
LARCHMONT TEMPLE NEWS

November/December 2019

THANKSGIVING might be the most important Jewish Holiday we have....Not so sure?...



IF our greatest societal concern is tribalism—a ‘my-way or the highway’ Life-approach that divides the world into right and wrong, fostering an insularity that leads to intolerance, then the antidote must be an affirmation of the human-connection we share—an appreciation of the dignity of difference that can lead to a community of compassion and care.

Sounds to me like a description of what our Thanksgiving tables should aspire to be: gatherings where a hodgepodge of people join to share a multiplicity of life-perspectives, and nobody walks away feeling diminished as a result. What a counter-cultural notion to embrace: that difference is not a danger, but a blessing! Which is why it is so Jewish, in the words of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks:

“We must learn the art of conversation, from which truth emerges not, as in Socratic dialogues, by the refutation of falsehood, but from the process of letting our world be enlarged by the presence of others who think, act, and interpret reality in ways radically different from our own...Because we are different, we each have something unique to contribute, and every contribution counts...We will make peace only when we learn that God loves difference and so, at last, must we.” [The Dignity of Difference, Sacks, pgs 22-23]



Spending this Temple-year exploring how our discovering the “other” can help us better understand ourselves, every 4th Friday we invite you to join us for our **Dignity of Difference** series, welcoming in another faith community, sharing in Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm, then hearing from its Spiritual Leader during Services at 8 pm about a tradition and prayer-approach not our own! Be sure to join us when **Monsignor Thomas Kelly** joins us on **Friday, November 22**.

When Hillel was challenged by a questioner: “Teach me the Torah while I stand on one foot,” the great teacher replied: “What is hateful to you, do not do to any other person. That’s the whole Torah; the rest is commentary.”

We live Torah’s ultimate-aim when our tables become meeting places where the dignity of every diner is celebrated, and difference tastes as sweet as dessert!...

Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman

SAVE THE DATE!
Join us for the Installation of Rabbi Leora Frankel
Friday, January 10
6:30 pm Pre-Oneg
7:00 pm Shabbat Services

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It was wonderful to see you all over the High Holy Days, Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

There is so much to do at LT this November and December that it is hard to keep track of all the interesting events and opportunities for learning and giving. This newsletter gives you the scoop on some of the special programming for these two months. In case it's too much to take in, here are some highlights:

- New members come to our *Schmooze and Schmear* **November 3**, 10 am-12 pm to meet other families and learn different ways to connect to the LT community.
- Learn to be a shiva minyan leader on **November 3** at 4 pm with Cantor Scher.
- Kristallnacht service on Friday **November 8** with guest speaker Dr. Elena Procario-Foley.
- Join our Let's Do Lunch series on **November 13** at 12:30 pm with Phil Aarons.
- Our first scholar-in-residence program of 5780 – embracing the theme of the other, the author of *Christ Actually: Reimagining Faith in the Modern Age* will be here on Sunday, **November 17** to discuss his views and his book with LTers.
- We will continue to have our special fourth Friday Shabbat series on the Dignity of Difference with guest Rev. Msgr Thomas Kelly of St. Augustine's Church on **November 22, 8 pm**. Sign up for the dinner before the service at 6:30 pm!
- Consider the many opportunities to perform mitzvot with our Social Action Committee as Chanukah approaches.
- Join Rabbi Frankel in the Axelrod for her weekly Shabbat Morning Musical Minyan at 10:30 am.
- Explore Jewish texts and topics with a feminist twist with Rabbi Frankel from 10am-11:30 am on **November 15** and **December 6**.
- Read the book and come discuss with our LT Book group: Mark Helprin *Paris in the Present Tense* with Nancy Goodman **November 19** at 7:45 pm and Jason Morris *Thicker than Mud* with Jason himself **November 21** 8 pm.
- Grades K-3 come to LT in their PJs for Pajamakah Chanukah on **December 15**. Remember to bring a set of PJs to donate.
- Brotherhood Breakfast **December 8** with NYC expert Marty Schneit.
- It's not too late to join our delegation to Biennial in Chicago from **December 11-15** and explore Reform Judaism with 1,000s of attendees from all over the country.
- Give your gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the coat drive from **November 15-December 15**.
- Join our Holiday Gift Giving/Adopt a Family program.

Looking forward to learning, sharing and giving with all of you. Have a joyful Thanksgiving and meaningful Chanukah. president@larchmonttemple.org.

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Rabbi Leora Frankel Service of Installation



You know her from High Holy Days & Shabbat Family Discovery, Shabbat Morning Musical Minyan, LT Small Groups, Women's Study and more...now let's make it official with her installation!

Please join us in
Honoring & Celebrating our "new" Rabbi

Friday, January 10

6:30 pm Pre-Oneg (wine & cheese)

7:00 pm Service of Installation followed by festive oneg.

DISCOVERING THE **OTHER**...UNDERSTANDING **OURSELVES**

Larchmont Temple Adult Learning, 5780/2019-20

Can I recognize God's Image in one who is not in my image?

...The glory of the created world is its astonishing multiplicity: the thousands of languages, the hundreds of faiths, the proliferation of cultures, the sheer variety of the human spirit...in most of which, if we listen carefully, we will hear the voice of God telling us something we need to know...

We will make peace only when we learn that God loves difference and so, at last, must we."

—Rabbi Jonathan Sack, The Dignity of Difference

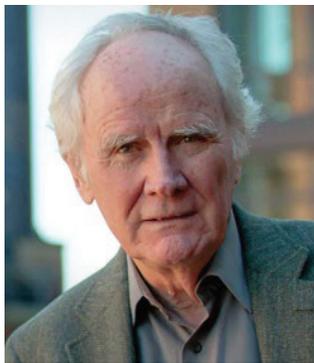
FALL

Scholar-in-Residence

Prof. James Carroll

Sunday, Nov. 17, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

“Christ Actually: Reimagining Faith in the Modern Age”



Award-winning author, scholar and religion expert, James Carroll believes that to understand Jesus today, he must first be understood as a Jew. Carroll takes as his muse Dietrich Bonhoeffer's World War II-era statement: "What is bothering me incessantly is the question—Who Christ actually is for us

today?" Looking at Jesus through the lenses of the Holocaust and the atomic bomb, Carroll discerns a different image than much of Christian history has before. Above all else, he asserts, Christ must be seen as and understood as a Jew. Please join us at 3:30 pm. Carroll's talk begins at 4 pm. Followed by Q & A and book signing. Refreshments will be served. Sign up online via Friday email or temple website or call the office at 914-834-6120.

James Carroll was born in Chicago and raised in Washington, D.C. He has been a civil rights worker, antiwar activist, and community organizer in Washington and New York. Ordained to the priesthood in 1969, he served as Catholic chaplain at Boston University. He left the priesthood to become a novelist and playwright, authoring ten novels and five previous works of non-fiction, including the National Book Award winning *An American Requiem*, the New York Times bestselling *Constantine's Sword*, now an acclaimed documentary, and *House of War*, which won the first PEN-Galbraith Award. Carroll has written for The New Yorker, The Atlantic, and other publications, and his column appears weekly in The Boston Globe.

L.T. University

Courses on approaches to understand the "other."

The Jewish Jesus

Tues., Jan. 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 7:15-9:30 pm

A four-session mini semester. This course is on the Jewish Jesus...Historical Context, Textual Insights & Jewish Perspective Today. It also gives an understanding of some basis for anti-Semitic myths. Teacher: Ze'ev Aviezer

The Impact of Jewish Liturgy on Christian Liturgy

Thurs., Jan 16 & 23, 7:15-9:30 pm

A two-session mini semester; one area this explores is the relationship of how a specific prayer in Judaism relates to a Christian prayer. Teacher: Rabbi Larry Hoffman

The Bible's Cutting-Room Floor & Ancient Answers to Good & Evil for our World

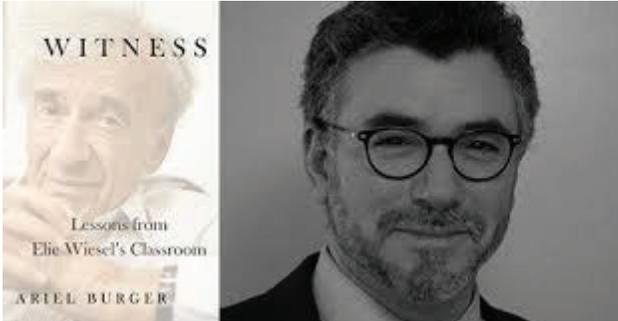
Thurs., Jan. 30 & Feb. 6, 7:15-9:30 pm

A two-session mini semester. This course discusses holy writings that were left out of the bible for political or theological reasons. Teacher: Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

**Register online or via the Friday Email
Or call the office at 914-834-6120.**

WINTER

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Ariel Burger Author of Witness



Coming in January!!
Weekend of January 24-26
Date(s) & Time(s) TBD

In keeping with our congregational theme, *Discovering the Other, Understanding Ourselves*, we are very excited to be joined by Rabbi Ariel Burger, mentored and close associate of Elie Wiesel.

Here is just a small sampling from his book, knowing you'll want to hear more!... "In New England...we often celebrate connection, speaking of what unites us as being greater than our differences. This is good, but it can lead to a subtle tyranny of sameness, to people living in echo chambers in which they surround themselves with those who think like them..."

In order to fight this tendency, Wiesel emphasized difference. "It is the otherness of The Other that fascinates me...What can I learn from him? What does she see that I cannot?" ...We each have blind spots. Just as every candle casts its own shadow, only when you place a second candle next to the first, do the shadows disappear...illuminated by the other's light. The beginning of dialogue is the knowledge that we can do this for one another."

"I don't like the word tolerate. Who am I to tolerate you. I prefer the word respect. I must respect you even if I do not agree with you. In fact, my disagreement may be an expression of my respect for you. If I truly respect you, don't I owe you my honesty?...If I truly respect you, that means I can learn from you..."

Spring

Speaker Prof. Samuel Heilman Orthodox & Ultra-Orthodox Judaism in America

Sunday, March 22, 3:30 – 5:30 pm



Professor Samuel Heilman will speak about Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox Judaism in America.

Professor Heilman holds the Harold Proshansky Chair in Jewish Studies at the Graduate Center and is Distinguished

Professor of Sociology at Queens College of the City University of New York.

Professor Heilman's book *Defenders of the Faith* was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award for 1992. He is also recipient of fellowships from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, and the Mellon Foundation. He is listed in *Who's Who in the East* and *Who's Who in World Jewry*.

LT
CONNECTS | small groups

We have five book groups formed around the reading of *Witness*.
Visit Ltsmallgroups.com
To learn if there's still room for more in the book groups or in any of the groups offered this Fall.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

Sarah Berger & Andrew Cohen
Stacie & Richard Bloom
Rabbi Leora Frankel & Andrew Sage, Miggie Greenberg & Andrew Rehfeld
Elizabeth Estroff & Ciaran Grant, Dani & Scott Heifetz
Dana Hagendorf & David Feldman, Vlada & Joshua John
Joanna & Evan Lederman, Haviva Weitz & Seth Merl

New Member Schmooze & Schmear

**Sunday, November 3
10 am—12 noon**

New members are invited to the Schmooze and Schmear Bagel Brunch. This is a great opportunity to meet other new member families and learn about different ways to connect to the Larchmont Temple community.

Wine & Welcome

**Monday, January 13
7—9 pm**

Come in out of the cold January weather and enjoy some time getting to know LT clergy, LT leaders and each other over a glass of wine at *Vintage 1891 Kitchen*.

For more information, contact Deborah Novick or Alyssa Goldberg at newmembers@larchmontemple.org.



Chanukah 5780-Bringing the Light to Others

When we think about the story of Chanukah, the miracle of oil lasting for eight days is usually the first thing that comes to mind. However, the word Chanukah means “dedication”. The holiday acquired this name because of the work that the Maccabees did to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been taken over and profaned by King Antiochus and his soldiers. According to sacred legend, it took the Maccabees eight days to complete this task during which one small vial of oil provided them with the light they needed. This rededication was not just of the Temple, but even more so, a recommitment to Judaism and its core values.

When we light the candles and tell the Maccabee story during Chanukah, we are reminded that we, too, have the opportunity and responsibility to live Judaism, by reaching out and helping those in need. How can we make a difference with each of the eight candles that we light?

This Chanukah, I, along with the Social Action Committee, suggest the following ideas for you and your loved ones to think about as you light each candle. In this way, as each night glows brighter YOU will be rededicating your lives to *tikkun olam*, repairing our world.

Choose your own organization to donate your time and/or gifts. Find something that speaks to you and take action! For Social Action and other opportunities to be the light, see page 9.

You can also visit them online: <https://www.larchmonttemple.org/social-action> OR email SocialActionCommittee.LT@gmail.com.

May this holiday season of light remind us to pause, give thanks for the lights that shine in our lives, and inspire us to extend that light to all the world.

Cantor Tracey Scher and the Social Action Committee



Women's Retreat Reunion Dinner

FROM RABBI LEORA FRANKEL



Jewish Pride For Ourselves & Our Children

In 1875, a brilliant student entered Harvard Law School at the age of 18. From his earliest days there, the young man was constantly told that he could end up on the Supreme Court one day, if only he would adopt Christianity and abandon his Judaism. By his final year of law school, he became the first Jew ever invited to join the Harvard Honor Society. A story is told of that induction ceremony: the young man dramatically walked to the podium and announced “I am sorry that I was born a Jew.” The room erupted in applause and cheers, as his teachers and classmates felt that their efforts had finally born fruit. As the noise died down, the student continued, “I am sorry that I was born a Jew, but only because I wish I had the privilege of choosing Judaism on my own.” The young law student, of course, was Louis Brandeis. In that famous moment of Jewish pride, Brandeis seemed to be channeling the spirit of the Maccabees, those young men who dared to assert their Judaism in the face of Hellenist assimilation and oppression.

Even more than the oil lasting eight days or the Maccabees’ victory over the Greeks, Chanukah celebrates the miracles of Jewish survival and religious freedom, then and now. During a season when it seems like the whole world is aglow with Christmas lights, we are challenged to be like Brandeis, secure in our different identity. In fact, the Talmudic Sages emphasized that it is not enough just to light the menorah in one’s home; once lit, we must display it so as to “publicize the miracle.” The rabbis taught: “It is incumbent to place the Chanukah menorah by the door of one’s house on the outside. If one dwells in an upper chamber, he places it at the window nearest the street. But in times of danger it is sufficient to place it on the table” (Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21b).

As we prepare to celebrate next month, it is not without awareness that many Jews feel as vulnerable again today placing a menorah in their window as those for whom that Talmudic passage was written. For some communities, the past few years have felt like a throwback to one of those “times of danger” for which the rabbis made that final provision. It’s been exactly a year since the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh, and while we are certainly not the only minority to experience a spike in vandalism and violence of late, the recent rise of anti-Semitic sentiment makes the original messages of Chanukah ever urgent: Don’t let anyone make you ashamed or afraid to be Jewish—or any other minority. However unique or even unpopular among some, stand tall and be proud of your heritage.

The Hebrew word “Chanukah” (however you spell it in English!) comes from the root word *Chinuch*, meaning “education.” As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks teaches, “Freedom begins with what we teach our children. That is why Jews became a people whose passion is education, whose heroes are teachers and whose citadels are schools.” In addition to rejoicing in our religious freedom, Chanukah is a time of rededication to instilling Jewish pride in ourselves and the next generation. I can say with confidence that our LT education team is accomplishing this with creativity and joy each week! Our learners, from the littlest toddler through our middle-schoolers, light up when we Emma Rehfeld starts singing and praying with them. We have a more than 60 teen role models for our youth in Shoshy Levine’s army of *madrichim* on Sunday mornings. And our Family Discovery program has continued to explode, with nearly 40 families participating in unique, multi-generational learning experiences with Rabbi Rudin, rabbinic intern Erin Binder Kurland, and me. Indeed, there is so very much to celebrate at this season.



On behalf my whole family, wishing you a *Chag Urim Sameach*- A Happy Chanukah filled with light and hope.

Rabbi Leora Frankel



Bringing our community together...

BE the LIGHT!

REPAIRING OUR WORLD

HOPE Soup Kitchen

November 17, 11:30. HOPE is the largest emergency food pantry and soup kitchen in the region. HOPE also assists people in need with necessary clothing, language skills, immigration services and much more. Please donate food and/or join us to cook a delicious meal for people in need. Contact: jill@thesarkozis.net or elissatauber@gmail.com

LT Nursery School Pie Making November 21



The Nursery School is looking forward to their first mitzvah project of the school year. In

November, they will be making pies as a way to give back to all the people who work so hard to keep the school running smoothly. Donations from nursery school families will also be given to the Mamaroneck Food Pantry. Parent volunteers will work in each classroom to help the children make the pies. We look forward to a wonderful morning of learning and giving together.

KESHER Tzedakah for Turkeys

Til November 24. KESHER will raise funds until Sunday, November 24 to help the Hope Soup Kitchen provide Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need!



Bookbag Literacy Program

If you would like to volunteer Saturdays from 1:30-3 pm at the Coachman Center, please contact me. We are seeking teen volunteers and parent supervisors. Contact: Elissabard@gmail.com.

November 15 – December 15



Please give your gently used men, women and children's coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the coat drive. Starting Friday November 15 through Sunday December 15 coats can go on the rack opposite the Grant Conference Center downstairs. The coats are donated to Midnight Run, the Coachman Family Shelter, My Sister's Place and the Sharing Shelf. Any questions, please contact Vicky Stein at: vnstein@aol.com

Holiday Gift Giving /Adopt-a-Family



We are developing an extensive list of holiday gifts to be distributed to people in need in our area. We partner with local schools, the

Coachman Family Center, Community Resource Center, My Sister's Place, HOPE Soup Kitchen, Pleasantville Cottages, DOROT, CAP Center's Headstart Program and more! Last year alone, our LT community distributed approximately 200 gifts!! More information to follow in the Friday Email.

Midnight Run, November 23. Midnight Run is a consortium of synagogues, churches and schools bringing food and clothing to NYC's homeless. We meet at 4 pm at Larchmont Avenue Church to sort clothes and toiletries & return to the church at 8:30 pm for the run into the city. Children 12 and up are welcome to come with parents, teens 15 and older may join us with parental consent. All can help sort and make lunches. Contact: linda.riefberg@gmail.com

KESHER K-3 Pajamakah Chanukah December 15



Come to school in your pajamas and bring a set of comfy pj's to donate to children in the greater Larchmont-Mamaroneck community.

The Community Resource Center December 8

Join us for a holiday celebration. We will distribute gifts to the children and learn about each other's religions and cultures through the stories and activities.



Contact: sariwinter@gmail.com.

Coachman Family Center

December 15. Join us at 12 pm for a holiday celebration at Larchmont Temple with the children from the Coachman Family Center, a family shelter in White Plains. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Contact: Drvickiehrlich@aol.com

DOROT Homelessness Prevention

January 16. Cook and/or serve a home-cooked meal to seniors at DOROT's Upper West Side location. Contact: jensperkins@gmail.com.

The Social Action Committee will meet Sunday mornings at 10 am in the Axelrod 11/17, 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17.

Calendar of LT Happenings... November & December

Saturday, November 2, 9 am

Shabbat Yoga with Rabbi Frankel



Nourish your body and your spirit at our drop-in Shabbat yoga experience. Save the dates, all Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 am: Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, March 7, April 18. To receive email reminders and updates about Shabbat Yoga, contact Mia Shapiro at mshapiro@larchmonttemple.org.

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 am

Weekly Shabbat Morning Musical Minyan with Rabbi Frankel



A short, sweet & musical Shabbat. A supportive place to say Kaddish in community. A chance to lift your voice & spirit. This weekly service will be led by Rabbi Leora Frankel and Rabbinic Intern Erin Binder Kurland.

Sunday, November 3, 10 am—12 noon

New Member Schmooze & Schmear



New members are invited to the Schmooze and Schmear Bagel Brunch. This is a great opportunity to meet other new member families and learn about different ways to connect to the Larchmont Temple community.

Sunday, November 3, 4 pm

Shiva Minyan Leaders Workshop with Cantor Scher

Rabbi Harold Schulweis said, *“Having a minyan in the house is like bringing the synagogue into the home. It is opening oneself up to the healing powers of the community... we are not alone in our pain.”*



One of the most important mitzvot that we can perform is to comfort the bereaved by attending a shiva minyan—the period of intense mourning that follows the burial of a loved one. Mourners stay at home and receive members of the community who come to visit and console them during this difficult time. By having a shiva minyan service, the bereaved have the opportunity to recite Kaddish, along with the healing act of sharing memories and stories about their loved one. If you would like to learn about this important Mitzvah of how to help lead a shiva minyan service, contact tscher@larchmonttemple.org.

Friday, November 8, 7 pm

Shabbat Services—Remembering Auschwitz



Dr. Elena Procaro-Foley

Dr. Procaro-Foley offers life-changing spring study abroad in Poland, bringing faculty and students for an intensive week of transforming memory into hope. She will discuss her experiences as part of our commemoration of Kristallnacht.

Wednesday, November 13, 12:30 pm



Let's Do Lunch: Phil Aarons

Phil Aarons will discuss his journey from a career as a Navy officer to his position as full time educator at Larchmont Temple. Phil believes that people learn when they see how much you love Judaism, and looks forward to sharing his unusual story.

Friday, November 15, 10 am

NEW Monthly Women's Study Group with Rabbi Frankel



Explore Jewish texts & topics with a feminist twist. Friday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the Library. To receive reminders and updates, please contact Mia Shapiro at mshapiro@larchmonttemple.org.

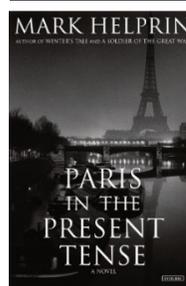
Sunday, November 17, 3:30 pm
Scholar-in-Residence:
James Carroll



Author of *“Christ Actually: Reimagining Faith in the Modern Age*
See page 4 for more details!

Tuesday, November 19, 7:45 pm

Paris in the Present Tense by Mark Helprin

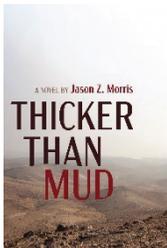


Seventy-four-year-old Jules Lacour—a maître at Paris-Sorbonne, cellist, widower, veteran of the war in Algeria, and child of the Holocaust—must find a balance between his strong obligations to the past and the attractions and beauties of life and love in the present. Jules is confronted by a series of challenges to his principles, livelihood, and home, forcing him to grapple with his complex past and find a way forward. All congregants and the occasional guest are welcome— as

long as you have read the book! No RSVPs are necessary. Contact Nancy Goodman nancygoodman@msn.com or 914 833-9234.

Thursday, November 21, 8 pm

Jason Morris “Thicker than Mud”



Larchmont Temple Library hosts an evening with author Jason Morris, an “alumnus” of LT and a perennial leader of Summer Chevre. The book’s protagonist is Adam Drascher, a Jewish Archaeology professor at a small Jesuit college in the Bronx. Coincidentally, or not so coincidentally, Mr. Morris himself is a Genetics professor at Fordham

University Lincoln Center in Manhattan. Without giving away too much of the book’s plot: Everything changes for Adam when he discovers an ancient tablet that sheds light on the Healers, shadowy underworld figures in Canaanite myth and in the Bible ... on the same day that he loses his grandfather, the man who raised him.

Friday, November 22

Fridays Dignity of Difference Series Celebrating the Sacred Other

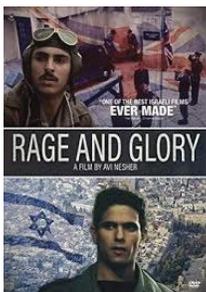


6:30 pm Shabbat Family-Style Dinner
8 pm Shabbat Worship

Reverend Monsignor Thomas F. Kelly, St. Augustine’s Church shares key aspects of his faith’s traditions/rituals. \$18 adults, \$10 kids ages 6-12.

Sunday, November 24, 4 pm

LT Film Festival: Rage & Glory



Israeli English subtitles
The focus of this film by Avi Nesher is the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine in 1942 when the Brits still held colonial power in the region. A “Stern Gang” (Jewish resistance) cell is set to take revenge on a cruel British officer who has condemned one of their members to death. Nesher is one of Israel’s most celebrated directors. The complex, suspenseful and moving film, was hailed by critics as a masterpiece.

Friday, December 6, 10 am



Monthly Women’s Study Group with Rabbi Frankel

Explore Jewish texts & topics with a feminist twist. Friday mornings from 10-11:30 am in

the Library. To receive reminders and updates, please contact Mia Shapiro at mshapiro@larchmonttemple.org.

Saturday, December 7, 7 – 11 pm

LT Casino Night



Join us for a fabulous night out! Friends welcome! \$54 per person. Reservations required. Tacos, Tequila, games & prizes. Fun night for adults!

Sunday, December 8, 10 am

Brotherhood Breakfast with Marty Schneit



Marty Schneit is a Bronx-born and bred New Yorker, providing entertaining and inspiring insight into the city’s many marvels. Marty has lectured at the New York Public Library, National Council of Jewish Women, JCC, The 92nd Street Y, The Health Outreach Program of New York Presbyterian Hospital, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, and the Ziegfeld Society of New York. He typifies NYC pride & passion.

To become a member of Brotherhood, please visit the temple’s website. Annual membership is \$70 and breakfasts are free. For non Brotherhood members, breakfasts are \$15. For any questions or suggestions, please email brotherhood@larchmonttemple.org.

December 8, 3 pm

LT Hosts The Community Resource Center

Join us for a holiday celebration. We will distribute gifts to the children and learn about each other's religions and cultures through stories and activities. Contact: sariwinter@gmail.com

Sunday, December 29, 4 pm

LT Film Festival: Divine Intervention



At the center of the Middle East conflict, hearts beat in tragic comedy and deadpan irony. “The film was so well received around the world that it seemed likely to get an Oscar nomination, but was rejected by the Motion Picture Academy because entries must be nominated by their nation of origin, and Palestine is not a nation. That’s the sort of Catch-22 that Suleiman might appreciate.” Roger Ebert



We have had a great start to the year with all our new Camp LT, LT Explores and Family Discovery KESHER Education Programs! We will also have a busy Winter!

Grade 6 Family Shabbaton
Saturday, November 16, 10 am–12pm

Dorral Arrowood in Rye Brook
 Our Grade 6 Families will gather together for a Shabbat day of learning as the start of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah process. We will be introducing our new Bar and Bat Mitzvah program and options. Please be on the lookout in your email for our invite and RSVP information.

K-3 Family Shabbats
Friday, November 15

Rabbi Leora Frankel and Rabbi Eve Rudin lead a monthly Shabbat experience geared toward families in the congregation and wider community. Celebrate Shabbat with a musical service and story in the sanctuary, followed by pizza and activities in the Garden Room. All are welcome!
 More dates: 1/17, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15
 5:00 pm Musical Service, 5:30 pm Dinner & Activities

K-3 Pajamakah Chanukah
Celebration & Family Concert
Sunday, December 15

No need to change for school! Come in your pj's and bring a comfy set of pj's that will be donated to kids in the greater Larchmont-Mamaroneck area.



Sorting donations for High Holiday Food Drive.



Attn: 10th-12th Graders! L-Taken D.C. Trip
January 10-13, RAC Social Justice Seminars
Register online! Deadline November 15.

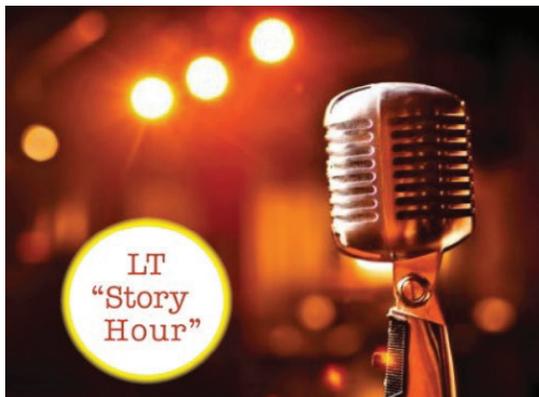
Need inspiration? Here's what one of our students wrote about last year's trip:
 L'taken was a trip full of wonder and fun times, but most importantly inspiration. We gathered with thousands of Jewish teens from all over the country to learn about difficulties that we face together, and hardly any time passed that I wasn't in awe of the connection between us simply because of who we are as a people. It was a time full of beauty as we set out to see the wonder of our capital, wandering, learning and joining in song. Going to L'taken was a great decision, and on every level it was empowering. We were further taught about important and complex issues within our country, and it opened us up to expressing our beliefs regarding them. I left feeling empowered and inspired, knowing that I would return in the future.

—Adam Friedman

For any questions you may have, contact Shoshy Levine at slevine@larchmonttemple.org.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Larchmont Temple is looking for storytellers to tell what they know, and what we need to hear.



On **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the Cultural Arts Committee will host the first Beit Café of the year—an evening of personal stories. **The theme? “Discovering the Other, Understanding Ourselves.”**

If you have a funny, poignant, or powerful personal story to tell on stage about a time when you were "the other," or about encountering otherness and what it meant in your life, and if you want to tell that in front of a live audience at LT in an evening mixed with song and nosh, we want to hear from you. Here's how it works:

Call (914) 246-2735 and leave a voicemail with your name, telephone number, and then tell us what your story is. Two minutes maximum, please! (Performed stories are usually 5-7 minutes.) We will choose four stories to tell in this first Beit Café event, and will help you develop and rehearse them. **Deadline for voicemail submissions is December 1.** Any questions? Email Lisa Chase Kaplan at lizziechase@gmail.com



WE CAN HELP BY:

CALLING...a Friendly-Phone Call, member to member—checking-in on how you are...

VISITING...a Face-to-Face Visit—bringing company/ compassion...

SUPPORTING...an Outreach of Comfort in the face of loss—honoring memory, affirming life

LIBRARY CORNER by Ze'ev Aviezer

As a result of a very generous gift the Larchmont Temple Library has been able to purchase reference books that will be of great help to members who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Torah, Talmud and the Mishnah.

Specifically the library's reference shelf now has a complete set of the Anchor's Bible Old Testament reference volumes. The Anchor Bible project, consist of a commentary series, Bible dictionary, and reference library. It is a scholarly venture begun in 1956, when individual volumes in the commentary series began production. Having initiated a new era of cooperation among scholars in biblical research, over 1,000 scholars—representing Jewish, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Muslim, secular, and other traditions—have now contributed to the project.

The Library also purchased the Steinsaltz Edition of the Talmud, a Hebrew translation of the Babylonian Talmud that has a literal direct translation of the Talmud along with halacha (Jewish law) summaries and commentaries by Torah Scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. The translation started in 1965 and was completed in late 2010. The Temple purchased a new printing by Koren Publishes of Jerusalem which began to re-release volumes in 2012. The Koren edition includes full-color illustrations. The margins of this edition contain the standard Rashi and tosafot commentaries. The library also plans to purchase the Mishnah.

LT CARING COMMUNITY

HOLDING UP & ONTO ONE ANOTHER

Our Temple-Community Network of Support

In moments of loss...in dealing with illness...in facing the life-challenges aging can bring, from our door to yours, we share your concern, and extend our hearts & helping hands...

REACH OUT on a confidential basis, letting us know if you, or someone in the LT community, is in need. CALL our clergy: Rabbi Sirkman, Cantor Scher, Rabbi Frankel, 914-834-6120, or committee chairs: Carolyn Kamlet, 914-391-6923 and Juli Karson, 914-381-3007 or email CaringCommunity@larchmonttemple.org.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, call Carolyn or Juli.

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman on the birth of his first grandchild, Sawyer Wolf, born to Chelsea & Gabe Sirkman
 Catherine & Matthew Manin on the birth and naming of their daughter Margaret
 Jay & Barbara Gottlieb on the marriage of their son Marc to Julie Wang
 Martha Kaplan and Gary Kaplan on the marriage of their daughter Emily to Bill Harton
 Kerry & Ron Moelis on the marriage of their daughter Madelyn to Kevin Valles

Our deepest sympathies to the family of

Paul Levin, father of Sara Levin Santalone
 Debbie Schleien, wife of Charlie, mother of Eric and Zachary
 Yury Nakhmanson, husband of Miriam, father of Irene, grandfather of Daniel and Alan
 Rosalind Goldberg, aunt of David Berger
 Robert Melnick, husband of Hyla, father of Rick, Ken and Andy
 Dr. Jerold Perlman, father of Jeff Perlman
 Harold Goldman, husband of Rosa
 Jackie Carrier, mother of Jennifer Barnes
 Mary Jack Wald, mother of Danis Sher
 Edwin Nadel, father of Vicky Stein
 Gerald Gutterman, father of Larry Gutterman

THANK YOU

RABBI SIRKMAN'S MITZVAH FUND

In gratitude for the naming ceremony for our sons Theo and Charlie

by **Michael & Sarah Kramarz**

In gratitude for the naming ceremony for our grandsons Theo and Charlie

by **Deb & Steve Chapin**

In gratitude for the naming ceremony for our daughter Margaret

by **Catherine & Matthew Manin**

In honor of the birth of Rabbi Sirkman's grandson Sawyer Wolf

by **Priscilla Poller**

In gratitude for officiating at our wedding

by **Marcia & Alan Rosenberg**

In gratitude for officiating at Marcia & Alan's wedding

by **Shirley Firestein**

In gratitude for officiating at our wedding

by **Pamela Serio & Jimmy Scholl**

In gratitude for officiating at Brian & Chelsea's wedding

by **Eitan & Wendy Haber**

In honor of our daughter Leah becoming Bat Mitzvah

by **Steven & Jo Brody**

In gratitude for the beautiful eulogy for our mother, Helen Fried

by **Patti Seymour**

In honor of our mother, Anita Wizel becoming Bat Mitzvah

by **Sheine & Joel, Janet, Stacey, Aaron & Debbie**

In memory of my husband Philip Liebowitz

by **Sheila Liebowitz**

In memory of my father, Norman Sherman

by **Judy Sherman Minsley**

For Confirmation programs by **Steve Ozer**

CANTOR SCHER'S MITZVAH FUND

In gratitude for Leah's Bat Mitzvah

by **Jo & Steve Brody**

In appreciation for officiating at the funeral of Doris J.W. Escher

by **Dara Escher Gordon & Ken Gordon**

For music programming by **Steve Ozer**

In memory of Bob Melnick

by **The Wolf Family**

RABBI FRANKEL'S MITZVAH FUND

In gratitude for officiating at the graveside burial for my brother Jeffrey Semel

by **The Kahn Family**

In memory of Ilse Zimmerman

by **Martha Steinman & Gil Herzberg**

In memory of Gordon Chesy

by **Robin Blum**

In appreciation for officiating at the funeral of Ilse Zimmerman

by **Karen Zimmerman & Paul Bindler**

In appreciation for officiating at the funeral of my Aunt Roz

by **David Berger**

For educational programs by **Steve Ozer**

ARTHUR & ROSE WOLF ISRAEL FUND

In memory of my parents Arthur & Rose Wolf

by **Diane Wolf**

JOEL & LOIS COLEMAN OUTREACH

In memory of Lee Krohn

by **Joel & Lois Coleman**

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Helen Fried

by **Bernice Allison**

In memory of Karen's mother Ilse Zimmerman

by **Fredric Bindler**

In memory of Karen's mother, Ilse Zimmerman

by **Ellen Books & Marshall Cohen**

In memory of Michele Jacob's father Howard Jacobs

by **Jennifer & Benjamin Senders**

In memory of Ilse Zimmerman

by **Sheryl Odentz & Brant Maller**

SOCIAL ACTION/TZEDAKAH

In memory of Debbie Schleien

by **Ginger Walton**

Chevrah Torah, Saturdays

9:00 am

Gather around the table to study the week's Torah portion, with commentary reflecting both contemporary and traditional biblical scholars.

Led by Rabbi Sirkman



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Friday, November 1

NOACH (Gen. 6:9-11:32)
5:00 PM Young Family Shabbat
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 2

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
9:00 AM Shabbat Yoga
10:30 AM Congregational Worship
Bat Mitzvah of Kayleigh Wishner
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, November 8

LECH LECHA (Gen. 12:1-17:27)
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Shabbat Worship
Kristallnacht Commemoration

Saturday, November 9

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Congregational Worship
Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Wang
Bat Mitzvah of Caitlin Kaufmann
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, November 15

VAYEIRA (Gen. 18:1-22:24)
5:00 PM K-# Family Shabbat
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 16

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, November 22

CHAYEI SARAH (Gen. 23:1-25:18)
6:30 PM Shabbat Family Style Dinner
8:00 PM Shabbat Worship:
Dignity of Difference Series with
Monsignor Thomas Kelly,
St. Augustine's

Saturday, November 23

9:00 am Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Congregational Worship
Bar Mitzvah of Theodore Norkin
Bar Mitzvah of Spencer Tischler
10:30 am Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, November 29

TOLEDOT (Gen. 25:19-28:9)
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 30

9:00 am Chevrah Torah
10:30 am Congregational Shabbat
Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Metsch
10:30 am Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Friday, December 6

VAYEITZEI (Gen. 28:10-32:3)
5:00 PM Young Family Shabbat (LTNS)
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Shabbat Worship

Saturday December 7

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, December 13

VAYISHLACH (Gen. 32:4-36:43)
5:00 PM Young Family Shabbat NS
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Shabbat Worship

Saturday, December 14

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Friday, December 20

VAYESHEV (Gen. 37:1-40:23)
6:30 PM Shabbat Family Style Dinner
8:00 PM Shabbat Worship

Saturday, December 21

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Congregational Worship
Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Cutler
Bar Mitzvah of Avner Shahar
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

Chanukah, Light 1st Candle Sunday, December 22

Friday, December 27

MIKETZ (Gen. 41:1-44:17)
6:30 PM Pre-Oneg
7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 28

9:00 AM Chevrah Torah
10:30 AM Shabbat AM Musical Minyan

LT & Strait Gate 26th Year Together Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dignity of Difference Series with
**Bishop Wayne Powell &
Members of Strait Gate**
Celebrating the life & contribution of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
and his dream of equality for all.
Services will take place at Larchmont Temple.

Friday, January 17

6:30 p.m. Family Style Dinner
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Worship
with Bishop Wayne Powell
LT & Strait Gate Choirs
\$18 per adult, \$10 children

Sunday, January 19

10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services



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