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February and March 2019

Ongoing Events

Feb 19 - TOR Board Meeting

Feb 19 - JACS Group

Feb 28 - Book Club *special date

March 3 - Men's Club Bagel Breakfast

March 7 - Rosh Chodesh Group

March 10 - Writers Group.

March 11 - Men's Club Poker Night

March 19 - TOR Board Meeting

March 19 - JACS Group

March 25 - Book Club

Educational Opportunities

March 6 - Special Teen OR program: Confidential Teen Space to Talk about Stresses that Fill Their Lives

March 10 - A Conversation with Parents, Grandparents, and Anyone Else that Loves our Teens and Wants to Understand them Better

Special Events and Programs

Feb 17 - Annual Mah Jongg Tournament

Feb 22 - Special Shabbat Honoring Sheriff's Department

March 15 - TASTY (youth group) International Dinner

March 17 - Annual Purim Carnival

March 20 - Annual Purim Festival Dinner and Spiel

March 30 - Taking the Chai Road, TOR's 36th Anniversary

Celebration

March 31 - Annual Congregational Meeting

B'nai Mitzvah

March 2 - Isaac Smith March 16 - Sam Marlin



Join us for Friday Night Shabbat Service! Every Friday at 6:45PM

Join us every Saturday Morning for Torah Study & Bagels at 9:00 am followed by Shabbat Morning Service at 10:00 am (when a minyan is present)

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Board Kimberly Olker

with a special Shabbat service on Friday, May 31st. Please save the date for all 3 events - we From the Desk of our would love to see all members in attendance **President**— for our celebrations and the meeting.

While I have been traveling a lot lately, both for work and family, I will definitely be at the Weekend of Celebration events. I look forward to celebrating these simchas together with many of you!

I can hardly believe it's 2019 and somehow, L'Shalom, we're already in February!

We've already had a great start to the year at Temple Or Rishon! In January, we had a wonderful weekend of events with a special quest, Rabbi Richie Address. These events included Kabbalat Shabbat, Torah study, Shabbat morning service, Havdalah, and a look at the "art of caregiving". I was unfortunately out-of-town and missed the entire weekend... but from what I heard, I missed an incredible series of events and many wonderful discussions. I am so glad that many of you participated in the different events.

If you haven't already heard, our TOR youth have been working on a fun project the last few weeks - it's a Mitzvah-thon! I love this idea. Our students are being encouraged to do more Mitzvahs & raising funds for our school programming in the process. It will conclude on February 10th with a school-wide Mitzvah Day and celebration.

Many exciting things are planned for March at TOR, as well! We have 2 great events planned for Purim - our annual Purim Carnival on March 17th, followed by a wonderful Purim Speil and Festival Dinner on Wednesday, March 20th!

We also have an amazing "Weekend of Celebrations" planned for the end of March, as well. We will be celebrating our Double-Chai year for Temple Or Rishon - with an anniversary Gala on Saturday, March 30th. 36 Years!! We end the weekend with our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, March celebrate 31st. Finally, we ₩ill Rabbi Rabishaw's 10th Year as our spiritual leader



Do one act of kindness each day of the year and change 365 lives.

Anthony D. Williams

Two special programs focusing on our youth.

Wednesday, March 6th: Confidential Teen Space to Talk about Stresses that Fill Their Lives.

An evening "For Teens Only" with Jenifer Jacobs, Ph.D.,a specialist in Child, Adolescent and Family Therapy

Sunday, March 10 - A Conversation with Parents, **Grandparents, and Anyone Else that Loves our Teens** and Wants to Understand them Better!

Jenifer Jacobs, Ph.D., Rabbi Alan Rabishaw, and Mary Frank, will share insights from our teens about their perspective on the real issues and stresses they face. Walk away with insights as to how we can support each other (teens and adults) through the teen years.

Contact the temple office for more information.



This program is part of TOR's Machalot HaNefesh initiative.

Mitzvah REVOLUTION 5779 Mitzvahs in 5779

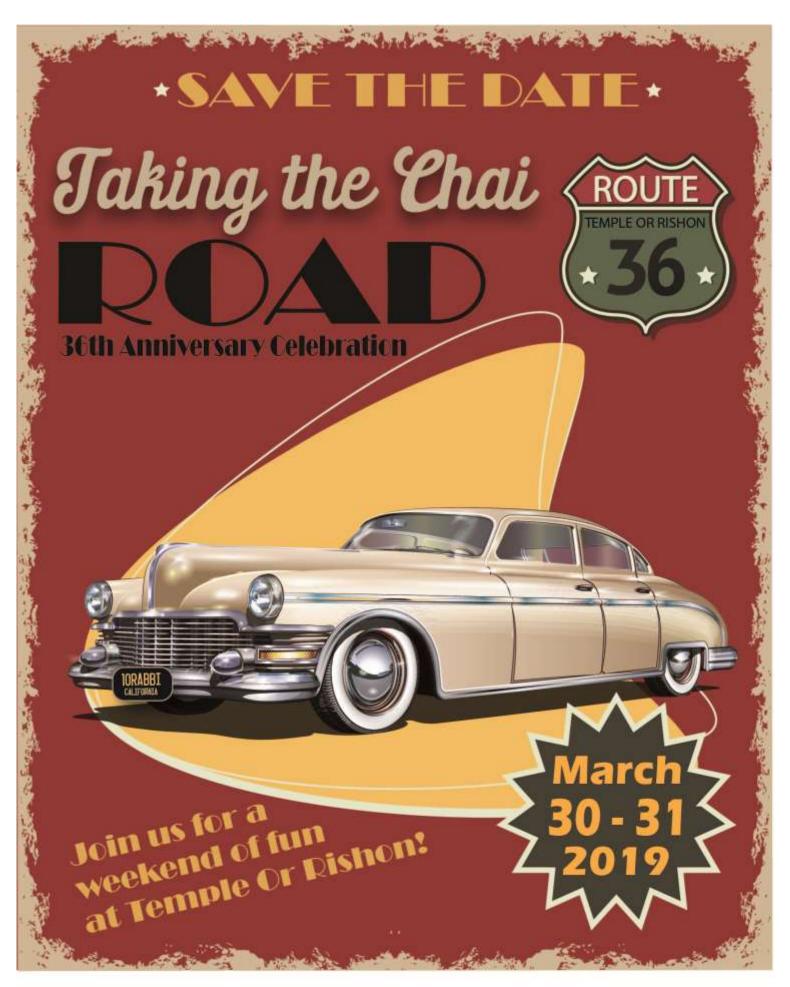


TOR Religious School's 2018-2019 Fundraiser

Mitzvah-thon

We are doing great things in Education at Temple Or Rishon!

Contribute to our Religious and Hebrew School Education programs online at https://tinyurl.com/mitzvahthon



Temple Or Rishon is celebrating our 36th Anniversary! Join the celebration by sharing your well wishes and memories in our anniversary book.



Double Chai Celebration Sponsorship Levels \$3600 - Double Page Spread (2 - 9.75x7.75 pages)

2 tickets to Gala, top billing recognition in print/online media copy of book (optional)

\$1800 - Single Page (9.75x7.75)

2 tickets to Gala, recognition in print/online media copy of book (optional)

\$720 - Half Page (4.875x7.75 or 9.75x 3.875)

2 tickets to Gala, recognition in print/online media

\$360 - Quarter page (4.875X3.875)

2 tickets to Gala, recognition in print/online media

Double Chai Anniversary Book Only \$72 – 1/8 page (4.875x1.94)

For more information and to sponsor this occasion, contact the temple office a (916)988-4100

or go online: https://tinyurl.com/ChaiSponsor

Artwork must be received by March 25th, design services are available for no extra charge.

MARCH 7-9-10 CREST THEATRE

WWW.JEWISHSAC.ORG/SJFF



















THURSDAY, MARCH 7

6:30pm Joe's Violin

7:15pm Itzhak

8:55pm A Kiss is a Kiss

9:12pm Family in Transition

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

6:00pm Pre-Program Reception

7:15pm Havdalah Service

7:30pm Welcome and... Our Condolences 8:00pm Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me

9:55pm Shelter

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

10:00am The Samuel Project

12:30pm Chasing Portraits

2:30pm Open Your Eyes

2:50pm Across the Line

3:20pm The 90-Minute War

5:05pm The Last Suit

7:00pm The Other Story

It's Purim Time!

Mishloach Manot

Mishloach Manot is one of the 5 mitzvot of Purim! There are two ways to participate! Every member family will receive a Mishloach Manot (Purim Gift) box!

- 1. Sponsor the entire congregation for \$36. When you sponsor, your name goes on the greeting card for every member box we give out.
- 2. Purchase a single gift box for \$18 to give to a friend or send to a family member. Boxes will be available for pick up on Friday, March 15th.

To participate in this mitzvah, visit the online registration page:

https://tinyurl.com/TORPurim

Purim Carnvial

Sunday, March 17th at 10am \$12 per child

Games, bouncehouses, treats, prizes, crafts, fun!





Sh'loshim - We Remember



Wolfgang Assmann

Uncle of Minerva Rosenberg; Great Uncle of Hannah Rosenberg

Edward Silver

Father of David Silver

Abe Yakar Mourad

Father of Martin Mourad; Grandfather of Yael Mourad

Celia Price Sifry

Mother of Mara Sifry-Platt

Robert Lee Newman

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Husband of Mary Finn Schwartz; Father of Daniel, Noah & Eliana

Polina Motov

Aunt of Olga Dedia

Judy Bruce

Friend of Mary Blumenstein

William Kroot

Friend of TOR Members

Earl Berman

Father of Janet Berman-Brooks; Grandfather of Spencer & Morgan

Floyd J. Landis

Cousin of Judy Ganulin

Fredda Koorhan

Aunt of Nancy Lenoil

David Arkovich

Brother-in-law of Linda Frenklak

Dorothy Baron

Mother of Scott Baron

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Noon-2:00pm

Sing along to the favorites of the 50s, 60s and 70s with UCP Players. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento **\$5** for lunch and entertainment.



For more information, contact Rebecca Ray at 916-205-0688.

Leisure League is funded by the Trust for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.



Many of us start the new year with a resolution for improving our lives. How about starting the new year with a resolution to improve the lives of our children, grandchildren, Jewish community, and others in our lives.

Life and Legacy is an easy, and painless way to know, that at least one resolution can be kept.

Your commitment to Life and Legacy is a way of ensure the future of Temple Or Rishon, and the support for the education and religious support of the community.

For more information, send an email to: legacy@orrishon.org



How will you be remembered?





What's New in TOR Technology?

- I New Website
- 2. New Database System
- 3. New Event Tracking System
 - 4. New Logins for Members
 - 5. New Payment Controls

Last Summer, Temple Or Rishon underwent major changes in the way we track, arrange, and communicate information. We migrated from our previous database system (called Rakefet) and our previous website (hosted by URJ) to a new platform that integrates our website with our database system.

The new system is called Jvillage.

With this new system, members will have the ability to log into their account to make payments, change personal information, register for adult education and religious school services, RSVP for temple events and communicate with the TOR office staff.

With this change, we have also changed payment processors. We are unable to migrate previous credit card data to our new system. In order for your membership payments to be on time, you must log in to the system and set up a payment schedule.

Please help us complete this transition smoothly by logging in and completing the necessary financial arrangements.

If you encounter difficulty in this process, please do not hesitate to contact Rikki in the temple office for assistance. (916)988-4100 or Rikki.kass@orrishon.org

Your TOR Account—Just the Facts:

- We have a new system for capturing payments.
- If you pay by credit card or automatic bank transfer (EFT/ACH) you MUST set up your payment method by logging into the new system.
- Payments did not automatically continue beyond August 2018.
- Please check your records to ensure you are current in your membership payments.

Temple Or Rishon Jewish Book Club (JBook)

Thursday, Feburary 28th, 2019

The Temple Book Club will be meeting on a different date and time than usual in February as we have the opportunity to skype with the author of our February book selection, The Last Watchman of Old Cairo. We will have our discussion with Michael David Lukas on Thursday, February 28th at 7:30 pm.

Our March book selection is <u>Saving Sophie</u> by Ronald Balson. The March book club meeting will take place on **March 25th at 7:00pm**

All of our meetings are at Temple Or Rishon.

Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book. Call Alison Braverman at 916-806-8133, email =

alcinp1@aol.com for more information.



J.A.C.S.

Tuesday, February 19th and March 19th 6:30pm to 7:30pm Classroom 6

J.A.C.S is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a Jewish focus. This program offers experience, strength and hope for those with addictions, such as alcohol, narcotics, food, or gambling; any addiction that contributes to making one's life unmanageable, AND families who are experiencing the effects of their loved one's disease.

Confidential and Anonymous

Contact the office for more information. 916-988-4100

Use Scrip For All Your Shopping and Gifts!

The TOR scrip box is now carrying <u>Amazon gift cards</u> in \$50 & \$100 denominations. Available stock will depend on need. Also, if not already a TOR smile.amazon.com participant, please sign up (instructions on the TOR website under *Support*) so TOR gets another automatic contribution (does NOT cost more).

As always, check and cash accepted for purchase of the gift cards

Use them as gifts and support TOR in the process!

Questions? Contact your Scrip Coordinator:

Cecily Kane at 916-969-5936 or

chcoholic@hotmail.com

Scrip can be purchased in the Temple Office during office hours.

Thank you for supporting TOR!

Mitzvah Network

Do you have a desire to...

- **Console the bereaved**. Our Bereavement committee assists families who have experienced the loss of a loved one by coordinating meals, shiva minyans, and other needs.

Information: Beth Fassler (916)791-4789 or Kathy Sloan (916)789-4577

- **Care for the sick.** Reach out to members who are ill or have recently had surgery.

Information: Pearl Cohen (916)472-6166

- **Feed the hungry.** Contribute to our food closet through donations and volunteering your time to organize our space. Join other temple members as we serve meals for homeless and needy at the Gathering Inn.

To help feed the homeless at the Gathering Inn, contact: Sheryl Bane (916) 632-8404

To help with the food closet, call Rikki in the temple office: (916)988-4100

- Show caring and compassion for our homebound seniors. Help with the creation and delivery of holiday gift baskets.

Information: Vivian Marguleas (916) 771-2041

- Contribute to our Temple community. Volunteer to host an additional Oneg, lend a hand in the temple office; become a key holder to assist in opening and closing the temple for Shabbat services; become a substitute teacher or tutor for our religious/ Hebrew school, and much more!

Information: Mary Frank (916)988-4100

Writers' Group



2nd Sunday at 10:30am
The Writers' Group is open to all aspiring and accomplished writers.

Contact Carol Catinari for more information.

carolcatinari@gmail.com

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Donations made in the past weeks:

Bereavement

Steven and Autumn Faris - In memory of the yahrzeit of Carolyn Reinhard

Richard and Rhea Sweet - *In memory of the yahrzeit of David J. Schachter*

Building Beautification/Yahrzeit

Gary Bazel - In honor of his mother, Pearl Cox

Ashley and Shelia Lipshutz - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Louis Lipshultz*

Rick and Rhea Sweet - In memory of the yahrzeit of Shirley Sweet

Educator's Discretionary Fund

Alex Smith and Jennifer DeLugach - In honor of Isaac Smith's Bar Mitzvah Project

Larry and Susan Stieber - In honor of the David & Nicki Wampold's 50th Anniversary

Endowment

Ted and Mary Blumenstein - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Celia Blumenstein*

General Fund

Jerry and Linda Carsman - In appreciation of their family and for Kimberly Olker's service to TOR

Ned and Leslie Cohen - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Nathan E. Cohen*

Sally Friedman - *In memory of the yahrzeits of Ed and Beatrice Friedman*

Jim and Judy Ganulin - In memory of the yahrzeit of Lester Clark, Mary Ganulin Landis, Leo Reingold and Dena Shapiro

Mitchell and Audrey Goodis - In memory of the yahrzeit of Marilyn Goodis

Lisa and Neil Harris - In memory of Celia Sifry

Evelyn Kristal - In memory of the yahrzeits of Cecelia Geller, Rose Geller and Henry Kristal

Eugene and Malvina Nisman - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Yosif Bronzilberg*

Linda Ruben - In honor of Sophia Ruben's Hebrew naming

General Fund (cont.)

Calvin and Linda Sachs - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Ruth Berger*

Jere Schlossberg - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Sam Schlossberg*

Arthur and Wendi Singer - *In honor of the David & Nicki Wampold's 50th Anniversary*

Harry and Kelly Weinberg - In memory of the yahrzeit of PopPop

Prayerbook Fund

Neil and Lisa Harris - In memory of Earl Berman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Phil and Alison Braverman - *In memory of the yahrzeit of Barbara Kahn*

Mark and Linda Cristol - *In memory of John Reese and wishing Rabbi a speedy recovery*

Steve and Rita Dorris - In memory of the yahrzeit of Max Ziman

David and Jan Goldenberg - In memory of the yahrzeits of Ruth Aaron, Archie Cohen and Ruth Levine

Richard and Debra Isaacs - In honor of Rachel Isaacs Birthright Trip

Mark and Barbara Len - In memory of the yahrzeit of Larry Fisher and Sam Len

Ruth Lieberman - In memory of the yahrzeits of Clara Papper, Goldie Shinder and Ronie Ray Sutter

Seth Rosenthal and Joi Barrett - In memory of the yahrzeits of Brian Barrett, Harold Goldberg and Betty Roland

Saul Rapkin Library Fund

Marlene, Mike and Adam Smith - In memory of Earl Berman

Scholarship Fund

Judith Schachtel - In memory of the yahrzeits of Ruth Regina Kaplan, Ytchack Karni, Israel Molad, Erna Schachtel and Nafi Sneh

Marylee Silverman - In memory of the yahrzeit of Helen Winer





A note from our Youth Director, Jacob Fefer

Hello TOR!

Coming off the heels of our TASTY Prom in January, we have a few big events coming up! President's Day weekend a group of TASTY teens and I will be heading to Dallas for the NFTY National Convention! After a long weekend of fun and travel, it will be nice to have NFTY Spring Conclave on March 1-3 in our own backyard at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Along with NFTY events, we have a couple TASTY events coming up shortly. On March 15th after Friday Night services TASTY will be having our annual International Dinner. Destination this year: Italy! Please join us for a night of good food and good stories as the teens will tell us about the history and current state of Jews in Italy along with some traditions unique to Italian Jews. Dinner tickets will be \$15. We hope to see you all there!

Best.

Jacob Fefer

TASTY Youth Advisor

TICVA, (The Israel Civil Voice Alliance), meets at the Federation office, once per month. Their mission is to foster a respectful civil forum in the Jewish community for discussion, education and discourse on issues central to Israel in a safe and welcoming environment. Concept for TICVA is to identify contentious issues early, confer with community partners, plan for a quick programs to address the issue, and offer a safe place to do it.

Plans are going forward to sponsor a workshop on religious pluralism in Israel, encompassing issues of acceptance of worship and status for Jews of all denominations.



JCRC is ready for a new year with several new board members and rotation of leadership among some of the officers. A retreat was held for all committee members on January 20, 2019 to discuss our mission and the coming year's projects.

We are gearing up for a training session on the intersection of race and Jewish identity, yet to be scheduled.

The Jewish Film Festival will feature 9 films and 3 shorts this year. The dates are March 7, 9 and 10.

The board voted to become members of SacAct (Sacramento Area Congregation Together).

The board voted to co-host an event featuring Dr. Bruce Haynes from U.C. Davis, author of <u>The</u> Soul of Judaism. The event is part of the Sac Faces Race weekend the end of October, 2019.

I shared information on our weekend with Rabbi Mark Borovitz: From Addiction to Healing and Redemption. I also shared information on our upcoming Temple programs addressing aging and teen issues.

- Karen Keys, TOR liaison to JCRC and TICVA

TASTY I talian I nternational Dinner

Date: March 15, 2019

Time: Services at 6:45pm, Dinner immediately following services

Location: Temple Or Rishon

Suggested Donation: \$15.00



TASTY is hosting an international dinner in order to fundraise for our youth group. During the Friday night service, we will give a presentation about Jews and Jewish food in Italy.

Join us and support TOR youth!



TOR Men's Club Men's Club meets monthly for social and learning opportunities. They are instrumental in workwur temple Community ing to maintain our facilities and work together to make our community events successful. Never been to a meeting? Put the next one on your calendar and plan to be there! It's a great way to get involved and meet new people.

> Bagel Breakfast Meeting: March 3rd at 9am Poker Night: March 11th at 7pm at Temple Or Rishon

Please contact Mike Prusak at prusakmi96@gmail.com or call 916-792-5896 for more information about Men's Club.



Looking Forward

By Deanna Stilwell

much to be grateful for.

Welcoming 2018, Carol Catinari and Lynn Meyer-Mountjoy hosted nature hikes for any interested temple members. These hikes were user-friendly, spending time in nature without physically overdoing it on the trails.

Last February, I attended the Women's Shabbaton at Congregation B'nai Israel. The special guest from Women of Rejorm Judaism (WRJ) was Julia Weinstein. She presented vast information discussing the many roles WRJ plays whether it be supporting sisterhoods, fundraising for the YES (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) Fund, or writing legal briefs Rabbi Cohn Eskenazi. She pointed out how Abraham and where WRJ takes stands on current social issues.

I also cannot forget the February event we had closer to home at TOR with Mah Jongg lessons for interested TOR members. Pearl Cox and Eileen Levine spent a Sunday afternoon complete with flipboard and handouts ready to teach some eager learners. For those interested, another Mah Jongg tournament is scheduled for February 17th with all proceeds benefiting the TOR Scholarship Fund.

In July, I attended the WRJ Pacific District Area Day for Northern California at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette. Ten of 13 temple sisterhoods attended. One impressive speaker we had was Laurel Sgro who presented about human trafficking educating attendees about the scope and depth of this current social problem which has been compounded with the internet. I also was able to connect with members of sisterhoods from other congregations and talk about what is being done to further connect women within our congregations and to the WRJ.

Or Rishon Women went above and beyond the usual apples and honey following Erev Rosh Hoshana services this year. Members came together beautifully and provided a sizeable oneg for a High Holy Day crowd. It was gratifying to see so many temple goers remain at the temple following the service visiting and noshing.

We followed Rosh Hoshana with an Or Rishon Women's evening in the Sukkah. We had a potluck dinner,

Or Rishon Women: Looking Back, spiritual activities, and fun. I particularly enjoyed hitting the pause button on the outside world that evening and finding connections both to Sukkot and to the other women who attended. Additionally, we had a few members participate in our 2nd applesauce tasting competition during the annual Hanukkah Carnival. The entries were sweet and being there with the children as they celebrated was even sweeter.

I was privileged to attend the WRJ Pacific District When I think back on what 2018 provided us, I find Convention in San Diego in mid-October. It was a jampacked weekend that went by so quickly. Workshops I attended included building up membership, using technology, use of humor in presentations, and creative ideas for programming, marketing, food, and decor. I especially loved going to services at Temple Emanu-El in San Diego where we also enjoyed a Shabbat dinner. Saturday morning, I attended Torah study with Rabbi Tamara Cohn Eskenazi, Ph.D., editor of "The Torah: A Women's Commentary". She talked about the momentous journey which Abraham and Sarah undertook.

> I think about that Torah study in San Diego with Sarah, as ordinary people, were called by G-d to go forth and become extraordinary as human beings and in their acts. We as women of faith and of Temple Or Rishon can be extraordinary in our own ways. If you have not joined Or Rishon Women yet, please go to the temple website and sign up. We hope all women of Temple Or Rishon can join us on this journey.

> Deanna Stilwell has been a member of Temple Or Rishon since 2005. She is a member of the Or Rishon Women steering committee. She can be reached at drstilwell@yahoo.com.



Bring yourselves and your ideas to our Or Rishon Women planning meeting on Sunday, February 24th at 9:30am at Temple Or Rishon. RSVP for meeting to Deanna Stilwell at drstilwell@yahoo.com or 415-485-1841.

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There are lots of ways to make an impact at Temple Or Rishon! We are always in need of volunteers to help on various committees and in the office. We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

Sunday School Teacher Key Holders Food Closet Donations Kitchen Linens Laundry Fundraising Committee Chavurah Coordinator

If you are interested in helping, please call Mary at the temple office or email volunteer@orrishon.org