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## OUR CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TORAH

### A Bridge From The Past To The Future

In early June, 1981 I read a small article in Newsday that told how the Suffolk Jewish Center in Deer Park had just acquired a Czechoslovakian Torah. I remembered reading something about these Torahs, so I called their chairwoman at the Jewish Center and asked for information. She referred me to the Westminster Synagogue in London, England. I then spoke to Rabbi Berger and our Temple president, Ed Fried, and asked for permission to pursue acquiring such a Torah for Temple Avodah. Permission was granted and I wrote to Westminster Synagogue.

I learned that Westminster Synagogue was the custodian of 1,564 Torah Scrolls that had been discovered in a warehouse after World War II. These Scrolls had been stolen by the Nazis from destroyed synagogues all over Czechoslovakia and were to be displayed in a museum showing artifacts of an "extinct society." Although most of Czechoslovakian Jewry did not survive, 1,564 of their Torahs did. The Synagogue asked for a small honorarium to help with their expenses of housing, classifying, examining and repairing these torahs (when possible).

I immediately sent out a flier asking for 60 checks in the amount of \$18.00 (chai). I indicated that I would *not* print a list of donors, and I would *not* send out thank you letters. This would be a very private mitzvah where only the donors would know, and that was what was important. I received 70 checks. I immediately sent the money to London in August of 1981. In December, 1981 I received a phone call from British Airways to come down and pick up our Scroll. I truly cannot describe the emotion that we (Ros, our children Steve and Amy, and I) felt

when we opened the wooden crate and saw the Torah for the first time. Our eyes filled with tears as we recited the 'Shehecheyanu.'

On April 23, 1982, Yom Ha-Shoah, the Czechoslovakian Torah was rededicated outdoors at our Holocaust memorial. I was given the honor of the first aliyah in its new home, an honor that I truly cherish.

But all we knew was that the Scroll was written in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and originally came from a little town called Telc. After again communicating with the Westminster Synagogue, we were referred to Dr. Fred Hahn, a world-respected scholar of the history of Czechoslovakian Jewry. On April 19, 1982, Yom Ha-Shoah, Dr. and Mrs. Hahn were our guests. At services that evening Dr. Hahn described the history and fate of the Czechoslovakian Jews, and told us whatever information he had been able to glean about Telc from his overflowing files.

I placed all the correspondence in a book that I gave into the custody of our Rabbi. It is interesting to note that the Westminster Synagogue does not *give* the Scroll to the temple or synagogue. The Scroll is placed on permanent loan. It is of emotional and sentimental consideration and is used in Synagogues and Temples for religious and educational uses.

I find it emotionally overwhelming that our Torah, which was part of a Jewish community that started in 1426, and that no longer exists after the holocaust, has found a loving home in Oceanside, New York.

Arnold S. Innerfield  
Torah Chairman



This is the Torah we unrolled & danced with on Simchat Torah!

Reprinted article from Temple Topics Cover November 2004 written by Arnold S. Innerfield z'l Torah Chairman



# November Service Schedule

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**

6:00PM EARLY SHABBAT SERVICES

JUNIOR & TEEN CHOIRS

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BNAI MITZVAH OF AUSTIN & STUART BREITMAN

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES - GARDEN ROOM

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BNAI MITZVAH OF SOFIA & ELAN WOLFE

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT WITH ADULT CHOIR

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BOKER TOV SHABBAT GRADES K-3 GARDEN ROOM

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

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

Watch for notices for possible changes to services



# In My Opinion

## Thankfulness Changes Our Existence



When I look at the world today, I always try to find something good, something to be happy about, a moment or event to make me feel thankful. At times this seems an impossible task. To find the good in humanity often seems a lost cause. There is so much hatred and suffering in the world, and for no reason. There is enough of everything to make every person on earth feel happy and content. Instead, we fight and argue over who should be the owner of life and who has the most powerful weapons. Look at the Russian invasion of Ukraine. One crazy man ruining the world!

November is a special time for the United States. Every year, we look to be thankful and to experience gratitude when we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. It's a "one day reminder" that there is enough to be grateful for, while at the same time knowing that so much needs to be fixed in our lives and the world.

Since we moved to the United States, Thanksgiving has been one of our most favorite holidays. However, I do believe that we need to be thankful more than just one day a year. In our world, the way our country is functioning, where division and a lack of respect are a way of life, we need to go back to understand the real message of Thanksgiving. We need to be able to give thanks for being able to live in peace. How can it be so difficult? It seems extremely complicated sometimes, not just among nations, but even among families. A feeling of thanksgiving can and should be lived and expressed daily. If we did that, we would be a much nicer society, a more caring people, and our attitude in life would not be one of entitlement but of how blessed we are.

When we truly feel thanksgiving, we appreciate living. Nothing is taken for granted, nothing is expected. With thanksgiving, we learn how to be happy being who we are. We respect everyone and everything alive. We respect our environment and care for it.

**A daily dose of Thanksgiving is the best route to a life of satisfaction and peace.**

Let's not just be grateful on Thanksgiving, but every day of our lives. It will change our existence.

Full of thanksgiving,

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](mailto:office@avodah.org), or leaving a message at 516-766-6809.**

# Cantor's Notes



## Composer Spotlight: Nava Tehila

Welcome to the first 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 the contemporary Jerusalem-based group, Nava Tehilah. Melodies by Nava Tehila that we sing at Temple Avodah include:

Oseh Shalom [<https://open.spotify.com/track/3pJCh6uG1cKGiz9ZOmcGnM?si=ab29df3293d344e6>]

Ya'aloz Sadai [<https://open.spotify.com/track/2Wau85m1QA2rr018GtrK2P?si=7a9223225d114743>]

Zamru [<https://open.spotify.com/track/7C22WR2lbp2XMKRFZHmaj3?si=f4cb5984282f4221>]

Shalom Aleichem [<https://open.spotify.com/track/5kl8W4VjdHjellHD5a6f9Sf?si=b983e96ec0a04f26>]

Nava Tehilah is a unique ensemble of musicians that composes original Jewish music as well as leading innovative and experimental prayer experiences. The group was founded by Rabbi Ruth Gan Kagan, who grew up in the modern Orthodox Religious Zionist community in Israel. After graduating from Hebrew University with a degree in law, Gan Kagan moved her family to Colorado to study with Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Reb Zalman, as his students refer to him, is often credited with founding Jewish renewal, a deinstitutionalized movement which emphasizes mysticism, egalitarianism and ecstatic spiritual practices. Interested in using music as a path to spiritual experience, Rabbi Gan Kagan teamed up with young musicians Daphna Rosenberg and Yoel Sykes to form Nava Tehila after her ordination in 2004.

Nava Tehila facilitates a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service in Jerusalem that draws attendees spanning the spectrum of Jewish identity from secular to Orthodox. They are especially dedicated to introducing secular-identified Israelis to Jewish prayer. In addition, they travel around the world appearing in concert and as guest leaders at congregations.

The group's music and prayer leadership style draws inspiration from Buddhist chant and Chassidic nigun (melody). Many of their compositions, including all the examples above, employ a two-part AB melodic structure and limited text, usually a single verse or sentence, and build energy through repetition. Through this technique, their music creates a trancelike, meditative effect or a joyous, ecstatic atmosphere. Because of this emphasis on repetition, Nava Tehila's kabbalat shabbat services can last up to two hours, which most attendees spend on their feet dancing.

Discover more of Nava Tehilah's invigorating and uplifting melodies with this playlist-

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4926OsEmN49lepLVcQKf5h?si=369b644a086f4848&pt=5709c43877880ead974b5cd8f72f46d5>

# Message from the President



Challenges happen. It is how we face these challenges that make us different from the animal kingdom. Finding ingenious approaches to problem solving is always preferable. We at Temple Avodah face many challenges. Some of these challenges are keeping our building running smoothly, making repairs when necessary (some more costly than others), meeting the various needs of our different demographic groups within our congregation, having meaningful services both for Shabbat and the High Holidays, and keeping our religious school the best it can be. We have wonderful teachers led by a truly committed director, Phyllis Pellman.

We want our youngsters to have a warm and meaningful place to study and learn about Judaism. In return, we want them to love and embrace Judaism. However, we cannot accomplish this goal alone. I encourage our parents to regularly ask your children about what they are learning in the classroom. It is important for them to know that you are interested. Make sure your children see your commitment to Judaism because they will learn from what they observe. The religious education you provide your children will last them all their lives and will help ensure the continuation of Reform Judaism.

At Temple, we must work together to arrive at positive solutions to any problem, despite our diverse personalities and viewpoints. While there are times when the solutions need our ingenuity, we must always continue to persevere. Those of you that joined our High Holiday services in person likely noticed our newly laid and paved parking lot. This would not have been possible without the generous donations made to the Rabbi's Challenge. It is a mitzvah to give from the heart, so we also want to thank all those congregants who made a High Holiday pledge.

We always plan for a balanced budget. This year we achieved that goal! However, so everyone knows, we never operate at a "profit." This is why it is so important for congregants to pay their Temple obligations. Your dues are your investment in Temple membership. These reap rewards, including the strengthening of your ties to Judaism, whether spiritually, educationally or socially. For many, paying your Temple bill may not seem like a priority, but please understand that we cannot exist unless every member pays their bills on time.

As I mentioned at High Holiday services, there is something for everyone at Temple -- you just need to reach out to find that something that is just right for you. It can be the meaningful and beautiful Shabbat or High Holiday services. Our festival services, especially Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim are without parallel. We have adult education, social action events, and other opportunities to socialize and enjoy good companionship. Allow yourself to take advantage of the rewards of your investment. We are here for you, but we need you to be here for us.

As we enter November, my family and I extend to all of you a Happy Thanksgiving – and I hope you have much to be thankful for.

Marian Keilson, President





Just a gentle reminder...**PAY YOUR DUES!** Sisterhood cannot exist without you! Please be sure to pay your Sisterhood membership dues as soon as you can (still only \$36)! We need the support of every Temple Avodah woman to continue raising money and bringing events to our Avodah family! Remember all Sisterhood members can attend our meetings. Come see how we do, what we do and be a part of the process. [Click here to pay your dues.](#)

Our Fall Thrift Sale will be on Sunday, November 20th. As the seasons change and you start cleaning our closets & drawers, please save your unneeded new and gently- used clothing, linens, shoes and handbags to donate to our sale. Donations are currently being accepted in the lobby of the Annex/Rudich Building weekday afternoons and Saturdays. Sisterhood and friends will be setting up for this important fundraiser daily beginning Saturday, November 12th, through Saturday, November 19th. We need all the help we can get so, if you can lend a hand for an hour or two, please let us know! We will also need help the day of our sale on November 20th. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office.

Mah Jongg cards are back and Sisterhood has them...for sale again this year. Please check the Temple website for the form. Checks for your orders should be made out to TA Sisterhood and sent to Barbara Stern. Cards will be sent directly your home by the Mah Jongg League in early April. Standard cards are \$14 and large format are \$15. For more information, contact Barbara at [stern421@aol.com](mailto:stern421@aol.com).

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](mailto:SheilaLondon.Sisterhood@gmail.com) for more information.

The Book Club is open to paid-up Sisterhood members only. The November discussion will be Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland. If you are interested in joining, please contact Connie Axelson at [Kenaxe@optonline.net](mailto:Kenaxe@optonline.net).

We are happy to report that plans are underway for our long-awaited return of our fabulous "Non" Fashion Show Dinner! Save the date, Wednesday, March 29th. Our committee is already hard at work gathering raffle prizes and working with Kombert to plan a fabulous evening! Entertainment and dinner at a wonderful ladies night out...what could be better?! If you can help with raffle prizes (getting or donating), please reach out to Lynn Peteroy, Renée Kaufman, Cindy Baumann or Linda Goldstricker.

The We Care blanket project is ongoing! Knit or crochet a baby blanket (any pattern or color in acrylic (washable) yarn in 36 x36" is acceptable and it will be donated to a local hospital for pediatric patients. Contact Ellyn Katz ([Ellyn143@aol.com](mailto:Ellyn143@aol.com)) for more information or to make your donation.

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

B'Shalom,

Wendy Brumberg & Sheila London  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

# Social Action In Action

## Social Action Salutes Our Collaborators!

The month of October saw a fun and productive collaboration between our PTO families and the Social Action Committee. Following the theme of the harvest season, our students and their families collected canned fruits and veggies over a series of events, including decorating the Sukkah and Mini Mitzvah Day. Through their efforts, and with the additional donations of many generous congregants, we collected a carload of food for the Long Beach Soup Kitchen and the Hatzilu Kosher Food Pantry. Thanks to all who participated!

As the weather turns cold, our thoughts turn to other ways we can ease the burdens faced by our neighbors. In response to a request from the Long Beach Soup Kitchen, we will be collecting NEW HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES for distribution to their clients, as the "Food of the Month" for November. Leave your donations in the shopping cart in the vestibule, and we will do the rest.

We thank Connie Axelson for again leading our mid-day Meditative Walk on Yom Kippur, and we appreciate the participation of Sisterhood, PTO, the Torah Study Group and everyone else who joined forces with us during our Mini Mitzvah Day (more on that next month!).

We are looking forward to again collaborating with Oceanside Jewish Center and Young Israel of Oceanside on a Blood Drive scheduled for January 10, 2023. If you would like to donate or need more information, contact Betsy Meyerson at [tortgirlny@aol.com](mailto:tortgirlny@aol.com).

We welcome new collaborators! We are still in the planning stages for our Spring Mitzvah Day, so if you want a forum to execute a fun and useful service project, let's talk. We meet the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Contact the undersigned and we will give you the zoom link and physical location for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Religious School

Pick up a parenting book and it will usually have a chapter on the importance of ‘cultivating an attitude of gratitude’ with your children. The Rabbis of our tradition recognized long ago that Hakarat Hatov - recognizing the good in our lives - could have a significant impact on how we see ourselves in the world. While it’s true that based on their nature, some people see the ‘glass half full’ while others see it ‘half empty,’ the practice of hakarat hatov involves stepping back and taking the time to acknowledge what is positive in our lives. And like anything else in our lives that we want to improve on, it requires consistent practice.

In school, we always look for opportunities to encourage our students to express gratitude. Certainly, when we recite blessings, i.e. over challah/grape juice, lighting Shabbat or holiday candles, when we experience something new or welcome a new holiday, we look at these experiences through a special prism. We are teaching the Modeh(ah) Ani prayer, which is said in the morning, before you even get out of bed, and expresses gratitude that we have woken up to face a day of possibilities. It provides a marker to start our day, which also ends with the recitation of the Shema.

This month, most of us will celebrate Thanksgiving. While a secular holiday, it provides us and our families with a chance to share what we appreciate in our lives. I found ‘A Thanksgiving Prayer’ that I will share at my table this year:

For the laughter of the children,  
For my own life breath,  
For the abundance of food on this table  
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,  
For the roof over our heads.  
The clothes on our backs,  
For our health,  
And our wealth of blessings,  
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,  
For the freedom to pray these words without fear, in any language, in any faith  
In this great country, whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.  
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.

Rabbi Naomi Levy  
(Talking to God:  
Personal Prayers for Times of Joy, Sadness, Struggle and Celebration)

B'Shalom,

Phyllis Pellman





# Parent Teacher Organization

Shana Tova and a happy, healthy and sweet New Year to all! The PTO teamed up with the Men's Club this month for Sukkot. A huge yasher koach to the volunteers from Men's Club who came out to set up the Sukkah. The PTO once again loves the great set-up! This gave our Temple Avodah families the opportunity to get together (despite the wind and rain) to create beautiful decorations and have a nosh. A great time was had by all!!!!

We look forward to the up-coming months! Our next event is scheduled for Sunday October 30th. We are cohosting a "Coats & Cans" with the Social Action Committee! More information to come soon.

The PTO events will be coming back in full force this year! Go Team PTO!!!!

President, Alyssa Dube

Vice President, Danielle Davoli

Treasurer, Lori Izmirly

Secretary, Sabrina Cohen





# Torah Study Group Resumes Tradition of Bagels & Fixings with Study!



Saturday, October 15th, the Torah Study Group met in person in the Sukkah with the Rabbi. The study was hosted by Mark Milch with bagels, cream cheese, tuna and egg salad, accompanied by fresh tomatoes from Connie's garden. Everything was enjoyed by all. As a bonus, we fulfilled the Mitzvah of having a meal in the sukkah.

Also, it was unanimously decided by all in attendance, that the tradition of bagels with study will resume permanently on Saturday October 29th at 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM (sharp) in the Library, with Betsy Myerson Hosting!

We invite all temple members to join us for bagels and study weekly; and for those unable to attend in person, you may join us on Zoom (bagels not included). Contact Jerry Kaufman, or the temple office for more information.

## *Exclusive Club Formed at Temple Avodah*

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There are lots of clubs, committees and groups at Temple Avodah; just prowl around [www.Avodah.Org](http://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.

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## 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](mailto:Elliot.shulman@avodah.org) for more details



*Save the date*

*Saturday June 17, 2023*

*Rabbi Goren's  
Retirement  
Dinner*

*Kambert Caterers*

A wedding scene with a bride and groom kissing under a large floral arch. The arch is covered in 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**

**[Click here to Sponsor an Oneg](#)**



# Our Simchat Torah Celebration



Photo by Mark Milch



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Photos by Mark Milch



# Thank You To Our Master Sukkah Builders!



Josh Fedor; Ed Gelfond; Paul Oresky; Ken Axelson; Gary Brumberg; Stew Gubenko; Larry Lieberman; Rick Fromewick; Eric Abbey (on ladder); Dan Henick; Elliot Shulman; Ben Yom-tov; Jeff Elias; and sitting Chuck Liebov and Tom Jacoby

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> MARINE DIVISION REQUESTED CHAPLAIN **ROLAND GITTELSOHN**, 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 **GITTELSOHN** PERSUADED CHIEF CUTHRIEL TO HOLD 3 SEPARATE SERVICES. SO ANNOYED BY THE PREJUDICE OF THE OTHER CHAPLAINS, THREE PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS OPTED TO ATTEND GITTELSOHN'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

**GITTELSOHN**, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> RABBI TO SERVE AS A MARINE CHAPLAIN RECEIVED 3 CITATIONS FOR BRAVELY UNDER FIRE.

ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SERMON, AND SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH, **GITTELSOHN** 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.



# Yom Kippur Meditative Walk



At the Yom Kippur memorial service, Cantor Fox sang Eli, Eli. The English translation bears an uncanny resemblance to our experience on the second annual Meditative walk at the Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area sponsored by Temple Avodah Social Action Committee and led by Connie Axelson, held after completion of the morning services on Yom Kippur:

My God, My God,  
May these things never end,  
The sand and the sea,  
The rustle of the water,  
The lightning in the sky,  
The prayer of Man.

Except for the lightning in the sky (which started soon after our hike ended!), we had it covered. Our walk was adapted from one created by Rabbi Dan Fink to help Jews prepare for the New Year. In the walk, we experienced the solemnity and joy of the holidays while pondering our lives and exalting in the company of fellow congregants. We traversed through some of the less frequented paths, stopping along the way to consider themes such as Waking the Heart and Starting Anew.

Thank you to all the attendees this year who braved what we thought might be a chilly, wet walk but instead was a dry and comfortable afternoon spent reflecting on themes of redemption, both of a personal and societal nature, surrounded by stunning scenery. Similar to prayer in the synagogue, the communal nature of the hike enhanced all of our efforts to contemplate our lives and priorities.

Thank you to Mark Milch for capturing our smiles as well as the beauty of nature.

The Social Action Committee meets the first Saturday of each month on zoom and in person (with masks) and we welcome all interested congregants to join us.

Connie Axelson



**MEETS THE  
2ND  
WEDNESDAY  
OF THE  
MONTH**

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&  
SOCIAL  
ACTION**



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<b>Week of November 4</b>	<b>Week of November 11</b>	<b>Week of November 18</b>	<b>Week of November 25</b>
Rabbi Philmore Berger	Sidney Atkin	Louis Bernstein	Moe Abish
Sarah Berkowitz	Jean Friedman	Steven Diamond	Harriet Bell
Abe Burkin	Conrad Hasenflug	Dara Edell	Iris Block
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Lorraine Kanowitz	Sherry Richards	Ray Katz	Charlotte Goldberg
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Maurice (Moss) Lachter	Hank Shulman	Myrna Morman	Emanuel Levine
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Alan Rosengarten	Eli Zuckerman	Lillian Shulman	
Jack Savoy			
Anna Velella			
Milton Weinman			
Pauline Wesler			



# Happy Birthday to Our November Birthdays!

Barry Howard 11/1	Scott Henkus 11/8	Joshua Rosenberg 11/17	Gabrielle Schiller 11/23
Amy Adler 11/1	Philip Weis 11/8	Joshua Moshkovich 11/17	Adam Dube 11/23
Paula Akst 11/1	Jamie Lepper 11/8	Harry Cohen 11/18	Elan Wolfe 11/23
Andrew Rappaport 11/2	Iris Figueroa 11/9	Brett Moshkovich 11/18	Todd Benjamin 11/25
Judith Altman 11/2	Logan Denman 11/9	Alex Lazerson 11/18	Ronald Ventura 11/25
Emma Dorfman 11/2	Lyla Strumwasser 11/9	Robert Lewis 11/18	Carol Schrager 11/26
Eric Adelman 11/3	Michael Kombert 11/9	Craig Feinberg 11/19	Madison Graff 11/26
Benay Davidoff 11/3	Andrea Cassidy 11/9	Austin Breitman 11/19	Jeremy Feder 11/27
Jordan Kaplan 11/3	Libby Seltzer 11/11	Don Panzarino 11/19	Alan Gruber 11/27
Elijah Eyzoguirre 11/4	Mark Bloom 11/11	Stuart Breitman 11/19	Rachel Costello 11/27
Michael Meyerson 11/4	Brett Bodner 11/11	Vivian Perlmutter 11/20	Camryn Ventura 11/27
Rochelle Sanchez 11/4	Lori Izmirly 11/12	Max Pinsky 11/20	Adam Chernoff 11/28
Matthew Ganulin 11/5	Sarah Kugelman 11/14	Harriet Yomtov 11/22	Alana Izmirly 11/28
Cory Becker 11/5	Mia Gozinsky 11/15	Len Margolis 11/22	Cooper Shaberman 11/28
Joshua Margolin 11/6	Amanda Cangiano 11/17	Joseph Milch 11/22	Alison Kombert 11/30
Andrew Rosman 11/6	Coralynn Manion 11/17	Avi Moshkovich 11/22	Beth Hertz 11/30
Mark Thailer 11/6	Philip Pitkofsky 11/17	Ryan Bernabeu 11/22	Brittany Eisenberg 11/30
Jesse Stromer 11/7	Ingrid Kahn 11/17	Sharon Nicholson 11/22	Paul Engel 11/30
Jessica Panzarino 11/8		Sofia Wolfe 11/23	

## Mazal Tov To Our November Wedding Anniversaries!

Lori & Steven Gozinsky 11/1	Liz & Jeffrey Mizel 11/22
Galina & Yakov Sheynberg 11/5	Rochelle & Harvey Brodsky 11/23
Benay & Keith Davidoff 11/6	Allison & Stephen Dorfman 11/23
Sheila & Ronald London 11/11	Elizabeth Cohen & Peter Stuart 11/23
Michele & Jeff Rosenthal 11/11	Linda & Barry Howard 11/26
Wendy & Gary Brumberg 11/16	Kasey & William Ziff 11/27
Stephanie & Joseph Beberman 11/18	Fran & Stewart Skolnick 11/28

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

***If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of Novemeber 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 Austin & Stuart Breitman  
on becoming Bnai Mitzvah!**

**Mazal Tov Sofia & Elan Wolfe  
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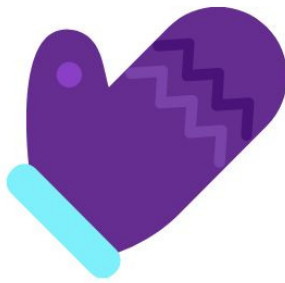
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#### Sci-Fi and the Rabbis

A comparative text study-based exploration of how big moral questions are explored in the midrash and by science fiction.

##### **Dates and Times:**

Wednesday, Nov 16th from 7:30—9PM

Wednesday, Nov 30th from 7:30—9PM

Wednesday, Dec 21st from 7:30—9PM

#### Kosher Nostra

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

### Courses with Rabbi Goren

**Note: these classes will be in-person only**

#### Jewish/Israeli Documentaries

##### **Dates and Times:**

Monday, Nov 21st from 4—5:30 PM

Monday, Nov 28th from 4—5:30 PM

Monday, Dec 5th from 4—5:30 PM

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Please help us by separating & labeling Women's, Men's & 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 accepted starting October 24th in the Rudich Bldg (Annex) Vestibule: Weekdays 3:30 pm-6 pm and Saturdays 9am-1 pm (no Sunday drop offs, please)**

**Please be considerate by not blocking the doors!**

**This is a major fundraiser for Sisterhood & Temple Avodah!!**

**Thank you for your support!**

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*We would appreciate your help setting up the week before the sale, Saturday, Nov. 12th through and including Sunday, November 20th (SALE DAY)*

*Contact Joyce at [HJSavoy@optonline.net](mailto:HJSavoy@optonline.net).*

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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***  
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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](mailto:danielledavoli@gmail.com) 516-424-6825).

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