

# TEMPLE TOPICS

The Newsletter of Temple Sholom

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

Rabbi Abraham, Cantor Sharlein and the office staff are available by phone or by email. Please reach out if you need anything or can help with anything....even if you just want to reach out to say say hello!

As a precautionary measure, the Temple office will not be open to the public at this time. Staff may be working in the office, but we appreciate your understanding in the closing of the building.

**Please stay safe and be well!**

## **MAZAL TOV TO ALL OUR TEMPLE SHOLOM AWARD WINNERS!**

**The following outstanding members were awarded at our Annual meeting on Sunday, June 7th, with boundless appreciation for all you have done for Temple Sholom.**

**Penny Margolies Award - Karyn Weingarten  
Achievement Award - Lisa Drapkin**

### **President's Awards**

<b>Jill Wallis</b>	<b>Julie MacDonald</b>
<b>David Drapkin</b>	<b>Josh Bornstein</b>
<b>Eugene Schulman</b>	<b>Sandra Nussenfeld</b>
<b>Seth Weingarten</b>	

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation that welcomes traditional and non traditional Jewish families and individuals, aspiring to create a warm and caring Jewish atmosphere fostering inclusiveness and community. We engage in life long learning, worship, lifecycle events and social action (Tikun Olam), while cultivating a love and understanding of our Jewish heritage and promoting the perpetuation of Judaism. Temple Sholom strives to be an inclusive and accessible synagogue, welcoming to all who wish to meaningfully participate in our Jewish community.

## Temple Sholom

A Reform Congregation affiliated with the  
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### INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW YOU CAN BECOME A BENEFACTOR?

Contact Mark Nussenfeld at 908.305.1061 or  
president@sholomnj.org

## LET US KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE!

**Please let us know about your good news and simchas.** We would love to print it in Temple Topics so that our entire congregation can kvell and shep nachas with you. Just call, fax or e-mail the Temple office and share your glad tidings.

**Judaism has a moment to share joys and sorrows with the community—an Aliyah.** Please call the Temple office by Wednesday morning of any given week if you would like an Aliyah for the following Shabbat.

**If you become ill or are hospitalized,** please let us know. Rabbi Abraham would like to visit you, and we would like to add your name to our Mi-Sheberach list. The hospital is NOT allowed to contact the Temple or the Rabbi unless you explicitly request them to do so.

Note: To let us know about your news, please contact the Temple office directly.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

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## SERVICES

You can find the livestream of our Temple Shabbat services on the [Temple webpage under Worship and streaming - or here](#)

### Shabbat:

**June 12th - 7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat, June Birthday/Anniversary Service

**June 19th - 7:30pm** - Kabbalat Shabbat, Graduate Service

**June 26th - 6pm** - Sunset Service

### Gathering as a Congregation:

We hope to have many opportunities for our congregation to check in and spend some social time together. Here are the currently scheduled events (all on Zoom):

#### [Temple Sholom Check-In](#) - Every Sunday 1pm -

Join us for as much or as little works for you. We'll just be sharing and talking, but we're still working on this, so any suggestions as to timing, frequency, subject/no subject, as we go forward, will be greatly appreciated. If you have the skills to host on-line meetings on Zoom, please let us know.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87387251991>

#### [Lunch with Rabbi Abraham](#) - Thursday, June 25th, 12:30 - 1:30pm

We do this on the last Thursday of every month, and are very sorry that so many people are too far from the Temple to join us. Well, we've solved that problem - we'll go virtual. Make your own lunch, sit at your own table, and join us for lunch and a schmooze.

## LIFELONG LEARNING:

### On-Going Classes:

We are currently making our already scheduled learning opportunities available on-line. Even if you have not ever joined us for a class before, drop in and join us. Texts will be available for download and on-line during the classes. If you can teach or have a subject you want to learn, let us know and we'll try to set it up.

#### [Classic Jewish Folklore Collections](#) - Tuesdays, 10:30am - noon -

In the 1970's, various collections of Jewish folktales were published and purchased as Chanukah and house-warming gifts. What do these stories tell about us as Jews - both about what we have preserved as stories, and why we chose to keep telling these particular stories. A few different stories each week - and then the self-analysis begins.

#### [To Do the Right and the Good](#) - Thursdays, 8 - 9pm -

A discussion of Elliot Dorff's book on a Jewish approach to social ethics. Texts will be posted on the Temple calendar and website, before the class.

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMO

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Our condolences go out to all of you who have lost family or friends to this deadly virus. I try to listen Governor Murphy's briefing regularly and it's easy to feel better when he outlines the numbers for the day with more people leaving the hospital than going in. There are fewer people in intensive care and fewer people passing away every day. Yet the numbers every day and over the last three months are still more than any of us can comprehend.



It's equally hard to come to peace with at a time when we need to be together and comfort each we can't do that. We pride ourselves on being a Temple family that cares for each other while the thing we need to do for the health of each other is stay away from each other. We worked very hard to build our new home to be a place where we gather to pray, laugh and cry together no matter what life throws us. Hopefully, this pandemic will be under control enough for us to resume regular Temple activities. Your Temple clergy and leadership are working with local town officials for guidance and we are calling on members of our Temple family with relevant expertise to advise us on what steps we can take safely when the time is right.

This will be my last Temple Topics article as President. It has been an honor to serve in this position. It is equally hard to leave at his time when we face a very difficult challenge try to keep our staffing at current levels. We are trying our best provide services to our membership, maintaining our dedication to educating our youth up to the high standards we have worked hard to develop over the years.

I will work with incoming President, Pam Brander, when I can with the new officers and trustees who are fully aware of the challenges ahead and dedicated to steering the ship on the right course.

The next year will require all of us to look at what we can do to help our community thrive. With reduced office staff we will need your help in our office and our religious school. With the number of our congregants either out of work or working less hours for lower pay they will need your assistance. I'm sure many of us know someone in our neighborhood who is need of food or other assistance and it is our Temple community's value to help those in need.

Finally, for those of you who are able, we will need your financial support in keeping the Temple at this level of staffing and services. It is our value to never turn a member away for financial reasons and we don't intend on changing that. For the many of you who are fortunate to not have been impacted financially by the pandemic, we call on you to contribute what you can in addition to what you are now, to keep our community in a stable financial position. We are not sitting on large amounts of funds to get us through this bad time and we can't continue to tap into our limited reserves to pay the staff and keep the lights on in the building as well as keep the heat or air on.

**Mark Nussenfeld**

**Immediate Past President**

# NOTES FROM ABROAD

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## Our Sister Congregation in Budapest

Sim Shalom Congregation, June 3, 2020



I apologize for the 14 month break in this newsletter. A herniated spinal disc got bad enough that I had to take a break for many months. And more recently the Covid-19 crisis has intervened. But I'm happy to say that PT has mostly solved the disc problem, and no one in our congregation has fallen ill from the virus, all of which we're very thankful for. And in the meantime much has happened to the congregation and in the congregation. So this will be a longer than usual newsletter.

The first of our two big pieces of news is that as of about a month ago, Sim Shalom has regained its status as a Religious Organization from the Hungarian government. It is not quite the same status which was taken away from us in 2012 as part of a sweeping effort to take that status away from a few so-called Business churches who were in it solely for the money they could make from that status, by getting donations. In the meantime, the government has set up a hierarchy of religious institutions, based mainly on size and scope of activities. Our old status corresponded to the highest level in the present system, and we are now in the second highest status. But it does give us back the possibility to have our supporters designate that we receive annually 1% of their income tax. Since that amounted in aggregate to 25-30% of our annual budget, the regained status will have a significant positive effect on our financial situation, which has gotten worse and worse ever since 2012.

The second big news is that quite recently, MAZSIHISZ, the Neolog Jewish umbrella organization which has been ignoring, if not working against us ever since Sim Shalom was formed, has finally decided that it would be to their advantage to join forces with us so as to increase their standing and size in the Hungarian Jewish world. So after a protracted debate and heated internal lobbying, they have voted to take us into their organization. Because of the fact that the Reform Movement does not accept all the strictures of Halachic law, it is only in the more limited form of an Associate membership. But it is still a significant form of recognition that Reform is also a legitimate part of the greater Jewish community, in Hungary as well as in the rest of the world. So we are members in principle, but the negotiations for what that actually means in terms of what support we can get from their organization remains to be negotiated, the original negotiations having been postponed by the local Coronavirus lockdown two months ago.

The third big piece of news has to do with significant changes inside the congregation. Rabbi Kelemen, after serving full time since the founding of the congregation in the 1990's and having reached the age of 69, decided to move to a half time appointment, to allow herself to slow down a bit and to have time to move to some new activities in the Jewish community. She is now only teaching her adult education course, doing festivals and a few of the services including the biweekly Shacharit services, and running a monthly Oneg Shabbat program with outside lecturers, which is very popular. A new KabSab group has formed itself from some of the more committed congregational members to run the remaining Kabbalat Shabbat services. There are half a dozen or more members who love that service, and who have been learning the liturgy to the point of being able to run the service.

Presently, since Hungary has been in full shutdown for almost two months, we are doing all of our activities, including services, courses, a chat group and a new music club online using Zoom. A Shavuot all night study program run by the JCC took place last week by Zoom and Kati was one of the lecturers. Since many people are looking for things to do from home during the lockdown, the SzS programs have actually had the effect of increasing attendance at most of the old programs. And a few new people are also showing up at them.

**Best wishes,  
Jesse Weil**

Any U.S. reader who wishes to make a donation to Sim Shalom Congregation can do so by going to the web site of our support organization, [Friends of Sim Shalom](#);

Your support will be much appreciated at this difficult time. And for more information about the congregation visit our [website](#)

## NOTES FROM ABROAD: ADDENDUM

### **Our Sister Congregation in Budapest**

Sim Shalom Congregation, June 11, 2020



When I wrote our big news last week, I was so excited to finally have some really good news to tell you and time and energy to do it, that I rushed it out as quick as I could, and it completely slipped my mind to give some important credit and heartfelt thanks to our supporters

here in Europe who have stood by us through these years of adversity, and who have been very helpful in attaining the two big changes in our external relations that I wrote about.

The European Union for Progressive Judaism, (EUPJ, formerly called the European Region of WUPJ), has been a strong and substantial supporter of Sim Shalom Congregation from its earliest days. It sent young British Jews to Budapest to teach Hungarians how to do Jewish in the early 1990's. It brought the young Hungarians to London to get some Jewish Education, and after that provided a substantial amount of financial support to Rabbi Kelemen so she could get her Rabbinical training at the Leo Baeck College. In the first years after her graduation, they paid her salary here in Budapest as she started to serve the congregation as its Rabbi. When that was no longer possible, as other new communities came on line, they still were very supportive in smaller ways.

When Sim Shalom lost its legal status as a religious institution in 2012, EUPJ was there to pay the costs of legal representation for law suits in both the Highest Hungarian Court and in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. We won our cases in both courts, but the Hungarian government chose to ignore both decisions, necessitating further suits in the Strasbourg Court for at least financial restitution of the income we lost due to the loss of status. Those suits were grudgingly deemed to be successful, though we are still waiting for a large part of the money to reach our bank account. And finally, the EUPJ encouraged us continuously in our lobbying for our religious status to be restored. As I reported last week, that has finally happened, though at a lower level than we had originally.

And on another front, recognition within the Jewish Community, EUPJ has lobbied with the mainline Hungarian Jewish movement, known as Neolog, and more specifically its umbrella organization, in support of our application for Reform to be recognized by them. For decades this was unsuccessful. But now, after our fighting locally for many years, and with their support, the argument that Reform is a legitimate part of Judaism has finally been accepted in part. We don't have full membership in the umbrella organization, MAZSIHISZ, but our associate membership is much more than we had attained in the past, and we are hopeful that some real benefits will accrue to us from that.

For their continuing support, both moral and financial, in both these areas, Sim Shalom is very grateful, and I feel quite chagrined that in my rush to get out the basic facts of these two significant events, I forgot to give credit where credit is certainly due. The EUPJ and its leaders are due a resounding vote of thanks for their past and present significant support of this Congregation.

**Best wishes,  
Jesse Weil**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Jim Gleason	6/1	Tami bowling	6/19
Ilyse Gorbunoff	6/1	Amelia Greenberg	6/19
Daniel Zuckman	6/2	Wendy Herzberg	6/20
Marjorie Cohen	6/3	Jack Richard	6/20
Carlie Gleason	6/3	Jason Ross	6/20
Jonathan Kaplan	6/3	Sandra Abraham	6/21
Elizabeth Smith	6/3	Ilivia Geller	6/21
Joseph Messing	6/4	Jacqueline Lieberman	6/21
Scott Messing	6/4	Sara Kornfeld	6/22
David Prevost	6/4	Evan Libby	6/23
Matthew Blass	6/5	Kathy Korngruen	6/23
Marni Ginter	6/5	Judith Laufer	6/23
Sean Isaacs	6/5	Joshua Seewald	6/24
Lillian Weingarten	6/5	Wendy Sklarin	6/24
Allen Darwin	6/6	Maclain Jacob Geller	6/24
Stacey Bender	6/9	Sophia Levine	6/24
Madolyn Robins	6/10	Lee Kate Herman	6/25
Ezri Abraham	6/11	Bernard Peckman	6/25
Elizabeth Robins	6/12	David Scholar	6/25
David Schack	6/13	Marjorie Leffler	6/25
Robin Lyons	6/13	Allison Diamond	6/26
Mark Rothman	6/13	Alexis Slack	6/26
Brianna Russoniello	6/14	Neil Smith	6/26
Lois Fisher	6/16	Arlaina Sokolsky	6/26
Jacob Liss	6/16	Christopher Wallis	6/26
June Stern	6/16	Jakob Tannenbaum	6/27
Mary Kawalek	6/17	Brayden Gal	6/28
Jason Piltzer	6/17	Aron Laufer	6/28
Kate Rogozin	6/17	Stacey Pritchett	6/28
Gale Miller	6/18	Tom Klein	6/29
Jason Rosen	6/18	Robert Lowe	6/29
Jennifer Silverman	6/18	Anna Vaidman	6/29
Marsha Bloom	6/19		

**We celebrated June birthdays and anniversaries on 6/12.**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stephanie & Rick Lieberman	6/1
Frank & Lisa Rossello	6/2
Lisa & Richie Tannenbaum	6/3
James & Stacey Pritchett	6/5
Marc Reisberg & Helena Nash	6/8
Josh & Keren Bornstein	6/10
Eric & Elisa Brown	6/11
Roger & Adreinne Graubard	6/11
Bruce & Caren Kleiman	6/11
Michael & Andrea Tannenbaum	6/11
William & Sandra Dreier	6/12
David & Karen Schack	6/12
Michael & Dona Teschner	6/14
Seth & Karyn Weingarten	6/14
Scott & Sara Lerner	6/16
Rabbi Joel Abraham & Michelle Shapiro Abraham	6/17
Ronald & Ilene Blitzer	6/18
Neil & Ruth Smith	6/18
Geoffrey & Jeannette Koizumi	6/19
Ronald & Arlene Loewinger	6/20
Richard & Elyce Baumwoll	6/21
Neil & Susan Sedwin	6/23
Edward & Alyssa Seiden	6/25
Drs. Bruce and Jill Harris	6/26
Martin & Judy Schwartz	6/26
Ira & June Stern	6/29
Loretta & Stephen Brickman	6/30
David & Jennifer Silverman	6/30

## CONDOLENCES

**Barbara Waldorf Abraham, aunt of Rabbi Joel Abraham.**

**Michael Gluckman, cousin of Karyn Weingarten.**

**Myrna Friedman, mother of Suzanne Lyte.**



**This social media challenge that raises awareness for families experiencing homelessness. We ask participants to sleep anywhere without a bed: cars, a tent, a tree house, living room floor and use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed to post a video blog or photo with a short blog entry to describe their experiences. In the runup to the event, participants will challenge another friend to complete the #NightWithoutABed or make a donation to Family Promise.**

**This is an entirely virtual event set to take place on June 20, 2020. This link to our website gives more information, or you can share this Facebook event to your personal page if you wish. Look for the registration that will be opening up soon.**

## **Support the Plainfield Food Security Project.**

**Donate a box/bag - Items can be dropped off at  
duCret School of Art at 1030 Central Avenue  
between 9am-4pm Mondays-Fridays  
or by noon on Saturdays.**

**Canned Fruit (Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Etc.) QTY: 2  
Oats or Box of Cereal QTY: 1  
Spaghetti Sauce (meatless) QTY: 1  
Canned Vegetables (any variety) QTY: 1  
Canned Soup or Canned Meat Product (Tuna/Chicken/  
Any Variety Soup) QTY: 1  
Mac and Cheese (boxed or canned) QTY: 1  
Box of Pasta (any variety) QTY: 1  
Canned Beans (any variety) QTY: 1  
Jar of Peanut Butter (Smooth) QTY: 1  
Box of Non-Perishable Milk QTY: 1  
Rice (bag or box) QTY: 1  
Loaf of Bread or Box of Saltine Crackers QTY: 1**

[Donate to Starfish Food Pantry](#)

**Fanwood Presbyterian Food Pantry Collects every  
Tuesday from 3-5pm  
There are collection wagons under the bridge  
that connects the church buildings.**

# **Boy Scouts Maccabee Emblem**

By Jacob Dankin

The Maccabee Emblem can be earned by anyone in 1st through 3rd grade. It was developed through the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.

To earn this award, I met with the Rabbi and Cantor virtually 3 different times.

- I learned the Hebrew names for my parents, sister, and grandparents.
- I learned about 4 different Hebrew holidays.
- I learned about different Hebrew words and phrases.
- I interviewed the Rabbi and Cantor and learned what they do in the temple.
- I also learned about two famous Jewish heroes.
- And finally I discussed with my Rabbi, what it means to be Jewish.

And now I am working on my Aleph emblem which is for 3rd through 5th grade.

I hope you all earn your religious award and I encourage you too work on them. It was fun speaking with my rabbi and cantor and learning more about my religion. And the last thing I would like to add is a 'thank you' to my teachers, Ms. Green, Ms. Rachel, Wes, Ethan, Sophie, Ms. Marcia, the Cantor, and the Rabbi because I wouldn't have been able to do it without them.

## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2020



Gina Banks is graduating from Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School and will be attending the University of Tampa studying criminology.

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Sydney Brown graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BA in Communications and a minor in Public Relations from The Harrington School of Communications and Media.

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Hannah Diamond-Lowe completed her Ph.D. in Astronomy from Harvard University in May. Her dissertation offered “a first reconnaissance of the atmospheres of terrestrial exoplanets,” meaning those planets orbiting stars outside our solar system. This Fall she is moving to Copenhagen for a three-year postdoc to continue her research.

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Sophie Drapkin is graduating from Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School and will be attending the University of Delaware studying elementary education.

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Talia Remba is graduating from Westfield High School and will be attending Skidmore College.

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Daniel Serna is graduating from Cranford High School. He will attend the University of Pittsburgh where he has received an academic scholarship to study engineering and will perform with the Pitt Panthers marching band.

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Ellie Smith graduated from The George Washington University on 5/17/20. After graduation, Ellie continue to live and now work in DC.

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Jake Tannenbaum is graduating from Westfield High School and will be attending Emerson College in Boston to study Film and Media Arts.

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Adam Wachtel - Graduating from Westfield High School and will be attending Otis College of Art and Design in LA.

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*Congratulations  
Class of 2020!*

## MITZVAHS UNDER QUARANTINE

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Jill delivering 200 Linda Wolf handmade masks (along with meatloaves) to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark.



### **JULY IS A ST. JOHN'S MEATLOAF MONTH**

We will be collecting fully cooked meatloaves to feed the hungry at St. John's Soup Kitchen in July. You can drop off you meatloaves on Tuesday mornings at the Temple and we will store them in our freezer.

The Temple would like to thank the following individuals and families for their recent donations to the funds listed below:

**EDUCATION FUNDS**

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In Memory of DANIEL BLUMBERG Helen Harris Walter, Shari, Daelyn & Walter Dunick  
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In Memory of	<u>UNRESTRICTED TEMPLE DONATION</u> LINDA LEVIN SOL BENDER	Stacey & Austin Bender

**MAZAL TOV**

Mazal Tov to Lucy and Merrill Taub on the birth of their new great granddaughter, Maya Jordan, daughter of Jake & Jamie Rothbard, son of Debra & Alan Rothbard.

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB  
JULY 8, 7:30PM**

Our next book is "The Gilded Years"  
by Karin Tanabe & will be held by Zoom!  
Please RSVP to Sandi, if you plan on attending  
at [sgs@comcast.net](mailto:sgs@comcast.net)

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**Kudos to all our members who were present at the meeting on June 7th when we voted in our new & Board of Trustees and approved our operating budget for 2020-20201.**

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**With the support of our volunteers, Temple Sholom continues to be a resilient congregation that continues to create connections with one another and our community to become stronger in spite of these difficult times.**

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### JUNE 5

James Abraham  
Yetta Cohen  
Helen Dubkin  
Anne Friedman  
Mildred Fries  
Enrico Gannett  
Sylvester Garfield  
Manuel Garshofsky  
Leonard H. Gidding  
Marcia Goldberg  
Estelle Greenberg  
Mark Isack  
Jack Jaffe  
Eva Kaplan  
Max Kaplan  
Henry Klein  
Isadore Kraemor  
Ethel Liberman  
Anne S. Lockfeld  
Bertha Loomar  
Joseph Luber  
Violet Pasternak  
Bertha Pogosky  
Barney Rothman  
Franklin Saltzman  
Sadie Schwartz  
Anna Unger  
Frank Weigl  
Louis Wolfson  
Eva Zucker

### JUNE 12

Norman Abrams  
Samuel Becker  
Barbara Davis  
Gloria Einhorn  
Martin Eisenberg  
Betty Engel  
David Frishman  
Max Glass

Gerald Gold  
Louis Goldberg  
Diane Gollin  
Beatrice Joseph  
Melvin Kay  
Joe Kaziu  
Samuel Kline  
Helene Koenig  
Jack Leitner  
Louis Nimetz  
Max Poppel  
Eugene Price  
Hannah Schiffman  
Ruth Schoenberg  
Irving S. Sedwin  
Arlene Sherer  
Ellis Singer  
Samuel William Spevack  
Fay Talbert  
Ida Tennenbaum  
Seena Wahrsager  
Beatrice K. Werner

### JUNE 19

Morris Alpine  
Dora Bashover  
Yetta Bussel  
Philip Diamond  
Marcelyn Douglas  
Anne Enda  
Robert Gluck  
Joseph Goldman  
Rebecca Greenbaum  
Helen Harris  
Marvin Isack  
Ann Johan  
Bertha Lepelstat  
Louis Bernard Lippit  
Joseph Aaron Mayer  
Austin McNally  
Joel Moskowitz

Stanley Richmand  
Manoli Rome-  
ro-Hombrebueno  
Hinda Schonthal  
Frieda Shulman  
Ida Singer  
Anna Solot  
Seymour Stein  
Isidore Yanco  
Marjory Zinn  
Murray Zucker

### JUNE 26

Norman Banks  
Edith Beck  
Tillie Fader  
Lanny Gartenberg  
Lia Goldvasser  
Augusta Katz  
Herman Kramer  
Oscar Krیمان  
Moe Laufer  
Claire Lerner  
Pearl Liebowitz  
Bernice Markowitz  
William Henry Merz  
David Meyers  
Beatrice Pell  
Abe Posener  
Enid Potter  
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Robert Silverstein  
Solomon Sobel  
Ava Stoloff  
Carrie Lynn Tarvainen  
Hy Tobey  
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### JULY 3

Hyman Abrams  
Harry Bernstein  
Judith Cheslow  
Esther G. Cohen  
Bernard Dreier  
Florence Meyers  
Durben  
Abraham Gater  
Sidney Goldberg  
Alan Goldin  
Joel Goldschein  
Anna Guterman  
Herman Guterman  
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John Jeney  
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Kathleen Moomaw  
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Please call Eric Brown 732-407-2848 with your questions and/or interest for more information.

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**Electronic Memorial Plaques now \$72 each,  
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THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

Since leaving our previous home in Plainfield & moving into our building in Scotch Plains that does not have enough space for traditional brass plaques on the walls, we have installed an electronic display that is housed in the Temple lobby, flanked by the decorative ark doors from the Plainfield synagogue, maintaining the sacred nature of the space. You can search for yahrzeits anytime on the touchscreen, but on Shabbat, the names of those whose yahrzeits occur on that week will appear, if they have a plaque.

Please contact Sandra Nussenfeld, Memorial Alcove Coordinator, at tarheel1979@verizon.net or 908-889-7467



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I would like to donate  \$18  \$36  \$54  Other \$ \_\_\_\_ to the fund marked below in  
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### EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- A. A. Null/ Lang Kodesh Fund for Youth Activities  
For leadership training and other worthwhile activities for Temple youth.
- Chai Campership Fund  
To support our youth in attending Jewish camp & travel to Israel
- Education Inclusion Fund  
Funds staffing and resources to support successful inclusion of children with special needs in educational programs
- Irving Bussel Fund for the Benefit of the Religious School  
For teacher education workshops
- Goldschein/J. Schwartz Confirmation Trip Scholarship Fund
- Ellen J. Berman Fund for Temple Sholom Alumnil to maintain connection with children of the congregation in college or elsewhere
- Sandra & Daniel Berman Fund for Lifelong Learners  
to fund Jewish study or experiences for Temple members over 40
- Norman & Iris Pianko Innovative Education Fund  
For innovative programs for teachers and/or students of the Religious School
- Rabbi Nathanson Adult Education Fund  
For special & adult education programs
- Religious School Equipment Fund  
To purchase equipment for the Religious School
- Ruth Rutenberg Fund for Lifelong Learning  
To support and publicize lifelong learning
- Sarah Fund For Religious School Scholarships
- The Dreier Family Fund for the Religious School  
To enhance the Religious School through art, theater, or music programming

### GENERAL FUNDS

- Building Beautification Fund
- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Congregants' Emergency Fund  
To provide short term financial aid to members in dire straits
- Frances & William Goldstein Library Fund  
To purchase & repair publications, books & equipment
- Hospitality Fund
- Litner/Podolier Membership Assistance Fund
- Marie Fuss Senior Citizen Fund  
To provide an annual special program for this membership group
- Mortgage Retirement Fund
- Music Fund To enhance music at the Temple
- Prayerbook Fund
- Harold Schwartz Presidents' Discretionary Fund  
To be used by the President for/to the benefit of the Temple
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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