

Temple Topics

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April 2023

Nisan/Iyar 5783

April Events

4/5
Passover First Seder

4/6
Office Closed
for Passover

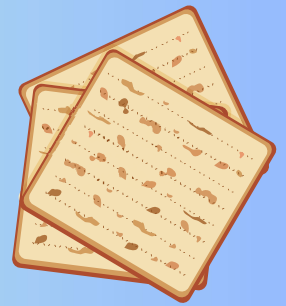
4/12
Office Closed for
Passover
Sisterhood Book Club -
Zoom Only 7:30pm
Men's Club Meeting -
Zoom Only 7:30pm

4/18
Yom Ha Shoah 5:30pm
TAFI - Greek Town
Board Meeting Zoom
Only 7:45pm

4/19
Kosher Nostra 7:30pm

4/30
Mitzvah Day

Temple Avodah



**JOIN US AT OUR SPECIAL SHABBAT
FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - 7PM**

**MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION HONORING ALL
OUR MEMBERS & THANKING OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS**

*All member families in attendance will receive a free
Mezuzah designed by Judie and courtesy of Judie &
Vic Horowitz*



We will be remembering the victims of
the Holocaust

YOM HASHOAH



April Service Schedule



FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE ZOOM ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON



FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST

7:00PM MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION SHABBAT SERVICE

YOM HA SHOAH REMEMBRANCE,

ANNIVERSARY/ BIRTHDAY SHABBAT WITH ADULT CHOIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BAR MITZVAH OF MAX LABOSKA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

6:00PM BAT MITZVAH OF ELLA DREW

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE- GARDEN ROOM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BAR MITZVAH OF BEN SELTZER

Watch for notices for possible changes to services

**IF YOU WOULD PREFER, ALL OF OUR FRIDAY EVENING
SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM.**

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Temple Avodah wishes you a

ZISSEN PESACH

April 6, 2023

Passover Services 10am Zoom Only

April 11, 2023

Passover Services with Yizkor 6pm Zoom Only



Temple Avodah

To celebrate Women's History Month, the Jewish Historical Society of Long Island brings you the story of just a few women who had an impact with notable contributions to their communities, including Cantor Betty Robbins of Temple Avodah.

First Female Cantor



Betty Robbins from Oceanside did something so significant that it made headlines in newspapers across the country.

She became the first female to be hired as a cantor for a synagogue anywhere in the world, in the 5,000 year history of the Jewish people. In August 1955 the Board of Trustees at Temple Avodah in Oceanside confirmed her appointment and she began leading the congregation in prayer beginning that year on Rosh Hashanah. [Click here to view a recording of Betty during that service.](#)

In My Opinion

Out of These Four, Who Are You?



Passover is coming and we are once again being reminded of the importance of freedom and how precious it is. Of course, that is the main message of Passover and a very important one. Still, it is not the only meaning associated with Passover.

We are all familiar with the reading during the seder that mentions the four children. I am sure that just as at my seder, at your seder everyone wants to be the intelligent child, and no one wants to be the simple one. Well, the truth is that the reading of the four children really describes us. It is imperative that we ask ourselves: Who are we? Which of the four children represents me? Maybe it is more than one? Who are you: the wise, the wicked, the simple or the one that doesn't know how to ask?

Today we are represented by these four types. If we are the wise one, then we seek knowledge and understanding. We would ask questions and our quest to understand the world and life would never stop. The wise one will ask not the impossible questions to answer but the one that we can answer if we use our intelligence: "How can we make the world a better place for us to live in harmony?"

We must stop being like the wicked child, who is resistant to make things better and refuses to make life better for everyone because this child's only concern is for himself. The wicked person doesn't care about anyone. We need to stop asking, like the wicked child, "What's in it for me?"

Most of us are not wicked, but many of us are like the third child, simple. We are innocent and eager to learn and make things better, but we do not see the complexity of the world and its many ways to bless us. We need to be open minded and turn our innocence into a tool to expand our horizons - to accept everyone and their choices in life. Being simple is a good thing; complication never is. In spite of its simplicity, the right simple question can be asked: "Am I opened minded enough to be part of the world?"

Many of us are like the fourth child, the one that doesn't know how to ask. We are shy and quiet; we mind our own business so as to not create issues. For those of us who are like the fourth child, it is time to ask: "When will I wake up and help make the world better?"

Each child in the seder reading, each one of us, no matter who we are, together we can create a world that is more just and compassionate, more open to happiness and equality for all people. Passover reminds us that every one of us has a very important place and role in making freedom a complete and wonderful experience for all. Let's continue asking the right questions that will lead to a world free from pain and anguish caused by people.

May this Passover bring the answer to the question of why we need freedom. We need it in order to make this world the way it needs to be - happy and peaceful.

From our house to yours, Peppy and I wish you a meaningful seder and holiday

Rabbi Uri Goren

If you are in need of the Rabbi for a life cycle emergency and it is after business hours, please contact him at 516-395-1629. Please be sure to also contact the Temple Office by emailing office@avodah.org, or leaving a message at 516-766-6809.



Cantor's Notes



Welcome to another entry in my Composer Spotlight series! We all have our favorite tunes for Shabbat and holiday prayers, but where do those melodies come from? You may be surprised to discover a typical weekly service at Temple Avodah includes music spanning hundreds of years of history and Jewish communities across the globe. In this series, I will be introducing you to some of the fascinating and diverse composers who created the music we sing each week.

This month's composer spotlight features one of Jewish music's most pivotal figures—Salomon Sulzer. Melodies by Salomon Sulzer that we sing at Temple Avodah include:

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Ki Mitziyon [<https://open.spotify.com/track/3Ug9cOC202LngxMPRVfy1T?si=9defd73ce0f8416d1>]
Sh'ma Yisrael [<https://open.spotify.com/track/1eMmnaxxyktcnVZswSJRf0?si=17b41fd9437a4a011>]
Ein Kamocha [<https://open.spotify.com/track/04ss1otbt06tIY5Az5bPnz?si=d2f18d479d6344a81>]
L'cha Adonai [<https://open.spotify.com/track/5wV4ut4u60bGmvkUFuFFjA?si=7dc4ee1598624cfb1>]
Hodo Al Eretz [<https://open.spotify.com/track/3YQjSlEsJ7pp2Bv1TDA18s?si=c39c9cffc03742981>]
Aleinu [<https://open.spotify.com/track/5rAM51gyDiowzrT6RJBKGG?si=53a26441796944371>]

As you can see from the list above, Salomon Sulzer composed many melodies that are so ubiquitous in synagogues across dominations today that many think of them as “traditional.” Sulzer was born in Austria in 1804. Only a few years after his bar mitzvah, Sulzer was appointed cantor of his synagogue in Hohenems. At Hohenems, he experimented with modernizing services, introducing a choir for the first time in the synagogue's history. In 1826, Sulzer became chief cantor to the Jewish community of Vienna, serving at the beautiful new Seitenstetengasse Synagoge. Sulzer was one of the first celebrity cantors, drawing visitors from around the world, including many non-Jews, to services to hear the singing of Sulzer and his choir. Notable musicians who attended Sulzer's congregation include Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt.

Sulzer sought to balance the rich traditions of Jewish liturgical music with the modern musical aesthetic preferences of his cosmopolitan congregation. In his compositions, he preserves traditional modes and motifs of the chant while using the choir to harmonize them according to western musical principles. Sulzer collected his compositions along with those he commissioned from some of Vienna's most notable composers, including Franz Schubert in the anthology Schir Zion. Volume 1 was published in 1840, and volume 2 followed in 1865. His son Joseph also published posthumous editions of his work. These collections remain some of the most important and best known music for the synagogue, and can be found on the bookshelves of every cantor.

Discover more of Salomon Sulzer's musical legacy with this playlist-
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7tcJ2Sl1K8bswiq5jDKdeX?si=e2ad9fdbed5c4a75>

Message from the President



As I am writing this, spring has arrived and with that, for me, a feeling of optimism and growth. It kind of “sprung” up out of nowhere, probably because it seemed that the winter went by so fast without any snowfall. We took the precaution of hiring a company to plow snow for the season instead of by snowfall, due to the expenses of the last few years. That is clearly the way to predict there will be no snow. I am kidding, of course, but it worked!

With spring comes our annual plant sale. If you want any flowers or plants, this is a way to save money, as we get great rates from our supplier. To be clear: this is not a way to spend more money; rather, it is a way to SAVE money. And it is easy to order and pick up, whatever you purchase. This is similar to our TAFI program. That stands for “Temple Avodah Food Initiative.” For those of you not familiar with this program, if you buy food from the participating restaurant, you will not spend any extra money. They have agreed to donate back to Temple a percentage of what is purchased by our members. If you have not done this before, all you need to do is tell them that you are from Temple Avodah, and they will take care of the rest. Just watch out for flyers for the location and day it applies. The next date is April 18th and Greek Town is the restaurant for that day. If you can think of anywhere you eat that may be interested, please let the office know.

Besides programs created by our Clergy and Religious School Director, all other ideas and programs/events emanate from the efforts of volunteers – usually behind the scenes and unnoticed. These include all of our members, not just Board members. A very large percentage of our members give of their time and resources – whether creating, planning, organizing, running, or attending a particular event or service. We realize not everything is for everyone, and we all do what we can to the best of our abilities. And it is always GREATLY APPRECIATED!!! There is enough going on that hopefully you will find an interest in something. Your ideas are always welcome.

In that spirit, there will be a special service ON APRIL 21ST. Rabbi will be commemorating Yom HaShoah, which is that week. While remembering the past, he will also acknowledge our present and future. Every member family is special, no matter how long that membership has been - whether those members who joined over 50 years ago (yes, there are several), to those who joined in the last five years. To show appreciation, every family that attends the service will receive a mezuzah designed and created by our member, Judie Horowitz, and donated by her and her husband Vic.

What also makes Temple Avodah so great is that a very large portion (over one-third) of our membership helps out in so many ways. This will also be recognized at this service. A third of our families!!! Our Board has had an almost 40% turnover in only a few years, demonstrating how many devoted members we have. The Nominating Committee was just formed for the upcoming year and if you are interested in joining the Board or a committee, please let me or the office know and I will pass your name to the appropriate people. We are all essential to the successful future of Temple.

From my vantage point, as we transition from Rabbi Goren to Rabbi Shai, our future looks bright. They have already established an amazing rapport and Rabbi Shai is looking forward to becoming our spiritual leader. He is also awaiting the opportunity to get to know everyone, and we shall be scheduling times over the summer for that to happen. I look forward to seeing you all at Temple over the next few months, as we have several special services and events scheduled to say thank you to Rabbi Goren for his decades of service to our Temple. It still amazes me that there have only been three Rabbis since Temple Avodah began in 1952 – what a great statement of who we are!!!

If you can attend the retirement dinner/party for Rabbi Goren on Saturday night, June 17, please submit your reservation. If needed, you can pay out the costs over the next couple of months. Similarly, if you want to submit something to the book we are creating for Rabbi Goren, please submit something by April 30. Do not hesitate to call Jill in the office, as she has been helping many of us to create our personal messages.

If I do not get a chance to do so personally, my family and I wish you all a Zeisen Pesach!!! And do not forget to follow all events and services on our website.

Marian Keilson, President



Thank you for your support of our annual Shalach Manot project! Your support, in addition to fulfilling the mitzvah of *mishloach manot*, enabled Sisterhood to send Purim treats to the Jewish residents of a local facility!

Well, we did it again! Your generous donations of unwanted and unneeded household stuff and your helping hands helped us have an amazing and profitable Granny's Attic Sale. The proceeds will go right back to Temple Avodah, and we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to our Schmatte Queen, TA's "Granny" Joyce Savoy, and her team for their tireless work and to everyone who made donations of goods and time. Remember, if you made a donation and need a letter for tax purposes, drop off a SASE to the main office. Don't forget, start saving your new and used clothing, accessories, linens, etc. for our Spring Thrift Sale on Sunday, May 21st. Please let the Temple Office know if you can lend a hand with set up the week before the sale (starting Saturday, May 11th). Watch your emails for the donation drop off schedule.

Our Spring into Fashion Show & Dinner was certainly a night to remember!! Big thank you to Kombert Caterers, Fabulous Fashions by Sheri and our committee chairs, Lynn Peteroy, Renée Kaufman, Cindy Baumann and Linda Goldstricker and their team for their hard work and an awesome and successful job coordinating the fashions, models, dinner and all the other details to make our return event a spectacular gala!

The Book Club is open to paid-up Sisterhood members only. The April 12th book discussion will be *Tapestry of Fortunes* by Elizabeth Berg. If you are interested in joining, please contact Connie Axelson at Kenaxe@optonline.net. We have great list of enjoyable, provocative reads planned for the coming months, so check us out!

If you have a college student, please be sure to submit their campus address to receive Sisterhood college packages. Our next package will be sent out to our college students in time for Passover. This is a free program for the children of Sisterhood members, \$36 for Temple Avodah non-Sisterhood members or \$18 for grandchildren of Sisterhood members. Contact Sheila London Sisterhood@gmail.com for more information.

We need the support of every Temple Avodah woman to continue raising money and bringing events to our Avodah family! Sisterhood cannot exist without you! Please be sure to pay your [Sisterhood membership dues \(still only \\$36\)](#)! Remember all Sisterhood members can attend our meetings, participate in Book Club, send college packages and attend the Fashion Show. Come see how we do, what we do and be a part of the process.

If you think you might be interested in joining the wonderful group of women steering our Sisterhood for the next year please reach out to Robyn Drangel (Drangel@hotmail.com) or Ellyn Katz (Ellyn143@aol.com), our Nominating Committee chairs, and they will be happy to give you more information about our Board and what you can expect! We promise, you won't be disappointed!

Temple Mitzvah Day is Sunday, April 30th. Please save the date and watch for details about our role in helping the greater community! Sisterhood will be collecting personal hygiene products for donation to Bethany House. Please bring your donations of feminine products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. to the annex on April 30th.

The We Care blanket project is ongoing! If you can knit or crochet, you can help by creating a baby blanket (any pattern or color in acrylic yarn in 36" x36" is acceptable) and it will be donated to a local hospital for pediatric patients. Contact Ellyn Katz (Ellyn143@aol.com) for more information or to make your donation. Sisterhood has some donated yarn available if you need something new to help you help us.

Our Judaica Shop has everything you need for your own home or holiday gift giving. We can also order kippot and tallit for your Simchat. Contact Lisa Goldberg at Lisacarolgold@gmail.com or Robyn Drangel Drangel@hotmail.com.

Wishing you a Zissen Pesach,

Wendy Brumberg & Sheila London
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Social Action In Action

The Social Action Committee Announces: Mitzvah Day Is on The Way! Sunday April 30, 2023

"Each one of us has the ability to give. We can give material things and money, but we also can give love, compassion, friendship and understanding. Without giving, our lives become empty, no matter how much money we have or how much love we receive. If don't give, we become empty in our souls."

-Rabbi Uri Goren, Temple Topics, February 2015

Temple Avodah's annual Mitzvah Day is a perfect opportunity to give, and thereby fill our souls with fellowship, laughter, music, and light. The tradition continues this year on Sunday, April 30, 2023 - and we are thrilled to combine the best of our pre-Covid traditions -- the Family Food Drive is back! -- with the best of our Pandemic-era events -- parking-lot collections with a Choir serenade! -- for an all day, indoor and outdoor festival of goodness running from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mens Club is sponsoring a bagel breakfast after which families and teams will distribute, and later collect, grocery bags which our neighbors fill with canned goods to donate. Some volunteers spend time tending to Temple's gardens and grounds. Torah Study Group will hold open study sessions on a variety of congregant-lead topics all day, and Choir will sing at mid-day. Sisterhood will provide pizza and PTO will provide snacks. All the while we will be collecting canned goods and toiletries in the parking lot where you can help decorate - and fill -- our Giant Tzedakah Box. In the afternoon we need all hands-on deck to sort the donations and fill the Long Beach Soup Kitchen's van.

Look for the complete schedule as the date approaches. As Rabbi wrote, "Let's give of ourselves and of what we have. It is the only way to have a grateful life." In that spirit, we hope you will join us at Mitzvah Central on April 30, 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

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Religious School

“Tradition, tradition...tradition!”. I was sad to hear of the recent passing of Chaim Topol, the Israeli actor who portrayed Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, both on stage and in the 1971 movie. I remember seeing the show on Broadway with my family and my parents buying the cast album. My sister Diane and I played that album until we memorized every song which we would then act out in front of the large mirror in our living room.

I think the story resonated because it brought to life some of the stories my father told me about his life growing up in Poland. Though he did not grow up in a shtetl like the imaginary town of Anatevka and the time was later, before WWII, some of the characters adapted from the short stories written by the Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem seemed familiar. Maybe more importantly was the familiarity of the Jewish traditions vividly reenacted - from Shabbat candle lighting to the wedding scene and all the daily Jewish life in between.

Recently, the 5th and 6th graders were asked to share what Jewish family tradition or ritual they want to continue. A common theme was sharing holidays with family. They spoke of the special foods parents and grandparents prepared, the warm feeling of lighting the hanukkah with family and sharing the seder table with friends and family. While we review the history and customs of our holidays we explore the deeper meaning and values associated with them. We want our children to live an ‘engaged’ Jewish life, to find the traditions that resonate for them.

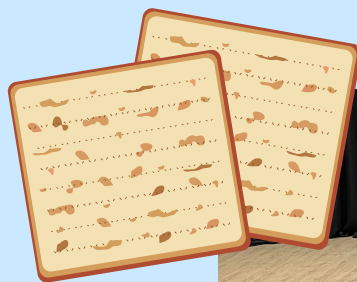
As we approach Passover, I wish everyone a meaningful and joyous holiday.

B'Shalom,

Phyllis Pellman
Education Director
religiousschool@avodah.org



Hamantaschen making!



5th & 6th Grade Making Seder Plates



PTO recently helped to support the Girl Scouts of Oceanside through our annual Temple Avodah Girl Scout Sabbath! Congratulations to Adele Davoli, Lily Davoli, Rachel Dube and Faith Gelfond for earning their “My Promise, My Faith” pins for their continued service to Temple Avodah, as well as their dedication to their Jewish studies.

The PTO was excited to bring back our Movie Shabbat on March 24th for our kids! The kids participated in an age-appropriate service with Rabbi Goren and then enjoyed pizza and a movie! There were separate movie rooms for younger kids and those 5th grade and up. A great time was had by all!

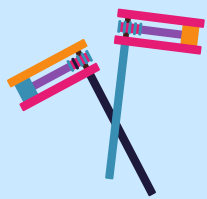
President, Alyssa Dube

Vice President, Danielle Davoli

Treasurer, Lori Izmirly

Secretary, Sabrina Cohen





Celebrating Purim!

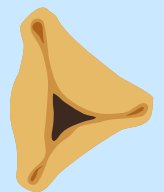


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GIRL SCOUT SHABBAT



March 17, 2023

Anniversary & Birthday Shabbat



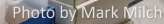
NOSH! 🍪



Adult Choir 🎵



March 19, 2023



Exclusive Club Formed at Temple Avodah

TABM²

There are lots of clubs, committees and groups at Temple Avodah; just prowl around www.Avodah.Org and you will see them. But when a Temple Member reaches their 83rd birthday (achieving the biblical lifetime of 70 plus 13 years to reach a bar mitzvah) they are entitled to have a second Bar Mitzvah with all the responsibilities and celebrations that go with it. And what a special event that turns out to be!

Given that this special event endows the participants with special blessings, the recent celebrants have decided to form a most exclusive club, a club dedicated to Temple study, reflecting on their preparation for their second Bar Mitzvah. Club participants are entitled to very special treatment TBA.

Interested in joining? Just ask Rabbi Goren for a membership application.

Temple Avodah "Stream Team"



We are looking for new members to join our "Stream Team".

If anyone is interested in learning about what we are doing and how the Livestreaming works, please join our "Stream Team". We will teach you how to run the show, including switching cameras, adjusting camera angles, zooming in and out and panning. We have professional quality equipment here, and you will learn valuable skills while enjoying the experience. Great for anyone interested in broadcasting, or those who just want to learn! This is really cool stuff and a lot of fun!

We have some special things planned so please let us know if you have anyone in your family who might be interested. We'd like this to be the start of a special club at Temple Avodah, open to all member families.

Contact Elliot Shulman: Elliot.shulman@avodah.org for more details

Did You Know......THAT BROOKLYN BORN, BERNARD MALAMUD WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE GREATEST AMERICAN-JEWISH AUTHORS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.



APR. 26, 1914 - MAR. 18, 1986

AS A YOUNGSTER HE HAD A GREAT PASSION FOR THE YIDDISH THEATER AND WRITING. IT WAS IN THE 1930'S, HEARING OF THE HORRORS OF THE HOLOCAUST, HE DELVED INTO JEWISH TRADITION AND HISTORY.

AFTER OBTAINING HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, HE STARTED TEACHING ENGLISH IN N.Y. HIGH SCHOOLS, AND STARTED WRITING SHORT

STORIES. A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE STORIES DEALT WITH THE STRUGGLES OF THE URBAN JEW IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. MANY OF THESE APPEARED IN HARPERS - BAZAAR, PARTISAN REVIEW AND COMMENTARY.

IN 1949 HE BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR IN FRESHMAN ENGLISH AT OREGON STATE UNIV., AND THEN IN 1961 HE STARTED TEACHING CREATIVE WRITING AT BENNINGTON COLLEGE IN VERMONT.

HIS FIRST NOVEL, "THE NATURAL" (1952) WAS EVENTUALLY MADE INTO A MOVIE. TWO OF HIS BOOKS "THE MAGIC BARREL" AND "THE FIXER" RECEIVED NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS...AND IN ADDITION "THE FIXER" WAS ALSO AWARDED THE PULITZER PRIZE IN FICTION.

* BASED ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN TZARIST RUSSIA

AMERICAN JEWISH LITERATURE IS KNOWN FOR ITS COMBINATION OF TRAGIC AND COMIC ELEMENTS.

**As a tribute to the late
Art Cooperman's z'l talent and
contributions to Temple Avodah, his
cartoons and commentary will
continue to be run in Temple Topics.**

Retirement Party



Rabbi Uri Goren

TEMPLE AVODAH

JUNE 17, 2023

7PM-MIDNIGHT

KOMBERT CATERERS

FULL COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER

DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA

TOP SHELF LIQUOR

DANCING

\$150 PER PERSON

\$50 UNDER 12

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) OR CONTACT TEMPLE AT 516-766-6809

Temple Avodah



CELEBRATING RABBI GOREN

As you know, this is Rabbi Goren's last year as our spiritual leader at Temple Avodah. Help us celebrate Rabbi in his concluding year by sponsoring an Oneg honoring him and celebrating your special event (anniversary, bar or bar mitzvah, birthday, or just a memorable day in your life).

[Click here to Sponsor an Oneg](#)

Temple Avodah

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Share Your Memories

A Photo Memory Book will be presented to Rabbi Goren on Friday, June 16, 2023.



Rabbi Goren,
Thank you for your
many years of service!!
Fondly,
The Shalom Family

Your page may include
pictures, text, or both



We invite all who wish to participate, to contribute a photo, a note or both for him to look back on - something to bring a little smile to his face.

Two facing pages (up to 8 photos) - \$720
Full page (up to 4 photos) - \$360
Half page (up to 2 photos) - \$200
Quarter page (1 photo) - \$120

All submissions due by April 30, 2023.

We will design your page for you. Click here to place order

Questions? Call Jill at (516) 766-6809 ext. 1, or via email office@avodah.org

*We Remember With Love, The Following People Whose Yahrzeits Are
Observed During The Month April*



Week of April 7

Morris Buchman
Elliott Cohen
Marianne Cortazzo
Joseph Elias
Renee Goldberg
Suzanne Sherman Halperin
Rhoda Henkus
Laura Kaplan
Anna Kaufman
Dora Kremin
Joseph C. Kunz
Max Marcus
Rosalie Marks
Joshua Milch
Beatrice Nicholson
Carol Richeson
Phyllis Rosen
Dora Ross
Alan Schwartz
Louis Schwartz
Genie Shayer
Norman Shelzi
Samuel Silfen
Abraham Steinberg
Jean Uretzky

Week of April 14

Albert Abbey
Adele Atkin
Michael Carbone
Hannah Lehrer Edell
Maurice Eisenberg
Ida Epstein
Max Katz
Julius Kohn
Suzanne Levy
Samuel N. Schneider
Clarice Silk
Ethel Skolnick
Frances Sorin
Lillian Strauss
Philip Stuart

Week of April 21

Frank Colella
Morton Friedman
Louis Geffner
Murray Goldstein
Ruth Kahn
Sol Kantor
Sydelle Kesselman
Benjamin Liebov
Nathan Lifschitz
Pauline Plave
Herbert Portnoy
Harry Post
Ida Rabinowitz
Fay Rothman
Martin Schott
Matilda Schrager
Peter David Sferra
Sam Sheiman
Alan Silvers
Leonard Singer
Sidney Spector
Ronni Strauss
Jess Weston
Elissa Zucker

Week of April 28

Elaine Bestmann
Marion Chookasezian
Robert Cortazzo Sr.
Ethyl Geffner
Paul Goldman
Max Hoine
Sylvia Haber Kale
Abraham Kaminsky
Hyman Lebowitz
Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Lipton
Sidney Richards
Herbert Weiner

Happy Birthday to Our April Birthdays!

Scott O'Keefe 4/1	Michelle Mussman 4/7	Mark Sparberg 4/13	Lori Feigenbaum 4/21
Stephanie Lipsky 4/1	Karen Dauber 4/7	Sheryl Goldman 4/13	Victoria Jordan 4/21
Samson Bialostok 4/1	Stewart Gubenko 4/8	Matthew Cohen 4/13	Shane Ackerman 4/22
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Mazal Tov To Our April Wedding Anniversaries!

Gail & Richard Eisenberg 4/1	Lori & Brian Bader 4/12
Stacey & Jonathan Seltzer 4/1	Debra & Marc Sacco 4/12
Aimee & Rick Landau 4/3	Rachel & Kevin Costello 4/13
Candice & Jamie Laboska 4/5	Andrea & Steven Cassidy 4/16
Andrea & Scot Mackoff 4/9	Maryanne & Sander Lehrer 4/17
Ilana & Andrew Rappaport 4/9	Zelda & Frank Volpe 4/17
Amanda & Gregory Cangiano 4/10	Felicia & Lenard Brodsky 4/24
Rose & Robert Epstein 4/11	

**Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat
on Friday, April 21st at 7:00pm !**

If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of April and is not listed here, please log into your account to add it, or contact the Temple office so we can update your record.



**Mazal Tov to Max Laboska on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
April 22, 2023**

**Mazal Tov to Ella Drew on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
April 28, 2023**

**Mazal Tov to Ben Seltzer on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
April 29, 2023**

Mazal Tov to Mindy and Roy Kaufman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lily Ayzenberg. Congratulations to the proud parents, Lauren and Albert Ayzenberg.

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Please let us know if you wish to share any happy news with your fellow congregants (births, graduations, engagements, weddings, awards received, etc.).

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Lifelong Learning Schedule 2023

Shabbat Torah Study

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Study the Torah portion of the week. In the temple library, where masks are worn, or via Zoom.

Dates and Times:

Saturday mornings starting at 8:45 AM

Kosher Nostra with Cantor Fox

Note: these classes will be via Zoom Only

An historical analysis of the relationship between the Jewish community and organized crime, including lives of famous Jewish gangsters.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, March 15th from 7:30-9PM

Wednesday, March 29th from 7:30-9PM

Wednesday, April 19th from 7:30-9PM

Register here!

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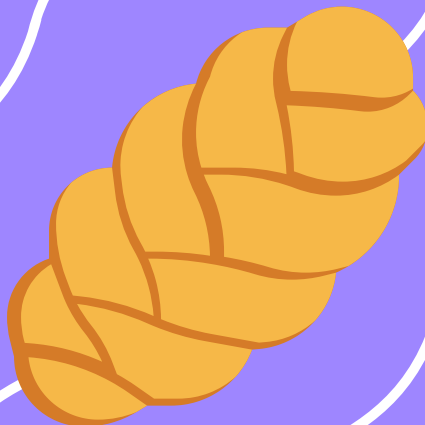
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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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*Yom HaShoah
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Tuesday,
April 18, 2023
5:30pm in the
Sanctuary



Join our Religious School students as we honor the memories of children who perished in the Holocaust.

Questions? Please contact:
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The Social Action Committee invites you to
“Do a Mitzvah”
and come to a “Stapling Party”
to prep for the Mitzvah Day Food Drive.

Monday April 24 from 5:00-6:30 in the Temple lobby

Please bring slightly used paper shopping bags!
Please bring a stapler if you have one!



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MITZVAH DAY

FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

RUDICH BUILDING

Participate in all or some of the day's activities, all families & friends welcome!



ORDER OF EVENTS

8:30AM-11:00AM BAGELS & GO DISTRIBUTE BAGS

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SAVE THE DATE



In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, we invite you to join us in marching together at the Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC!

The Celebrate Israel Day Parade is
Sunday, June 4, 2023 and will take place from 11am - 4pm
on Fifth Avenue between 57th Street - 74th Street.

Interested? Email Lisa Goldberg @
LISACAROLGOLD@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

**Long Island Pride Parade
Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Temple Avodah Social Action

More information to follow



We welcome Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to contact us if you want to share your Mitzvah projects. Please supply us with a flyer detailing your project.

All are subject to approval by the Temple president.

Adele Davoli lost her "Aunt" Elissa in April 2020 during the pandemic. Elissa was at every Jewish holiday and life event with us since Adele was born. Elissa worked at Helen Keller National Center until the day she died and during her "Zoom" Shiva her partner shared that her dream was to retire and move to Israel to work within the Deaf Blind community there.

Adele has designed t-shirts and dog bandanas to sell to **raise money for the Center for Deaf-Blind Persons in Israel** to ensure Elissa's dream comes true even if she could not be here to see it happen.

Dog bandanas are \$10 Tie Dye Shirts are \$24 Black Shirts are \$25
with the option to donate \$5, \$18 or \$36
All donations will be happily accepted

The money is going to two great causes. You can ask Adele all about either organization. Or ask her what she has learned about the Deaf Blind Community and why this is a worthwhile cause.

To make a direct donation to the Center for Deaf-Blind Persons in Israel you can donate directly in Elissa's memory with Adele's Mitzvah project through this link:

<https://www.igive.com/new/en/usd/donation-targets/80500>

Please reach out to Adele's mom, Danielle Davoli with questions or to order a shirt (danielledavoli@gmail.com 516-424-6825).

Thank you all in advance for supporting Adele & helping to honor Elissa.





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Thank you!



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Kidney Needed

Marni Berse is a former active temple member who needs a kidney transplant. She reached out to us in the email below. If you or someone you know can help please contact Marni by email.

As Rabbi Goren reminds us, "Pikuach nefesh! Saving a life takes precedent over everything".

Sent: Tue, Nov 29, 2022 8:00 pm
Subject: Marni Berse Needs Your Help

Dear Family and Friends,

As many of you may know, I have been accepted onto the kidney transplant list. I'm asking you to please pass the word that I'm in desperate need of a kidney. I'm asking you to please share this flyer with people on your email list who may know someone who would donate their kidney to me. You never know who you mention it to that may be a willing donor. Even if they don't match me, it could help me get a kidney faster. I appreciate anything you can do to pass the word. My life depends on it.

Thanks so much,
Marni Berse

Contact Marni at: hapimarni@gmail.com

For more information on kidney donation go to <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/living-donor-kidney-transplant/pyc-20384838>

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