

Temple Topics



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FIRST FRIDAY
Family Shabbat

**NEW FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
STARTING IN JANUARY!
SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!**

**SOCIAL ACTION HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE
GOING ON UNTIL DECEMBER 3RD**





Service Schedule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

6:00PM CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE WITH
DINNER & CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES - IN THE GARDEN ROOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES - BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES VIA ZOOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES VIA ZOOM

REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, WHEN JOINING US IN
PERSON FOR SERVICES, PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR A MASK.

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

In My Opinion



A Year Ago

A year ago, we could only dream of being where we are today. A year ago, we were afraid of being with other people. A year ago, we could only dream of a vaccine that would help us be on our way back to a life of physical closeness to those we love. Still a year later there are people who stop us from being together. The people who refuse to do what needs to be done for all of us to be safe forget how the world was a year ago. I just cannot understand the people who are blind to our responsibility to make our world and our lives safer and, therefore, better.

However, it is not only getting vaccinated against COVID that will make this world better. We need to create a vaccine against anger and lack of kindness. We can all become happier and more compassionate human beings. We, as Jews, and certainly as Reform Jews, value our actions more than our intentions. Our actions need to show the absolute best in us. The vaccine that will help us be better people does not come as a shot in the arm. It is the awaking of our existence that will be the vaccine, the antidote to anger. Our actions should reflect happiness and kindness, but do they? If they don't, take a moment to see and feel the beauty and the good around you. Let that feeling of happiness and gratefulness be the shot that will make us alive and feel exactly what we wanted to feel a year ago, happy!

We face the challenge of "being happy" every day. There should be no disagreement about vaccination against unhappiness. The only thing we need to do is to open our eyes and see the world around us. We fight unhappiness by always having a sense of wonder about life. Our antibodies for unhappiness are the many smiles we could experience every day. We must find ways to bring back hope, purpose, and gratitude to our lives. Our society feels as if it has no room for happiness. We all know that our lives would be so much better if we changed our attitudes from bitter to kind and easy going. It is time, let us open our minds to the promise of a happy vaccine. This vaccine requires no visit to a medical facility. We just need to live life and embrace the feeling that makes us happy.

Just like for the Covid vaccine, we need to roll up our sleeves. Let the happy vaccine open our eyes to see the beauty around us and allow our souls, hearts, and minds to cure the anger and unkindness around us. I hope we all agree to become sweeter, nicer, good human beings, for only then we can call ourselves Jews. Let's strive to make our world a peaceful place full of love.

With all my happiness,

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 us at office@avodah.org or leaving a message at 516.766.6809.

Cantor's Notes



What's Jewish About Coffee?

Starting in December, I am excited to invite you to join me on Mondays, between 1:00-3:00 for “Coffee with the Cantor,” during my weekly office hours. You can drop by my office or make an appointment in advance, and I will provide the coffee. Whether you want to discuss deep Jewish questions, ideas for Temple Avodah, or just hang out and get to know each other, you are welcome! Please look out for more details on how to sign up online if you would like to schedule a slot in advance.

I want to emphasize that you are by no means obligated to drink coffee in order to join me for “Coffee with the Cantor”! But I will almost definitely be nursing a cup. I love coffee, and consider it an essential part of my Jewish life. I credit coffee for getting me through cantorial school in one piece, as well as keeping me alert for many mind-blowing leil tikun Shavuot study sessions and epic Passover seders. But coffee is not only key to my after hours Jewish adventures--it is historically intertwined with the development of Jewish ritual and culture.

Coffee became popular throughout the Arab world, home to the oldest Jewish communities, during the Middle Ages. Sufi mystics found it handy for looking alive during their all-night devotional marathons, and coffee houses began sprouting up in cities across the Middle East. At the same time, the kabbalistic rituals prescribed by Rabbi Isaac Luria and his community in Safed, Palestine, gained increasing popularity. These included a practice known as Tikun Chatsot -- a midnight recitation of liturgy mourning for the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, among other late night activities.

Soon after, coffee made its way to Europe. A Jew opened the first European coffee house in 1645 in Venice, also home to an established Jewish community. Coffee was also brought from the continent to the British Isles by a Jew. “Jacob the Jew” famously founded the first coffee house in England in Oxford in 1650. Halachic debate accompanied the increasing availability of the beverage--could coffee be prepared by a non-Jew? Should coffee be considered food or medicine? Were coffee houses an okay place for a pious Jew to hang out?

In the 19th century, as the Enlightenment swept through Europe, many Jews were more able to integrate with cosmopolitan European society. The Jewish intelligentsia frequented coffee houses where artists, intellectuals and revolutionaries met and exchanged ideas. Jewish movements, like Bundism and Zionism, were born out of this coffee house culture. Jews also played a central role in importing, roasting and distributing coffee in America, where it had become popular after the Boston Tea Party in a national effort to annoy the British. Famously, a debate over whether coffee beans were kosher for Passover led to the distribution of the Maxwell House Haggadah, which graced my family's Passover seders for most of my childhood.

What I mean by all this is that coffee, whether accompanying prayer, conversation or debate, is a time-honored and thoroughly Jewish tradition, appropriate to any and all synagogue activities, from the oneg to the one-on-one. I am looking forward to getting to know you, so don't worry if you don't have a specific topic in mind. Whether you are a devotee of the bean or not, I hope you will come by!

**DON'T MISS ROCK SHABBAT, JANUARY 14TH FEATURING THE
TEMPLE AVODAH CHOIR, SCHLEPPENWOLF
AND OTHER POPULAR MUSIC BY JEWISH COMPOSERS!**

From The Desk of The President

In case you did not know, Temple has many funds to which donations can be made. They are traditionally made when there is a simcha or a death. The funds have various purposes and serve different aspects of Temple. For instance, we have a music fund which is generally used by the Choir or Cantor for making purchases for items needed by the Choir. Two of our very generous members, Arlene and Rick Fromewick, established the Education Fund which has been used to take the Keshar Kef students to a Broadway show and lunch.

The Amanda Rose Kanowitz Children's Library fund was established by our very generous congregants, Bonnie and Steve Kanowitz, in memory of their young granddaughter. This fund is used to bring entertainment and learning to our youngest children and PJ Library families. Generally, it funds the entertainment at many of our dinners such as the recent Chanukah dinner, December 3rd, which included a magician.

The Capital Campaign Fund covers our buildings and grounds. There are various other funds that accept donations as well. You can always ask our office staff and they will either guide you to an appropriate fund or provide more information on any particular fund.

I'll bet many of you do not know that we also have a very unique fund called the Heettner Fund. This fund was established when I was in college by an uncle of two of our members, Natalie and Merv Lewis (of blessed memory).

Raymond Heettner never had children, but he was always donating to Temple. In fact, I have learned from a niece of his, that he used to give all his nieces and nephews money for birthdays and holidays. He stipulated that they had to take a portion of the gift and donate to Temple Avodah.

Temple Avodah back in the '70's had established a trip to Israel Fund whereby congregants would set aside money each month in a special account to save for a trip to Israel. This Temple trip turned into two trips, one in the summer, mostly made up of teachers and one in the fall for those who were more flexible on timing. My parents were on the summer trip with "Uncle Ray," who told them that someday their grandchildren would have the ability to go to Israel with help from Temple for a significant portion of the trip. How would this be possible: by establishing a fund to give back to Temple Avodah through our youth for all the love Uncle Ray received from our congregation.

He wanted the trip to be a significant one, not like Birthright, which is generally ten days and for college age students. The Heettner Fund set up certain parameters that need to be met to actually have the ability to obtain funds to be used for the trip. What is the main parameter you might ask? It is simple! Your child will need to remain in our Religious School past Bar/Bat Mitzvah through graduation. It's even more enticing now that our religious school has replaced Hebrew High School with another program, Keshar Kef, which is more of a social gathering of our teens post Bar/Bat Mitzvah age while still learning without extra pressure.

My two children went on the NFTY summer program trip to Israel. The trip started out in Prague for a few days of touring. One son then went on to Cypress and boarded a boat, not a cruise ship, that was a re-enactment of the Exodus ship in 1948. The boat docked in Haifa and then the kids spent about five weeks touring Israel in depth. My younger son went from Prague to Poland and visited Auschwitz and the Warsaw Ghetto among other places in Poland. They then boarded a plane for Tel Aviv and also spent about five weeks in an immersing Israel tour.

Each of my children had unique experiences on this trip, which was heavily funded by "Uncle Ray." We were able to find some additional scholarship money to add to the funding. About ten or so years ago, between five and ten students went on the NFTY trips to Israel. Some were on buses with friends from the URJ sleepaway camps, while others were just with kids from around the country. This past summer, Jason Guttman traveled to Israel. It was a year later than he expected because of Covid, but I am sure his experience is one he will be talking about for many years to come. To me this is an easy decision: your children stay in our programs past Bar/Bat Mitzvah to then have the opportunity of a lifetime....to experience an organized trip to Israel during the summer, either between 10th & 11th grade or perhaps 11th & 12th. There are several organized trips during the summer. It doesn't have to be NFTY, but it does have to be approved by Rabbi. Think about all the benefits and, as MasterCard reminds us, "membership has its privileges."

Wishing you and your family a Happy Secular New Year,
Marian Keilson
President

Sisterhood



BRRRR...

Were those snowflakes?

Our cooking demo with Chef Mark (and Judy) Altman was a hit!! The Savory Spinach & Feta Cheese Kugel and Apple-Pear Sauce he prepared looked delicious, easy to do and perfect for holiday enjoyment!! It was fun to follow him along in his expert demonstration and, if any good has come out of the past year it's that we know we can connect with members who aren't local!! So nice to share with our out-of-town congregants.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time and saleable clothing, linens, shoes, handbags etc. that helped make our Fall Thrift Sale a success! Our Schmatte Queen, Joyce Savoy, and her team once again made magic happen by turning others' discards into much needed money for Temple!! Thank you to everyone who joined us for set up and on the day of the sale!! Even with the diminished number of volunteers we had monumental results!! Think of Sisterhood when you're cleaning out your drawers and closets, we are already planning our Spring Sale!

Don't forget—order your Mah Jongg cards from Sisterhood!! Standard cards are still \$9 and large print \$10 (no additional cost to you). Please make your checks payable to TA Sisterhood and send them with your name, mailing address and phone number to Barbara Stern at 421 Marion Street, Oceanside. The Mah Jongg League will send the card to you directly in early April!

Our Non-Fashion Show committee is busily planning for the return of our most popular evening. This year our gala will be in the spring right after Passover on Tuesday, April 26th. Our committee is working with the data they collected from the survey to determine how we will proceed with our plans.

REMINDER! Sisterhood really needs your support in the form of membership. All Temple Avodah women are encouraged to join. Your \$36 dues go a long way in helping us plan programs for all to enjoy. Please send your check payable to Temple Avodah Sisterhood to the Temple Office at 3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, NY attn: Sisterhood.

We are still planning a second round of Virtual Bingo—we all agreed it was a lot of fun and are looking forward to playing again. Watch for the dates and details. If you have any ideas for other events you'd like to see from Sisterhood, please let us know!

The Book Club is open to Sisterhood members (only). At our next meeting, on December 8th, we will be discussing The Book of V by Anna Solomon. Contact Connie Axelson at Kenaxe@optonline.net if you need help getting a copy.

Our college students loved the packages they received from Sisterhood for Chanukah! Our next College Package will be going out before Passover. This program is free for the children of Sisterhood members, and \$36 for non-Sisterhood Temple members. We also offer this to grandparents—for \$18 you can add your grandchild to our recipient list! If you haven't already, please send you son/daughter's school address to Marla Gross at prosidy144@optonline.net to be included.

Also ongoing, our participation in the We Care Blanket Project! Knit or crochet a baby blanket (any pattern or color in acrylic (washable) 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 you own home or gift giving, we can also order Kippot for your simchas-contact Lisa Goldberg at Lisacarolgold@gmail.com or Robyn Drangel@hotmail.com.

Stay warm, stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

Wendy Brumberg & Sheila London
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Social Action In Action

The Social Action Committee has been busy this fall engaging in our mission of *Tikkum Olam*.

Our annual Coat Drive for the Martin Luther King Center in Long Beach took place despite a predicted tropical storm - Temple Avodah members stepped up despite the weather, donating over 80 coats that were immediately delivered to local families.

Our Food Collection program has ramped up with our congregation's return to Temple: we collected many bags of groceries, cleaning supplies and snacks. It is easy to join the Food of the Month Club - just drop off your contribution in the shopping cart in the Temple vestibule and we will get it into our local food pantries. Canned goods are always appreciated!

Up next we are excited to partner with Gammy's Pantry at the Five Towns Community Center in Lawrence to collect and donate holiday gifts and gift cards for local teens and seniors - collection dates to be announced.

No need to travel to Glasgow! Our planning for a Climate Change Summit of our own here at Temple is underway. If you have an idea or want to participate, let us know!

And finally, we are planning activities for Mitzvah Day, a longstanding Temple Avodah tradition taking place in the spring. If you have a great idea for how we can work together to repair our corner of this world, we want to make it happen, so let us know.

The Social Action Committee continues to meet via Zoom at 10:30 am on the first Saturday of every month after Torah Study. You can email paulmengel@hotmail.com or lisacarolgold@hotmail.com for the link or for more information.

All are welcome, so join us!

Lisa Goldberg, Betsy Meyerson and Paul Engel



**Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.**

We read in the news that refugees have become pawns in political national machinations. When the history is written of these times, the plight of refugees will be an important chapter.

If you wish to know what the Jewish organization that deals with refugees does visit: hias.org.

HIAS works around the world to protect refugees who have been forced to flee their homelands because of who they are, including ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities. For more than 130 years, HIAS has been helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.



**HOLIDAY GIFT
DRIVE**
11.29 - 12.3

To Benefit The 5 Towns
Community Center

Drop your
donations off in
the box in the
lobby

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Hats, Gloves & Scarves for Seniors
McDonalds Gift Cards, Make Up Kits,
and Craft Kits for Teenagers



HELP SHARE THE LIGHT & WARMTH

Parent Teacher Organization



Religious School

If it's true that "for everything there is a season," then bring on the winter, because PTO is ready! We are excited that our religious school is up and running and the kids' choirs are once again singing! We're thrilled to see our children singing and laughing and eating pizza together after a long hiatus. The noise in the temple on Monday and Tuesday nights is simply the best music to our ears!

We are eagerly preparing for Chanukah! The kids' gelt and dreidel gift bags have been assembled, thanks to School Director Phyllis, our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Ellen, and the PTO volunteers. The Annual Chanukah Dinner, with entertainment for the kids, is happening again and PTO is lending a hand to get it off the ground! Thank you to the Temple Avodah leadership, especially the Religious Services Committee, for helping us make it happen. This is a big event for our families and we are so happy to be able to enjoy it again.

If you are the parent of a religious school student, please support our Teacher Appreciation Fund drive so that we can give our hard-working school staff nice gifts for Chanukah. And bring your child to choir! The children who participate in choir and come to Shabbat services, often refer to Temple Avodah as their home away from home! It's a great way to learn the prayers, socialize, sing fun songs, and to feel a special connection to our temple.

Now, more than ever, we need you to join PTO! For only \$20 per year, you can support our efforts to enhance our children's Jewish education by providing them with the fun activities and events that make our school so popular! Thank you to those who have already paid their dues. We truly appreciate your contributions!

PTO is also happy to announce that we have two new members on our Board! We welcome Lori Izmirly, our new Co-Treasurer and Sabrina Cohen, our new Secretary. With new members on our leadership team, and a positive outlook, we look forward to creating many more fun memories in the coming seasons!

Our Religious School is in full joyful Chanukah mode. We are singing holiday songs with Cantor Amelia, reviewing candle lighting blessings and learning about the history, miracles and customs of the holiday. In keeping with the value of *hiddur mitzvah* (beautifying the mitzvah), our students have been busy creating Chanukah ritual objects, including *hanukiyot*, laminated drip mats for family *hanukiyot* and candle boxes. Our children took great pride in their creations - some taking them home before the glue even dried.

Our 6th and 7th graders had the opportunity to participate in 'Torah Godly Play,' a unique educational modality that utilizes storytelling and simple props to not only tell Torah stories but invites participants to insert themselves into the narrative through guided questions and discussion, led by a trained facilitator. For our older students, we took a deeper dive into identity, choices and courage. We are happy celebrate Chanukkah together and on Monday, 11/29, and Tuesday, 11/30, we will be enjoying latkes, jelly donuts and edible dreidels that the students will put together.

We will display the *hanukiyot* made by our students and their families in our 3rd annual DIY Hanukkah Project at our communal candle lighting with Rabbi Goren, Cantor Amelia, our school and parents.

In the midst of our festivities, we remember those whose circumstances may limit their celebration. *Tzedekah* is an integral value in our tradition and we encourage our student's weekly participation in this mitzvah. Our school will be donating to the Ohel Children's Home and Family Services to provide holiday gifts to their clients.

Happy Chanukah,
Phyllis Pellman
Educational Director



FIRST FRIDAY **Family Shabbat**

Celebrate Shabbat with Your Family
at Temple Avodah!

Join us for a family friendly, interactive, Shabbat experience on the
first Friday of every month at 6:00pm.



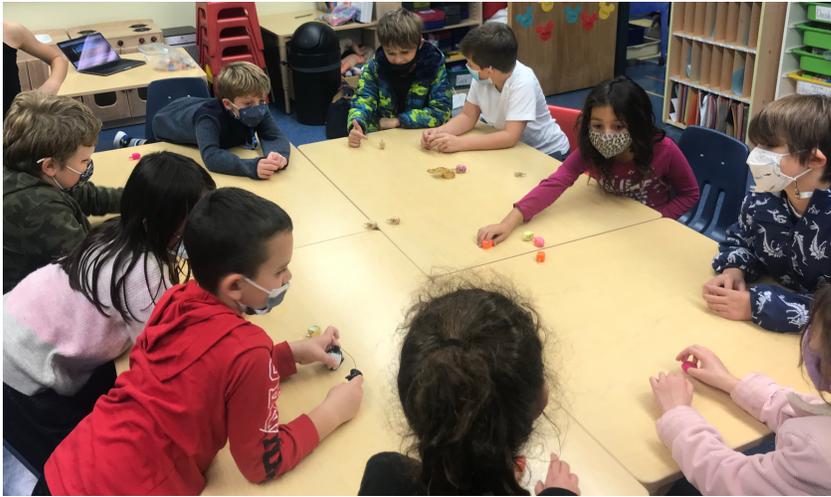
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We Are Looking Forward To
Seeing You On
Friday, January 7th at 6:00pm!

SCENES AROUND THE BUILDING

Religious School Students Celebrating Chanukah



Did You Know... THAT **LUCIUS N. LITTAUER**, "THE GLOVE KING", WAS BORN ON JAN. 20, 1858, IN GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. WHILE STILL A CHILD HIS FAMILY MOVED TO N.Y.C. WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS PRIMARY EDUCATION.

WHILE IN HARVARD UNIVERSITY HE BECAME A "FAST FRIEND" OF **TEDDY ROOSEVELT** ... AND LATER WAS TO BECOME ONE OF HIS ADVISORS DURING HIS GOVERNMENTSHIP OF NEW YORK AND PRESIDENCY.

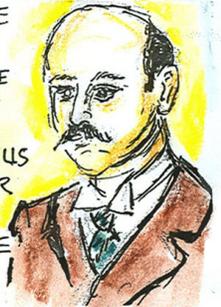
AFTER GRADUATION IN 1878, LUCIUS RETURNED TO GLOVERSVILLE, AND UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE FAMILY GLOVE FACTORY BECAME THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

LITTAUER, LATER, WENT BACK TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE HE SERVED AS A CONGRESSMAN FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE TERMS (1897-1907).

IN 1925, HE ESTABLISHED THE FIRST PROFESSORSHIP OF **JEWISH LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY** AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. HE WENT ON TO FUND SEATS OF JEWISH EDUCATION, JEWISH LIBRARIES AND JEWISH LEARNING IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

IN 1938 HE PROVIDED THE FUNDS FOR THE **INSTITUTE OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL STUDIES** AT THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO HELP IMPROVE RACE AND RELIGION RELATIONS.

ALTHOUGH HE DIED ON MAR. 2, 1944 HIS PHILANTHROPY CONTINUES THROUGH THE **LUCIUS NATHAN LITTAUER FOUNDATION**.



AS AN UNDERGRADUATE LITTAUER PLAYED FOOTBALL FOR HARVARD... THEN IN 1881 AT HARVARD'S REQUEST LUCIUS CAME BACK TO COACH THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM ... BECOMING THE **FIRST COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH** IN THE COUNTRY. (PRIOR TO THIS TEAMS WERE SELF-MANAGED)

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.

Mazal Tov To Barry Howard On Becoming A Bar Mitzvah For The Second Time On Friday, November 19th



Notes From The Librarian

Featured Books: *Jewish Living A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice* by Mark Washofsky. A common myth that Reform Jews can do whatever they wish with regard to observance is discussed in this book. Find out what is and isn't okay and the thinking behind it.

Third Daughter by Talia Carner, a current novel that deals with the sex slavery of Jewish women in Argentina.

The Gates of November by Chaim Potok. The father is a high-ranking Communist officer, a Jew who survived Stalin's purges. The son is a "refusenik," who risked his life and happiness to protest everything his father held dear. Now, Chaim Potok, beloved author of the award-winning novels *The Chosen* and *My Name is Asher Lev*, unfolds the gripping true story of a father, a son, and a conflict that spans Soviet history.

Study: The Weekly Zoom Shabbat Torah Study which meets at 8:45am on Saturdays is connecting the portion of the week to the Zohar, "the foundational work in the literature of mystical thought known as Kaballah."

Copies of the Tanakh are available for lending and we can give you an all English edition. The Five Books of Moses does not contain the saga of David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, Queen Esther. They are all in the Tanakh which we can lend you. There is no commentary.

Jewish Internet Resources: Some of our favorite Jewish Internet sites are: urj.org, myjewishlearning.org, Kveller.org, Yiddishbookcenter.org, [The Tablet.org](http://TheTablet.org).

Yiddish Culture Club If you wish to be on the mailing list of the Yiddish Culture Club, let us know. We gather relevant internet material and on occasion send them to our "membership." Most of it is about Yiddish, not in Yiddish. When it is in Yiddish, there are English captions.

Mitzvah Opportunity: The Book Fairies in Freeport NY will accept books for all ages that meet certain standards. They are located at 70 No. Main Street in Freeport. It is best to call them at 516.557.6648 first.

*Robert Epstein, (516.536-9111, epsrr@aol.com)
Volunteer Librarian in Exile*

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



Week of December 3rd

Nora Lynn Kelter 12/01, Nathan Smulison 12/01, Anne Stutzel 12/01, Stella Elias 12/02, Sol Grabia 12/02, Erwin Kombert 12/02, Dorrie Lachter 12/02, Martin Schwartz 12/02, Isidore Goldsmith 12/03, Abraham Goldstein 12/03 Max Nottes 12/03, Miriam Post 12/03, William Steinberg 12/03

Week of December 10th

Max Altman 12/04, Ruth Berger 12/06, Lawrence C. Gutman 12/06, Adele Horowitz 12/06, Edith Sobel 12/07, Ted H. Weiss 12/07, Philip Imberman 12/08, Chaim Wolf Ben Bezalel Meir 12/08, Julius Sosnoff 12/08, Fay Stempler 12/08, Herman Wolf Yager 12/08, Alexandra Kate Dimenstein 12/09, Louis B. Frischling 12/09, Simon Innerfield 12/09, Val Yaverbaum 12/09, Gisela Kempf 12/10, Henrietta Silver 12/10

Week of December 17th

Rubin "Poppy" Kaplan 12/11, Leon Sorocki 12/11, Marion Treacy 12/11, Ernest Solomon 12/12, Hilda Sulkes 12/12, Max Tobin 12/12, Irving Drangel 12/13, Murray Beberman 12/14, Tessie Brodsky 12/14, Heli Miller 12/14, Morris Rosen 12/14, Milton Goodman 12/15, Mary Reese 12/15, Floris Epstein Singer 12/15, Jacob Zeveloff 12/15 Gittel Braina Bas Tzvi Hersh 12/16, Adele Varney 12/16, Gussie Brenda Yager 12/16, Sadie Goldberg 12/17, Elayne Phillips 12/17

Week of December 24th

Marvin Feinberg 12/18, Arnold S. Innerfield 12/18, Simon Kaufman 12/18, William Levine 12/18, Dr. Leo H. Newman 12/18, Louis Rosengarten 12/18, Mimi Berkin 12/19, Eli Gordon 12/19, Morton Aaron Shapiro 12/20, Solomon Yeoman 12/20, Jerry Koss 12/21, J. Leon Kusher 12/21, Jacqueline Drangel 12/22, Martin Drangel 12/22, Adele Goldberg 12/22, Moe Greenberg 12/22 Abraham Harrison 12/22, Francis Horowitz 12/22, Arielle Pitkowsky 12/22, Belle Pitkowsky 12/22, David Sobel 12/22, Hannah Klessner 12/23, Joseph Miles 12/23, Esther Yomtov 12/23, Myron "Butch" Roth 12/24

Week of December 31st

Henrietta Gubenko 12/25, Rhoda Mevorah 12/25, Bernard Ross 12/25, Donald Schwartz 12/25, Franklin Berlin 12/26, Diana Post 12/26, Charlotte Sackler 12/26, Harold Carver 12/28, Irene Goldsmith 12/28, Jason Leif 12/28, Sidney Skolnick 12/28, Hortense Cohn 12/29, Ruth Posner 12/29, Faye Weiner 12/29, Rose Katz 12/30, Estelle Margett 12/31

Happy Birthday To Our December Birthdays!

Finley Hannam 12/02
Rachel Mackoff 12/02
Mirella Myron 12/02
Cameron Denman 12/03
Elliot Goldsmith 12/03
Jeff Grann 12/03
Austin Ortiz 12/03
Philip Perlmutter 12/03
Laurence Spector 12/03
Ellen Kelter 12/05
Gabriel Weiss 12/05
Nicholas Feinberg 12/06
Roberta Treacy 12/06
Brett Curtis 12/07
Lawrence Gottesman 12/07
Charlotte Cangiano 12/08
Charles Klein 12/08
Debbie Lebowitz 12/08
Amanda Margolis 12/09
Mark Goldsmith 12/10
Danielle McMurray 12/10
Denis Miller 12/10
Dylan Wigdor 12/11

Gail Alazraki 12/12
Lenard Brodsky 12/12
Noah Engel 12/13
Hannah Kaplan 12/13
Jack Bickman 12/14
Randi Ben-amou 12/15
Jessica Fedor 12/15
Sam Graff 12/16
Amy Jordan 12/16
Jenna Korman 12/17
Andrew Goldin 12/18
Sheila London 12/18
Kira Velella 12/19
Thomas Jacoby 12/21
Arnold Kirschner 12/21
Jonathan Paskoff 12/21
Chelsea Gilbert 12/22
Jessica Levine 12/22
Dylan Rappaport 12/22
Marilyn Cawal 12/23
Amy Abbey 12/24
Allison Dorfman 12/24

Rochelle Brodsky 12/25
Galia Myron 12/25
Lana Starkman 12/25
John DiStefano 12/26
Alexandra Miller 12/26
Jack Minzer 12/26
Gail Eisenberg 12/27
Bette Koller 12/28
Michele Pitkowsky 12/28
Liam Kaplan 12/29
Dennis Rosenberg 12/29
Emma Sollinger 12/29
Felicia Brodsky 12/30
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Mazal Tov To Our December Wedding Anniversaries!

Flavio & Andrea Colella 12/1
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Thomas & Carilyn Catania 12/16
Mark & Adrienne Rosman 12/18
Victor & Judith Horowitz 12/23
David & Barbara Kirsh 12/26
Eric & Michelle Rubin 12/27
Stewart & Anne Gubenko 12/29
Alan & Midge Gruber 12/30

***If your birthday or anniversary is during
the month of December and is not listed
here, please contact the Temple office
so we can update your record.***

Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat on Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm!

Mazal Tov to Mindy & Roy Kaufman on the birth of their granddaughter,

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Congratulations to the proud parents,

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Wednesday December 15th at 7:30 PM

Becoming American: Jewish Immigration in the early 20th century

This on line program explores the realities many immigrants faced upon arriving in the United States. It invites participants to piece together the life story of a young Jewish immigrant, Eva Baen. Through Eva's personal objects and primary source materials, they explore central themes of Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe, and experience how historians and museum staff interpret material culture and tell stories.

Wednesday January 19th at 7:30 PM

Join us for a virtual visit with Eva Baen. Eva will tell her life story and answer questions from you.

You will need links to participate in either of these programs so please register by **12/13/21** via email: **r.treacy@aol.com**

These programs are from the **National Museum of American Jewish History**, on Independence Mall in Philadelphia. The museum presents educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate the history of Jews in America. Both of these programs have been donor funded. If you want to express your appreciation of these programs, please consider making a donation to Temple's Lillian Klein Fund for Adult Education.

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