

# Temple Topics

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September 2023

Elul/Tishri 5783-4

## September Events

9/1  
Shabbat on the Beach

9/4  
Labor Day  
Temple Office Closed

9/5  
Bunco

9/7  
TAFI- Greek Town

9/9  
Selichot Service

9/11 & 9/12  
First Day of School

9/21  
TAFI- Frank's Steaks

9/24  
Sukkah Build  
Sukkah Decorating

## Temple Avodah

High Holidays 5784/2023  
Schedule of Services

Friday, September 15th  
Erev Rosh Hashanah  
7:00pm Service

Saturday, September 16th  
Rosh Hashanah  
9:30am Service  
11:30am Children's Service  
12:15pm Shofar Service  
Tashlich will take place immediately following services, weather permitting

Sunday, September 17th  
Second Day Rosh Hashanah  
9:30am Service  
Open to the community-registration required

Sunday, September 24th  
Erev Yom Kippur  
7:30pm Kol Nidre

Monday, September 25th  
Yom Kippur  
10:00am Service  
1:00pm Yizkor  
Open to the community-registration required  
2:30pm Torah Study  
4:00pm Afternoon Service  
5:00pm Neilah Concluding Service  
6:30pm Shofar Service



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# September Service Schedule

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE AT THE BEACH

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM ONLY

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

7:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BAT MITZVAH OF ADELE DAVOLI

6:00PM SELICHOT PROGRAM

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

7:00PM SHABBAT & EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

9:30AM ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

11:30AM CHILDREN'S SERVICE

12:15PM SHOFAR/TASHLICH SERVICE





# **September Service Schedule *Continued***

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**

7:00PM SHABBAT SHAVUA SERVICE WITH  
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

10:00AM BAT MITZVAH OF JESSIE BANILOWER

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**

6:00 EREV SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY BBQ

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

7:45AM MINYAN

8:45AM TORAH STUDY VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON

6:00PM HAVDALLAH

**Watch for notices for possible changes to services**

# Avodah



# עבודת

## Forgiveness סליחות Selichot

Sept. 2023

Elul-Tishrei 5783-5784

Dear Chaverim/Chaverot-

Every year between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Jews spend a lot of time talking about forgiveness. We are familiar with the gesture of apologizing to those we have wronged. But, Is it mandatory? Can't we just ask G-d for forgiveness and leave out the "middle person"? And by apologizing does that mean we can send an e-mail? How about the same e-mail to everyone? Where is the rule book and what does it say exactly about forgiveness?

Let's first look at the Hebrew word, Selichot. In Mishnah it is referenced to as the prayers for forgiveness which features encouragements that end with "He will answer us". The idea being G-d is compassionate and always understanding (from G-d's 13 Attributes). These prayers were put into a special service in the ninth century by King David when he realized the Temple would be destroyed. In Leviticus 16:30 it says: For on this day G-d shall effect atonement for you to cleanse you. Before G-d, you shall be cleansed from all of your sins..."

The Torah is filled with stories of people who have hurt their loved ones and then returned to ask for forgiveness. There is Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esav and Joseph and his brothers to name just a few. It's nothing new. So, how does this "I'm sorry" process work?

Jewish law distinguishes between two forms of "sin". 1. Bein Adom Lamakom (between an individual and G-d) AND 2. Bein Adom Lechavoro (between two individuals). When it's between two individuals then the process of Teshuva is required as mentioned by Maimonides. It's basically your very first twelve step program but in this case only four steps. These steps requires self-evaluation and self improvement. They are: 1. Recognize and stop 2. Confess the action 3. Regret and evaluate the impact 4. Promise to not do again by sincerely apologizing to the person hurt.

When we apologize in person it can feel more challenging but it makes us more sincere in our apology. The process is therapeutic when used in this way. Today, there is a lot of supporting research to show how the process of forgiveness is psychologically beneficial. To think Jews have been doing this therapy for centuries...

As Rosh Hashanah approaches I wish each and every one of you a sweet year.

May 5784 bring lots of nachus, simcha's and good health! שנה טובה ומתוקה

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Shai*

[rabbishai@avodah.org](mailto:rabbishai@avodah.org)





# *From the President*

Shana Tovah!

May I be the first to wish you a Happy 5784. As always, there is a lot going on in a lot of our lives as well this time of year. Personally, I have a tax deadline on September 15, to be finished up right before we head to the first Rosh Hashanah service. My daughters will be re-starting school after Labor Day, with Sasha moving into an apartment in Brooklyn for grad school.

We will have a lot going on this month at Temple Avodah with Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. We're looking forward to seeing all of you at as many of these events as you can fit into your schedules. We are very excited to see the energy that Rabbi Shai brings to these services, while being blessed that Rabbi Goren and Peppy are still a vibrant part of our congregation.

Those of us who have been members for a while recognize that the summer services are usually less well attended. Some of you may be surprised and delighted with some of the changes that Rabbi Shai has brought to our Temple every Friday night. I can only encourage everyone to come down and see for themselves.

As you may hear in the announcements every week, the Temple constantly has events outside of services. However, we may be missing the kinds of events and programs you would like. This is where we would love to hear from you. What do you want from your synagogue? Remember – we don't just need ideas, we need you. There are some very dedicated people who bring our Temple to life, but we can always use more hands. Have an idea? Please contact the office, and they can point you in the right direction about who can help you make it happen.

Presidential Challenge: In honor of the new year, the first pre-Bar or Bat Mitzvah child to tell me the date of my Bar Mitzvah after the morning Rosh Hashanah service gets \$5. You don't need to ask anyone, and my family and very old family friends aren't telling.

Lastly, I recently found out that someone I grew up with who was also a congregant at Union Reform Temple decided to end her own life. Please, I implore you, if you have these feelings, call 988.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Matt Phillips, President



*Temple Avodah*  
**SEPTEMBER 29TH**  
**SHABBAT &**  
**EREV SUKKOT**  
**6PM**



**Followed by BBQ**  
**Live DJ Entertainment**

**Click here to register**  
**RSVP required by September 26th.**

**5:15PM**

**PJ Library craft!**



**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**



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HOT DOGS  
VEGGIE BURGERS  
POTATO SALAD  
COLE SLAW  
SODA  
COFFEE  
DESSERT

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

# Religious School

**This summer, amid all the hype and publicity around the "Barbie" movie, something caught my eye. It wasn't the touted 1.18 billion dollars grossed worldwide or the myriads of discussions about the various messages of the movie. It was something said by its writer and director, Greta Gerwig, in a New York Times article. Gerwig said she wanted her film to make "people feel like I did at Shabbat dinner. I want them to get blessed." (Wow, I didn't see that coming!) Interestingly, Gerwig is not Jewish. However, she grew up with close family friends who were observant Jews. Gerwig was often a guest at their Shabbat table and would be included in the father's Blessing of the Children based on the priestly blessing that was recited by the Kohanim (High Priests) which asks for God's blessing for protection, kindness, and peace. She elaborates so beautifully: "I remember feeling the sense of whatever your wins and losses were for the week, whatever you did or you didn't do, when you come to this table, your value has nothing to do with that. I put my hand over you, and I bless you as a child of God at this table. And that's your value. I remember feeling so safe in that and feeling so, like enough."**

**My family came late to reciting the Blessings of the Children as part of our weekly Shabbat Seder, the Friday night table service. When I first introduced this blessing to my three pre-teen daughters, their eyes rolled in that inimitable teen way. My husband, Elliot, smartly advised them to 'humor' me and they did, week after week, until the ritual became familiar and natural. For me, invoking this traditional blessing including "May you be like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah", our ancestral mothers and their positive characteristics is not only a tie to our past but an opportunity to remind my daughters that I love them, and they are special. When sons-in-law joined the family, we added the blessing for sons that Jacob bestowed on his grandsons, Ephraim and Menashe (Joseph's sons): "May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe," who maintained their Jewish identity growing up as Egyptian nobleman and are also noted as being the few siblings in the Torah without rivalry.**

**As our school year begins, my hope is that all our students will feel safe, accepted and seen and that our school kehillah (community) provides them with a space in which they can thrive and flourish.**

**Shanah Tovah!**

**Phyllis Pellman**



**L'Shanah Tova! Welcome new families and welcome back returning families to Temple Avodah's Religious School. As I write this edition of PTO's Temple Topics for this month I am in Israel with my family celebrating our older daughter Adele's Bat Mitzvah. Two other young Temple members, Faith Gelfond and Kaitlin Chernoff, also toured Israel this summer and I'm sure they would also love to talk to you or your family about their experiences as well.**

**As PTO president, my family and I are extending a warm invitation to anyone who would like to join us as we celebrate Adele being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. This will also be Rabbi Shai's first Bat Mitzvah here at Temple Avodah, and in true Avodah style it will be an interfaith, neurodiverse one. As we say at Temple, "however you define your family we welcome you to ours." Please feel free to join us to celebrate or to reach out to me personally if your family has questions about anything that might be viewed as different. As Rabbi Emeritus Goren said a few years ago, "It is up to us to invest our time and dedication into temple." Our family has done so in the way that works for us and I am always happy to listen and help other families find what works for them.**

**For those of you who do not know me, many of you have introduced yourself to me over the years by saying, "Oh you are Adele and Lily's mom. We know you through your girls." This has been a source of great joy to me. When our family first started getting involved in Temple, we put our girls into choir on Monday nights. At that time there were several older girls who would stay and help with the younger kids. My girls still adore and look up to these older kids who are now young adults and starting their own lives and careers.**

**It's funny how things come full circle that now Adele will be an adult within our community after her Bat Mitzvah and Lily will be starting Tuesday night Religious School lessons with the older kids. We are so very excited to have Tuesday evening choir back. It is a wonderful way for the kids to learn the prayers in a fun way with their peers and to have dinner and extended fun on either Monday or Tuesday evenings. Especially for the 5th, 6th and 7th graders, attending Friday night services and joining choir are fun ways to also prep for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. My girls have enjoyed having fun for years and they know their prayers which is an added bonus!**

**This year PTO had our biggest PTO Pizza on the Beach night to date in July. Thank you to those of you who came and for those temple members who joined even though they are not a part of PTO. We had a blast with each other's company. If you did not get to make it, hopefully we will see you at Shabbat on the Beach on Friday, September 1st!**

**We will be meeting with families at the start of the school year and would love to hear your feedback and for you to get more involved in any slight measure you can during this school year. Being a part of PTO has led to life-long friendships and a second family here at Temple for many of us. Even if you only have five minutes to spare, it is always appreciated, and you get so much back! This year I am honored to be working alongside our new PTO Vice President Cari Catania, Lori Izmirly as our Treasurer and Sabrina Cohen as our Secretary. We are committed to continue to enhance the experiences of our religious school children this year.**

**Stay tuned for information about the sukkah decorating. It is always a guaranteed fun morning, and the kids take pride in their decorations when they visit the sukkah with their Religious School classmates.**

**PTO is wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!**

**Shanah Tova,**

**Danielle Davoli PTO President**

# Social Action In Action

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT: IT'S ALWAYS THE SEASON FOR TIKKUN OLAM

The Social Action Committee welcomes Rabbi Shai by doing what we do best: finding ways to help.

This summer we collected bottles of honey for distribution during the High Holidays by the Hatzilu Kosher Food Pantry, and school supplies for the students of the Five Towns Community Center.

This fall we look forward to collaborating with the religious school students on a High Holiday canned food drive to benefit Hatzilu and the Long Beach Soup Kitchen. Please look for a bag during High Holiday services and return it with canned food to make this joint effort a success.

In October we look forward to our annual coat drive as well as a panel discussion on local responses to anti-Semitism on October 16. This program, featuring Mindy Perlmutter, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council and others, will be open to the public and live-streamed as well.

Coming up this winter, we will again collaborate on the Oceanside Tri-Temple Blood Drive.

And in spring we will celebrate our annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 5th, 2024. We are always looking for new mitzvah projects - so please share any ideas you have. We meet via Zoom on the second Monday of each month. We look forward to collaborating with each of you this year!

Respectfully submitted,

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**L'Shanah Tova to all!**

**Sisterhood is gearing up for a wonderful year. We had an amazing Challah Bake with our own Peppy Goren. Many of us had never made a round challah before! The evening was fabulous! We all went home to bake our own special challahs for the holiday.**

**We are working with Men's Club for a pizza night in the sukkah. Please look for flyers for our "Pizza in the Hut." It should be another fantastic night at Temple Avodah!**

**Of course, Sisterhood cannot exist without You!! Please be sure to pay your Sisterhood membership dues when you get that bill. We need the support of every Temple Avodah woman to continue raising money for the Temple and bringing events to our Avodah family. Speaking of events, if you have an idea for an event, please let us know! We are always looking for new ideas.**

**If you have a college student who is away at school, please sign up for Sisterhood's college package program. Submit their campus address to Marla Gross at [Prosoday144@optonline.net](mailto:Prosoday144@optonline.net). Our first package will be sent out in time for Chanukah. This is a free program for the children of Sisterhood members, \$18 for grandchildren of Sisterhood members, and \$36 for Temple Avodah non-Sisterhood members. If you have questions regarding college packages, please email Marla or Sheila London @ [sheilalondon.sisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:sheilalondon.sisterhood@gmail.com).**

**Sisterhood will be having our Thrift Sale in November! It's a good time to clean out your closet. Look for our flyer to see the dates we will be accepting donations.**

**The Sisterhood Book Club is open to all Sisterhood members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Connie Axelson at [kenaxe@optonline.net](mailto:kenaxe@optonline.net). The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. The book for September is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.**

**The We Care blanket project is ongoing. Please knit or crochet a 36-inch by 36-inch blanket of any pattern or color in acrylic (washable) yarn. 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 also can order kippah and tallit for your simcha. Contact Lisa Goldberg at [lisacarolgold@gmail.com](mailto:lisacarolgold@gmail.com) or Robyn Drangel at [drangel@hotmail.com](mailto:drangel@hotmail.com).**

**May this new year bring you much joy and happiness!**

**With Love,**

**Wendy Brumberg and Sheila London  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents**





**Our trip to Israel was a very informative experience. Israel gave us a way to learn more about our religion and shed light on parts of Judaism that were unknown to us.**

**The activities we did while in Israel were a combination of adventure, fun and enlightenment. These included waking up before dawn and climbing the Roman ramp to view the sunrise on Masada, rafting down the Jordan river, building bricks and arches in a Kibbutz, swimming and snorkeling in the Red Sea, floating in the Dead Sea, visiting the Western Wall, exploring caves, sleeping in Bedouin tents, having Shabbat every Friday night, and ending every Saturday night with a ceremony. We also packed boxes of food for people in need, participated in the mitzvah of planting trees, and visited many different locations in Israel.**

**Israel impacted us religiously and emotionally, bringing us closer to our Jewish heritage in our own lives, through learning about experiences that our ancestors had gone through. The Western Wall was a somber experience and created a sense of respect. Everyone had their own reason for visiting the wall; some people visited for religious purposes and others were there to say prayers.**

**We would like to thank Temple Avodah for affording us the opportunity to go on this trip. This was an experience we will treasure forever.**



**Faith Gelfond & Kaitlin Chernoff**

## *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 Shai 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



**DID YOU KNOW...** THAT THE GERMANS, MEETING LITTLE RESISTANCE IN THE INVASION OF **DENMARK** IN OCTOBER, 1940, ALLOWED THE DANES TO SELF-GOVERN THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, BY MID 1943, AFTER SUFFERING SEVERE LOSSES IN NORTH AFRICA AND STALINGRAD, AND WITH THE DANISH RESISTANCE FIGHTERS MORE AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES, THE GERMANS TOOK FULL CONTROL OF THE DANISH GOVT. UNTIL THEN, THE 7500 OR SO JEWS IN DENMARK HAD FEW PROBLEMS, BUT NOW THEIR LIVES WERE IN JEOPARDY.

PLANS HAD BEEN ALREADY FORMULATED TO ROUND UP THE JEWS ON OCT. 1 (THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF ROSH HASHANA IN 1943) AND TRANSPORT THEM BY TROOP SHIPS AND BUSES TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

IT WAS ON SEP. 11<sup>TH</sup> WHEN **GEORG DUCKWITZ**, A GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE HEARD OF THIS, AND HE IMMEDIATELY FLEW TO BERLIN TO SEE IF HE HALT THE DEPORTATION OF THE JEWS. MEETING WITH NO SUCCESS, A WEEK LATER HE FLEW TO STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, OSTENSIBLY DISCUSSING GERMAN SHIPPING, BUT CLANDESTINELY MEETING WITH SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER **HANSSON** IN HOPES THAT SWEDEN WOULD TAKE IN THE DANISH JEWISH REFUGEES. UNSURE OF ANY SUCCESS IN SWEDEN, **DUCKWITZ** (WHO HAD GREAT FEAR OF THE GESTAPO) RETURNED TO COPENHAGEN, AND CONTACTED THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LEADER **HANS HEDTOFT**, AND TOLD HIM TO WARN THE JEWISH LEADERS AND **RABBI MARCUS MELCHIOR** OF THE IMMINENT DANGER TO THE JEWISH POPULATION.



**GEORG F. DUCKWITZ**  
SEP. 22, 1904 - FEB. 16, 1973

IT WAS THEN WHEN THE DANISH PEOPLE "ROSE TO THE OCCASION", HIDING ALMOST 7000 JEWS...AND THEN GRADUALLY SMUGGLED THEM ACROSS THE ØRESUND STRAITS INTO SAFETY IN SWEDEN.

**BOTH DUCKWITZ AND THE DANISH RESISTANCE HAVE BEEN HONORED AT YAD VASHEM AS "RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS".**

**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 September*



## **Week of September 1**

Sheldon Banks  
Ellen Bloom  
Max Bruder  
Muriel Cohen  
Barbara Eckhaus  
Paul Freed  
Florence Frommer  
Saul Goldberg  
Irene Harwood  
Mavina Imberman  
Edith Newler  
Jack Pearl  
Edith Rosenthal  
Frank Salviola  
Sabina Zeveloff

## **Week of September 22**

Isaac Alazraki  
Helen Balanoff  
Milton Bialostok  
Bernard Friedman  
Robert Greenberg  
Betty Keilson  
Barbara "Bobbie" Mankin  
Selma Boyarin Pickoff  
Joyce Pratt  
Alma Rosen  
Lenore Rosen  
Dennis Rosenberg  
Eugene C. Sherman

## **Week of September 8**

Koby Asaraf  
Eleanor Bastone  
Emanuel Dattner  
Harvey Frankel  
Henry Froehlich  
Jerry Fromewick  
Barbara Gilbert  
Arie Goren  
Robert B. Korn  
Hy Levine  
Monte Posner  
Edith Resnick  
Jenette Rosenberg  
Rita Savoy  
Rose Segal  
Warren Sicherman  
George Nathan  
Steigbigel  
Harry Sternlicht  
Ruth Zimet

## **Week of September 15**

Eddie Aaron  
Simon Donefer  
Benjamin Feingold  
Arnold Finfer  
Robert Gertner  
Samuel Goldberg  
Natalie Landau  
Ann Lebowitz  
Charles Mackoff  
Betty Pitterman  
Mark Perlmutter  
Minna Richter  
Morris Salzberg  
Ephraim Segal  
Edward Shull  
Manfred Stutzel  
Martin Weis  
Jonathan Hardy Wieder

## **Week of September 29**

Ellen Baskin  
Geraldine Ginsburg  
Rebeca "Pitzi" Goren  
Carol Jacoby  
Sidney Kass  
Robert Kempf  
Howard Kupferberg  
S. David Laurence  
Rose Lehrer  
May Levy  
Sven Ohlsson  
Sidney Rose  
Eugene Rosen  
Yetta Suntup



# Happy Birthday to Our September Birthdays!

Andrew Schildhaus 9/1	Scott Denman 9/7	Noel Maitland 9/14	Renee Kaufman 9/21
Lauren Goldman 9/1	Michelle Lippi 9/9	Kaitlin Chernoff 9/5	William Nicholson 9/21
Lemore Asaraf 9/2	Miles Krasnovsky 9/10	Erica Denman 9/15	Layla Levine 9/22
Maggie Henick 9/2	Joshua Gutman 9/10	Jennifer Paskoff 9/15	Jonathan Seltzer 9/23
Matthew Peteroy 9/3	Beth Friedman 9/10	Michael Lewis 9/16	Rafael Ben-amou 9/24
Edward Sollinger 9/3	Leslie Eisenberg 9/11	Sam Lippi 9/17	Marian Keilson 9/24
Jake Lippi 9/4	Falon Asaraf 9/11	Madeline Brumberg 9/17	Lara Merchan 9/26
Tara Stromer 9/5	Robert Cortazzo 9/12	Alissa Abramova 9/19	Mark Sebesta 9/27
Kate Ziskind 9/5	Ethan Wile 9/13	Chloe Dorfman 9/19	Maya Phillips 9/28
Anne Gubenko 9/6	Madison Sirochinsky 9/14	Rachel Dube 9/20	Meredith Ginsburg 9/28
Sadie Gubenko 9/6	Chelsea Rosenberg 9/14	Justine Sacco 9/20	Steven Gozinsky 9/28
Galina Sheynberg 9/6	AJ Minzer 9/14	Samuel Sacco 9/20	Jennifer Bernabeu 9/30
Matthew Gilbert 9/7	Linda Engel 9/14	Rebecca Maitland 9/20	Andrew Grann 9/30
		Barbara Milch 9/20	Lucas Greenberg 9/30

## Mazal Tov To Our September Wedding Anniversaries!

Olivia & Michael Toomey 9/1	Linda & Don Panzarino 9/14
Bari & Eric Waitzman 9/2	Maxine & Leslie Dattner 9/15
Sara & James Drew 9/3	Karen & Glenn Rosenberg 9/15
Amy & Len Margolis 9/3	Debra & Andrew Wolfe 9/17
Randi & Rafael Ben-amou 9/7	Kate & Brian Ziskind 9/17
Shari & Jeffrey Levine 9/7	Sari & Stephen Golos 9/27
Amy & Steven Shaberman 9/7	Mark & Patricia Sebesta 9/27
Amy & Eric Abbey 9/9	Randi & Jeff Grann 9/28
Louise & Gil Miller 9/10	

**Come Celebrate Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat  
on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00pm !**

***If your birthday or anniversary is during the month of September 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 Adele Davoli on  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah!  
September 9, 2023**

**Mazal Tov to Jessie Banilower on  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah!  
September 23, 2023**

## **Oneg Sponsorships**

- 8/18 Joyce & Corey Aronin in memory of Corey's brother, Seth Aronin
- 9/8 Davoli Family in honor of Adele's Bat Mitzvah
- 9/8 The Mackoff Family in memory of Scot's father, Charles Mackoff

**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

Rabbi Uri & Peppy Goren on the birth of their granddaughter Goldie Goren from Shelly & Gilbert Balanoff

### In Memory Of

Barbara Clement from Alan and Natalie Levi  
Barbara Clement from Anne & Stewart Gubenko  
Barbara Clement from Debbie & Mark Lebowitz  
Barbara Clement from Diane Mandel  
Barbara Clement from Fran & Stewart Skolnick  
Barbara Clement from Gail Alazraki  
Barbara Clement from Irene & Philip Weis  
Barbara Clement from Joan Weinberg  
Barbara Clement from John & Marjory Lewin  
Barbara Clement sister of Rita Henick from Laurie Gross  
Barbara Clement from Linda Greenfield & Ira Dunst  
Barbara Clement from Marilyn Frischling  
Barbara Clement from Marsha & Gary Welikson  
Barbara Clement from Maxine & Leslie Dattner  
Barbara Clement from Merilee Kaufman  
Barbara Clement from Mindy & Mark Goldsmith  
Barbara Clement sister of Rita Henick from Mindy Weiss  
Barbara Clement from Norma Harwood  
Elaine Rosen from Paula & Laurence Spector  
Barbara Clement from Rose & Robert Epstein  
Barbara Clement from Shelly & Gilbert Balanoff  
Barbara Clement from Susan Henick & Jack Bellis

### Speedy Recovery

Emily London from Jocelyn Weston & Paul Oresky  
Dennis Herman from Maxine & Leslie Dattner  
Dennis Herman from Rachel & Paul Kesselman  
Jules Tannen from Rose & Robert Epstein

## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

### In Honor Of

Jonathan & Samantha Spector's wedding from Arlene & Richard Fromewick

### In Memory Of

Barbara Clement from Arlene & Richard Fromewick  
Elaine Rosen from Phyllis & Elliot Pellman

## GENERAL DONATION FUND

### Speedy Recovery

Dennis Herman from Joyce Lipton & Bradley Perry

## KOMBERT GARDENS MEMORIAL FUND

### In Honor Of

the birth of Goldie Goren from Gertrud & Larry Lieberman

### In Memory Of

Barbara Clement from Gertrud & Larry Lieberman  
Barbara Clement from Kombert Caterers

### Speedy Recovery

Betsy Meyerson from Gertrud & Larry Lieberman  
Dennis Herman from Gertrud & Larry Lieberman

## MORTGAGE PAY DOWN FUND

### In Memory Of

Barbara Clement from Ellyn & Ira Katz  
Barbara Clement beloved sister of Rita and brother-in-law of Dan Henick from Vivian & Philip Perlmutter

### Speedy Recovery

Dennis Herman from Vivian & Philip Perlmutter

*Rita Henick & Family would like to  
thank everyone for their support  
and donations in memory of  
Barbara Clement.*



# *Donations continued...*

## **MUSIC FUND**

### **In Honor Of**

Wendy Brumberg's Birthday from Rachel Kesselman

### **In Memory Of**

Barbara Clement from Ann & Elliot Taub

### **Speedy Recovery**

Carol Gluck from Caryle Katz

## **PRAYER BOOK BOOKPLATES**

### **In Memory Of**

Mary Mok Weston from Caryle Katz

## **RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND**

### **In Honor Of**

Goldie Goren from Debbie & Mark Lebowitz  
Rabbi & Peppy Goren on the birth of their granddaughter Goldie from Ellen & Philip Pickus  
Rabbi & Peppy Goren on the birth of their granddaughter from Judith & Victor Horowitz  
Rabbi & Peppy Goren on the birth of Goldie Goren from Lenore Greenberg & Roberta Treacy  
Rabbi & Peppy Goren and on the birth of Granddaughter Goldie Goren Parents Avi & Naomi Goren from Renee & Gerald Kaufman  
Rabbi & Peppy Goren on the birth of their granddaughter Goldie Goren from Torah Study Group

### **In Memory Of**

Barbara Clement from Adrienne & Mark Rosman  
Barbara Clement from Barbara & David Kirsh  
Barbara Clement from Barbara Stern  
Barbara Clement, sister of Rita Henick from Caryle Katz  
Barbara Clement from Ellen & Philip Pickus  
Betty Weinman mother of Jay Weinman from Ilene & Dennis Herman  
Barbara Clement from Judith & Victor Horowitz  
Elaine Rosen from Marcia Levinson  
Barbara Clement from Renee & Gerald Kaufman  
Barbara Clement from Robyn Drangel

### **Speedy Recovery**

Carol Gluck from Renee & Gerald Kaufman  
Jules Tannen from Renee & Gerald Kaufman  
Betsy Meyerson from Renee & Gerald Kaufman  
Carol Gluck from Torah Study Group  
Betsy Meyerson from Torah Study Group  
Jules Tannen from Torah Study Group

## **SIMCHA/MEMORIAL FUND**

### **In Memory Of**

Barbara Clement from Lisa Goldberg  
Gilbert Kushner and Jerald Freedman from Rachel & Paul Kesselman  
Barbara Clement sister of Rita Henick from Phyllis Carbone

**Donations can be made online, by contacting the office at 516-766-6809, or by email: [mgr@avodah.org](mailto:mgr@avodah.org)**

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# Back In the Days of Grossinger's



On Saturday, July 29, my husband Kenneth and I attended the Borsht Fest in Ellenville, NY. My mother's maiden name was Grossinger, a distant relative of Harry and Jennie. Needless to say, this was very meaningful to me. Also, a Borsht Belt Museum is being built in Ellenville. They had a Pop Up Museum on Saturday. I donated two pictures to the museum, one of my mother and Harry Grossinger and the other of Jennie, Harry, their children and spouses. Both are from the late 1950's.

Michelle & Kenneth Fischgrund



# Shabbat Service August 11, 2023





# Shabbat Service

## August 18, 2023







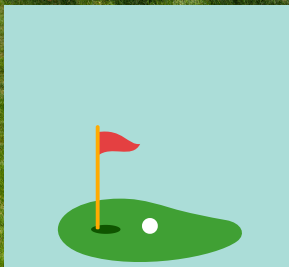
# Havdallah

## August 19, 2023





# Bob Harwood Memorial Golf Classic



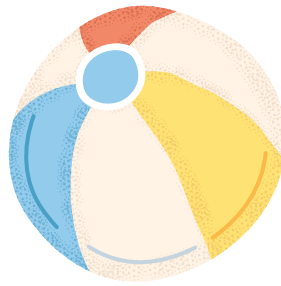




# Golf Dinner







# Temple Avodah *Shabbat on the Beach*

## Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, September 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Magnolia & West Broadway  
By the Magnolia Playground  
Long Beach, NY

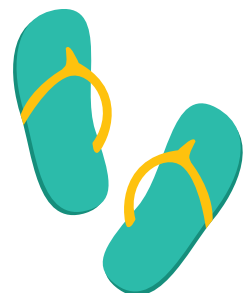
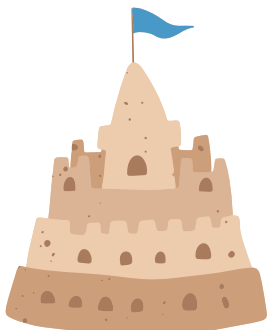
**Bring:** chair & dinner if you like

**Provided:** water & cookies

**All Yahrzeits for the week of 9/1  
will be repeated on 9/8.**

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Join our team today  
and become a volunteer!

**WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING HAND WE CAN GET!**

YOUR TIME, EFFORT, AND  
PRESENCE AS A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED

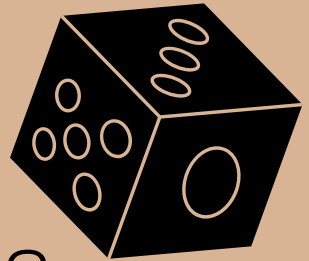
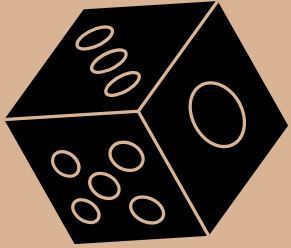
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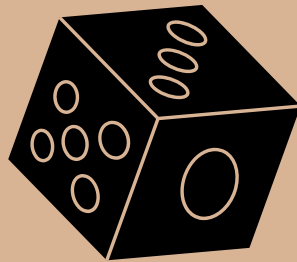
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# BUNCO NIGHT



Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
7:30PM

fun  
&



Friends!

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**ALL INVITED!**  
**Instructions given!**  
**Chance to win \$!**

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**\$18.00**  
**pre-registered**  
**\$20.00**  
**at the door**



**Questions?**  
**Mindy @**  
**mmsa81821@gmail.com**

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**[Click here to register](#)**

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## TAFI GREEK TOWN

The owners in RVC have generously offered to contribute 20%  
of your check back to Temple Avodah.

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Eat in, take out or pick up at Temple at 5:30PM!!

*Tell 'em Temple Avodah Sent You!*

**Click here for menu**

Call in orders ONLY

Orders phoned/called in to a live person, as  
well as orders eaten in, qualify for a  
donation.



Greek Town

90 N Village Ave RVC  
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# **Selichot Program 5784**

**September 9, 2023 at 6PM**

**Temple Avodah**

**Sefer HaZichronot- The Book of Memory**

- All attendees should bring an object that represents or connects to their sense of Jewish identity to use for the education program.
- A light dairy dinner will be served.
- Please bring a dairy side dish or dessert.

**RSVP by 9/5 to [ellyn143@aol.com](mailto:ellyn143@aol.com) or 516-536-5056**  
**Please indicate the dish you are bringing.**

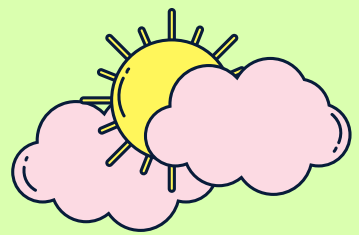
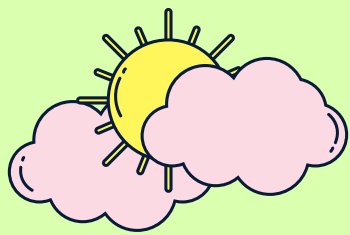
**6:00PM- Dinner**

**6:30PM- Havdalah**

**6:45PM-7:45PM- Education Program**

**7:45PM-8:30PM- Selichot Service**





# Yoga at Temple Aradah

**Monday Nights 7PM – 8PM**

**Start date Monday, September 11, 2023**

**Need a break from the hustle & bustle of life? Join us for weekly Yoga sessions with Liana, a Certified Yoga Instructor. All you need is a mat and to Breathe in...Breathe out to peaceful music & aromatherapy.**

**8 intermediate classes for \$150.**

**(prepaid) or**

**\$25. per class at the door**

**Questions: Mindy @ 516-763-0263**

**[Click here to register](#)**

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**TAFI -Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**5PM - 10PM**



**54 Lincoln Ave. Rockville Centre, NY 11570**

**516-536-1500**

The owners of Frank's Steaks in RVC  
have generously offered to contribute  
20% of your check\* back to Temple Avodah

Receive a complimentary dessert for every two entrees ordered.

\*maximum of \$100 contribution per table

No other promotions or coupons may be used for this event



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**Men's Club**

**Sukkah Build**

**Sunday, September 24**

**8:00AM**

**Rudich Building**

**Please join us for a good time  
&**

**Breakfast!**

**Breakfast will include:**

**Coffee**

**Bagels & Spreads**

**Donuts**

**RSVP to Stew**

**516-766-0954**

**taxmangubi@aol.com**

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*Temple Avodah PTO*  
**Decorate the  
Sukkah**  
**Families of ALL Ages  
Welcome!**

**Sunday, September 24th  
11:00am - 1:00pm**

Temple Avodah Rudich Annex building

**Pizza & Treats for those who stay to help put up the  
decorations & clean up!**



This is a free event for PTO members!

**[Click here to join PTO!](#)**

RSVP to **[avodahpto@avodah.org](mailto:avodahpto@avodah.org)**

*Please note, you **MUST** RSVP if staying for pizza. Indicate if  
gluten-free pizza is required.*

**Please bring canned fruit or vegetables for the Hatzilu Food Pantry**

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## **Sponsor an Oneg**

Honor someone you love or celebrate an upcoming simcha.

We invite you to sponsor a Shabbat or Holiday Oneg as a way to mark a personal lifecycle or a shehecheyanu experience. Sponsor an Oneg in remembrance of a loved one on their yahrzeit, in celebration of a new baby, a loved one's accomplishment, graduation, anniversary or birthday, or for any other reason that holds meaning for you.

It is a wonderful way to honor someone special in your life.

[Click here to sponsor an Oneg](#)





# Temple Avodah

## Bnai Mitzvah Program For Adults

Rabbi Shai is offering a program that will culminate in your becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

### Contents will include:

Who we are

Who I am

Family history

Children in the Holocaust in the chain of generations

Torah study

Grandparents' home sources

Prayer Hebrew



**First Class Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:30PM**

Full schedule to be set by class members

Sign up by emailing [office@avodah.org](mailto:office@avodah.org).

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## Be Sisterhood Strong

What is the Sisterhood of Temple Avodah?

- Women working together for a purpose
- A bond, caring, friendship
- Learning from multiple generations
- Being a role model for your kids
- The reward of success and the feeling of accomplishment
- Knowing you've done something important
- Doing things that are measureable
- Doing things that have a real impact for all temple members even when it isn't obvious
- A sense of something bigger than one's self



**Participate, be heard, make a difference!**

**Join today!**

NEW TEMPLE MEMBERS - FIRST YEAR DUES ARE FREE  
ANNUAL DUES FOR CURRENT TEMPLE MEMBERS \$36.00

Questions - Contact Fran Skolnick - [fran.skolnick@gmail.com](mailto:fran.skolnick@gmail.com) or 516-619-6374

Please make checks payable to Temple Avodah Sisterhood  
or Click on the QR code to join

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be dropped off at the temple office or mailed to:

Fran Skolnick  
Temple Avodah Sisterhood  
3912 Carrel Blvd  
Oceanside, NY 11572



# TEMPLE AVODAH MEN'S CLUB



**What is your favorite hobby?**

**What is your special talent?**

**What is your passion?**

**Our goal is to build a Men's Club that  
you would be proud to be a part of!**

Contact: Stew Gubenko at 516-766-0954  
[taxmangubi@aol.com](mailto:taxmangubi@aol.com)

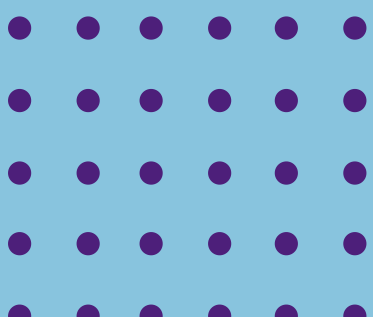
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Idea/Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you all in advance for supporting Adele & helping to honor Elissa.





# Rachel Dube's Mitzvah Project

Helping a fellow Sailor in need



**Ava Salonia**

Up until last year, my friend Ava Salonia was an ordinary high school student at Oceanside High School. Then she was diagnosed with Myelogenous Leukemia, which is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Since then, she has been in and out of the hospital. This has placed a huge financial burden on the family.

How to help:

- On Sunday, August 27th, we will be in the Temple parking lot from 10 AM to 12 noon, collecting used or new modern sports equipment (3 - 5 years old). Play it Again Sports will purchase this equipment from us for resale. All money earned will go directly to the Salonia family.
- We are also gratefully accepting any monetary donations you care to make. Contact Alyssa Dube at (718) 490-6834 to arrange this.
- Another way to help is to join the Salonia Family Meal Train. Ava's parents spend countless hours in the hospital, so making meals is difficult. Please consider donating a gift card for dinner. Below is the link.

[Donate a Dinner](#)



# Temple Avodah

## 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 precedence over everything".

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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

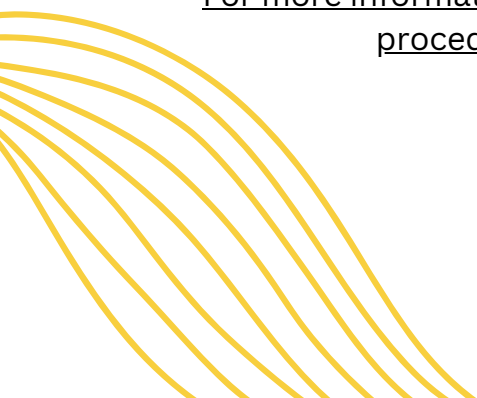
**Contact Marni at: [hapimarni@gmail.com](mailto:hapimarni@gmail.com)**

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For more information on kidney donation go to <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/living-donor-kidney-transplant/pyc-20384838>

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Thank you!

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## Sunday Wedding Package



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## The Sunday Wedding Package

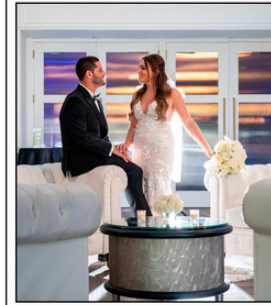
3-HOUR EARLY ARRIVAL FOR BRIDAL PARTY  
BRIDAL PARTY: HOT & COLD BUFFET WITH OPEN BAR  
CHAMPAGNE & BERRIES AS GUESTS ARRIVE  
CAPTAIN'S SEATING  
FULL STATION SELECTIONS  
HORS D'OEUVRES, BUTLER-STYLE  
ROLLING KIOSKS  
TOP-SHELF OPEN BAR  
PERSONALIZED MENU WITH FIVE ENTRÉES  
PLATED DESSERT  
DESSERT SYMPHONY  
3-TIER WEDDING CAKE  
LADIES ROOM ATTENDANT  
COAT ROOM ATTENDANT  
LOBBY DECOR: VINTAGE OR CONTEMPORARY  
WHITE GLOVE SERVICE  
EVENT PLANNER - START TO FINISH

\$29,900

PRICING BASED ON 100 GUESTS  
ADDITIONAL GUESTS \$149 PP  
PLUS TAX AND GRATUITY



## Our Vendors Are Included...



FLORIST:  
4-SIDED CHUPPAH  
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10 RAISED CENTERPIECES  
BRIDAL PARTY BOUQUETS  
CORSAGES & BOUTONNIERES

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO:  
FULL-DAY COVERAGE  
TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS  
FULL STUDIO-EDITED VIDEO

ENTERTAINMENT:  
FUSION PACKAGE  
MC, DJ  
VOCALS AND INSTRUMENTS  
FOR YOUR CEREMONY  
& RECEPTION



### Full Cocktail Hour includes:

- \* STATION SELECTIONS
- \* CHOICE OF HORS D'OEUVRES
- \* TOP SHELF LIQUOR
- \* SIGNATURE DRINKS

### DINNER & DANCING includes:

- \* PRINTED MENUS
- \* CHOICE OF COLORED LINENS
- \* PERIMETER LIGHTING
- \* CHOICE OF FIVE ENTRÉES
- \* DECADENT DESSERT
- \* DESSERT SYMPHONY
- \* TOP SHELF OPEN BAR
- \* OCCASION CAKE

### Kids Club LOUNGE includes:

- \* CHOICE OF STATIONS
- \* CHOICE OF ENTRÉES
- \* FRY BAR
- \* DESSERT CREATIONS
- \* PIPE & DRAPE
- \* LIGHT UP COCKTAIL TABLES
- \* COUCHES & OTTOMANS
- \* LIGHT UP KIDS BEVERAGE BAR

### Additional Services Include:

- \* CHOICE OF LOBBY FURNITURE
- \* LADIES ROOM ATTENDANT
- \* COAT ROOM ATTENDANT
- \* WE COORDINATE ALL YOUR VENDORS
- \* EVENT PLANNER—START TO FINISH
- \* DIRECTION CARDS

### Photographer/Video:

- \* Full Edited Video Package
- \* Full Digital Photography
- \* PRE PORTRAIT SESSION  
(Day of at Temple Avodah)

### DECORATIONS:

- \* 8 RAISED TABLE CENTER PIECES
- \* ONE POSTER BLOW UP
- \* SIGN IN BOARD OR SIGN IN BOOK

### DJ / ENTERTAINMENT:

- \* DJ AND MC
- \* 2 MOTIVATORS/ DANCERS
- \* STAGING
- \* HIGH QUALITY GIVEAWAYS
- \* STAGE LED LIGHTING

**2023 - \$23,969**

PRICE ABOVE 100 PEOPLE  
\$109 PER ADULT \$84 PER CHILD

**2024 - \$25,500**

PRICE ABOVE 100 PEOPLE  
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