

Temple Topics

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July 2023

Tamuz/Av 5783

July Events

7/1
Welcome Rabbi Shai!

7/4
Independence Day

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Blood Drive

7/12
**TAFI- Mother Kelly's
Dinner with Rabbi Shai**

7/13 Bunco

7/17
**Pizza on the Beach with
PTO**

7/18 & 7/20
Schmooze with Rabbi Shai

7/25
**Sisterhood Cookie Social
with Rabbi Shai**



Temple Avodah

Welcomes

Rabbi Jeshayahu 'Shai' Beloosesky

See page #4 for a listing of special Meet & Greet with Rabbi Shai



July Service Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

6:15PM SHABBAT NOSH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

6:30PM SHABBAT NOSH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST

6:30 SHABBAT NOSH

7:00PM BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

6:30PM SHABBAT NOSH

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

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.**

A Message From the Rabbi

Avodah



עבודת

Duty, Devotion, Deed

Dear Chaverim/Chaverot-

July 1, 2023

Tammuz-Av 5783

The word, “Avodah” has different meanings to different people. To a high school student it’s completing their homework so they can hang out with their friends. To a physician it’s receiving a two AM phone call to help work out a health problem for a patient. In basic terms each of us have our own specific job that allows us to meet our basic needs of having shelter and food. But how does this word change when we use it to name a community like Temple Avodah?

For any community to function and thrive it’s imperative each person is celebrated for who they are and the talents they bring to the table. That’s not always easy. In a community there exists many different personalities with many different visions. There are those who are loudly passionate and those who are silently eager. Every community has those active participants and those who prefer to be the unseen givers. Both are important.

Temple Avodah’s history exemplifies the hard work of so many throughout the years. From those fifty families who formed the congregation in 1953 to the successes of the congregation today, it’s evident duty, devotion and deed are at the root of this community. Each of you should be proud of the part you have contributed. The next generation is observing and witnessing the importance of Avodah...a wonderful legacy left for them tomorrow because of the work being done now.

I want to give great appreciation and respect to Rabbi Goren. In Torah the word, Chesed (loving kindness), is used to exemplify G-d’s kindness and love towards humanity. Also, it is said Torah is meant to be lived and not just learned. Rabbi Goren personifies the very essence of Chesed and Living Torah. He has accomplished so much at Temple Avodah and has developed wonderful relationships with each of you. I haven’t known him as long and yet he is already a special friend to me. I don’t see myself as replacing him but simply continuing his vision for the future of Temple Avodah. I am excited to bring my knowledge and love of Judaism and to inspire each of you in my special way during each Shabbat and holiday.



Sincerely,
Rabbi Shai

rabbishai@avodah.org

If you are in need of the Rabbi for a life cycle emergency and it is after business hours, please contact him at 706-691-5988. Please be sure to also contact the Temple Office by emailing office@avodah.org, or leaving a message at 516-766-6809.



Meet & Greet Rabbi Shai

Temple Avodah

Rabbi Shai would love to meet and greet all of our members. Here is a schedule of times he will be available in July:

Shabbat:

July 7th at 6:15 PM, during the Nosh

July 14th, 21st, 28th at 6:30 PM, during the Nosh

Reminder: All Shabbat services begin at 7 PM during July

Other dates:

July 12th from 6 - 7 PM Meet and Eat with Rabbi Shai! Mother Kelly's TAFI. All men 18+ are invited to stay for Men's Club Meeting.

Note: No shellfish or pork will be allowed to be eaten on Temple grounds. If you plan on staying to eat at Temple, please consider this when ordering.

[Click for Mother Kelly's Information](#)

[Click for Mother Kelly's Menu](#)

July 18th from 4 - 6 PM Schmooze with the Rabbi

July 20th from 6 - 7 PM If you're interested in joining the Choir rehearsal is at 7:30

[Click for Choir Information](#)

July 25th starting at 7 PM Sisterhood is sponsoring a Cookie Social with Rabbi Shai, open to all temple women Bat Mitzvah age and up!

[Click for Cookie Information](#)

Temple Avodah

Dine with Rabbi Shai on Wednesday, July 12th!



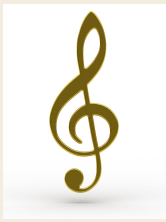
**Rabbi Shai would love to
meet and eat with
all of our members.**

**Support Temple Avodah by ordering your
food from Mother Kelly's on July 12th.**

**Dine with Rabbi Shai at Temple Avodah
from 6pm - 7pm**

***Note: No shellfish or pork will be allowed to be eaten on
Temple grounds. If you plan on staying to eat at Temple,
please consider this when ordering.***

**REMEMBER-YOU MUST ORDER YOUR
OWN FOOD FROM MOTHER KELLY'S.
NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED**



Cantor's Notes



Words of Welcome

This month, I am so excited to welcome Rabbi Shai Beloosesky to our clergy team as he begins his tenure as Rabbi at Temple Avodah. In Hebrew, we bid someone welcome with the words “baruch haba.” Translated literally, this means, “blessed is the one that comes.”

The phrase “baruch habah” opens one of the most well-known verses in our scripture and liturgy.

Psalms 118:36 reads:

בָּרוּךְ הַבָּא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה יִרְכְּנוּכֶם מִבֵּית יְהוָה

May the one who enters be blessed in the name of Adon@!;

We bless you from the House of the Adon@!.

Psalms 118:36 features prominently in two different parts of our liturgy. On festivals and Rosh Chodesh, Psalm 118 serves as the climax of Hallel. Hallel is a cycle of six Psalms added to the service on these occasions to inject an extra dose of joy and thanksgiving to our prayers. Of course, the entire text of the Hallel has inspired a plethora of musical settings. After all, what better way is there to express joy than through song?

One of my favorite settings of Psalm 118:36, “Baruch Haba” was composed by Yaakov Bergman. Its flowing, tender melody expresses these words of welcome in a moving and poignant manner. Thus, it has become a favorite piece to incorporate into celebrations of life cycle and communal events in addition to the Hallel recitation. You can hear Yaakov Bergman’s Baruch Haba performed at an ordination ceremony at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in this video- <https://vimeo.com/334526162>- beginning at the time code 5:57.

The other major liturgical function served by Psalm 118:36 is the opening of the wedding ceremony. Here, this text is used to welcome the couple beneath the chuppah. My favorite musical setting for this liturgical moment is by Lawrence Avery. It is based on the cantillation for the Song of Songs, evoking the ecstatic passion of this biblical love poem. You can listen to a recording of it here, performed by the incomparable Bob Abelson, one of my cantorial mentors:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpEQ5Ca3iYM&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=14)

[v=QpEQ5Ca3iYM&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=14](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpEQ5Ca3iYM&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=14). If your tastes are more contemporary, you may like this sweet setting by Danny Masseng, with a gentle acoustic guitar accompaniment: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8n4s1nAt9w&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=28)

[v=e8n4s1nAt9w&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8n4s1nAt9w&list=OLAK5uy_mF6xJqdkGhbXCSpUwclcq32yX3jDyi-so&index=28).

Wherever your musical tastes lie, I hope you will join me in wishing a heartfelt baruch habah to Rabbi Shai Beloosesky as he joins our community this month.

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

Message from the President

A Time for Change

Hello! As I will say reading announcements every week, my name is Matt Phillips, and I am your new Temple President. It will be my absolute honor to serve the congregation in any manner I can to the best of my ability.

I realize that I may not be the most known quantity to the congregation, so if you'll indulge me, I'd like to give a little background on me. I grew up in Baldwin and was a member of Union Reform Temple as a child. I was Bar Mitzvahed there in the 80s by Rabbi Colton. I'm also keeping up a family tradition, as my mother served on the board at URT, including as a Vice President, for a number of years.

My wife, Andrea, and I were married by Rabbi Goren in his second year at Temple Avodah. It was quite a surprise to see the URT Tree of Life upon entering Temple for our daughter Sasha's naming in 2002. We officially joined Temple in 2010, and also have had ceremonies for our daughter Maya's naming, as well as both girls' B'Nai Mitzvahs over the years.

Upon then-President Scot Mackoff asking me, I joined the Temple Avodah Board of Trustees in 2017. I have served the last four years as a Vice President.

Yes, that's all well and good... but the big Temple news this summer is certainly not me becoming the President. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome Rabbi Shai Beloosesky to Temple Avodah.

As you know, after Rabbi Goren announced his retirement, we held parlor meetings last summer to get an idea of what you, our congregants, want from our new rabbi. We compiled the information from these meetings, the Rabbi Search committee put out the application and Rabbi Shai responded.

I'm a small business owner and have been interviewing candidates for 20 years. There are certain times that you just know that candidate is the right person, and, if it's in your power, you want to hire them immediately and not let them get away. I believe the whole committee felt that way about Rabbi Shai. Of course, we did our due diligence, but he proved to easily be the best candidate for Temple Avodah. We are sure that you will find that to be true.

In case you have yet to meet Rabbi Shai, please come to one of our meet and greets that we're holding in July. We're going to be bringing back the nosh, but before every Friday night service in July. In addition, we're going to have opportunities to meet Rabbi Shai on July 12, 18, and 20. We hope that interested members will then stay for the Men's Club meeting on the 12th and for the Adult Choir rehearsal on the 20th. Sisterhood is also hosting Rabbi Shai during their Cookie Social on the 25th.

On another note, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Steve Kanowitz and Mindy Goldsmith for being honored at the Bob Harwood Memorial Golf Classic on August 21st. Well deserved!

Lastly, I'd be remiss if I didn't remind you that Temple always needs volunteers. As we put together the committees for the 2023-24 year, we'd love to see new people coming to meetings with new ideas on how Temple could not only serve you, but be a place that you will enjoy coming back to for years to come.

Here's to a great future at Temple Avodah! I'm looking forward to all of you being a part of it!

Matt Phillips

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Social Action In Action

A SUMMER OF SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee had a busy spring, and we are looking forward to continuing our passion - tikkun olam - during the summer months.

We had a crowd - and a blast - representing Temple Avodah at the Israel Day Parade in Manhattan last month! One eagle-eyed congregant saw our delegation on TV as we marched in solidarity with other Long Island faith organizations. Bus transportation and a food fair at the parade's end were welcome bonuses.

The following week, we had another crowd represent Temple at the Long Island Pride Parade in Huntington. Onlookers cheered our custom-made T-shirts, proclaiming our message: "At Temple Avodah, however you define your family, we welcome you to ours."

Next up, the Social Action Committee welcomes members of our greater community to Temple on July 11 for the semi-annual Jewish Community Blood Drive. Please schedule your appointments to donate blood in advance. Just snap the QR code on the flyer or email Betsy Meyerson (tortgirlny@aol.com) if you need help.

We are looking forward to next year, planning, among other things, a panel discussion on action against antisemitism in October and mitzvah day activities for the spring. To join us, or to give us your ideas, please get into contact with the undersigned or hop on one of our Zoom meetings - which we will be holding once a month on Monday nights.

We can't wait to get started.

Respectfully submitted,

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Photo by Mark Milch

Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat June 9, 2023



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Rabbi Goren wishes Faith Gelfond and Kaitlin Chernoff a safe and meaningful trip to Israel (partially funded by Temple Avodah - contact the office for mor information).

Torah Study Group



June 10th 2023
Tribute to Rabbi Uri Goren

Photo by Mark Milch



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PRIDE PARADE 2023



On June 12, 2023, Temple Avodah demonstrated our slogan “However you define your family, we welcome you to ours” by again participating in Long Island’s LGBT+ Parade, in Huntington. Our group was welcomed with shouts of “Shalom,” and wide spread applause, carrying our Temple banner and having fun surrounded by a crowd of several thousand exuberant supporters. The Social Action Committee promoted our participation. Rabbi Shai joined the Pride Parade with 15 Temple Avodah congregants.





Shabbat Service

June 16, 2023



Celebrating Rabbi Goren!



Rabbi Goren At Last Gets to be Tevye



Golde (Jessica Gubenko) tells Tevye (Rabbi Goren) how much he is loved after 26 years!



Rabbi Goren's June 30th Shabbat



Photo by Mark Milch



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Exclusive Club Formed at Temple Avodah

TABM²

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

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

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

Temple Avodah "Stream Team"



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

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

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

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

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

BETWEEN FEB. 19 AND MAR. 26, 1945 U.S. MARINES WERE ENGAGED IN ONE OF THE BLOODIEST BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II, WRESTING CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA AND ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL, THE COST WAS VERY HIGH—6800 FATALITIES. ... 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 EASE TENSION **GITTELSON** PERSUADED CHIEF CLUTHRIEL 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 PREJUDICE! NO HATRED!

... 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 ENTHRALLED, 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, THE 1ST RABBI TO SERVE AS A MARINE CHAPLAIN RECEIVED 3 CITATIONS FOR BRAVERY UNDER FIRE.

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 BIGOTED 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.**

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



Week of July 7

Rebecca Adler
Annette Barbash
Daniel I. Bryman
Florence Goldsmith
Richard Gross
Dr. Hyman Katz
Sidney Margolis
Anne Wieder Salzberg
Anna Seplowitz
Helen Sheiman
Marcia Stein

Week of July 14

Leo Besser
Martin Bodner
Theda Catania
Enith "Lee" Gorman
Joan Kombert
Joseph Kugelman
Max Lieberman
Irving L. Mitchell
Herma Plummer
Recha Schott
Diane Schwartz
Charles K. Seid Sr.
Abraham Shapiro
Florence Singer
Jack Singer
Steven Sommer
Adele Weiner
Jesse Yaverbaum
Dorothy Zachman

Week of July 21

Richard Phillip Chinsky
Joseph Cohen
Janice Gelfand
Beatrice Goldman
Robert Harwood
Esther Iorfida
Abram Kazakov
Samuel Kleinman
Joseph Aaron Lehrer
David N. Newler
Ralph Perlmutter
Ira Pitkowsky
Meryl Pollack
Stanly I. Resnick
Leon Ross
Roberta Siegel
Esther Solomon
Ben Strauss
Steven L. Strauss
Lewis Sulkes
Arnold Tannen
Millie Sacks Zuckerman

Week of July 28

Susan Brill
Jay Buchbinder
Charles Frankel
Mamie Friedman
LeRoy Greenberg
Stanley Hochman
Barbara Rosman
Kelsey
Aaron Kessler
Jeffrey Kirschenbaum
Rose Klein
Jon Daniel Lehrer
Bernice H. Levine
Jason C. Levine
Benjamin Levis
Frances Miles
Henri Mok
Sol Pearl
Mildred Pitkowsky
Clara Rosenberg
Leo Steinberg
Sara Stern

Happy Birthday to Our July Birthdays!

Lori Fisher-Cohen 7/1	Maxwell Sirochinsky 7/7	Benjamin Pinsky 7/17	Jordan Bader 7/25
Julia Raifman 7/2	Jeff Goldman 7/8	Benjamin Schiller 7/17	Irina Sokol 7/25
Jack Lepper 7/2	Sharon Schare 7/8	Jan Bialostok 7/17	Jesse Brasco 7/25
Ann Taub 7/2	Justin Lazerson 7/8	Peter Sobel 7/18	Joyce Aronin 7/26
Robert Pickus 7/2	Carol Gilbert 7/8	Kenny Kombert 7/19	Jenna Lippi 7/26
Emmanuel Rabkin 7/2	Stacy Kaplan 7/9	Caasi Gelfond 7/19	Marisa Gruber 7/26
Miriam Smulison 7/2	Amy Lebowitz 7/10	Lauren Peteroy 7/20	Stephanie Roth 7/26
Gary Henkus 7/3	Brett Frankel 7/11	Andrea Phillips 7/20	Jonah Drew 7/27
Lauren Toledano 7/3	Helena Shayer 7/11	Rebecca Ben-amou 7/20	Adam Volpe 7/27
Michael Lippi 7/4	Eric Klein 7/12	Adam Goldsmith 7/21	Aimee Landau 7/27
Joseph O'Keefe 7/4	Myra Demofsky 7/13	David Bader 7/21	Melanie Dauber 7/28
Alec Schare 7/5	Grace Stuart 7/14	Maya Curtis 7/21	Jacqueline Steig 7/28
Lenny Marks 7/5	Thomas Catania 7/14	Siarra Goldman 7/21	Jenny Glatzer 7/29
Gerald Meyerson 7/5	Tammy Kahn 7/14	Matthew Rosenberg 7/21	Gary Brumberg 7/29
Matthew Antonette 7/6	Stuart Marks 7/14	Mara Hoine 7/22	Marina Rukhlin 7/29
Cara Milch 7/6	Allyson Stuart 7/14	Betsy Weinman 7/22	Matthew Taub 7/29
Lauren Crane 7/7	Michael Levitan 7/15	Jake Moshkovich 7/22	Alan Grabisch 7/29
Carilyn Catania 7/7	Norma Harwood 7/15	Sebastian Adelman 7/23	Stephanie Beberman 7/29
Emma Weiner 7/7	Joel Gold 7/17	Adele Davoli 7/23	Paige Gozinsky 7/30
Denise Kass 7/7	Jules Tannen 7/17	Jay Weinman 7/23	Jake Frankel 7/30
Joel Kass 7/7		Brett Gubenko 7/24	Ean Breitman 7/31

Mazal Tov To Our July Wedding Anniversaries!

Rena & Stuart Rauch 7/1	Alyssa & Adam Dube 7/13	Debbie & Mark Lebowitz 7/23
Harriet & Ben Yomtov 7/1	Jessica & Joshua Fedor 7/13	Joyce Lipton & Bradley Perry 7/23
Rochelle & Robert Lewis 7/2	Lauren & Heath Levine 7/13	Cigall & Jeff Goldman 7/24
Erica & Scott Denman 7/4	Connie & Kenneth Axelson 7/14	Lori & Abraham Izmirly 7/25
Cassie & Andrew Schildhaus 7/4	Sandra Mardenfeld	Abigail & Richard Ginsburg 7/26
Stephanie & Brett Frankel 7/5	& Ruben Quintero 7/14	Michele & Ronald Ventura 7/26
Joanna & Joshua Levitt 7/6	Rachel Weis & Jared Stone 7/16	Beth Friedman & Todd Benjamin 7/28
Sheryl & Barry Goldman 7/7	Amanda & Jason Strumwasser 7/17	Jennifer & Mitch Bickman 7/28
Peggy & Sheldon Chinsky 7/8	Ilene & Dennis Herman 7/19	Tara & Michael Stromer 7/28
Sarah Kugelman & Lisa Wong 7/10	Jennifer & Jonathan Paskoff 7/19	Lauren & Douglas Crane 7/28
Stacy & Jordan Kaplan 7/12	Lori Shenkman & Robert Cortazzo 7/22	Lauren & Yann Toledano 7/29
		Lana & Gary Starkman 7/30

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

If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of July 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 Phyllis Carbone on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Jolene James Stiegmann.



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

Donations

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In Honor Of

Illy & Dennis Herman's grandchild from Ilene Klein
Stuart Rauch's very special birthday from Shelly &
Gilbert Balanoff

In Memory Of

Ed Fried from Judith & Mark Altman
Ed Fried from Rita & Daniel Henick
Ed Fried from Shelly & Gilbert Balanoff

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

In Memory Of

Leonard Fogel father of Kevin Fogel from Lisa & Noel
Maitland

KOMBERT GARDENS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of

Brenda Schlechter from Kombert Caterers

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In Memory Of

Edmund (Ed) Fried (z"l), husband of Elissa Fried from
Dennis and Illy Herman

Speedy Recovery

Phil Perlmutter from Dennis and Illy Herman

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of

Ed Fried from Ina Koplan
Ed Fried from Phyllis Carbone
Ed Fried from Rose & Robert Epstein

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Amanda Rose Kanowitz Children's Library
Fund,
Music Fund • Children's Education Fund
Anita Berger Campership Fund, Sacred Book
Fund • Scholarship Fund, Rabbi Philmore
Berger Leadership Development Fund,
Rabbi Shai's Discretionary Fund, Joan &
Erwin Kombert Gardens Fund**

MUSIC FUND

In Honor Of

Rachel Mackoff's graduation from Lenore Greenberg &
Roberta Treacy
Sasha Phillip's graduation from Lenore Greenberg &
Roberta Treacy
Ally Abbey's graduation from Lenore Greenberg & Roberta
Treacy

In Memory Of

Ed Fried from Ann & Elliot Taub
Hy Smith from Joan Weinberg
Ed Fried from Jocelyn Weston & Paul Oresky
Ed Fried from Zona Schreiber & Mort Harrison from Mort
Harrison

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

from Kasey & William Ziff

In Honor Of

Baruch haba v'hatzlachah to Rabbi Shai as our new,
spiritual leader from Caryle Katz
Mazal tov v'hatzlacha to Rabb Uri and Rebbetzin
Peppi Goren on your retirement. from Caryle Katz
Rabbi Goren's retirement from Ellen & Philip Pickus
Marian Keilson's service as president from Ellen &
Philip Pickus
the Taub's grandson Jonah's Bar Mitzvah from Ellen
& Philip Pickus
Caryle Katz on her 92nd Birthday from Jodi & Rich
Katz
Rabbi Shai's Rabbinate from Lenore Greenberg &
Roberta Treacy
Matt Phillips' upcoming presidency from Lenore
Greenberg & Roberta Treacy
Rabbi Goren from Marilyn Frischling
Bar Mitzvah of Anne & Elliot Taub's grandson from
Renee & Gerald Kaufman

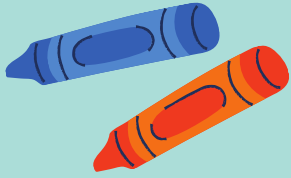
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Ed Fried from Ellen & Philip Pickus
Ed Fried from Renee & Gerald Kaufman
Edmund Fried from Zurich North America

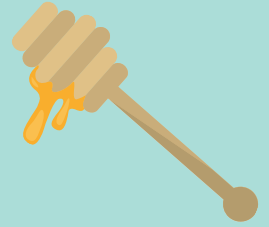
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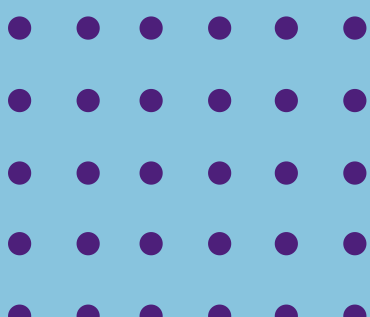
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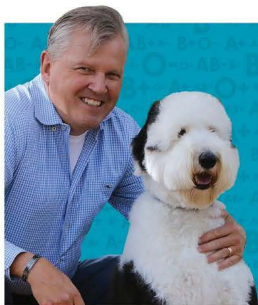
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Oceanside Jewish Community

Tuesday – July 11, 2023

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3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, NY

3:30pm – 8:00pm

Appointments Preferred walk-ins welcome if capacity permits.



[Click here to make an appointment!](#)

Or email Betsy @ tortgirlny@aol.com, Dora @ Dora.Sosnowik@gmail.com
Paul @ paul@moskyfam.com , Marcia @ Marcia5552@aol.com

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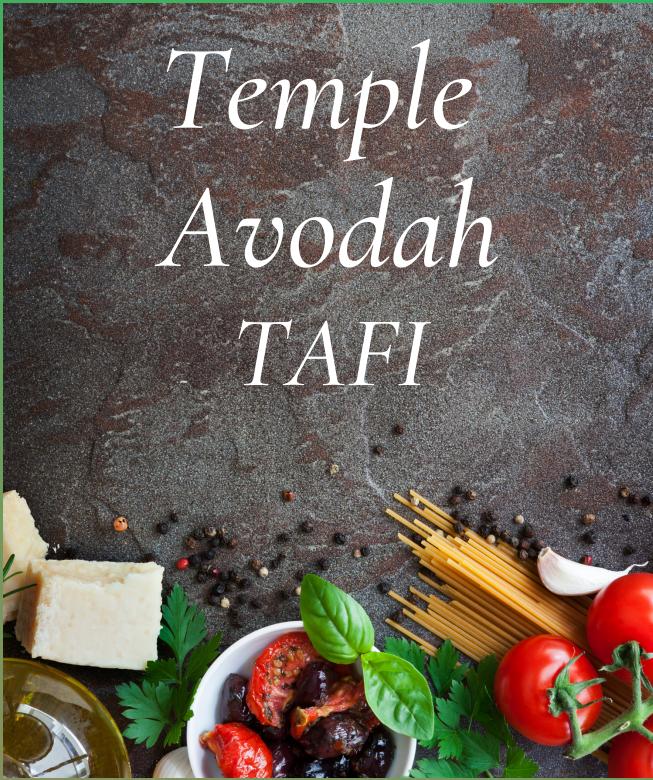


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Mother Kelly's

Wednesday, July 12th

12:00 - 8:00pm

In-store pickup, or
pick up at Temple Avodah*

Mother Kelly's has generously offered to contribute
20% of your check back to Temple Avodah.

Temple Membership is NOT required

Just tell 'em "Temple Avodah sent me"

**Pick up at Temple Avodah at 5:45 pm*

Meet & Eat with
Rabbi Shai!
6-7:30pm

Mother Kelly's
171 Maple Ave
Rockville Centre, NY
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516.295.5421

Note: No shellfish or pork will be allowed to be eaten on
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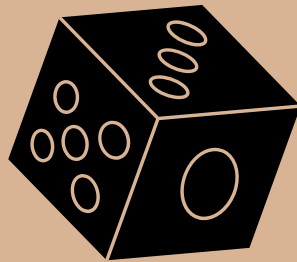
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BUNCO NIGHT

Thursday, July 13, 2023
7:30PM

fun
&

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\$18.00
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\$20.00
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Questions?
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Bob Harwood Memorial Golf Classic

The Golf Club at Middle Bay

August 21, 2023



Person of the Year
Mindy Goldsmith

Followed by

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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

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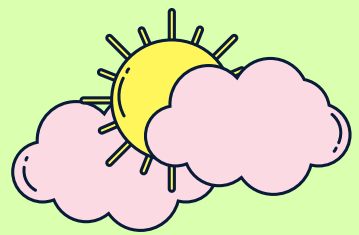
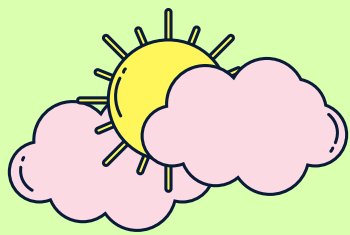
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Start date Monday, September 11, 2023

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Questions: Mindy @ 516-763-0263

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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.



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