November 20th and December 11th. Donations can be sent to the Synagogue, please add 'Feeding the Hungry' in the memo.

DO YOU HAVE TIKKUN OLAM IDEAS?

We would love to hear from you. Contact Nilene Evans or justice@avodatshalom.net.

"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

While Shabbat services were only online, our Shabbat and High Holy Day Siddurim and Torah Commentary were available to borrow so congregants could follow along in the comfort of their home. Now that in person services have resumed, we find that we are woefully short of prayer books in our sanctuary. If you borrowed any prayer books (including Shabbat services, High Holy Days and/or Torah Commentary books) and no longer need them at home, please return them to the temple office at your earliest convenience.



TAS AWARDS JOURNAL 2022

The digital version of the TAS 2022 Awards Ad Journal is now available!

Click [HERE](#) to check it out!

Mazel Tov!

Joyce Bivone on her recent retirement

Leslie and Steve Schifrien on the birth of their granddaughter, Emmanuelle "Emmy" Dove, daughter of Shira and Jason Schifrien



SENIORS: DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO A DOCTOR APPOINTMENT?

THE GREATER BERGEN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HAS A PROGRAM FOR SENIORS THAT OFFERS A FREE UBER RIDE TO A DOCTOR APPOINTMENT OR TO PICK UP A PRESCRIPTION.

CALL CINDY AT 201.968.0200 (EXT 7501) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 TO 5 AT LEAST 1 DAY IN ADVANCE.

Brotherhood Presents:

Cornhole
Giant Jenga
& BBQ

Sunday
June 26th
4:00 pm
TAS Parking lot

Come enjoy Brotherhood's famous, free BBQ Hotdogs! BYO Side Dishes, & tailgate chairs. If it rains, we'll move indoors

Click [HERE](#) to register

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Are they early? Are they late? Once again, the High Holy Days come exactly on time, according to the Hebrew calendar. We are beginning to plan for those services but here is a sneak peek at the dates:

Saturday, September 17th: S'lichot

Tuesday, October 4th: Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 25th: Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 5th: Yom Kippur

Monday, September 26th: First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 9th: Erev Sukkot

Tuesday, September 27th: Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 16th: Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

At this time, we expect all of our services in 2022-2023 to be in person. More information will be available in September.

Come pray and celebrate together these special Holy Days and throughout the year. We are always stronger together.

A Different Perspective on the Torah

Starting with B'resheit, the first book of Genesis on Saturday, October 22nd, Saturday morning Torah Study will be studying from A Women's Commentary. Have a little nosh and join us live for a different perspective on the Torah.

Your Ideas

Do you have aspects of Judaism you want to study, ideas for interesting religious-focused events or want to become more involved in planning our services? Contact rac@avodatshalom.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Hannah Norton



Noah Gelwasser



Noa Litmanovich



Lucas Lazarus



Samara Barth

Will Rabinowitz, Juliet Parente and Julian Kadesh



TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM

It is always a joy to see our Temple members filling the Sanctuary and the Social Hall for High Holy Day Services. High Holy Day tickets will be issued to members whose account is in good standing (minimum of ¼ of dues paid before September 25). Single members receive one High Holy Day ticket, good for both RH & YK. Family members receive two tickets, good for both RH & YK.

Tickets are not transferable.

For security reasons, admission to ALL services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for all adults 18 years of age and older will require a ticket or photo I.D.

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR SERVICES ON:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 pm
 First Day Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 26 at 10:30 am

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 pm
 Yom Kippur morning, Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 am

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES DO NOT REQUIRE TICKETS:

First Day Rosh Hashanah Family Service, Monday, September 26 at 9:00am
 Second morning of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, September 27:
 Tashlich in Van Saun Park at 9:30 am
 Service led by our Rabbi, Cantor and Youth Group (appropriate for ages 8 & up)
 at 10:30 am
 Yom Kippur morning Family Service, Wednesday, October 5 at 9:00am
 Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, October 5 at 4:00 pm

INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBER TICKETS (good for both RH & YK)

Single – will receive 1 adult ticket
 Family – will receive 2 adult tickets plus tickets for any unmarried children 24 and under.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS (all prices are per person)

Immediate family members who haven't been members of TAS in the past 5 years–
 \$200 to attend both RH & YK services - \$100 to attend either.
 Non-member friends/family who haven't been members of TAS in the past 5 years–
 \$400 to attend both RH & YK services - \$250 to attend either.

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP \$360

*All ticket requests will be included with the membership mailing. There will only be one mailing, any additional tickets may be picked up from the Temple office. **Please return this order form no later than September 1.***



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.

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, we meet at TAS every Thursday morning to socialize and chat. We'll be in Van Saun Park when the weather improves.

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.

DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER AND TO TAS PLEASE ANSWER YOUR PHONE!

Everyone has a story about why they are a member of TAS. We want to hear your stories. At the February Board meeting, the Trustees practiced 1:1 intentional conversations. 1:1 intentional conversations are a way to understand each other's values and interests and learn what we share in common so we can act together to strengthen our congregation and deepen our connections to our community, identify leaders, and understand our congregants' needs.

1:1s are two-way conversations in which people introduce themselves and discuss potentially shared goals and concerns, in this case about TAS. The conversations are intentional but not privacy-invading; they should be face-to-face in person but, given the pandemic, could be on zoom; not interviews but focused on reciprocal listening not advocating or arguing. The Board's goal is to better understand our congregants' needs and their views on the future of TAS over the next several years. We are not holding house meetings because individual voices can get lost.

Please answer your phone if a Trustee calls in the next few months to set up a 1:1 intentional conversation. We won't be able to contact everyone over the next few months – if you want to have a 1:1, please contact Nilene Evans or Jason Berger.



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Temple Avodat Shalom

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For further questions - email us: giftcard@avodatshalom.net

GIFT CARD OBLIGATION



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:

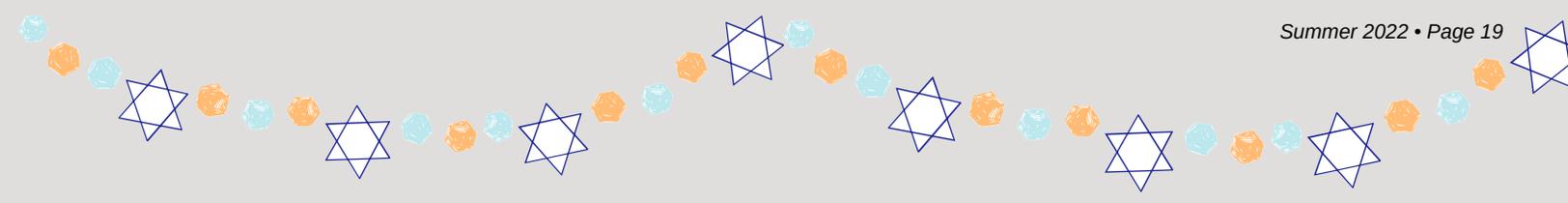
Email:

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

RIVER EDGE FARMERS MARKET

3-7 PM THURSDAYS

AT MEMORIAL PARK & CONTENTAL AVE



The River Edge Farmers Market brings the best of New Jersey farms to you!

Ort Farms from Long Valley NJ brings delicious fresh local fruit, vegetables, pies, jams, and much more to River Edge every Thursday from 3-7pm. Live music @ 4 pm!

Buy your fresh produce every Thursday all summer at the River Edge Farmers Market.



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to the families of:

Edith Jacobus, mother of Jeff (Carrie), Joan, and Marc (Brenda) Jacobus, grandmother of Belinda Rogers, Melanie Vilorio, Michael Jacobus, AJ and Zach Jacobus-Oseroff, David Harris, Phyllis Cheek, and great-grandmother of Aly, Bennet, William, Grace and Louisa.

Bernard Phillip Jaffe, father of Marc (Cheryl), Pamela (Mark), Warren (Tara), and stepfather of Andrew (Deb) and Debra (Michael), husband of Rosalind and grandfather of Joshua, Adam, Seth, Ian, Lea, Noelle, David and Rachel.

Elizabeth Goldstein, mother of Stuart (Heidi) and Robert (Christine) and grandmother to Isabel, Olivia, Joshua, Jessica (Tony) and Noah.

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.

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Donations to the General Fund support all activities of the Temple

PATTY & MARC HERRMANN

To Pam & Mike Edelstein in honor of Jason's graduation from Indiana University and David's new job in Jackson, MS

To Liz & Len Lawton in honor of Emily's engagement to Chris Baker

To Cassy & Seth Kadash in honor of Julian's B'nai Mitzvah

To Liz & Dave Dunkelman in memory of Joshua Dunkelman

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To Beth Kovar & Family in memory of Lance Kovar

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To Gilda & Fred Rabinowitz in memory of Gilda's Aunt Mickey

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To Mr. & Mrs. Dan Rubin in honor of Justin's Bar Mitzvah

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To Heather & Mitch Sheiner in honor of Alexa's Bat Mitzvah

To Arlene Lapidos in memory of David Lapidos

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To Mary & Rich Lurie in memory of Bertram Lurie

Thinking of you to Gail Goldfarb

Glad you are on the mend to Laurie Rochlin

To Ellen & Steve Berman on the birth of their granddaughter Hannah Dana

To Nancy & Warren Heaps on the birth of their grandson Andrew Henry

Happy 80th birthday to Naomi Kerstein

To Liz & Dave Dunkelman in memory of Joshua Dunkelman

LENORE & RUBIN LERER

To Liz & Len Lawton in honor of Emily's engagement to Chris Baker

COOKIE & MYRON LEASH

Thank you to Steve Berman

Congratulations and good luck to Dave Sloves

To Liz & Len Lawton in honor of Emily's engagement to Chris Baker

GLORIA & CUBBY COHEN

To Gilda & Fred Rabinowitz in memory of Gilda's Aunt Mickey

To Rita & Marty Fox in honor of their granddaughter Maya's Bat Mitzvah

JOYCE & NEIL MASSOTH

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Congratulations on winning the Shavelson Award to Cheryl Jaffe

Congratulations on winning the Hineni Award to Jane Gaffin

Congratulations on winning the Brudnick Award to Ariana Altman

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To Cheryl & Marc Jaffe in memory of Bernard Jaffe

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To Cheryl & Marc Jaffe in memory of Bernard Jaffe

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To Steve Berman in honor of his calm & graceful leadership during a very challenging three years

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In honor of Cheryl Jaffe receiving the Shavelson Award

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Thank you to Steve Berman, David Sloves & Marc Herrmann for your support, and good luck in your new positions

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In honor of the birth of Rabbi Stoloff's baby

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Mazel Tov to Steve Berman on a successful presidency

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To David Sloves in honor of his being our new leadership

To Marc Herrmann in honor of his being our new leadership

To Jane & Neill Gaffin in honor of Sophia's high school graduation

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To Cheryl & Marc Jaffe in honor of Adam's high school graduation

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To the Goldstein Family in memory of Elizabeth Goldstein

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In honor of the birth of our granddaughter Emmanuelle "Emmy"

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 Deepest condolences to JEFF & CARRIE, JOAN, and MARC & BRENDA on the passing of their mother EDITH JACOBUS
 Congratulations to ERINN REBHUN upon earning her GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD
 Hearty Mazel Tov to STEVE and LESLIE SCHIFRIEN on the birth of their granddaughter EMMANUELLE
 Deepest condolences to STUART (HEIDI) and ROBERT (CHRISTINE) and their extended family on the recent passing of their mother ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN

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