

Temple Topics

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August 2023

Av/Elul 5783

August Events

8/3
Bunco

8/10
TAFI- D'Cocco

8/18
Yizkor Memorial Book
entries due

8/21
Bob Harwood
Memorial
Golf Outing
Kombert Dinner

8/24
TAFI- Press125



Outing Honoree
Steve Kanowitz

Bob Harwood Memorial Golf Classic

The Golf Club at Middle Bay
August 21, 2023



Person of the Year
Mindy Goldsmith

Followed by

Kombert Caterers Awards Dinner Buffet
Hosted by Temple Avodah Men's Club

Continental Breakfast 11:00am
Shotgun Start 12:00pm
Lunch, Grill, Range, Beverage Cart
Awards Dinner & Raffle 5:30pm

Not a Golfer?

Join us for a lovely evening
& incredible Kombert
Buffet at Temple Avodah
5:30pm
3050 Oceanside Road,
Oceanside, NY

CHOOSE YOUR REGISTRATION:

___ \$275 Golf Classic Player (Breakfast,
Lunch, Dinner)
___ \$200 Golf Only
Foursome \$1000 @ time of sign-up only
___ \$75 Awards Dinner Buffet Only

CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

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___ \$1800 Awards Dinner Sponsor*
___ \$1000 Breakfast Sponsor**
___ \$1000 Golf Ball Sponsor**
___ \$750 Beverage Cart Sponsor**
___ \$750 Halfway House Sponsor**
___ \$125 Tee/Green Sponsor**

*Includes Foursome, Sponsor Signage,
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
** Includes Sponsor Signage

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Make all checks payable to
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3050 Oceanside Rd, Oceanside, NY
11572

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Stew Gubenko: 516 766-0954 or
Rick Fromewick: 516 592-5746

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August Service Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

7:00PM BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

Watch for notices for possible changes to services

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

Avodah



עבודה

Transition מעבר Maavar

August 2023

Av-Elul 5783

Dear Chaverim/Chaverot-

A person goes through many transitions in a lifetime. The child going into kindergarten... A child graduating... The student moving into their college dorm... AND THEN there are the parents of the child attending kindergarten, graduating or moving into a new dorm. Each can bring its own fears and/or excitement. Each being a rite of passage requiring soul searching, self reflection and mixed emotions. Ritual transitions such as a brit bat, brit milah, a bat or bar mitzvah and a wedding can also be filled with the same reactions. However often with ritual transitions there is a built in support system with the inclusion of family and friends.

Torah is filled with many examples of transition. We can read about the marking of the seasons, individual growth/change, destruction and conquering. Most of all we learn about our ancestor's resilience. The book of Deuteronomy is almost entirely about Moses reflecting on the Israelite's dramatic passage through the wilderness for forty years. Even though most listening to Moses' speech were born later in the journey, the message of perseverance is clear. Think about those many Israelites listening to Moses speak about finally having a land of their own. How must they have felt about finally settling down when all they knew was being nomadic? What must it have felt like to be at the border of the Promised Land ready for their new beginning? Even with all of their concerns they continued to move forward for a better life. They had faith tomorrow would be better.

Whether we like it or not transition is a part of life. When it happens it's OK to be anxious, sad, frustrated and even mad. We are all human and it's necessary to work through our many emotions. Often it's difficult to think rationally during those times. Our history of worry and panic goes way back, you see. I suppose it's in our genes.

In one month we will be transitioning to the new year of 5784. We stand on the shoulders of many ancestors. They struggled. They wavered. They endured. But most of all they kept moving towards a better tomorrow. We have over five thousand years of proof of their perseverance. This month take time to reflect on your own transitions. Be proud of yourself for not giving up. Acknowledge the person you were before and then today. Lastly, thank those who were around you during those times. Let them know how appreciative you were/are for their support.

In Hebrew the word emunah means: to trust and have faith (in G-d). There is something helpful in letting the universe take over what we cannot control. May all of you surround yourselves with EMUNAH to help in whatever journey you are taking at this time. It's only temporary and you will persist.



Sincerely,

Rabbi Shai

rabbishai@avodah.org



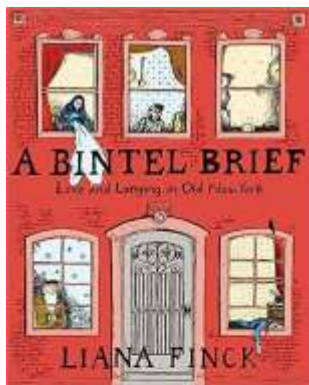
Cantor's Notes



Summer Reading: Jewish Graphic Novels

Summer is not over yet, and there's still time to get your summer reading on in August! If you're looking for something a little different, you might want to try a graphic novel. Jewish authors and illustrators have played a major role in graphic storytelling since the Golden Age of Comics, and have increasingly employed this medium to tell explicitly Jewish stories. Whether you want a classic superhero tale, an historical thriller or a witty family drama, there is a book on this list for you!

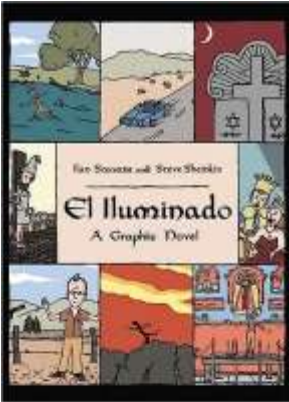
*Note: While kids love graphic novels, all of these books contain adult themes. I would recommend parents preview any of these books to determine if they are appropriate for their children.



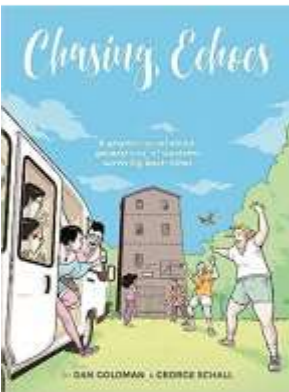
1. *A Bintel Brief*, written and illustrated by Liana Fink. Fink paints a portrait of turn of the century Jewish life in New York City based on letters from the Yiddish Daily Forward's popular advice column, *A Bintel Brief*. Through these letters and conversations with the ghost of their editor Abraham Cahan, the protagonist unpacks her relationship with her city's past.



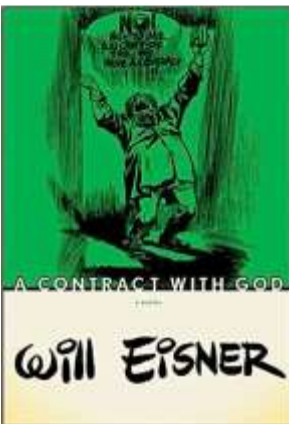
2. *Whistle*, written by E. Lockhart, illustrated by Manuel Preitano. A new DC Comics storyline set in Gotham City, *Whistle* introduces Willow Zimmerman, a highschooler struggling to advocate for her neglected neighborhood while caring for her sick mother. After an attack by Gotham's notorious Killer Croc, Willow finds she has developed a strange connection with her dog Leibowitz that grants them both superpowers. But can she use these powers to support her family while also defending her neighborhood?



3. *El Iluminado*, written by Ilan Stavans, illustrated by Steve Sheinkin. In Santa Fe, a murder mystery leads to a Da Vinci Code-style quest to uncover the secret past of the Southwest's Crypto-Jewish community. This gripping tale keeps the reader on the edge of their seat while also informing about the real history of conversos seeking refuge from the Inquisition in the New World.



4. *Chasing Echoes*, written and illustrated by Dan Goldman and George Schall. The descendants of Holocaust survivor Szulim Bloom take a trip to Poland to search for lost family history. Though they seek to better understand the past, the real challenge this family faces is finding a way to understand each other.



5. *A Contract with God*, written and illustrated by Will Eisner. This collection of four interwoven tenement tales is often credited with popularizing the term “graphic novel,” and was one of the earliest works to blend comic-style art and literary story-telling. Based in part on Eisner’s own experience growing up in Brooklyn’s tenements, the stories document the melodrama of life in a poor Jewish New York City neighborhood during the depression era.

Cantor's office hours are Mondays, 1-3pm. Please call to make an appointment 516-766-6809 x4. In an after hours emergency please call her at 908-448-6003

Meet Our Executive Committee

Eric Abbey, First Vice President

My wife Amy and I have been members since 2001. I have been a Board member since 2014. I am a member of many committees and the chair of the Insurance Committee and Co-chair of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah committee. Our Children, Alison, Adam, and Alex, have all had their Bat/Bar Mitzvahs at Temple Avodah.

Elliot Shulman, Second Vice President

My wife, Phyllis and I have been members for 17 years, This is my 5th year on the Temple Board and 4th year on the Executive Committee. I chair the Marketing Website Committee, am in charge of Livestreaming and co-chair of Office Committee and participate in various other committees. My favorite color is [purple](#).

Laura Koss-Feder, Third Vice President

My husband, Ira, and son, Jeremy, and I joined temple 12 years ago. I have been on the board on and off for about eight years. I have served or am serving on the Social Action, Marketing, and Fundraising Committees and have handled publicity for the temple. We were honored to have our son become a bar mitzvah with Rabbi Goren in December 2016.

Corey Aronin, Treasurer

My wife Joyce and I have been a members of Temple since 1988. Our son Marc, who also is a member, was in Rabbi Berger's last Bar Mitzvah class 27 years ago. I have been Treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees for 14 years and chair the Budget and Finance, Office and HR Committees.

Scot Mackoff, Co-Treasurer

I have been a Board Member since 2007. I was President of the Temple from 2015 to 2017 and I am currently serving in the position of Co-Treasurer. I am also the co-chair of the Temple's Legal Committee. My wife Andrea and I have been members of Temple since 2002. Our children Rachel and Ben became Bat and Bar Mitzvahs at Temple Avodah, in 2012 and 2016

Saul Wiener, Secretary

his wife, Melanie, and their three children have belonged to Temple Avodah for five years. This is Saul's second year on the Board of Trustees and first year as Secretary.

Beth Friedman Benjamin, Financial Secretary

My husband, Todd, and I have been members since 2008 Our son, Joshua became a Bar Mitzvah in 2013. I have served on the Temple Board, Executive Board, Ways and Means, and I am a long-time member of Sisterhood. It has been my pleasure to help develop fundraising events that include several on-line auctions and on-line craft events.

Larry Lieberman, Financial Secretary

My wife, Gertrud and I have been members of temple for close to 40 years now and I have been a board member for somewhere around 25 years, not sure honestly. I am a hands-on person and therefore have been part of the buildings and grounds committee for the entire time, lending a hand whenever necessary. I have always volunteered whenever someone says they need help, whether it's building the succah, cleaning up after granny's attic, fixing a leak, ushering, etc. I don't plan on slowing down anytime soon.

Marian Keilson, Immediate Past President

Temple Member for 32 years

My parents joined Temple Avodah in 1969

I went to Hebrew School, Confirmation Class and Hebrew High School. I even have photo from 10th Grade & 12 Grade hanging in the religious school.

Rob & I were married by Rabbi Berger

Both my boys were B/M at temple by Rabbi Goren

Daniel and Avi Goren were B/M together May of 2002

Matthew's B/M was the same torah portion in May of 2004

At 13 I was never B/M because I could not speak in public. At Daniel's B/M my Mom & Rob presented me with my tallit and I read the first portion of the parashat Naso. At Matthew's B/M I again read this same first portion. Both kids went to Hebrew School right through HS graduation. In fact with the help of the Heettner fund both got to experience a 5 week trip to Israel through the URJ summer program.



WELCOME
to the Team

Social Action In Action

THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE APPLAUDS OUR BLOOD DONORS AND CELEBRATES OUR SUCCESSFUL TRI-TEMPLE BLOOD DRIVE

On July 11, 2023 the Social Action Committee proudly welcomed the New York Blood Center and members of our community to Temple Avodah for a very successful Tri-Temple Blood Drive.

This collaborative effort, with Oceanside Jewish Center and Young Israel of Oceanside, brought nearly sixty blood donors and a bunch of volunteers from each congregation together in our beautiful Temple. The many pints collected (unofficially, 71!) will become hundreds of lifesaving transfusions.

We salute our brave first-time donors, as well as our many stoic repeat donors, and we hope they take pride in knowing that to give blood is to perform tikkun olam with immediate, measurable impact.

Please remember: our next Tri Temple Blood Drive will be on January 9, 2024, at OJC. We hope to see YOU there!

And speaking of seeing you, we have changed our meeting schedule to Monday evenings once a month. Contact the undersigned, and we will send you a Zoom link. Together, there's no limit to the good we can do!

Respectfully submitted,

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We hope everyone's summer is going well! Sisterhood had a very successful year thanks to our Sisterhood board and membership.

- We were able to give our Sisterhood membership challah and candles.
- We sent two sets of packages to college students.
- We bought Senior tickets for any Oceanside Senior who was graduating whose family is a Temple member.
- An ongoing project is Wee Care Blankets for cancer patients.
- We have a Sisterhood Book Club with lively discussions.
- We had our fashion show, two Thrift Sales and a Granny's Attic Sale.

Thanks to everyone's donations and help, our sales and fashion show were very profitable. Due to our success, we are able to donate \$20,000 to Temple.

Our Sisterhood board is unfortunately losing two long-time members, Karen Rosenberg and Randi Simon. We will miss them. We thank them for all of their hard work while on the board - including Karen for being Sisterhood co-president twice! But we are lucky because we are gaining two new board members, Anne Gubenko and Rhonda Kugelman. We look forward to them joining our board.

Our July 25, 2023, 'Welcome to Rabbi Shai' was an outstanding success! We had over 60 women come and bake or bring cookies. Even when they couldn't bake, they still sent recipes for our "If you give a Rabbi a Cookie, Cookie Cookbook. We have so many wonderful recipes for both savory and sweet cookies, as well as brownies and even some cakes. We'd like to thank Betsy Meyerson, Ellyn Katz, Renee Kaufman, Fran Skolnick and Andrea Mackoff for their hard work in putting together the event. Special thanks to Jill and Andrea for putting together our Cookie Cookbook.

Sisterhood Book Club is open to all paid up Sisterhood members. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Connie Axelson at Kenaxe@optonline.net. Our July/August book selection will be *Seven Good Years* by Etgar Kent.

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.

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

Please consider joining Sisterhood this year. Membership letters will be going out soon. The price is \$36, and we are looking forward to many wonderful programs this year. We will be continuing our college packages sent to out-of-town college students free to all Sisterhood members, \$36 for grandparents and non-Sisterhood members.

We hope to see all the women of Temple at our upcoming events!

Wendy Brumberg and Sheila London
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



SHANA TOVA!

Temple Avodah *Templegrams*



SHANA TOVA!

Templegrams are a fun, casual and colorful way to wish your Temple Avodah friends a Happy New Year.

Based on your selection, your fellow congregants will receive a personalized greeting.

Send your greeting to the entire congregation for \$198 (save over \$100)

OR

Select specific members to receive your greeting for \$1 each (max \$198)

Orders due by September 1st.



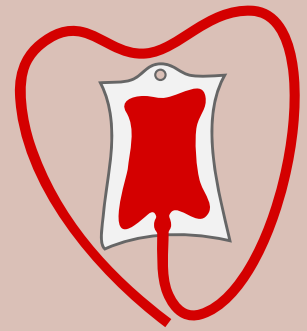
[Click here to order your Templegrams!](#)

Rabbi Shai's First Shabbat Service July 7, 2023



Oceanside Community Blood Drive

July 11, 2023



Havdallah
July 15, 2023





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Pizza on the Beach

July 17, 2023



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TEMPLE AVODAH *Sisterhood*



Sisterhood Cookie Social



***At the service on June 30th, Rabbi Goren had the honor and privilege of sharing in the decision of our member Gennady Civil to receive a Hebrew name. Below are Gennady's remarks spoken at the service explaining why he did not have the opportunity to do this sooner in life. We at Temple Avodah are so glad we provided the mechanism for him to obtain this dream he had for so long. If anyone has a similar desire, or to pursue an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, contact Rabbi Shai.
An adult Bnai Mitzvah class will begin in the fall.***

WHY NAMING NOW?

So, Rabbi Goren recently asked me: "Why are you choosing to embrace your Hebrew name now? It's a good question - After all, it has been quite a few days since I was 8 days old.

I grew up in the Soviet Union. There was this infamous line on our USSR passports: Line 5 – the "Nationality" line. This wasn't about citizenship, which was Soviet for everyone. No, this was about ethnicity, about identity. And for people like me, it said "Jew" or "Hebrew". It was a label that singled us out and made us “the other”. It brought awareness of our Jewish identity, coupled with anxiety and limitations.

Here I am now, all grown up, no longer in the old country, but in beautiful Oceanside, New York, United States - after all these years, finally in a position to take a small step to reconnect with my Jewish roots. Every bit of our tradition and history that I've learned has drawn me closer to my heritage. So, embracing a Hebrew name isn't just about adopting a new label, it's about reclaiming a part of my identity.

The Third Lubavicher Rebbe told a story about a Hasidic businessman living in Tsarist Russia. He would wear his traditional garb at home but adopt business attire for his trips. I believe that he wasn't abandoning his heritage but was adapting to survive without losing his faith. This mirrors the question many of us face: “Which one is the REAL you?” - the traditional one or the one in the modern garments?

That questioning, that deep desire to know - that's sort of what I've been doing my whole life. I am just becoming older and wiser and realizing this now.

I don't have to hide my Jewish identity anymore. We left that behind and I am eternally grateful for the United States. “God Bless America” are not just words in my family.

So, why now? Simply because I am ready. Throughout my life, there's always been this quiet yearning within me, a longing to connect more profoundly with my Jewish roots. I am Jewish. I am proud of my heritage. And I realized that it's time for me to take this small step to claim it.

When you get to choose your Hebrew name as an adult, it offers a unique opportunity. You're not just given a name, but you get to choose one that resonates with you, one that carries the weight of meaning, of personal significance. I chose the name "Gershon." It's a name that holds two-fold significance for me. Phonetically, it's very close to my (maternal) grandfather's name and a tribute to him. There's another layer to it. The name "Gershon" translates to "a stranger there" - an immigrant if you will. It speaks to the experience I had for much of my life. It's a nod to my journey, to the challenges I faced, and the strength I found within myself to overcome them.

Today, as I embrace my new name, Gershon, I feel a stronger connection to my Jewish identity, my heritage, and my past. I'm reclaiming a part of me that I couldn't fully express all those years ago. I want to show to my kids in particular that this part, your Jewish soul - is important.

Throughout history, we Jews have been strangers in many lands. We've faced powerful empires like the Assyrians, Babylonians, the list goes on and on. Guess what, - The Assyrian Empire, the Babylonian Empire, the Third Reich, even the Soviet Union itself, they've all crumbled, but we're still here. We've weathered adversities and stood resilient through millennia, and we continue to stand tall today.

As I take my Hebrew name, I feel a deep sense of pride in being part of this enduring lineage. It reminds me that we're not just the sum of our past, but also the architects of our future.

Thank you for being a part of my journey.

Gennady Civil

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 Shai 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 ONE OF OUR GREATEST SUPREME COURT JUSTICES NEVER HAD A LAW DEGREE. AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, **BENJAMIN CARDOZO**, AFTER ONLY 2 YEARS OF LAW SCHOOL, TOOK AND PASSED THE BAR EXAM. PRACTICING FOR 22 YEARS, HE BECAME KNOWN AS A "LAWYER'S LAWYER" AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE N.Y. SUPREME COURT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE MOVED UP TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, WHERE HE SERVED AS CHIEF JUSTICE FROM 1921-1932 AND GAINED FAME FOR HIS MANY LANDMARK DECISIONS.



DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS A STAINCH SUPPORTER OF HIS OPPONENT, PRES. HERBERT HOOVER APPOINTED CARDOZO TO THE SUPREME COURT REPLACING THE RETIRING OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. IT WAS HE, ALONG WITH JUSTICES STONE AND BRANDEIS WHO WERE THE "BULWARKS IN DEFENSE" OF MANY OF FDR'S NEW DEAL POLICIES, THAT WERE OPEN TO CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES.

CARDOZO CLAIMED NOT TO BE RELIGIOUS, AND SELDOM ATTENDED SYNAGOGUE AFTER HIS BAR-MITZVAH, BUT NEVERTHELESS:

1. HE WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF SHERITH ISRAEL.
2. NEVER ALLOWED PORK PRODUCTS OR SHELL FISH IN HIS HOME,
3. REFUSED TO JOIN THE "POLITELY ANTI-SEMITIC" CENTURY CLUB OR UNION LEAGUE, OPTING FOR THE JUDEAN CLUB.
4. HAD STRONG ZIONIST FEELINGS.
5. SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.
6. OFTEN STATED HOW PROUD HE WAS OF HIS JEWISH HERITAGE, AND HIS SEPHARDIC ANCESTORS WHO FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

CARDOZO DIED IN 1938 AND WAS BURIED IN BETH OLAM CEMETERY, BROOKLYN... NOT FAR FROM THE GRAVE OF HIS FAMOUS ANCESTOR - THE POET, EMMA LAZARUS.

**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.**

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



Week of August 4

Adrienne Joan Belanoff
Robert Brasco
Betty Cohen
Jesse David Elias
Ethel Goldstein
Gabe Goodwin
Rose Grossman
Morris Haar
Sylvia Levis
Michael Lipman
Perla Navarro
Benjamin Newman
Nathan Nicholson
Harold Rosenberg
Matthew Jonathan Stoff
Susan Yager

Week of August 11

Arnold Campus
Esther Cohen
Sol Franklin
Arlene Gersten
Honey Goldman
Molly Gross
Sidney Hirsch
Ida Jaffe
Julius Kale
Janet Kreisner
Max Levine
Janet Kreisner Lovins
Bertram Perlman
Ronald Posner
Roslyn Rauch
Larry Reiser
Michaela Schaeffer
Doris Shapiro
Rita Tannen
Sylvia Zeveloff

Week of August 18

Dorothy Altman
Seth Aronin
Miriam Benjamin
Arlene Brown
Muriel Cohen
Robert Edell
Randi Susan Friedman
Sarah Friedman
Richard Gold
Eli Goldberg
Roz Goldberg
Gary C. Goldman
Louis Goldman
Phyllis Gozinsky
Nita Henick
Herb Keilson
Joseph Klein
Bernhard H. Klepper
Aaron Lazebnick
Winnie London
Marjorie Margolin
Bernard Miller
Murray Oresky
Rose Perlmutter
Marvin Joseph Pinsky
Samuel Rice
Sam Seplowitz
Barbara Shelzi
Gloria Sherman
Phyllis Tobin
Sarah Tucker
Corey Isaac Vogel

Week of August 25

Peter Brumberg
Frances Ebert
Spencer Eisenberg
Mildred Gluck
Rose Katz
Rose Knable
Merton Lieberman
Mona Paul
Mannie Posner
Jonathan Sheiman
Herbert M. Sollinger
Bertha Sternlicht
Barbara Weiner
Brian Weiss

Happy Birthday to Our August Birthdays!

Stephen Golos 8/1	Flavio Colella 8/9	Brooke Cohen 8/15	Richard Ginsburg 8/24
Candice Laboska 8/1	Bonni Smulison 8/9	Amy Schiller 8/15	Michael Becker 8/24
Annie Kombert 8/1	Arielle Panzarino 8/9	Ariane Quintero 8/16	Abraham Geltman 8/24
Shari Miller 8/2	Sara Drew 8/10	Alyssa Dube 8/16	Phyllis Shulman 8/25
Stephanie Lehman 8/3	Richard Eisenberg 8/10	Wendy Brumberg 8/18	Peggy Chinsky 8/25
Ruby Shaberman 8/3	Martin Smulison 8/12	Scott Goldsmith 8/18	Paul Oresky 8/25
Robert Christie 8/3	Estela Quintero 8/12	Marilyn Frischling 8/18	Nancy Liebov 8/25
Mason Battino 8/4	Samantha Dorfler 8/13	Keith Grabisch 8/18	Ronald Berkenblit 8/26
Koby Asaraf 8/4	Holly Ackerman 8/13	Julia Sollinger 8/18	Philip Lepper 8/26
Kai Asaraf 8/4	Danielle Davoli 8/13	Benjamin Roth 8/18	Laurence Cohen 8/26
Sabrina Cohen 8/5	Carter Laboska 8/13	Jacob Daboosh 8/19	Elaine Yager 8/26
Matthew Hoine 8/6	Lindsay Harwood 8/14	Mark Sebesta 8/19	Debra Sacco 8/26
Suzanna Shayer 8/7	Bradley Perry 8/14	Hunter Lipsky 8/19	Patricia Gottesman 8/28
Michael Weiss 8/7	Alison Abbey 8/14	Jason Geffner 8/20	Herbert Pitkowsky 8/28
Yann Toledano 8/8	Suzanne Smithline 8/15	Sander Lehrer 8/21	Shawn Bernabeu 8/29
Jonathan Levine 8/8	Shelley Sosnoff 8/15	Michele Ventura 8/21	Rebecca Benjamin 8/30
Alexis Margolin 8/8	Peppy Goren 8/15	Lauren Levine 8/23	Jessie Banilower 8/30
	Joshua Benjamin 8/15	James Drew 8/23	Amy Margolis 8/31
		Summer Gubenko 8/24	

Mazal Tov To Our August Wedding Anniversaries!

Aline & Jeffrey Chesner 8/1	Amanda & Alex Lazerson 8/9	Renee & Gerald Kaufman 8/15
Raquel & Brett Bodner 8/2	Ellyn & Ira Katz 8/10	Alissa Abramova
Marian & Robert Keilson 8/3	Ellen & Robert Schwartz 8/10	& Artem Gershkovich 8/15
Irina & Igor Abramov 8/3	Rebecca & Steve Benjamin 8/11	Edward & Sue Carver 8/16
Michelle & Michael Lippi 8/5	Vanessa & Neiv Daboosh 8/11	Joyce & Corey Aronin 8/17
Melanie & Saul Wiener 8/5	Sharon & William Nicholson 8/11	Ilene & Peter Sobel 8/17
Lenore Greenberg	Shelly & Gilbert Balanoff 8/13	Paula & Laurence Spector 8/17
& Roberta Treacy 8/6	Nancy Pratt & Norman Finfer 8/13	Cynthia & Jeffrey Elias 8/21
Laurie & Eric Klein 8/6	Hal Weiner & Karen Beja 8/14	Jessica & Brett Gubenko 8/21
Susan & Edward Sollinger 8/8	Veronica & Barry Chernoff 8/14	Jessica & Jonathan Levine 8/21
Ann & Elliot Taub 8/8	Jacqueline & Robert Steig 8/14	Harry & Lori Fisher-Cohen 8/26
Betsy & Jay Weinman 8/8	Jessica & Michael Krasnovsky 8/14	Karen & Ira Dauber 8/27
Barbara & Thomas Wieder 8/8		Irene & Philip Weis 8/27
		Janet & Steven Elin 8/30

**Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat
on Friday, August 18th at 7:00pm !**

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



Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Peppy Goren on the birth of their granddaughter Goldie Goren, and congratulations to the proud parents, Avi and Naomi Goren!



Mazel Tov to Rachel Dube and the 2027/2028 Icon Lacrosse team on winning the championship in the LaxBlast Metropolitan Tournament held in Farmingdale, NY on Sunday July 9, 2023. Overall they went 10-4 this season over the course of 4 tournaments, with Rachel playing goalie.

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- 8/4 Caryle Katz in observance of the Yahrzeit of her beloved father
Pinchas ben Yaakov, Benjamin Newman
- 8/11 Lenore Greenberg & Roberta Treacey in honor of their 37th
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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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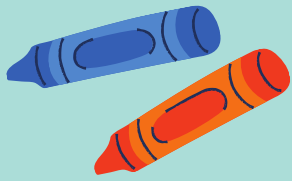
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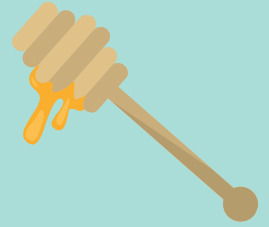
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It is Jewish tradition to visit loved ones' graves during the Hebrew month of Elul just prior to the onset of the High Holidays, on the day before Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur.

Visiting the graves of loved ones prior to the High Holidays helps connect us to the holidays' themes of renewal, repentance, reflection, and growth through memories of our loved ones. Visiting these graves can add poignancy and perspective to the High Holidays.

Rabbi Shai would like to honor this tradition by accompanying you to visit with your loved ones. Please call the office to schedule a date with Rabbi Shai.

516.766.6809



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Selichot Program 5784

September 9, 2023 at 6PM

Sefer HaZichronot- The Book of Memory

All attendees should bring an object that represents or connects to their sense of Jewish identity to use for the education program.

A light dairy dinner will be served.

Please bring a dairy side dish or dessert.

RSVP by 9/5 to ellyn143@aol.com or 516-536-5056

Please indicate the dish you are bringing.

6:00PM- Dinner

6:30PM- Havdalah

6:45PM-7:45PM- Education Program

7:45PM-8:30PM- Selichot Service



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It is a wonderful way to honor someone special in your life.

[Click here to sponsor an Oneg](#)



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Bnai Mitzvah Program For Adults

Rabbi Shai is offering a program that will culminate in your becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Contents will include:

Who we are

Who I am

Family history

Children in the Holocaust in the chain of generations

Torah study

Grandparents' home sources

Prayer Hebrew



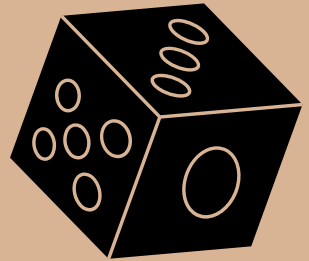
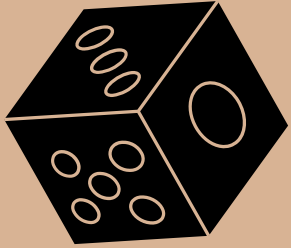
First Class Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:30PM

Full schedule to be set by class members

Sign up by emailing office@avodah.org.

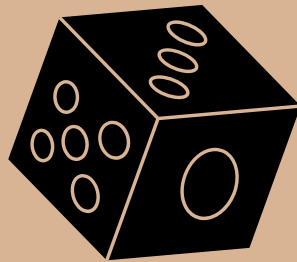
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Thursday, August 3, 2023
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Wednesday, August 30th at 7PM-9PM



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Bring a snack or dessert.*

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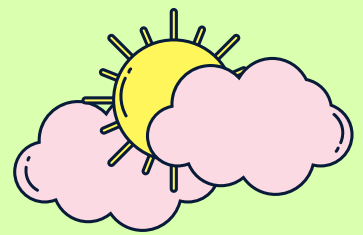
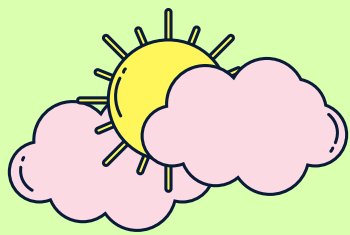
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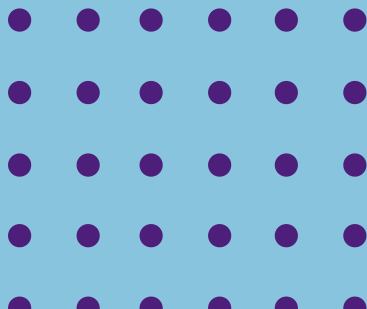
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We welcome Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to contact us if you want to share your Mitzvah projects. Please supply us with a flyer detailing your project.

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.



Rachel Dube's Mitzvah Project

Helping a fellow Sailor in need



Ava Salonia

Up until last year, my friend Ava Salonia was an ordinary high school student at Oceanside High School. Then she was diagnosed with Myelogenous Leukemia, which is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Since then, she has been in and out of the hospital. This has placed a huge financial burden on the family.

How to help:

- On Sunday, August 27th, we will be in the Temple parking lot from 10 AM to 12 noon, collecting used or new modern sports equipment (3 - 5 years old). Play it Again Sports will purchase this equipment from us for resale. All money earned will go directly to the Salonia family.
- We are also gratefully accepting any monetary donations you care to make. Contact Alyssa Dube at (718) 490-6834 to arrange this.
- Another way to help is to join the Salonia Family Meal Train. Ava's parents spend countless hours in the hospital, so making meals is difficult. Please consider donating a gift card for dinner. Below is the link.

[Donate a Dinner](#)



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