

Temple Topics

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May 2023

Iyar/Sivan 5783

May Events

5/1
Defensive Driving

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Lag Ba'Omer

5/9
TAFI- Lido Deli

5/19
Yom Yerushalyim

5/21 Thrift Sale

5/25
Erev Shavuot

5/26
Shavuot/BBQ

5/29
Memorial Day



Temple Avodah



May 26th SHABBAT 6PM

Featuring Schleppenwolf

Junior & Teen Choirs

followed by

BBQ



Click here to register
RSVP required by May 22nd

**Bring the whole
family!**

\$36. per family*

\$15. per member

\$18. per non-member

\$10. kids 5-8

Free for kids under 5

***Immediate Family Only**



BURGERS
HOT DOGS
VEGGIE BURGERS
POTATO SALAD
COLE SLAW
SODA
COFFEE
DESSERT

**Prospective members &
new PJ Families
register as our guests!**



May Service Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER
LED BY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH CHOIRS

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

7:00PM ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY SHABBAT SERVICE
GARDEN ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON
10:30AM BABY NAMING OF IZABEL LILY MUNRO

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

6:00PM BAT MITZVAH OF KAYLA RAPPAPORT
7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE
GARDEN ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON
10:00AM BAR MITZVAH OF RYAN SOKOL

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE WITH
JUNIOR CHOIR & TEEN CHOIR & SCHLEPPENWOLF & BBQ

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

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

Revelation is an Important Element of Our Lives



Forty-nine days after the beginning of Passover we celebrate Shavuot, which means “weeks.” It took seven weeks for the Israelites, after leaving Egypt, to reach an important destination in their journey to freedom. After wandering for forty-nine days, Mount Sinai was finally in sight. It is there where the most important event in the history of the Jewish people happened. Even greater than the birth of the State of Israel, and that was at the very top. At Mount Sinai, God gave us what will make the Jewish people unique. It is from this event that we are known as the chosen people.

Shavuot is a time of great joy and celebration, as we reflect on the journey of the Jewish people and the profound meaning of the Torah in our lives. It was at the moment of Divine Revelation at Mount Sinai that we received our laws, traditions, and values. As the word implies, a revelation is experiencing or discovering something we didn't previously know or see or feel.

The giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai was a pivotal moment in Jewish history. It was a moment of revelation, where the Jewish people were given the tools to understand the meaning of their existence and their role in the world. The Torah is not just a set of laws or rules, but a guide to living a meaningful and purposeful life.

The Torah was given to us as a community. And it is as a community that we will survive. Shavuot is a reminder that if we want to continue to be a people, we need to be part of a community. We act together and we evolve together.

This Shavuot, let's reaffirm the mystery of Revelation with the gift of acceptance. We accept the gift of being Jewish and we act upon it as a community. It is through moments of revelation that we discover the incredible. When was the last time you experienced a moment of revelation? It is not easy. Like the Israelites in the desert, we need to be at the right place at the right moment. However, every day can be a time to receive revelation. When we experience the beauty of life and the feeling of love, we receive revelation. When we help someone, we reveal the Divine within ourselves. Revelation is finding who we are and how we can become even better. It is to find out all that is yet to make us better and happier. We can reveal our happiness to the world by accepting the humanity in all of us.

I strongly believe that there is so much more to be revealed in our world, minds, and of course in our spirits. We just need, as the Israelites did, to walk the journey to the place where we will experience life in its plenitude. This time of the year, when flowers start growing and days become longer, let's take a moment and experience the revelation of our lives...ourselves.

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



Five Jewish Sci-Fi and Fantasy Novels to Lose Yourself in this Summer

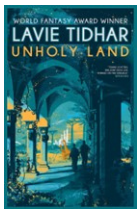
The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer and it's finally time to start your summer reading list. Whether you're looking for a beach read or gearing up for a long trip, these sci-fi and fantasy novels are sure to stoke your imagination and demonstrate new ways to tell Jewish stories. All of these books are also available in audiobook format, so you can also enjoy them while driving or taking a long walk on the beach.



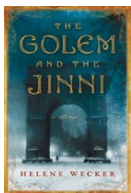
When the Angels Left the Old Country by Sacha Lam- What happens when Good Omens meets An American Tail. Uriel and Ashl are the resident angel and demon of their tiny shtetl in Eastern Europe. When one of the many young people from their town who are immigrating to America goes missing, Uriel and Ashl take it upon themselves to investigate. Their journey leads them from their little town across the ocean to the big city, where supernatural mayhem and hijinks ensue.



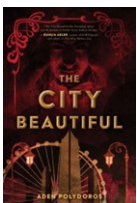
Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik- A reimagining of Rumpelstiltskin which weaves the classic fairy tale with Eastern and Jewish folklore to build a rich fantasy version of medieval Europe. When her father's failure to collect on the debts from his money lending business leaves her family on the edge of poverty, Miryem takes matters into her own hands. Her reputation for turning silver into gold attracts the attention of the king of the mystical Staryk, and she is thrust into a world of magic, intrigue, and peril.



Unholy Land by Lavie Tidhar- Did you know that Theodore Herzl proposed a plan to establish a Jewish state in Uganda? Unholy Land explores a parallel universe where this plan came to fruition. When mediocre author Lior Tirosh returns to his African homeland of Palestina to visit his ailing father, it soon becomes clear that something isn't quite right. As the boundaries between realities begin to erode, Lior struggles to discover which version of the Jewish State he belongs in.



The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker- Chava is a golem created by a disgraced Rabbi to be a perfect wife. When her husband dies on the journey to America, she finds herself left to her own devices in New York City. There, she forms an unlikely friendship with Ahmad, a jinni who is accidentally released after centuries of confinement in a tin flask. If you like your fantasy with a little romance, this twist on the immigrant tale is for you.



The City Beautiful by Aden Polydoros- A murder mystery set in Chicago during the 1893 World's Fair with a supernatural twist. A series of murders of young Jewish boys goes mostly disregarded by Chicago police. When Alter's roommate Yakov becomes the latest victim, Alter is possessed by Yakov's dybbuk, and forced to solve and avenge his friend's murder before he is completely subsumed.

**Cantor's Office hours are Mondays, 1-3pm Please call to make an appointment
516-766-6809 extension 4**

Message from the President



As I approach the end of my Temple Presidency (time sure does pass quickly), I am optimistic as we head into the future – but more about that next month.

At our service on April 21st, Rabbi Goren recognized and thanked all our members who volunteer and assist Temple in any way. I have tried to express during the last 2 years that no one's membership is more important than anyone else's. We are all shareholders in Temple Avodah and have a common goal: to enrich our lives and preserve Temple for future generations.

Volunteering takes many forms and we all can contribute in any way that fits into our lives. Below is a different way to view the importance of volunteering, entitled:

“How Does Volunteering Enrich Our Lives”.

I hope it prompts all of us to help because in addition to our services and religious school, our volunteers are the best part of Temple!

- V** **Value** – It provides value to your membership in so many ways and sets a great example for those with children.
- O** **Opportunity** – It provides you with new opportunities that you would otherwise not be exposed to, such as making new friendships or business contacts and learning new skills.
- L** **Leadership** – One can become a leader in Temple life in many ways as well. It does not have to mean joining the Board or attending a weekly meeting. Joining committees or arms to any extent, or planning events helps tremendously.
- U** **Understanding** – Learning all about the different workings of the temple and how things are run makes your membership more meaningful.
- N** **Neighborly** – Volunteering assists one in building new relationships and may enable you to help people in need in our extended neighborhood.
- T** **Team** - Being a volunteer requires teamwork. You will get to meet new people and experience the joy of working together with others for a common cause.
- E** **Excitement** – Volunteering adds new excitement to our lives in different ways.
- E** **Enthusiastic** – You will gain a perspective of how all our volunteers are enthusiastic about all they do, which will rub off on you.
- R** **Rewarding** – Recognize the benefits you gain from your membership and realize how rewarding it can be

Marian Keilson, President



Here's to another very successful year in Sisterhood. It's really amazing what a dedicated group of hard-working, like-minded women can accomplish when they put their "everything" into it! And as any of us can tell you, it's not all about raising money—our generous donations to community projects and those in need, our support of the "We Care" project, fabulous Book Club, Mitzvah Day participation including Book Fairy collections, and toiletries for women in local shelters and other projects, and programs throughout the year make participating in Sisterhood so rewarding!

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

Well, it's that time again! Get ready, get set, GO clean out your closets to make room for the new season's clothing by donating the stuff you no longer need or want! We'll take your new and used clothing, accessories, linens etc. for our Spring Thrift Sale on Sunday, May 21st. Please let the Temple office know if you can lend a hand with setup the week before the sale (starting Saturday, May 13th). Watch your emails for the donation drop off schedule. Remember, if you make a donation and need a letter for tax purposes, drop off a SASE with your donations.

The Sisterhood Book Club is open to paid-up Sisterhood members only. The May book discussion will be *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. 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!

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

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

Thanking you for your continued support,

Wendy Brumberg & Sheila London
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Social Action In Action

The Social Action Committee "Springs" into Action!

The Social Action Committee thanks everyone who participated in our annual Mitzvah Day on April 30, 2023. We had a lot of fun and helped a lot of people - and animals, too! A full report will be published in next month's Temple Topics

Next up, we look forward to representing our Temple at the Israel Day parade in Manhattan on June 4, 2023 ... and we want YOU to join us! Details on transportation and other logistics are available by contacting our intrepid parade organizer, Lisa Goldberg.

We are also PROUD to be representing Temple at the Long Island Pride Parade in Huntington on June 11. Marching is a fun way to spread the word about our Congregation and our philosophy: "However you define your family, we welcome you to ours." If you would like to participate, please contact the office.

Looking forward to the summer, we are thrilled to host the semi-annual Oceanside Jewish Community Blood Drive in July, and looking ahead to the fall, we are planning Temple Avodah's First Annual Day of Service in commemoration of the events of 9/11. Want to get involved? Contact us!

Respectfully submitted,

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Religious School

On April 18th, the Religious School observed Yom HaShoah with a ceremony- “Unto Every Person There is a Name”- Remembering the Children. Our 5th, 6th, 7th graders and Kesher Kef students honored the memories of a tiny fraction of the 1.5 million children who were murdered in the Shoah. The names, gathered by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum in Israel, included the age and place of death. Our students took the mitzvah of zachor, (remembering) very seriously, taking great pains to pronounce the names correctly and clearly.

Poems and readings were included in the ceremony, which was attended by parents. Thomas Jacoby spoke from the heart on why it is important to remember the Holocaust, and Danielle and Adele Davoli shared Adele’s Yad Vashem Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning Project, which will honor the memory of a girl, Ella, who died in the Holocaust. And then.... we moved on to celebrate Israel’s 75th birthday with cake, falafel, pita, hummus, and Israeli dancing. We mourn and remember but celebrate as well.

As our school year comes to a close, I want to express appreciation to everyone who has contributed to ensuring our school remains vibrant. Thank you to our dedicated teachers, Sara Kivelevitz (K/1); Nanette Hill (2nd/3rd), Rachel Weinberg (Hebrew- 3rd/6th); Sharon Kamens (4th/5th); Michael Holman (6th) and Jesse Perlmutter (Hebrew 5th/7th). Our teen aides Faith G, Kaitlin C, Samantha T, Hannah W, Thomas J and Arielle B have been a welcome addition to our school. Our kind and competent administrative assistant Ellen Kovitz makes sure everything runs smoothly, as does Andrea, Jill, Fredy and Eli. Our School Board and PTO support our school and provide fun and innovative activities.

Thanks to Cantor Amelia for bringing the joy of music and tefilla into the lives of our students, and to Marian Keilson and the Temple Board for supporting the goals of our school.

And finally, a big Todah and bittersweet goodbye to Rabbi Goren. You have been a positive influence on our students, always adding your unique insight to whatever topic is being discussed. You will be missed, and I wish you a joyous journey on the road ahead.

B’Shalom,

Phyllis Pellman

Education Director

religiousschool@avodah.org

Junior Choir



A Very Special Mitzvah Day Project



On April 23rd, a week before the 'regular' Mitzvah Day gathering, 12 Temple members descended on the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park to treat the families of those sick kids at the Cohen's Pediatric Medical Center to something sweet. Guided by our Baker In Chief (Wendy Brumberg), the participants mixed, rolled, prepped and then baked cookies and brownies. The team included Gary Brumberg, Connie Axelson, Lisa Goldberg, Carol Gluck, Betsy Meyerson, Caryle Katz, Sofia Wolfe, Andrew Wolfe, David Kirsh, Barbara Kirsh (see photo above). Barry Howard, a Temple Member and also a Ronald McDonald House volunteer, delivered a tour of the House for those who had not been there before.

I wish you could have been there. The calls for "Wendy this" and "Wendy that" kept the Chief Baker moving from one end of the double kitchen to the next. Gary, her able helper, was in the middle of the chaos that resulted in a sweet smell that filled the kitchens and adjacent rooms. While the cookies were baking, the tour opened the 'magic' of the House and how it helps families stay close to their sick children in an atmosphere that is both helping and supportive.

Mitzvah Day has many facets, but this baking effort has long lasting effects on the participants who baked and the families that ate.

Come down next year.

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... DID YOU KNOW THAT AFTER THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FEW OF THE FORMER CITIZENS RETURNED AND NEWPORT NEVER REGAINED ITS FORMER PROMINENCE. WITH A DECLINING POPULATION, AND MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED, THE SYNAGOGUE WAS USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS ONES. FROM 1781 TO 1784 THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MET HERE, AS WELL AS THE RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT. ...IN 1790 PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON MADE THE 5 DAY JOURNEY FROM NEW YORK, AND SPOKE AT THE CONG. YESHUAH ISRAEL'S SYNAGOGUE, IN HOPES OF GETTING SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. ON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK HE WROTE A LETTER OF THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION. PART OF THE LETTER READ: "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH GIVES TO BIGOTRY NO SANCTION, TO PERSECUTION NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRE THAT THEY WHO LIVE UNDER ITS PROTECTION SHOULD DEMEAN THEMSELVES AS GOOD CITIZENS."

NOT LONG AFTER, WITH MOST OF THE CONGREGATION HAVING MOVED TO NEW YORK, TITLE OF THE SYNAGOGUE PASSED INTO THE HANDS OF N.Y.'S CONG. SHEARITH ISRAEL AS TRUSTEES. WITH THE NEWPORT SYNAGOGUE RARELY USED AND IN GREAT DISREPAIR IT APPEARED AS IT WERE DOOMED... BUT, LIKE THEIR FATHER, ISAAC, HIS SONS ABRAHAM AND JUDAH TUROD LOVED THE SYNAGOGUE. THESE 2 BROTHERS, WHO WERE 2 OF AMERICA'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPISTS, GAVE SUBSTANTIAL MONIES TO THE STATE TO MAINTAIN THE SYNAGOGUE, THE CEMETERY AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN NEWPORT... AND IT WAS THE STATE THAT REFERRED TO IT AS TUROD SYNAGOGUE. THEN IN 1883 WITH AN INFLUX OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION THE SYNAGOGUE WAS ONCE AGAIN ACTIVATED, AND IN 1946 IT WAS DECLARED A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.



THIS SIMPLE BUILDING WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL INTERIOR WILL CELEBRATE ITS 250 ANNIVERSARY THIS DEC. 2.

**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.**

RETIRED AVODAH *Retirement Party*



Rabbi Uri Goren

TEMPLE AVODAH

JUNE 17, 2023

7PM-MIDNIGHT

KOMBERT CATERERS

FULL COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER

DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA

TOP SHELF LIQUOR

DANCING

\$150 PER PERSON

\$50 UNDER 12

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Temple Avodah



CELEBRATING RABBI GOREN

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

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Temple Avodah

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



Week of May 5

Bella Bigman
Dr. Sidney Epstein
Samuel Friedman
Michel Fuchs
Charna Garber
Janet Goldman
Ruth Haber
Jack Howard
Ruth Kanowitz
Solomon Kushnick
Eileen Mizel
Marilyn Moscowitz
Paul Nathan
Max Schwartz
Herbert Shore
Henrietta Silfen
Blanche Solomon
Kenneth Weinman
Aaron Zackman

Week of May 12

Sheila Abish
Shula Ben-Amou
Sylvia Bernstein
Sylvia Eagle
Julian Fischgrund
Lillian Gordon
Walter Gutmann
Molly Jean Horowitz
Roslyn Innerfield
Stanley Kane
David Kohn
Sigmund Lehrer
Lillian Levi
Stanley Meyerson
Max Miller
Lorraine Kaufman Nassi
Richard Phillips
David Peter Rose
Corinne Rosenholtz
Edward Ruff
Leatrice Safir
Albert Sherman
Morton Suntup
Allan Taub
Marc Tobin
Beatrice Tobkes
Stewart Mark Weiner
Abby Weiner
Claire Weiss

Week of May 19

Renee Aronin
Arlene Cohen
Belle Drangel
Sarah Finfer
Muriel Freedman
Benjamin Ganulin
Rita Gold
Eleanor Golos
Rose Grabia
Martin W, Haber
William Henick
Eleanore R. Herman
Mitch Kaplan
Alan Kaplan
Buddy Katz
Fanya Kazakova
Charlotte Liebov
Sarah Mandel
Sheila Sonsky
Robert Yeoman

Week of May 26

Lisa Beitler
Eric Elias
Morris Epstein
Harriet Frankel
Anne Gutmann
Abraham L. Horowitz
Lillian Kesten
Isabel Levine
Yetta Levine
Anna L. Levitan
Irving Mandel
Richard Peteroy
Irving Pickus
Curt D. Schott
Eve Weiner
Elliot H. Wolfe
Otto Yaverbaum

Happy Birthday to Our May Birthdays!

Lori Shenkman Cortazzo 5/1	Stacey Hertz 5/7	William Kugelman 5/17	Jarrold Osofs 5/24
Larry Lieberman 5/1	Kira Quintero 5/8	Louis Kahn 5/17	Ilana Rappaport 5/25
Veronica Chernoff 5/2	Stuart Rauch 5/9	Samantha Calabrese 5/17	Stephen Dorfman 5/25
Brandon Fedor 5/2	Hal Riskin 5/10	Alex Abbey 5/18	Zachary Wiener 5/26
Nancy Pratt Finfer 5/2	Andrea Colella 5/10	Lori Gozinsky 5/18	Connie Axelson 5/26
Mindy Rich 5/2	Gilian Banilower 5/10	Benjamin Christie 5/18	Fredric Koller 5/26
Abigail Ginsburg 5/2	Ella Drew 5/11	Mindy Kaufman 5/18	Stacey Korman 5/27
Iris Rosenberg 5/2	Ira Henkus 5/11	Jillian Frankel 5/19	Ronnie Levine 5/28
Daniel Sadownick 5/2	Daniel Keilson 5/12	Stephen Axelson 5/19	Lauren Kaufman 5/28
Rose Epstein 5/2	Gil Miller 5/12	Harvey Savoy 5/19	Olivia Wiener 5/29
Carla Gutman 5/3	Alexis Kessler 5/13	Emma Goldberg 5/19	Howard Wigdor 5/29
David Posner 5/3	Addison Kugelman 5/13	Gregery Sokol 5/19	Brianne Gruber 5/29
Craig Tenenbaum 5/3	Ira Feder 5/14	Linda Howard 5/19	Uri Goren 5/29
Bari Waitzman 5/3	Maxwell Ginsburg 5/14	Matthew Levine 5/19	Hal Weiner 5/29
Jason Goldman 5/4	Jessica Krasnovsky 5/14	Madeline Costello 5/19	Monica Adelman 5/30
Darra Battino 5/4	David Myron 5/15	Matthew Keilson 5/20	Stewart Skolnick 5/30
Joshua Landau 5/5	Lewis Cohen 5/15	Sasha Phillips 5/20	Vladimir Rabkin 5/30
Jeffrey Davis 5/5	Joan Weinberg 5/15	Rory Pinsky 5/20	Mark Kugelman 5/30
Evan Baumann 5/5	Stephanie Frankel 5/16	Gregory Cangiano 5/21	Laura Koss Feder 5/31
Jonathan Davis 5/5	Danica Kirschenbaum 5/17	Leslie Sadownick 5/21	Joshua Gluck 5/31
Benjamin Levine 5/6		Eynat Curtis 5/21	
		Spencer Bernabeu 5/21	

Mazal Tov To Our May Wedding Anniversaries!

Amy & Martin Adler 5/1	Leslie & Daniel Sadownick 5/20
Paula & George Akst 5/1	Phyllis & Elliot Shulman 5/21
Lisa & Noel Maitland 5/3	Gail & Joel Gold 5/23
Jordana & Patrick Hannam 5/6	Gayle & Joseph O'Keefe 5/26
Patricia & Lawrence Gottesman 5/7	Joann & Steven Feinberg 5/27
Linda & Paul Engel 5/15	Loren & Austin Graff 5/30
Lori & Steven Feigenbaum 5/18	Cindy & Gary Baumann 5/31

**Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat
on Friday, May 12th at 7:00pm !**

If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of May 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 Marilyn Frischling on the naming of her great granddaughter,
Izabel Lily Munro**

May 13, 2023

Mazal Tov to Kayla Rappaport on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

May 19, 2023

Mazal Tov to Ryan Sokol on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

May 20, 2023

**Mazal Tov to Rick Fromewick and Gil Balanoff on being recognized for
fifty years in the NYS Bar Association!**

Thank you to our Oneg Sponsors

- 5/5/2023 Kasey & William Ziff IHO Rabbi Goren for officiating at their daughter Arielle Drew Ziff's Bat Mitzvah on 4/16/21
- 5/12/23 Amy Innerfield IMO Roslyn & Arnold Innerfield
- 5/12/23 The Members of the Ways & Means Committee IHO Rabbi Goren
- 5/12/23 Marilyn Frischling IHO naming of great granddaughter & IHO Rabbi
- 5/19/23 Susan & Ben Velella IHO Rabbi Goren & the naming of their grandson, Andrew Donato Velella

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

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Joseph Bloom from Ellyn & Ira Katz

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Joseph Bloom from Florence & Jules Tannen

Joseph Bloom from Fran & Stewart Skolnick

Mary Weston from Judith & Mark Altman

Joseph Bloom from Lynn Peteroy

Joseph Bloom from Maxine & Leslie Dattner

Mary Weston from Maxine & Leslie Dattner

Joseph Bloom from Merilee Kaufman

Joseph Bloom from Mindy & Mark Goldsmith

Joseph Bloom from Rita & Daniel Henick

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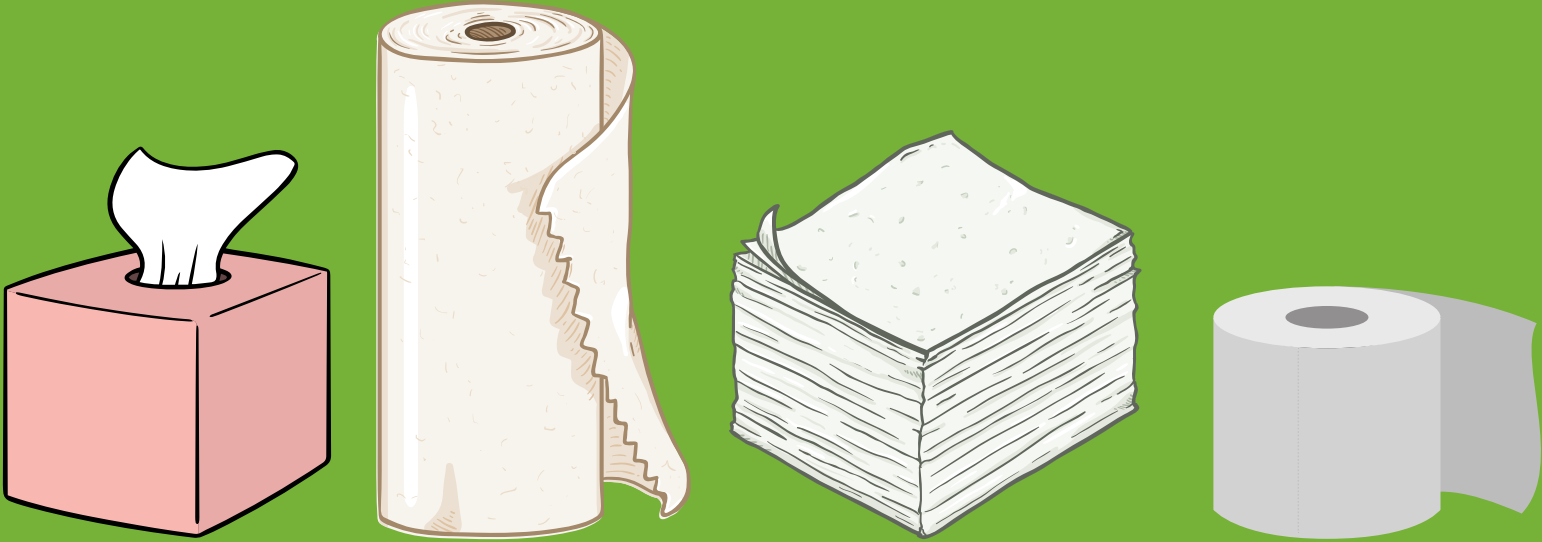
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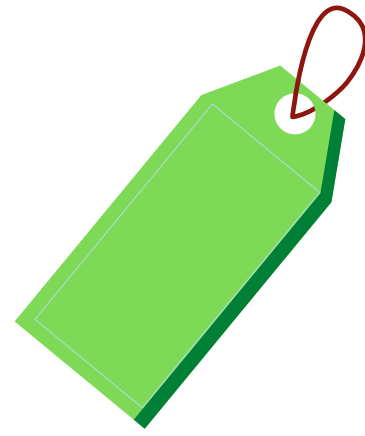
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Sunday, May 21, 2023

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Sisterhood needs your donations of new and gently used women's, men's, and children's clothing and accessories (shoes, scarves, belts, handbags, jewelry, gloves, etc).

Supplies are also needed - rubber bands, safety pins, sturdy hangers and shopping bags.

Please help us by separating & labeling Women's, Men's, and Children's clothing. Some indication of size is also helpful.

If you would like a donation letter for tax purposes, please include a business sized self-addressed stamped envelope with your donation.

Donations will be accepted May 1st through May 21st, 3:30 - 6:00PM, and on Saturdays from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Rudich Building.

For more information, and to VOLUNTEER contact the Temple office.
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Questions?

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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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