

Temple Topics

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Temple Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8AM - 4PM

Friday
8AM - 3PM

February Events

2/2
TAFI- D'Cocco's

2/7
Bunco 7:30pm

2/8
Men's Club Meeting
7:30pm

2/10
Super Bowl Dinner

2/20
President's Day

2/21
Sisterhood Board
Meeting 7:30pm

2/28
Temple Board Meeting
Zoom Only 7:45pm

Temple Avodah

Welcomes Rabbi Shai

July 1, 2023

It is with great pleasure that I wish to inform you that the congregation of Temple Avodah has approved Rabbi Jeshayahu "Shai" Beloosesky as our next Rabbi. This came after a search committee was formed. The congregation was invited to meet at parlor meetings that took place both in person and virtually. These meetings provided the committee with the important traits and characteristics that are needed for our future spiritual leader. Interviews took place with various candidates. Our search was extensive. The committee worked tirelessly on this process, and he and Rabbi Goren have already established a wonderful cooperative spirit as we enter this transition period. Rabbi Shai is a perfect fit to lead us into the future. Let's all welcome him as he will be joining us July 1, 2023 as only our 4th Rabbi.

Marian Keilson
President



Sincerest thank you to the board, search committee and entire congregation of Temple Avodah. I am honored to be your next Rabbi. Often during times of transition there can be feelings of chaos and uncertainty. In Genesis, G-d creates the world out of dark, chaotic nothingness and fills the entire universe with light. Just as darkness is temporary, so is any transition. I respect Rabbi Goren and all he has done for the Congregation. I am thankful for his friendship. He has left me with big shoes to fill.

I will be with all of you soon and I look forward to this new beginning. In Micah 6:8, it says, "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with G-d." Heneini! Here I am to walk in justice, in love, in inclusion and in kindness. When we listen to G-d we learn this is the meaning of living in G-d's image.

My door is always open and I look forward to meeting each of you. May G-d bless all of you.

Warm regards,

Shai Beloosesky
July 1/23



February Service Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

6:00PM BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT SERVICES,
WITH JUNIOR & TEEN CHOIRS & SUPER BOWL DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

7:00PM SHABBAT WITH ADULT CHOIR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

[Watch for notices for possible changes to services](#)

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

In My Opinion

Everyone Is a Judge



Of course, we all think we are right. We think we are right all the time. How do we even get to believe that? Our existence is based on how we see the world and others. In reality, we are constantly passing judgment. We judge our own actions, but we also judge what other people do, think or say. We determine a verdict, and because it is our personal opinion, we think it is correct. We judge and we decide.

But questions must be asked: How do we arrive at those judgements? What gives us the right to judge others? Of course, the answer is that our judgments are, for sure, based on our personal experiences. We don't judge based on our belief in God. Our moral code is originated by what we have experienced during our lives. Often enough we forget the truth: those experiences that created our perspective in life can be wrong, yet we use them to judge ourselves and others.

Even worse is the fact that we choose to forget the unpleasant situations we have experienced and we judge others, who are in similar situations, as if we ourselves had never been there. Let me explain: When we are critical of teenagers, have we forgotten how difficult it was to face the dilemmas and challenges of growing up? We judge how others act, forgetting that in a period of stress we once did the very same thing.

I know that it is impossible to be in "someone else's shoes" all the time. Still, if we decide to give our opinion, then it's time that we ONLY pass judgment on others after we truly understand what they are feeling, thinking, seeing and needing. The gateway to compassion is a passion for understanding. When we understand one another, then judgment is not necessary. Understanding is what we need to achieve in our lives, in our world. It is so easy to tell what's wrong with other people if we do not know who they are. We must try to understand their views and their feelings without judgment.

Certainly, there are limits to what one can understand. It is very difficult to understand people who embrace racism, discrimination, murder, lying and wars. However, in everyday life, we should all refrain from passing judgments, and put all our efforts into understanding one another. It is easy to do that if we open our minds and souls to the beauty that most people have inside. You will smile when you find it.

With understanding,

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

Composer Spotlight: Dan Nichols



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 contemporary American Jewish rocker Dan Nichols and his band E18teen. Melodies by Dan Nichols that we sing at Temple Avodah include:

[Hashkiveinu](https://open.spotify.com/track/7q7odUerVOMjmvq5AbfFv7?si=6fd34447c8dd4e78) [https://open.spotify.com/track/7q7odUerVOMjmvq5AbfFv7?si=6fd34447c8dd4e78]

[Mi Chamocha](https://open.spotify.com/track/67uRdeiJcFRWpKCdRnRJ1M?si=96be048603b34469) [https://open.spotify.com/track/67uRdeiJcFRWpKCdRnRJ1M?si=96be048603b34469]

[Esa Einai](https://open.spotify.com/track/48KdGVuvTgwgd9Tsxwy18s?si=7bb58f128b224233) [https://open.spotify.com/track/48KdGVuvTgwgd9Tsxwy18s?si=7bb58f128b224233]

Dan Nichols calls himself a “product of the URJ Jewish camping movement.” He grew up in Indianapolis and attended Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), where he later worked as a songleader. Dan began his music career as a classical singer, earning his Bachelor of Music in vocal performance at the University of North Carolina. His experience as a camper doubtless inspired his decision to form rock band E18teen with Mason Cooper in 1995, with the goal of helping teens connect to Judaism through music. Dan has released 13 albums with E18teen, and his songs are t’filah and song session staples at camps and synagogues across the country. When not recording, Dan tours around the country teaching at camps and serving as an artist-in-residence at congregations. He also performed atop Masada at a concert supporting Israel’s 60th birthday.

Dan is particularly passionate about mentoring young people interested in creating Jewish music. Having experienced his camp visits as both a camper and a staff member, I can speak firsthand to Dan’s ability to engage kids of all ages and generous, collaborative presence. He passes on his experience to up-and-coming Jewish musicians through his workshop for high school students, *Shulhouse Rock*, and serving on the faculty of the *Hava Nashira* songleading conference.

Dan Nichols’ music incorporates a dizzying array of influences, notably classic rock, contemporary alt rock and Jewish folk music. He pioneered a Jewish rock sound that embraces electric guitars and drum kits, in a departure from the folk style of most contemporary Jewish music being produced when E18teen was founded. His songs often weave together liturgy in Hebrew with English lyrics, helping non-Hebrew speakers connect to the meaning of the prayer while remaining fully involved in the music. Most importantly, his settings convey his heartfelt love for the Jewish texts and themes and provide a unique interpretive experience.

Discover more of Dan Nichols and E18teen’s diverse and rockin’ takes on Jewish liturgy with this playlist-
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7wj4DA9zYaNgOXNlhU9f4?si=666d49695a1e4cc7>

Message from the President



Based on some recent comments I received, I thought it appropriate to discuss how helpful it is that members provide “feedback” regarding anything they have experienced at Temple. As President, it is important to determine how to make all opinions (whether one considers them good or bad) work for the benefit of Temple. For me, I view all comments as helpful, whether they are praising someone or something at Temple, or offering constructive criticism or suggestions. I have learned never to simply think of comments as merely someone complaining. Every member’s opinion matters the same, regardless of when they joined or how often they come to services or attend events at Temple. My only condition follows what Rabbi Goren shared with us at the High Holidays: “The positive person finds a solution to a problem; the negative person finds a problem in the solution.” I welcome ALL comments, even criticisms, and if you think something can be improved, please provide what those improvements should be, or what solution you think can be implemented.

For now, I want to focus on positive feedback I have received. This feedback makes me feel happy and proud. A member relayed to me that she and her family love coming to the Temple events and seeing the kids happy and making friends. I was told that the Chanukah party was great and that they love “dinners/parties like this.” However, she thought the magician was better for the younger children (up to seven/eight years old) but seemed to not hold the attention of those over eight, and that while it is hard to please everyone, our kids may prefer a DJ and dancing and getting the takeaways. This is precisely what Temple leadership needs to hear - a suggestion or solution to an issue that exists. And what is even better is that this will result in more people being involved in making decisions. Remember we are ALL “shareholders” in Temple Avodah, not just consumers.

At the same time, I also received comments as follows:” Our Hebrew School is fabulous.” “We love the way the children are learning.” “We love that they have Shabbat every week.” “What is even better is learning and sometimes sampling all the different foods for all the holidays.” The best thing I heard is “that the kids look forward to coming and seeing what will greet them each week,” and “that we love that the school is teaching our kids the everyday ‘stuff’ they can take with them as they grow.” How wonderful it was to hear all this about our school!

With our Rabbi retiring in five months, everyone has an opportunity to help us shape the future of Temple Avodah. There are many ways to be involved in helping out, and it does not have to include monetary contributions. It can consist of joining one of our many committees, devoting time to planning and implement events, or assisting at a specific event, or offering ideas and suggestions.

What makes Temple Avodah so great is that a large portion of our membership helps out in so many ways. We will be holding a service in the spring to recognize all of our congregants who help out and volunteer. Our Board of Trustees 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. The most important thing to know is that there IS NO US AND THEM AT TEMPLE – ONLY WE. We are all essential to the successful future of Temple. I would love to see happy members become an integral part of making more exciting events happen. Jump on the bandwagon and call me with suggestions to make and shape our future.

I look forward to seeing you all at Temple and hope you can attend the retirement dinner/party for Rabbi Goren on Saturday night, June 17. You can make your reservation online and as I have announced, you can pay out the cost over the next few months. Follow all other events and services on our website.

Marian Keilson, President



Purim is coming (Megillah Reading is Monday, March 6th) and so is the Sisterhood Shalach Manot Project. Please support this annual Sisterhood program by buying or sponsoring a Purim basket for you and yours to enjoy or sponsor a basket to send to the Jewish residents of a local facility! Your donation helps put a smile on someone's face and fulfills the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot! Make your payments on the website or send your checks payable to TA Sisterhood to the Temple office (still only \$18 per basket—why not sponsor more than one?!).

The Book Club is open to paid-up Sisterhood members only. The February discussion will be *The Betrayal of Anne Frank* by Rosemary Sullivan. 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!

Get Ready, Get Set, Go—Go clean out your garage, attics, closets and get ready for our Granny's Attic Sale on Sunday, March 19th! Sisterhood needs your gently used, unwanted household items, kitchenware, linens, decorative pieces, etc. (no clothing donations for this sale). Watch for drop off dates/times starting mid-February. As always, in addition to your donations, we can also use a little bit of your time before and the day of our sale! If you can give us an hour or two (or more) of your time we would be happy to have you! Please let the Temple office know if you can lend a hand with setup the week before the sale (starting Saturday, March 11th).

Remember, 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. Please contact SheilaLondon.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 and send college packages. Come see how we do, what we do and be a part of the process.

Save the date, Tuesday, March 28th, for a night to remember! Our always fabulous **Fashion Show & Dinner** is back, and our dedicated committee is already hard at work gathering raffle prizes and working with Kombert to plan a fabulous evening! If you can help with raffle prizes (getting or donating) or are interested in modeling, please reach out to Lynn Peteroy, Renée Kaufman, Cindy Baumann or Linda Goldstricker.

Please watch your email for a flyer for an in-person decoupage craft program we are planning. We are looking forward to being together again! If you have any ideas for Sisterhood programs you'd like to see us plan, please let us know. Again, all Temple Avodah Sisterhood members are welcome to participate in our meetings and serve on our committees. We'd love to have your input.

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 (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. 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.

With Love,

Wendy Brumberg & Sheila London
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Social Action In Action

Social Action Happenings: Blood Drive, Mitzvah Day and More!

The Social Action Committee was pleased to represent Temple Avodah at the Oceanside Jewish Community Blood Drive on January 10, and we applaud the many Temple members who served as blood donors. Our committee members worked alongside people from Oceanside Jewish Center and Young Israel of Oceanside, greeting the donors and helping to assure the drive ran smoothly. We now look forward to our next Blood Drive, in July 2023.

Our Temple's community spirit is not limited to Oceanside. Over the bridge, we were pleased to deliver several shopping bags full of hats, gloves, and scarves to the Long Beach Soup Kitchen, all of which our congregants donated through our Food of the Month initiative. We are currently collecting canned meat and fish for the Long Beach Soup Kitchen, and you can leave your donations in our shopping cart located in the Temple vestibule.

Mitzvah Day will be held on April 30, 2023, and we look forward to hearing your ideas for fresh projects allowing our collective passion for good deeds to spread even further. Please contact the undersigned or attend one of our meetings on Zoom. We "meet" virtually on the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Join us by contacting the Temple office for the link.

Respectfully submitted,

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Did You Know... THAT PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II THE JEW IN AMERICA WAS SUBJECTED TO MUCH PREJUDICE IN THE LABOR MARKET, IN SCHOOLING, IN HOUSING, ETC... AND IT WAS EVEN WORSE FOR THE NEGRO AND OTHER MINORITIES.

BETWEEN FEB. 9 AND MAR. 26, 1945 U.S. MARINES WERE CHARGED IN ONE OF THE BLOODIEST BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II, WINNING CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA AND ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL, THE COST WAS VERY HIGH—6800 CASUALTIES.

... IN JUNE, THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE 5TH MARINE DIVISION REQUESTED CHAPLAIN ROLAND GITTELSON, A RABBI, OFFICIATE AT A COMBINED NON-DENOMINATIONAL DEDICATION OF THE MARINE CEMETERY... BUT SEVERAL CHAPLAINS BALKED AT THE IDEA... SOME CITING IT WOULD BE AGAINST CHURCH DOCTRINE... AND OTHERS SAYING THE MAJORITY OF THE DEAD WERE CHRISTIANS, TO HAVE TEN THOUSAND GITTELSONS PERSUADED OTHER CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS TO HOLD 3 SEPARATE SERVICES... SO ANNOYED BY THE PREJUDICE OF THE OTHER CHAPLAINS, THREE PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS OPTED TO ATTEND GITTELSON'S SERVICE RATHER THAN THEIR OWN... AND THEY HEARD:

"... HERE THERE ARE NO QUOTAS OF HOW MANY FROM EACH GROUP ARE ADMITTED OR ALLOWED, NO EXCLUSIONS! NO HATE! ... WHOEVER OF US LIFTS HIS HAND IN HATE AGAINST, OR THINKS HIMSELF SUPERIOR TO THOSE WHO HAPPEN TO BE A MINORITY, MAKE OF THIS CEREMONY AND THE BLOODY SACRIFICE IT COMMEMORATES, AN EMPTY, HOLLOW MOCKERY..."

ONE OF THE CHAPLAINS WAS SO ENTRANCED, HE MADE AND DISTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF COPIES OF THIS SERMON... AND MANY MEN WERE SO MOVED, THEY SENT THEIR COPIES HOME... AND SHORTLY AFTER A COPY OF THIS SERMON— "THE PUREST DEMOCRACY" WAS PRINTED IN THE TIME MAGAZINE... AND IT WAS AIRED ON RADIO MANY TIMES... AND IT WAS EVEN READ INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

GITTELSON, HE WISHED TO SERVE AS A HONORARY CHAPLAIN RESERVE... 2 CITATIONS WERE GRANTED UNDER HIS NAME.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SERMON, AND SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH, GITTELSON SAID, "I OFTEN WONDERED WHETHER ANY ONE WOULD HAVE HEARD OF THIS IWO JIMA SPEECH, IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE QUOTED ATTEMPT TO BAN IT."

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.



Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the trees, falls on the 15th day (full moon) of the Hebrew month of Shevat. In ancient times, Tu B'Shevat served to calculate the age of trees for tithing in order to fulfill the obligation of Jewish agricultural law. Today, the holiday affords us the opportunity to reflect upon and appreciate nature and the world around us. It also encourages us to think about our place in this world and our responsibilities to it. What are our obligations towards repairing the world (Tikkun Olam)?

In his book, *The Book of Miracles*, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner presents an interesting answer: "In 16th century Safed, Israel, Rabbi Isaac Luria observed that in his world, as our own, many things seemed to be wrong. People suffered from hunger, hatred, disease, and war. How could God allow such terrible things to happen, wondered Luria. Perhaps, it is because God needs our help. He explained his answer with a mystical story: When first setting out to make the world, God planned to pour a Holy Light into everything to make it real. God prepared vessels to contain the Holy Light, but something went wrong. The light was so bright that the vessels burst, shattering into millions of broken pieces like dishes dropped on the floor. The Hebrew phrase that Luria used for the breaking of the vessels is 'sh'virat ha-kaylim.'" Our world is a mess because it is filled with broken fragments and when we treat each other and the earth badly, the world remains shattered. According to Rabbi Luria, God cannot repair the world alone -- we are his partners in tikkun olam.

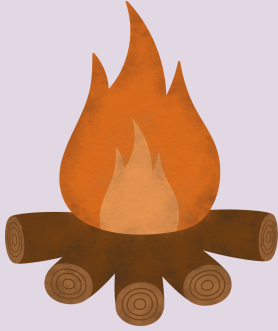
Recently, a volunteer from the Hatzilu Rescue Organization presented to our 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Hatzilu, a local organization, provides food, household items and help with utilities, rent and other donations to people in need in Nassau County. We discussed different situations and circumstances that would lead to someone needing help. This is part of an ongoing discussion with our students to look at the world around them, locally and globally, and see themselves as 'fixers.'

B'Shalom,

Phyllis Pellman
Education Director

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CAMP SHABBAT & DINNER



Photos by Mark Milch

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

Temple Avodah



**Join us in
Celebrating &
Honoring
Rabbi Uri Goren
with a Gala
Retirement Party
Saturday,
June 17, 2023
7PM**

**Kombert Caterers
Cocktails! Dinner!
Dessert! Dancing!**

\$150/per person

\$50/under 12 years old

Payment options & installments available*

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Contact us at 516-766-6809 for more details!!

A wedding scene with a bride and groom kissing under a large floral arch. The arch is made of white and pink flowers. The bride is wearing a white dress and the groom is wearing a dark suit. The background is a light-colored wall with a menorah hanging on it.

Remember when.....

Rabbi Goren married us.....

Rabbi Goren named our baby.....

**Rabbi Goren officiated at the bar-mitzvah of our son....
And the bat-mitzvah of our daughter.....**

Rabbi Goren married our children.....

Rabbi Goren officiated at my bar-mitzvah....

Rabbi Goren officiated at my bat-mitzvah....

Rabbi Goren comforted us when we were sad....

Rabbi Goren laughed with us when we were glad....

**In his concluding year as Rabbi in Temple Avodah we should
thank him and honor him with a sponsorship for an oneg.
An honor that you will remember and he will remember for
our lifetimes.**

Please contact the Temple office for more information or

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Temple Avodah

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Oceanside, NY 11572

RABBI'S FINAL CHALLENGE! 2023



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OUR TEMPLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS". -RABBI GOREN

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- MULTI-MEDIA ADDITIONS
FOR OUR CLASSROOMS AND
LIBRARY
- TORAH REPAIR

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



Week of February 3

James Accardi
Charles Beberman
Morris Bernstein
Margot Blank
Edward Chookasezian
Michael Cohen
Harold Fain
Norma Franklin
Isidore Friedman
Gerald Friedman
Reginald Frischling
Myron Grabisch
Pearl Greenwald
Norman M. Horowitz
Anna Innerfield
Henny Lebowitz
Nancy Marx
Estelle Mevorah
Mary Mintz
Harry Saperstein
Jeanette Schulster
Rose Goldfarb Schwartz
Harry Shenkman
Jack Stutzel
Blanche Weinstein
Hardy Wieder

Week of February 10

Abraham Epstein
Anton Gluck
Martin Goldberg
Bernard M. Herman
Paula Imberman
Esther Koller
Bernard Kushlan
Dorothy Lazell
Mollie D. Levine
Chris LoBuono
Al Newmark
Rita Lee Pinsky
Carl Post
Estelle Salviola
Freda Schneider
Richard Schwartz
Grace M. Seid
Sidney Simon
Helen Beberman Stein
Betty Steinberg
Harriet Zeigler

Week of February 17

Ross Abbey
Norman Benjamin
Joyce Kessler Berman
Charles Busman
Murray Gorman
Renee Gruber
Sidney Kirshenbaum
Solly Landau
Bernard Landau
Gussie Levy
Kathy Mark
Adelle Purvin
Max Steinberg

Week of February 24

Arthur Cooperman
Hilda Daniels
Sally Eisenberg
Roberta Garuccio
Mark Gittler
Charles Gross
Jose Iorfida
Gertrude Korn
Laura Manion
Rebecca Mendelson
Marianne Stodel Mok
Harold Richter
Carol Seemann
Arthur Smithline
Ruth Smithline
Diane Tanenblatt
Mark Wagner
Rose Yeoman

Happy Birthday to Our February Birthdays!

Gerald Kaufman 2/1	Hannah Meyerson 2/7	Evan Moscovitz 2/14	Austin Graff 2/21
Jarrett Eisenberg 2/2	Ira Katz 2/8	Jacob Levitt 2/14	Sari Levine 2/21
Robert Katz 2/2	Ryan Sokol 2/8	Whitney Osofs 2/15	Edward Millman 2/21
David Rukhlin 2/2	Heath Levine 2/8	Sandra Mardenfeld 2/15	Laurie Klein 2/22
Steven Feigenbaum 2/3	Janet Geffner 2/9	Marcia Marks 2/15	Madison Appleman 2/23
Frank Volpe 2/3	Ryan Bickman 2/9	Michelle Civil 2/15	David Alazraki 2/23
Matthew Phillips 2/4	Arlene Fromewick 2/10	Morgan Osofs 2/15	Edward Gutman 2/23
Michele Baumann 2/4	Martin Adler 2/10	Hannah Sadownick 2/16	Logan Pitkowsky 2/24
Susan Sollinger 2/4	Abby Gold 2/10	Benjamin Meyerson 2/16	Michael Hertz 2/24
Alex Michaels 2/4	Jordyn Landau 2/11	Poppy Abrego 2/16	Benjamin Sanchez 2/24
Joshua Engel 2/4	Gertrud Lieberman 2/11	Elizabeth Cohen Stuart 2/17	Jaclyn Goldin 2/25
Juliette O'Keefe 2/4	Jeffrey Elias 2/12	Peter Stuart 2/17	Saul Wiener 2/25
Ruben Quintero 2/5	Owen Roth 2/12	Danielle Fischgrund 2/17	Amy DiStefano 2/26
Lexi Weitzman 2/5	Rhonda Kugelman 2/12	Gillian Davidoff 2/17	Rachel Kaplan 2/26
Ben Yomtov 2/5	Barbara Snyder 2/13	Samuel Fischgrund 2/17	Kenneth Fischgrund 2/26
Cynthia Elias 2/6	Steven Elin 2/13	Keith Davidoff 2/18	Hunter Pitkowsky 2/28
Jack Dauber 2/6	Macie Frankel 2/13	Layla Ziff 2/19	Jacob Klein 2/28
Alan Sobel 2/7	Joseph Antonette 2/13	Robert Schwartz 2/19	Douglas Crane 2/28
Dylan Benjamin 2/7	Danielle Miller 2/14	Benjamin Mackoff 2/19	Kim Jacoby 2/28

Mazal Tov To Our February Wedding Anniversaries!

Nicolleta & Alan Grabisch 2/3	Barbara & Mark Milch 2/22
Jodi & Mitchell Kessler 2/5	Laura Koss & Ira Feder 2/27
Rebecca & Mark Sparberg 2/8	Mindy & Mark Goldsmith 2/28

**Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat
on Friday, February 10th at 6:00pm !**

If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of February 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 Bonnie & Andrew Schwartz
on the naming of their daughter Lauren!**

**Mazal Tov to Tiffany Balanoff,
daughter of Gil and Shelly Balanoff, who has been elected to the
Board of Directors of NYSAR
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1/20/23	Bonnie & Andrew Schwartz IHO baby naming of daughter, Lauren

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Shabbat Torah Study

Note: these classes will be in-person and via Zoom

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

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BUNCO NIGHT

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
7:30PM

fun
&

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pre-registered
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Questions?
Mindy @
mmsa81821@gmail.com

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FAMILY SHABBAT & DINNER

Trivia & Prizes!

Friday, February 10, 2023 at 6PM

Super Bowl Dinner:

Buffalo Chicken
Wings (if available),
Chili, Hot Dogs,
Plenty of Sides,
Beverages & Dessert

Temple Avodah Members

\$16pp ~ \$40 max family* ~ \$18pp
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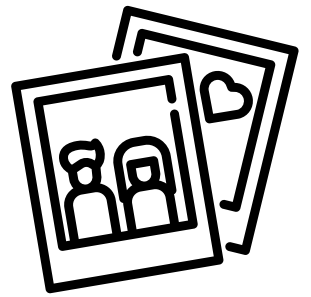
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5th Grade Family Education

"What's In a Name?"

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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

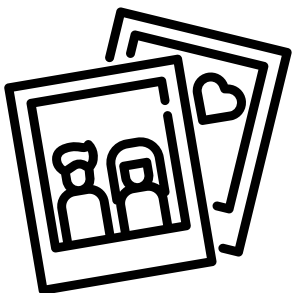
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Garden Room

If your child was named for someone, please bring a photograph of that person.

Please confirm your participation:

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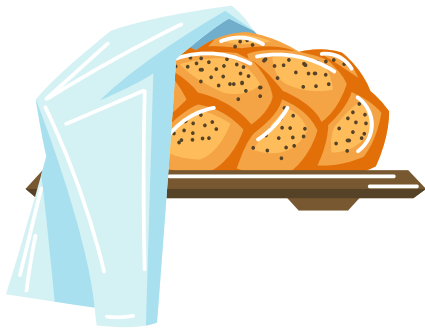


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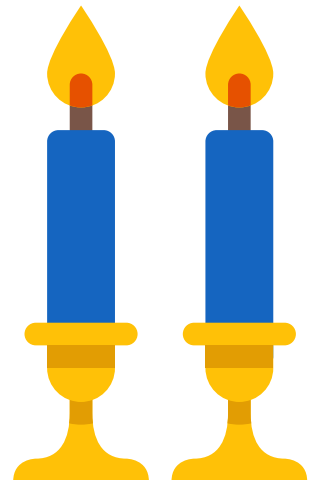
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**Friday, March 3, 2023
Services at 6PM
Followed by Dinner**

**\$18.00 Per Family (Immediate)
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**RSVP by
February
22nd!**



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Religious School Parents



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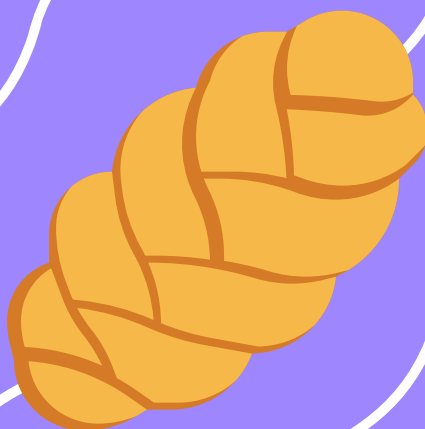
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**Venmo \$10. to
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marked with your child's
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**Questions: Phyllis Pellman @
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Orders MUST be in by February 26th

Baskets may be picked up at Temple on Purim, March 6th at 4:30 p.m

Local delivery can be arranged by emailing sisterhood@avodah.org

ALL BASKETS MUST BE PREORDERED!!

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ **Phone No.** _____

Email _____ **Address** _____

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Monday, March 6, 2023

6PM Purim Service & Shpiel

Come in costume!

Raffles, Ice cream & Hamantaschen to follow!

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Happy Purim

Monday, March 6th

PJ Library Craft 5:15, Purim Shpiel 6 PM

Purim Raffles

Always a fun part of Purim night is our Purim raffle.

We have lined up prizes for both adults and children for this year's raffle.

We are asking for your support and help by buying and selling raffle tickets to family and friends. Pricing is as follows:

- \$10 each
- \$50 for 6
- \$80 for 12

[Click here to purchase raffle tickets](#)

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN, BUT WE HOPE YOU WILL BE THERE. IT'S A FUN NIGHT!

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Granny's Attic



Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

NOW is the time to donate your unwanted household articles for our sale!
Clear out your cluttered closets, attics, garages & basements.

We can use the following:

Lamps, glassware, tools, sporting goods, crystal, giftware, linens, dishes, kitchen items, tableware, costume jewelry, pots, and pans, serving pieces, gently used toys, games and children's books, small furniture, small working appliances, craft & knitting supplies, bric-a-brac, artwork, gardening tools, etc.

We cannot accept computers or computer software, computer, or video games, printers, cameras, phones, stuffed animals or books (except children's books).

No clothing please! Save it for our FALL THRIFT SALE.

**Donations may be brought to the Rudich Building/Annex starting
Monday, February 27th as follows:**

Monday-Friday 3:30PM-6PM Saturday 9AM-1PM

Do not leave items outside!! Place them in the annex lobby between the two sets of glass doors!

Tax letters will be sent to you (only) if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your donation.

**For more information, or to arrange a drop off of
items of value, call 516-766-6809
Temple members are needed and invited to help with
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**Checks should be made out to: Temple Avodah Sisterhood &
mailed to the office.**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE FUN!](#)

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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