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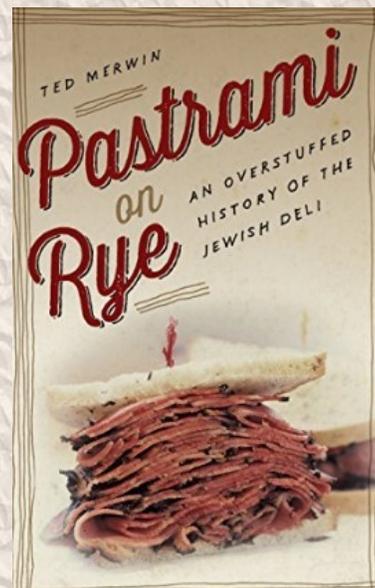
An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli

Author talk with
Ted Merwin

Sat, January 16, 2021
7:30pm

*Join us for interesting and fun evening
with journalist, humorist, college
professor, Hillel director, collector and
noted public speaker, Ted Merwin.*

Ted's articles have appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Haaretz, and many other newspapers and magazines across the world. He has given entertaining, multimedia talks on Jewish history, culture and humor at the 92nd St. Y and more than 100 other venues across the country.



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President's Message

With the advent of a new calendar year, I am sure that we are all looking forward to putting the year 2020 well behind us. While we have all been touched in some ways by the human and economic losses resulting from the coronavirus, this is the perfect time to look for positivity in our lives.

We usually start the calendar year off by proclaiming some resolution or resolutions for the "new" year. It is a logical starting point.

This past year we have had more family time than perhaps we have had in many years simply because we have been limited in our ability to move about outside of our homes and have had less interpersonal contact with others. Personally, that time with my family has been very fulfilling. I certainly hope it has been equally so for all of you. Don't get me wrong, I definitely miss those times when we used to get together with friends to celebrate holidays or events, or just for an evening of camaraderie. There were times when we would go out to dinner after Shabbat services with friends from temple. There were those opportunities to meet with my colleagues while waiting in court to hold conferences with the judges or at bar association meetings. I miss the opportunity to play golf with friends or go on golf vacations in other states. Certainly, I miss being able to participate in in-person services at temple. We will be back doing so as soon as it is safe, while working on continuing to stream services for those who cannot or choose not to attend in person for a while.

Take a few moments to reflect on the positive things that have occurred during this past year and certainly consider all the positive events you might be looking forward to or at least hope to accomplish. Perhaps you have experimented with different

recipes because you haven't been eating out as much or even ordering take out. Perhaps there has been more discussion between family members, or sharing interests in music, movies, books, tv shows, games, learning new things or art? Did we find out new things about each other or discover new ideas?

This past year has been a year in which political discussions have taken place in greater depth. Personal opinions about various issues in the world have been opportunities to review our lives and the impact on us. Just having additional time to consider news stories and other information because of spending more time at home hopefully became an opportunity to keep our minds active.

Look for the positive experiences and build on them.

One of the very reasons why we are part of a community (membership in Temple Avodah) is because we cannot on our own achieve everything we would need to conduct our lives. Our clergy and our board of trustees are here to help us both spiritually and in other ways. It is our stated purpose to support our members and provide services to all of us. We also rely on all of us to work together to keep Temple Avodah a strong institution so it can provide services for all of us. Remember Rabbi Goren, Cantorial Soloist Jessica Gubenko and I are always available to you. Don't hesitate to contact us for anything for which you need help.

My family and I wish you all a very happy new year. I look forward to seeing all of you as soon as we can accomplish that safely. Stay safe and healthy.

*Gil Balanoff,
President*

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Cantorial Notes

January brings us the holiday of Tu B'shevat. It seems a bit silly to be celebrating the trees when they are devoid of leaves and covered in snow. How do we celebrate the beauty of nature from inside our homes?

PJ library offers several ideas for activities for all ages on their website. For our younger families, we can use our hand prints to create beautiful trees in artwork. Kids love finger painting and they can use their hands and fingers to create colorful pictures of trees. Have them make one for your house and one to send to a loved one or to a local nursing home.

Older kiddos and adults may enjoy making a Tu B'shevat fruit mandala. Print a pretty mandala as a guide and use cut up fruits with a little honey to make them stick to the plate. People of all ages may enjoy making a family tree to hang somewhere in their house. And of course there are indoor planting activities such as planting parsley or an avocado tree.

Lastly, Tu B'shevat reminds us of the importance of taking care of our earth so we can, of course, continue to conserve energy by shutting lights and appliances in our house, recycle, reuse glass containers, eat less meat, eat/drink grass fed products, learn how to compost, take care of ourselves by eliminating stress, exercising and fueling our bodies with nutritious foods, use reusable shopping bags, conserve water and donate to have trees planted or to help endangered animals.

It may be snowy outside, but that shouldn't prevent us from celebrating and showing appreciation for our trees and our earth.

Jessica Gubenko

Thank you to the following Virtual "Z'Oneg" Sponsors!

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| December 11 | Stephen Sieber in appreciation of Temple Avodah |
| December 11 | Carla and Edward Gutman & family in loving memory of Robert & Gisela Kempf and Lawrence Gutman |
| December 18 | "The Friends of Bob Harwood" in his loving memory |
| January 8 | Stacey & Jonathan Seltzer and family in memory of Stacey's beloved grandmother, Shirley Levy |
| January 8 | Amanda & Gail Bernstein in memory of Sydney L. Rothstein |
| January 22 | Caryle Katz in loving memory of her husband Alan M Katz |

*Sponsorships in memory of loved ones or in honor of special milestones
are being accepted during this time of social distancing.*

PTO

Temple Avodah PTO hasn't let a little thing like a global pandemic get in the way of having a good time! Sure, we haven't been able to do the things we normally do, but that hasn't stopped us! With a little creativity, we have had a successful school year and plan to continue with more activities in the winter and spring!

First, we've had lively, well-attended PTO Zoom meetings! At these meetings, creative ideas were generated, and we are proud to say that each one of them was carried out with great success. Thanks to Deb Wolfe for spearheading the Fun Pasta fundraiser, which raised close to \$600 for PTO! We also raised enough money in our teacher appreciation drive to give each teacher and Temple staff members a well-deserved gift and donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary fund. We also pulled off a successful Chanukah event! Our "Trunk and Treat" was so much fun, with various activities including Freeze Dance, trivia, jewelry making, arts and crafts, dreidels, and cornhole! Our Chanukah Shabbat Z'Oneg was a blast, as the kids took over the Zoom! And to top it all off, many PTO parents and children participated in The Day of Giving, where we were able to raise money for the Rabbi's Fund as well as Ruff House Rescue.

The pandemic has certainly hit us hard in terms of membership, but it's not too late!! In fact, our annual winter membership drive has just begun! It isn't all about the money, but, let's face it, the money is what allows us to enrich our children's Jewish education by providing them with special activities in religious school and events outside of school that bring them closer to each other and to Temple Avodah, their Jewish community! These events give the children a feeling of joy when they think of our Temple! And it's not just about the little ones! The younger parents make new Temple friends! They start to look forward to the next event, or even better, to attending Shabbat services! Please support this important Temple ARM! All it takes is a click of a button on the Temple website, which is new and improved and faster than ever! Of course, personal checks can also be mailed to the Temple office, too!

We are on a roll! Stay tuned for a fun-filled winter and spring with Temple Avodah's PTO!

*Caasi Gelfond, Danielle Davoli,
and the PTO leadership team*

Sisterhood

Sisterhood may not be meeting in person, but we have been busy on zoom. On December 7th, we laughed and learned with Sheila London as we watched her make her delicious latkes. On January 11th and 26th, we are eagerly looking forward to another zoom lesson. Barbara Kirsh, our award-winning artist and author, will lead us in Everyday Drawing and Doodling. Bring a pencil and paper and you will be set to go. Look for an email invitation and on the temple website for more information. Of course, the dedicated Sisterhood board is meeting every month to plan activities.

Sisterhood is always looking for more good ideas for programs. If you have an idea for a zoom program, please let Marian Keilson or Randi Simon know. You can share your ideas with them at njkeilson@gmail.com or rsimon423@gmail.com. We want to continue to be able to connect with our sisters in the hood.

Sisterhood is always very generous! We collected canned goods for Oceanside Community Service during Temple's Day of Giving. This year we are matching funds up to \$3,600.00 toward the Rabbi's challenge.

Do you need a new Mah jongg card? Sisterhood can help you get one. It is \$9.00 for regular print and \$10 for large print. Please look to our website for Barbara Stern's address and the form.

We Care Blankets, headbands for heroes, and the Sisterhood book group are ongoing. Linda Goldstricker and Sheila London made beautiful blankets that will be much appreciated by the pediatric patients who receive them. You must be a Sisterhood member to belong to book group. The book selection for January 13th is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. For more information, please contact Ellyn Katz at ellyn143@aol.com.

Look forward to Judaica shop on line soon!

On behalf of the co-presidents, the Sisterhood board and their families, we wish you a very happy and healthy 2021. May this year be a filled with time spent in person with family, friends, travel and restaurants.

Co-presidents,

Wendy Brumberg, Sheila London,

Karen Rosenberg

MITZVAH PROJECT



Faith Gelfond approached her parents, Caasi and Ed, in April of 2020 and asked if she could do a Mitzvah Project for her Bat Mitzvah, which is April 10, 2021. Her idea stemmed from a fundraiser she was doing at school through her project extra class with Mrs. Abend. The class teamed with an organization called Limb Kind, which was founded by Robert Schulman. Her 6th grade project extra class raised \$13,000 before the world shut down due to the pandemic.

Limb Kind is an organization which provides limbs to children around the world who experience limb loss or limb challenges. Before the pandemic hit, Mr. Schulman went to Ethiopia to give 50 limbs to kids in need. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of all the donations collected.

Faith was drawn to Limb Kind for many reasons. First of all, she loves to do kind things for other people. Secondly, her grandmother passed away shortly after she lost her leg. Helping others overcome that challenge made sense to her.

Her idea was to help in more ways than one. She started collecting redeemable water bottles from anywhere she could. Before long her PE classmates were bringing in bags from home to support her. The more she told people, the more bottles were dropped off at our house and my office by friends and family. She said that she was not only helping Mr. Schulman and Limb Kind, but also the environment by recycling the bottles. It is a win win.

Faith will be collecting bottles through April 10, 2021. Anyone who wants to help her is welcome to drop off bottles or donate through her gofundme page. <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/faiths-mitzvah-recycling-project/caasi-gelfond>

Religious School News

I once read that at the University of Notre Dame there is a sign above the door in the locker room which the football players touch on their way out to the field, before a game. It reads: 'Play Like a Champion, Today.' One might assume that the coach (Lou Holtz) would have preferred the sign to read 'Win Like a Champion.' But the wording on the sign is intentional, inspiring the players to do more than simply win, but to do so while playing fair, respecting both their teammates and opponents, winning or losing with dignity and remembering to play for the team, not for their own personal glory.

That sign made me wonder, what if we had a motto or sign over the front door of our homes, that we could high-five on our way out every day. What would our sign say, and more importantly, what would it say about us. What would your family motto be?

The Rabbis of our tradition have some advice to offer us. In addition to providing us with guidance on prayer, rituals and laws, they were equally concerned with the development of our moral and ethical character. They defined this as *derech erez*. The literal translation means "way of the land," the way things are done, but the more common interpretation is respect and decency in our interactions with family, friends, ac-

quaintances and even strangers. The laws of *derech erez* navigate us through all aspects of our behavior - from how we treat our parents to how we conduct our business; our manner of speech to how we acknowledge the people we meet during our daily interactions.

So, do you greet your teacher or a friend with a smile; hold the door or thank someone for holding it for you, let someone merge in front of you on the road; stand up for someone who is being bullied or talked about negatively? Do we identify the injustices in the world around us and take action? The list is endless. The Rabbis recognized that these seemingly small gestures add up to creating a productive and meaningful life. They thought it so important, that they decreed that "Derech Eretz Kadma l'Torah - Decency and kind behavior are prerequisites to Torah." It is not enough to be very careful to follow the rules and rituals of Jewish life if you are careless in interacting with people.

Our school promotes *Derech Eretz* as a value to put into practice, whether we meet in person or remotely. It helps us to create a safe space for everyone who enters to feel understood, acknowledged and respected.

So, when you leave your house today, what will your sign read?

*B'Shalom,
Phyllis Pellman*

NOBODY ASKED ME but...

We welcome Lisa Goldberg as the guest columnist this month. She will be receiving appropriate certification as a published author.

What is Hatzilu?

Ever since I've been a congregant at Temple Avodah, I have been hearing about an organization called Hatzilu. Like many things at Temple, you are expected to know things that maybe you don't, so one way to find out is to Google.

It turns out that Hatzilu, or Help, is an organization of about 60 volunteers whose sole function is to make sure that low-income seniors and families have enough Kosher food to eat, as well as cash to pay for certain essential items such as electricity. It also turns out that the biggest Kosher

food pantry in Nassau County is in our own backyard, located at the South Baldwin Jewish Center. The food pantry is administered by Hatzilu.

Hatzilu was originally started in the 1970s in the city by volunteers who recognized a need. After many Jews moved from the city to the suburbs, the organization moved with them, and they are now based at the Plainview Jewish Center, where they hold their regular meetings. So the next time that you hear that our Temple is doing a food or paper goods collection for Hatzilu, you will know where your donations are going!

If you wish to speak to someone who has worked at Hatzilu call Ira Katz at 536-5056.

SOCIAL ACTION: BETTER TOGETHER, MITZVAH DAY PLANNING

The Temple Avodah Social Action Committee was proud to participate in our Better Together Days of Giving in December, 2020. Congregants of all ages contributed paper goods for our donation to the Hatzilu Food Pantry across three days of collecting - at the PTO Hannukah Celebration on December 6, the TAFI Food Pick-up on December 11, and on the Day of Giving itself, December 13th. We collected a carload of napkins, tissues, paper plates, and yes, toilet paper. It was all delivered to the Food Pantry where the staff explained that Food Stamps do not cover the cost of these items. We, therefore, extend our sincere thanks to everyone who tossed a pack of paper our way!

Our time in the parking lot with our friends from the other Temple Arms got us thinking about how Mitzvah Day might look different this year, and our time touring the Food Pantry and learning more about food insecurity here on Long Island convinces us that the need to pitch in is more urgent than ever. Therefore, we will be discussing how we can "do good" this spring at a social distance.

If you have ideas for a Mitzvah Day like no other, please send us an email at paulmengel@hotmail.com or join us on our monthly zoom meeting which will be held on January 2, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

All hands on deck! If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that we truly are BETTER TOGETHER.

Betsy Meyerson

The Temple Avodah family extends its condolences to Selma and Sheldon Bryman and family on the loss of their son, Anthony Bryman

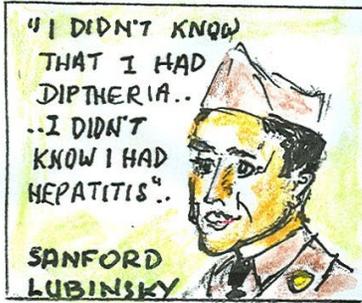
The family of our congregant, Mark Shapiro, on their loss Robyn Drangel and family on the loss of her father, Martin Drangel

Michelle Lippi and family on the loss of her mother, Diana Post

Coop's Corner

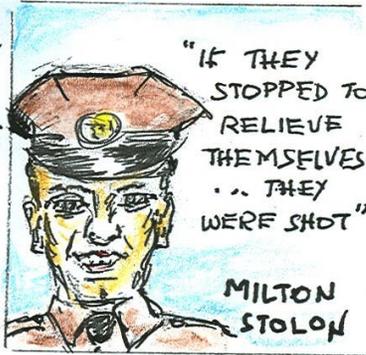
by Art Cooperman

DID YOU KNOW... ONE OF THE LEAST KNOWN AND MOST DASTARDLY ACTS OF WORLD WAR II OCCURRED JUST MONTHS BEFORE THE WAR ENDED. IN DEC., 1944 DURING THE "BATTLE OF THE BULGE" SEVERAL THOUSAND AMERICAN TROOPS FROM THE 106TH INFANTRY WERE TAKEN PRISONERS AND SENT TO STALAG 9B...WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 350 G.I.'S WHO WERE OR APPEARED TO BE JEWISH. THESE AMERICANS, IN DEFIANCE OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION,



WERE SENT TO A SLAVE LABOR CAMP - BERGA AM ELSTER, A SATELLITE OF THE BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP. THERE THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO SEVERE LABOR - "VERNICHTUNG DURCH ARBEIT" - (PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION THRU LABOR). THEY WORKED 12 HOUR DAYS DIGGING TUNNELS, WITH THE MEAGEREST OF RATIONS, SEVERE BEATINGS AND INHUMANE CONDITIONS,

IN THE 3 MONTH PERIOD PRIOR TO THEIR LIBERATION MORE THAN 20%* OF THE MEN HAD DIED, NEARLY ALL SUFFERED VARIOUS ILLNESSES AND MAL-NUTRITION... AND SEVERAL OF THE PRISONERS WEIGHT HAD DROPPED TO ABOUT 80 POUNDS.



* IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT POW DEATHS WERE NORMALLY LESS THAN 1%

P.S. DURING THE 1948 NUREMBERG WAR TRIALS, THE 2 OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TRAGEDY WERE FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO DEATH BY HANGING... BUT LATER THEIR SENTENCES WERE COMMUTED TO LONG PRISON TERMS... HOWEVER BY THE 1950'S THEY WERE BOTH FREE!

As a tribute to the late Art Cooperman's²¹ talent and contributions to Temple, his cartoons and commentary will continue to be run in this column.

Mazel Tov to our January Anniversaries

- Beth & Todd Friedman Benjamin
- Raquel & Arthur Feingold
- Carol & Philip Gluck
- Meir & Steffi Herschkowitz
- Debra Sperling & Alan Koval
- Gertrud & Larry Lieberman
- Linda Moscowitz & Patricia Costello
- Vivian & Philip Perlmutter
- Ellen & Philip Pickus
- Carole & Philip Pitkofsky
- Abby & Bruce Spanier

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Flyers for all upcoming events can be found in the Bulletin Board on www.avodah.org

Congratulations to all the Chanukkah Raffle Winners!

Baskets full of surprise items:

the Phillips family, the Smulison family, the Klein family, the Henick family, the Wieder family, and the Oresky-Weston family

A basket of gift certificates to varied restaurants: the Seltzer family

The Grand Prize of a 65" LED Television (generously donated by Jeff Rosenthal and Home Appliance): the Aronin Family

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

1/1/21 – Franklin Berlin, Joseph Brown, Bella Cantor, Harold Carver, Harry Copeck, Evelyn Deitch, Yenta Eisenstark, David Freedman, Betty Schneider Friedman, Ruvim Geller, Louis Getz, Rae Goldsamt, Irene Goldsmith, Celia Gronich, Ida Gross, Helen Herman, Beatrice R. Kaplan, Martin Koeppel, J. Leon Kusher, Jason Leif, Mack A. Lev, Morris Levine, Jennie Luft, Robert B. Marcus, Estelle Margett, Isidore Marx, Lenard I. Melman, Joseph I. Miller, Ruth Posner, Edward A. Rauberger, Abbot Robinson, Soloman Roller, Louis Rosengarten, Michael Allen Sabin, Charlotte Sackler, Gail Schack, Gilda Scher, Alice Schneiderman, Sam Sheinberg, Helen Shulman, Dr. Emanuel Silberstein, Ruth Sonnenfeld, Sadye Spiegel, Helen Tannenbaum, Alvin Tarran, Pete Tenenbaum, Simon Thayerstein, Rose Weber, Sidney Weinberg, Sidney Weinberg, Faye Weiner, Florence Workman, Julia Wurtzel.

1/8/21 – Beatrice Austin, Harry W. Berger, Bernice Besser, Joyce Israel Blumenthal, George Boyarin, Florence Brown, Jesse Browser, Lee Calchman, Maxine Joan Eichenbaum, Lil Feingold, Gilda A. Fisher, Herman Izzy Floman, Robert Forman, Sue Friedberg, Henry G. Friedman, Esther Frischling, Norma Gelman, Lillian Freed Goldsmith, Alexander Goldstone, Moe Greenberg, Dorothy Greenberg, Larry Greenfield, Martha Gross, Harriet Kale Harrison, Evelyn Estrin Hoberman, Lillian Honig, Barnet Jacobs, Henry S. Jacoby, Allen Jaffe, Seymour Kanowitz, Howard Lazell, Joseph Leon, Harry J. Levine, Bertram Levitan, Lt. Phillip A. Levy, Shirley Levy, Jack Lipton, Jesse Margolin, Joseph Miles, Frieda Millard, Louis Mok, Harry Nathanson, Leon Nebenzahl, Paul Orenstein, Louis Press, Benjamin Rosen, Myron “Butch” Roth, Sydney L. Rothstein, Charlotte Schott, Minna Shapiro, Sam Shayer, Allan Silk, Norma Silon, Sidney Skolnick, Jeanne Stahl, Sarah Steinberg, Manuel Sternberg, Ellen Stoff, William Treacy, Charles Uretzky, Alan Waldman, Louise Wolff, Esther Yomtov.

1/15/21 – Lillian Adler, Arven Aronin, Sandi Baron, Fannie Baum, Morris Bigman, Anna Safir Bloomfield, Janis Chwast, Louis J. Cohen, Hortense Cohn, Morton Davidoff, Philip Dinoff, Doris Dorman, David Ebert, Anna Eichen, Samuel Ellenberg, Arlene S. Fisher, Herman H. Friedman, Arnold Gabel, Esther Goldberg, Herbert S. Goldstricker, Meyer Goodman, Jonathan Greenberg, Regina Gross, Pauline Haft, Henry Kanner, Lorraine Kaplan, Elizabeth Kemins, Herman Klepper, Rosalind Kogan, Ida Lazebnick, Israel Levine, Marc Levine, Irvine L. Levinson, Martha Lewis, Arthur Lindell, Jane S. Lourie, Carl Mintz, Lillian Mollins, Beatrice Popick, Milton Rapaport, John A. Robbins, Bob Rothman, Bernard Scheffres, Henry Schulman, Ida Schwartz, Arnold Sherman, Evelyn Smulison, Grace Spitz, Stanley Tucker, Ruth Waldman, Bernard Weinberg, Allison Whitehead, Andrew Winett, Frank B. Wisoker, Harold Zaretsky.

1/22/21 – Samuel Adler, Ann Barish, Rebecca Batt, Arthur Elias Bendit, Ethel Bernstein, Yetta Block, Abraham Brodsky, Florence Bullock, Bradden Burns, Edith Chawes, Myron Chawes, Rose Chernack, Lawrence Cohen, Lorraine Cooperman, Kay Dorman, Lucille Kallen Engel, Adele Drangel Feigen, Miriam Fieselman, Samuel G. Giddins, Rebecca Goldstein, Eve Beth Greenfield, Mildred Honig, Barnet Jacobs, Florence Kaitz, Alan Katz, Jacob Katzen, Shirley Kayle, Leona Kestlinger, Samuel Levenstein, Seymour Levine, Doris Lieberman, Norman Lieberman, Norman H. Mann, Sandra Margolis, Reggeina Milch, Shirley A. Nachbar, Louis Plave, Cilli Popper, Rae Reich, Celia N. Rosen, Jean Rosenbaum, Albert Rubin, Fanny Schiff, Charles H. Shussin, Dr. Lee Silberstein, Miriam Singer, Ben Sonnenschein, Leo Stone, Dorothy Tone, Louis Tone, Harry Varney, Leonard Wanetik, Yetta Wetrogen.

1/29/21 – James Accardi, Celia Ackerman, Ida Aronowitz, Florence Austin, Harry Barbash, Charles Beberman, Milton Bell, Harry Blumenthal, Larisa Brizinova, Adrienne Broere, Gabriel Bronstein, Judi Brower, Hyman Cohen, Samuel Cohen, Barbara Davis, Judah DelMonte, Samuel DuBoff, Herbert Eastzer, Harold Fain, Sam Feuerstein, Norma Franklin, Abraham “Al” Friedman, Isidore Friedman, Ella Geller, Edward Goldfarb, Robert Goldstein, Mollie Greenfield, Franklyn Gretzer, Solomon Haas, Ida S. Hochberg, Louis Horowitz, Anna Innerfield, Marilyn James, Mary Joseph, Sarah Kass, Steven Koplan, Harold Koppelson, Harry Kurtz, Aviva Lapid, Lawrence Levine, Bessie Maretsky, David Marks, Mary Mintz, Lillian Bleiberg Mitzner, Harold Mollins, Gustave Novick, Pauline Parker, Louis Rodesk, Irving Rotwein, Benjamin Rudich, Joseph Scher, Rose Goldfarb Schwartz, Harvey Shalette, Rochelle Shatzman, Fred Spickler, David Spitz, Sonia Thayerstein, Blanche Weinstein, Joseph Wekselblatt, Beatrice Wolfus, Selma Zuckerman.

MAZEL TOV!

... to Shari and Dennis Miller, on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Max Guttenberg. Congratulations to the proud parents, Danielle and Garrett Guttenberg.

... to Ina Koplan on the birth of her great-grandson, Jordan Noah Sacks.

Anyone wishing to share happy milestones (births, marriages, graduations, etc.) in Temple Topics should email rkeilson@aol.com.

TAFI at home

Sufiyas Grill

Wednesday, January 13th

Frank's Steaks

Wednesday, January 27th

LIBRARY NOTES

From our home shelves:

Featured Book this month: *Momma's Black Refrigerator*. We're proud that the author of our book this month is a congregant, Florence Tannen. It is a memoir of the life of a young girl growing up in a family of interesting characters. An added element is that her mother is slowly losing mental stability, and Florence had to make appropriate adjustments until her mother is institutionalized. The book has won an award in a writers' competition. If you call or write, we'll arrange to get the book to you.

In the section of dwarf books we selected Haikus For Jews. You remember that Haikus consist of three lines: a five syllable, seven syllable and a clinching five syllable line. I don't know how you deal with stereotypes. This book has many. Consider: *Is one Nobel Prize / So much to ask from a child / after all I've done?* or *Jewish triathlon / gin rummy, then contract bridge / followed by a nap*. It is also available for loan.

Common misconception: Reform Judaism doesn't care what rituals you observe. If so, explain this wallet sized accordion card with Daily blessings. There are seventeen blessings in these six categories:

For a Journey, For Wonders of Nature, For Learning, For Social Action, For Various Foods, For Life Moments. Care to see it or have it?

Divesting of Books: *Freeport Library* has a large bin at the parking lot entrance. Call first to see if it is full. *Book Fairies in Freeport* will take children's books in good condition at any level. Contact: info@the-bookfairies.com, *Big Brothers and Big Sisters* will pick up a variety of contributions, including a limit of one carton of books (no textbooks, encyclopedia, or dictionaries).

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The Herman Family wishes Seth Dorfler a speedy recovery
Maxine & Les Dattner
Sharon & Bill Nicholson in honor of their granddaughter, Ariella Rae
Ellen & Philip Pickus in memory of Joann Scheferman
Barbara & Dave Kirsh in memory of Anthony Bryman
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Caryle Katz in memory of Joann Scheferman
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Shelly & Gil Balanoff in honor of Kira Velella's engagement to Patrick
Adrienne & Mark Rosman in memory of Mark Shapiro
Shelly & Gil Balanoff in honor of The Goren's new granddaughter, Shoshana Goren
Linda & Barry Howard in honor of Shoshana Goren
Renee & Jerry Kaufman in honor of Shoshana Goren
The Shabbat Torah Study Group in honor of Shoshana Goren
Caryle Katz wishes Carol Gluck R'fuah Sh'lemah
Caryle Katz wishes Ginger Berger R'fuah Sh'lemah
Shelly & Gil Balanoff wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
Stacy & Jordan Kaplan in honor of Shoshana Goren's birth
Kasey & William Ziff
The Pickus Family in memory of Martin Drangel
Anne & Stew Gubenko in memory of Martin Drangel
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Jocelyn Weston & Paul Oresky in memory of Martin Drangel
Phyllis Carbone in memory of Martin Drangel

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Maxine & Les Dattner wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
Rita & Dan Henick wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
The Mandel and Kaplan Families in memory of Mark Shapiro
Vivian & Phil Perlmutter wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
Rose & Bob Epstein wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
Judy & Mark Altman wish Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
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Mary Weston wishes Ginger Berger a speedy recovery
Mary Weston in honor of Shoshana Goren's birth
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SACRED PRAYER BOOK FUND:

Vivian & Phil Perlmutter in honor of The Goren's new granddaughter, Shoshana Goren

SIMCHA FUND:

Ina Koplan in honor of her new great grandson, Jordan Noah Sacks
Phyllis Carbone in honor of Shoshana Goren's birth
Phyllis Carbone wishes Ginger Berger a speedy recovery

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The Merchants in our Program support Temple Avodah year round by offering discounts to our members. Wherever possible, please consider using those businesses that are open during this time, especially restaurants. Let them know you are a member of Temple Avodah and appreciate that they are part of our Merchant program and that they support Temple. EVEN IF the discounts do not currently apply, we should support those who support us.

Preferred Merchant Providers

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that are making these specials available to us as Temple Avodah members.

Please see below for Merchant listing. To see the discounts offered and any exceptions and exclusions to the program visit the website:

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Please present your Temple Avodah ID card to the participating merchant.

Abbey Defensive Driving, Eric Abbey* (Defensive Driving Online)	Chefs 724 Restaurant (Restaurant)	Restaurant)
Able Security Corp., Mindy Goldsmith* (Security Systems)	ChocKLates by Karenlynn (Chocolatier/Favors)	Express Packaging Center (Pack and Ship Store)
Ace Cleaners (Dry Cleaning)	Cino's Hot Bagels (Bagel Store, Catering, Restaurant)	Eynat Curtis*, Physical Therapist (In-Home Physical Therapy for Seniors)
Agapi Frames (Parthenon Framing) (Framing)	Club Z Online Tutoring (Tutoring and Educational Services)	Fairy Licemothers (Head Lice Removal)
Alias Smith & Jones (Restaurant)	College Search Expert, LLC (College Search Expert)	Fantastic Nails and Hair (Hair and Nail Salon)
Almonte's Key Food of Long Beach (Market, Grocery Store)	County Cleaners Corporation (Commercial Cleaning)	Farmer Joel's (Deli / Food Market / Catering)
Anchor Rx Pharmacy Inc. (Pharmacy)	Crown Gastro Pub (Restaurant)	Frank's Steaks - Rockville Centre (Steak House, Restaurant)
APPCO Paper & Plastics Corp. (Retail/Wholesale Paper & Plastics Supplies)	Cruise Planners (Travel)	Get Health Help.com (Patient Advocate)
Appliance Doctor (Appliance Repair/Service)	Custom Teams (Embroidery / Printing / Screen Printing)	Go Green Dry Cleaning - Long Beach (Dry Cleaning)
Arbonne (Health / Beauty)	David's Barber Shop (Barber Shop)	Go Green Dry Cleaning - Rockville Centre (Dry Cleaning)
Armor Adjusting Company (Public Adjuster)	D'Coccos Restaurant & Pizza (Pizzeria, Restaurant)	Gran Paradiso (Restaurant)
The Art of Self Defense (Family Oriented Self Defense)	Delicious Moments Caterers (Catering/ Take-Out)	Halperin Comfort Footwear (Footwear / Retail)
Artrageous! (Art Studio / Paint Your Own Pottery)	Doctor Promo Promotions & Printing (Printing & Promotional / Marketing Products)	Health Insurance Broker Ruben Quintero* (Medicare Health Insurance)
Ask Alice Boutique (Retail/Clothing)	Dolce Confections (Chocolate/ Confections/ Baskets)	Home Appliance TV & Video, Jeff Rosenthal* (Retail Appliance Store)
Atlas Chiropractic & Rehabilitation (Medical Office)	EBJ Skin Care & Wellness Centre (Skin Care)	Hope's Land of Candy (Candy Store)
Bella Hair Salon (Hair Salon)	Elegante Salon & Spa (Hair Salon and Spa)	iClinic Phone Repair (Wireless / Electronics / Retail)
Bonbino's on Lawson (Restaurant)	Emagine Toys (Toy Store)	IHOP - Oceanside (Restaurant)
Brands Cycle & Fitness (Bicycles/ Equipment)	E R Medwatch (Medial Alert / Personal Emergency Response System)	Inquisitive Minds Daycare (Family Daycare)
Capri Nails & Spa (Nail Salon)	Everest Himalayan Cuisine (Restaurant / Napali, Indian and Tibetan Cuisine / Beer & Wine)	The Inspection Boys of Nassau (Home Inspection)
Carvel of Oceanside (Ice Cream/ Cakes)	Exhibit Thai Eatery (Thai	
Century 21 American Homes (Real Estate) – Robert Lewis*		

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Jae's Lucky Cleaners / Jae's Imperial Cleaners (Dry Cleaning)	Long Island Backyard Movie (Outdoor Movies)	Ocean Chemists (Pharmacy)
J & J Cleaners (Dry Cleaning)	Long Island Bagel Cafe ("24-hour Bagel") (Deli, Bagels, Restaurant)	Parrots of the World (Pet Store)
Jarred Berman CPA (Accounting and Tax Services)	Long Island Dental Excellence (Dentist)	Pastrami Express (Kosher Style Deli)
Jordan Kaplan Music* (Piano Lessons)	Long Island Scrubs (Scrubs/Medical Uniforms)	Peace Love Light Shop (Retail, Gifts, Judaica)
Jordan Kaplan Music and Entertainment, Jordan Kaplan* (Entertainment - Live Music (Restaurants, Parties, Events, Ceremonies)	Long Island Tech (Computer Repair / IT Services)	Plaza Optical (Eyecare/Eyewear and Optometrist)
J. Paul Terrace Cafe (Restaurant)	Luxe Boutique (Clothing)	Print Structures (Custom Event Décor and Printing)
J.Synergy Green (Energy Solutions)	Maple Lanes RVC (Bowling)	Puma's Auto Body (Auto Body Shop)
Ka Pai (Jewelry Store)	Mario's Pizza and Restaurant (Pizzeria, Restaurant)	Pure Serenity Skin Care (Skin Care Studio)
Kasey's Kitchen and Cocktails (Restaurant)	Masters & Company Florist (Florist)	QLICS - Queens Long Island Community Services, Paul Engel* (Mental Health Service Agency)
The Keats Agency – Eric Abbey* (Insurance)	Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, PC (Law Firm / Real Estate Tax Reduction /Tax Certiorari) -- Richard G. Fromewick*, Esq.	Raagini Indian Restaurant (Restaurant)
Kidz Stuff Resale (Clothing)	Mi Casa Dominican Restaurant (Dominican and American Food)	Radigan's Pub & Casual Dining (Restaurant)
Knockout Pest Control, Inc. (Pest Control / Exterminator)	Mickey Mo's Café and Lounge (Café /Lounge Restaurant)	Railroad Cleaners (Dry Cleaning)
Kombert Caterers (Caterer)	Milch Photography & Video, Mark Milch* (Photography and Video)	Restorative Wellness and Weight Loss (Wellness and Weight Loss)
Kotler Galleries (Antiques/Fine Art)	Mo'nelisa Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria (Restaurant/Pizzeria)	Ritz Jewelry (Jewelry Store)
Law Office of Herbert G. Pitkowsky*, Esq. (Attorney)	Mosquito RX (Pest Control)	RJ Daniels (Restaurant)
Lawrence Gottesman* DDS PC (Dentist)	Mr Handyman (Service/Repairs)	Robert's Barber Shop (Barber Shop)
Lemon Tree Salon (Hair Salon)	Nagoya Japanese Restaurant (Restaurant / Sushi and Thai food)	Rodan + Fields – Carla Gutman* Consultant (Skin Care / Beauty)
Lido Kosher Deli (Restaurant)	Nassau Vision (Eyecare/Eyewear and Optometrist)	Rosario Law Group PC (Law Firm)
Lifestyle Sports (Sporting Goods & Active Wear)	Nathan's Famous of Oceanside (Restaurant)	Salon Magique (Hair Salon)
Litebulb Warehouse / LBW Lighting (Lighting)	Noble Kitchen and Cocktails (Restaurant)	Sangria Latin Cuisine (Restaurant/ Latin Cuisine)
Long Beach Chemists (Pharmacy)	North Star Auto Body (Auto Body)	Savino's Pizzeria Restaurant/Wine Bar (Restaurant)

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School of Rock - Rockville Centre
(Music Lessons)

SGB Limousine (Airport
Transportation / Limousine Service)

Shanes Dollar Daze (Retail)

Sheryl David (Retail/Clothing)

Sign Me Up – Oceanside (Signs and
Advertising)

Simple Solutions Essential Oils by
Carla Trigo (Health/Wellness)

Solar Power by: Butterfly Energy
Group (Solar Power)- Mark Milch*

South Nassau Chiropractic (Health
Care / Chiropractor)

Stuart Marks*, DDS (Dentist)

Super Pollo Express (Restaurant /
Peruvian Restaurant)

Swirls & Twirls Frozen Yogurt
(Frozen Yogurt, Dessert)

Tandoor Grill Indian Restaurant
(Restaurant)

Tire Town Automotive Centre Inc.
(Auto Repairs and Tires)

Treat Your Pet (Pet Foods/Supplies)

Tutoring by Rochelle, Rochelle
Sanchez* (Tutoring)

The UPS Store Rockville Centre
(Printing Services)

Villa Maria (Restaurant)

Waffle Cabin (Restaurant)

WC Crabshack (Restaurant)

ZuckerBakers Nut Free Bake Shop
(Bakery)

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