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Shabbat Services and more...

Stay connected with your Temple Family

- FRIDAY EVENING -

Shabbat Service at **6:30pm** via livestream

- SHABBAT -

TORAH STUDY at **9:00am** via Zoom

MORNING Service at **10:30am** via livestream

- MORNING MINYAN SERVICE via Zoom -

Sundays at **9:00am**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at **7:15am**

harzion.ca/zoom

for Zoom links and Siddurim

Weekly Torah Portions

December 4 - 5

Vayishlach
Haftarah

Genesis 32:4-36:43
Hosea 11:7-12:12

December 11 - 12

Vayeishev
Haftarah

Genesis 37:1-40:23
Zechariah 4:1-7

December 18 - 19

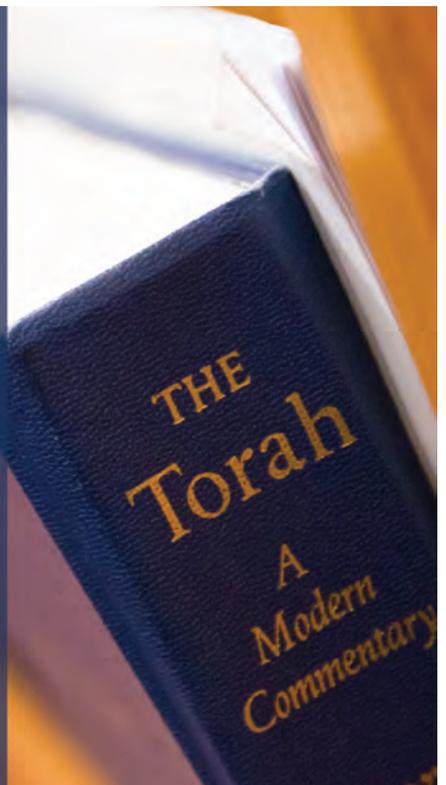
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Genesis 41:1-44:17
I Kings 3:15-4:1

December 25 - 26

Vayigash
Haftarah

Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28



Mazal Tov on your Bat Mitzvah



LEAH ZIV

Daughter of Adrienne Levy and Mark Ziv
Bat Mitzvah December 12, 2020



ZOE STATE

Daughter of Hayley Turkel and Mike State
Bat Mitzvah December 19, 2020

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Tzedakah: Whatever your Why, Thank you!

At Temple Har Zion, we have many opportunities to show appreciation for a kindness, to honour the memory of someone dear, or to acknowledge a family simcha.

Please consider recognizing a significant occasion by plaquing a chair or any of our prayer books.

There are many other donation opportunities available. To view them, or to donate, click on the 'Giving' tab at harzion.ca.



Acts of Chesed

by Cory Weiss
Rabbi

The last couple of months have been difficult ones for the Har Zion family. Members have passed away, and others have faced significant illnesses. We are a congregation of 450 families, which means some 1,200 individual members. Our Mi Sheberach list has dozens of names, and at one point in October, there were three online Shivas happening in the same week. There is no possible way that two clergy can manage all of that (along with worship, teaching, and planning!) without help.

At Har Zion, we are blessed to find that help through the Mitzvah Committee, that provides leaders for Shiva services, and our Chesed Committee, which cares for congregants in a number of ways. Last month, our long-time Chesed Committee chair, Paulette Volgyesi, found herself needing to step aside from her duties due to illness. We are so grateful that Clare Adam and Frances Halperin have stepped up to co-chair a very busy committee.

Chesed works with our clergy to call members facing illness or mourning, to send cards to cheer up members who are

recovering or who are lonely or who are celebrating significant milestones in their lives, and to send meals to families that might need them during treatment for illness or other crises. I can't begin to tell you how many members have been touched by our Chesed Committee and the incredible people who give so much of themselves to make sure we're caring for each other, as a sacred community should.

As Frances and Clare work to fill Paulette's very big shoes, I want you to consider how you can help. Chesed Committee volunteers can make calls, write cards, or make and deliver meals. You don't have to do all of these things to be a part of the team - one would be fine! So if you're willing to get on board, let me know (I'll pass on your info to Frances and Clare). If you're a people person, then calling might be right for you. If not, writing cards is a great way to remind members that their THZ family is thinking of them. And if (like me), cooking is your thing, then we'll assign you some meals to make - you can deliver them yourself, or someone else (another job possibility) can drop them

off at someone's home (following COVID protocols, of course).

Cantor Littman is always telling me how amazing (and unusual) it is the way that Har Zion members care for each other. She assures me that what we do does not happen in every congregation. That makes me proud, and also motivates me to make this call to all of you to enhance our Chesed team. If you've ever been the recipient of the kindness of our THZ family, this is a way to pay it forward. Please consider whether you can spend a couple of hours a month showing your kindness and caring to a fellow Har Zionist. You will be fulfilling a remarkable mitzvah. Remember the rabbinic teaching: *Kol Yisrael arevin zeh bazeh* - We are all responsible for each other.

I wish everyone in the Har Zion family good health during this pandemic, a joyous Hanukkah, and God willing, a better year in 2021!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Cory Weiss



More Zoom fun to come in the new year

by David Nelson
Brotherhood Member

The Brotherhood held a Joke Fest on Zoom during October. The evening proved to be enjoyable for all who were in attendance. We took turns presenting our jokes, which were quite hilarious, and of course, we did a lot of shmoozing.

We are looking forward to having more monthly Zoom meetings in the coming months. Watch for Brotherhood announcements in the Thursday eblasts.

On behalf of the Brotherhood I would

like to wish you a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year as we leave behind the year that was like no other.

Yours in Brotherhood
David Nelson



A financial update

by Aaron Kline
Treasurer, Executive Board

As a religious institution with financial responsibilities, we strive to provide our members with meaningful financial updates at least twice a year with the most recent occurring at our Fall 2020 annual congregational meeting.

If you joined our spring 2020 general congregational meeting, you would have heard us talk about how we expected the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to be a financially challenging year and unfortunately that projection played out generally in line with our expectations. The good news however is that because we anticipated this, we were able to make financial adjustments for the current fiscal year to help avoid the same results.

Despite ending the 2020 fiscal year with a significant operating deficit, we experienced a number of positive financial outcomes during the year including a successful golf pass fundraiser and the receipt of a \$70,000 government grant that helped us cover half of the costs for our building security improvements.

The proceeds from the golf pass fundraiser and a one-time disbursement from the Legacy Fund allowed us to pay off our line of credit in full. This permitted us to enter the current fiscal year under the unknown financial pressures of COVID-19 with no debt and a strong balance sheet.

In the spring of 2020, the Board of Directors made the strategic but tough choices to ensure our expenditures were appropriately adjusted to reflect a pre-COVID-19 revenue base (i.e., we were not living beyond our means during normal times) and we asked Legacy to help us bridge the gap for the current fiscal year for any short-

falls of revenues associated with COVID-19.

While we are less than halfway through the current fiscal year, our positive variances (unexpected financial wins) are exceeding our negative variances



(unexpected financial losses). Some of the key takeaways for the current fiscal year are:

- We expected our member contributions and school fees to drop by \$80,000 compared to last fiscal year because of COVID-19 and they ended up dropping by \$79,000;
- Legacy agreed to help us with any decrease in member contributions and donations for up to \$100,000;
- Thanks to a very talented golf committee, we were able to hold a successful fall golf tournament this year which helped us raise some money and prob-

ably just as importantly kept our golfers connected to our annual golf tournament;

- We have experienced some very meaningful financial savings because of our building closure. Obviously not good for us as a community but good for our finances in the short term;

- Unfortunately, we were not able to hold High Holy Day services in our building this year. As you may know, High Holy Days services are our second biggest fundraiser right after the golf tournament; and

- The federal government has rolled out some significant subsidies because of COVID-19 and we have applied for and received all of the subsidies which we are eligible for.

When you put the aforementioned items together and combined with our forward thinking budget and our commitment to live within our means, we will be fine for the current fiscal year and we will not likely need the full \$100,000 support that Legacy has offered us during these difficult COVID-19 times.

The Board of Directors appreciates that we need to be cognizant of the current economic environment and that we must continue to be strategic long-term thinkers with a focus on a multi-year fiscal plan that is based in reality and not dreams.

I want to emphasize that we are in good financial health and we have taken the appropriate steps to ensure that this continues; however, we are very dependent on our members' financial contributions which allow us to connect, engage and inspire.

Celebrating Hanukkah

by The Festival Committee

As we are not able to be together and enjoy this special holiday at Temple, we would like to provide all families with as much information as we can so that each of you can celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah within your homes. We will miss seeing all of you and enjoying dinner and laughter and our wonderful get together at THZ. We have included the Story of Hanukkah and lighting the Menorah and the blessings so each family can continue the tradition. Please visit our Hanukkah Corner and enjoy all the Hanukkah fun we have provided for your family to experience the joy of Hanukkah.

*Stay safe and be well,
Louise Rosenbloom & Suzi Winterstein
Festival Co-Chairs*

The story of Hanukkah and lighting the Menorah

Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights – the Hebrew word Hanukkah means “dedication.” It is a time for family gatherings around the menorah as we light the Hanukkah candles, a time to sing Hanukkah songs, eat potato latkes (pancakes) and sufganiot (fried donuts) and play games with dreidels. It is a holiday that brings back many happy memories of fun and our Jewish identity.

Hanukkah dates back to the Second Temple in Jerusalem which was about 22 centuries ago and we continue to celebrate it today.

The Jewish people had returned to the land of Israel from the Babylonian Exile and rebuilt the Holy Temple, but they continued to be subjects of first the Persian Empire and then of Alexander the Great. After Alexander the Great died, the vast kingdom was divided and there was a struggle for power and the country was then ruled by the Greek kings in Syria.

A New king, known as Antiochus IV tried to kill the Jewish people and the Holy Temple was invaded, partly destroyed and all its treasures were robbed. The Jewish people were no longer allowed to observe such traditions as the Sabbath. The Jewish people were forced to bow down to idols

even though they only believed in God. Then, one Jewish man and his five sons attacked the Greek soldiers and destroyed the idols. He then gathered all the people who believed in God and fought to win back their customs and their Holy Temple. As they were about to rededicate the new Temple they only had one very small bottle of the pure, sacred olive oil, only enough for one day. They decided they would still go ahead and light the eight lamps of the menorah anyway, even if it would only burn for one day because they were so happy to have their Holy Temple back. But a miracle happened! Their faith was so strong, the oil continued to burn and the flames shone brightly for eight full days instead of only one day – this has become known as the Miracle of Hanukkah which we celebrate each year.

Hanukkah starts at nightfall on each of the eight nights. We light the ‘Shamash’ first, which is the service candle or the lighting candle. It is always higher than the rest of the candles so we know which one is the service candle. This candle is left lit in case one of the other candles go out too soon, the Shamash is the candle that is used to relight any of the other candles. Once we light the Shamash we say three blessings on the first night and then light the first candle starting on the far right. On the

second night, we say only the first two blessings and then we light two candles, and continue to add another candle each night for eight nights, saying only the first two blessings each night. On each additional night, we light the newest candle first and then continue lighting from left to right. We should light the menorah in front of a window or in a doorway so that we not only make light for ourselves, but for others as well.

Many also play the game of Dreidel. On the sides of the dreidel are four Hebrew letters which means “A great miracle happened there”: Nun means do nothing; Gimmel means you win everything in the middle; Hay means you win half of what is in the middle, and Shin means you pay into the middle. You can play with pennies, raisins, cheerios, buttons – whatever you like.

Today, the menorah can represent: the light of vision, the light of honour, the light of survival, the light of pride, the light of inspiration, and the light of freedom.

Hanukkah is the gathering of families to have fun and enjoy this special holiday, eat potato latkes, sufganiot, play dreidel, receive gifts, and have a good time together.



VISIT OUR HANUKKAH CORNER

@harzion.ca

Hanukkah songs and music

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Blessing over Candles

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Blessing over Candles

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Shehecheyanu (first night only)

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Registration open for Camp George 2021

With fingers crossed, and spirits high in great anticipation for the best summer ever, Camp George is now open for registration for July/August 2021! Visit campgeorge.org.



And, Temple Har Zion is now accepting funding applications for financial assistance to help send your children to camp this summer. Together with your THZ Sisterhood, we look forward to your children building friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Please reach out to carol@harzion.ca for your application form. We will be accepting applications up to and including **Friday, Feb. 19, 2021**.

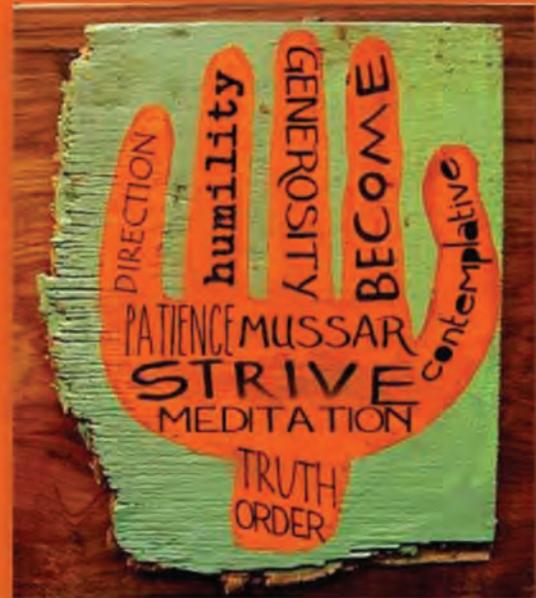
All requests are held in the strictest of confidence.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 10 and 17 at NOON

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weiss

MUSSAR: "teaching the heart what the mind already understands"

By cultivating inner virtues, we improve ourselves and continue to live meaningful and ethical lives. The study of Mussar continues with Rabbi Weiss.



Go to harzion.ca for the link

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9 and 23 at 7:30pm

ELEANOR'S PIANO BAR



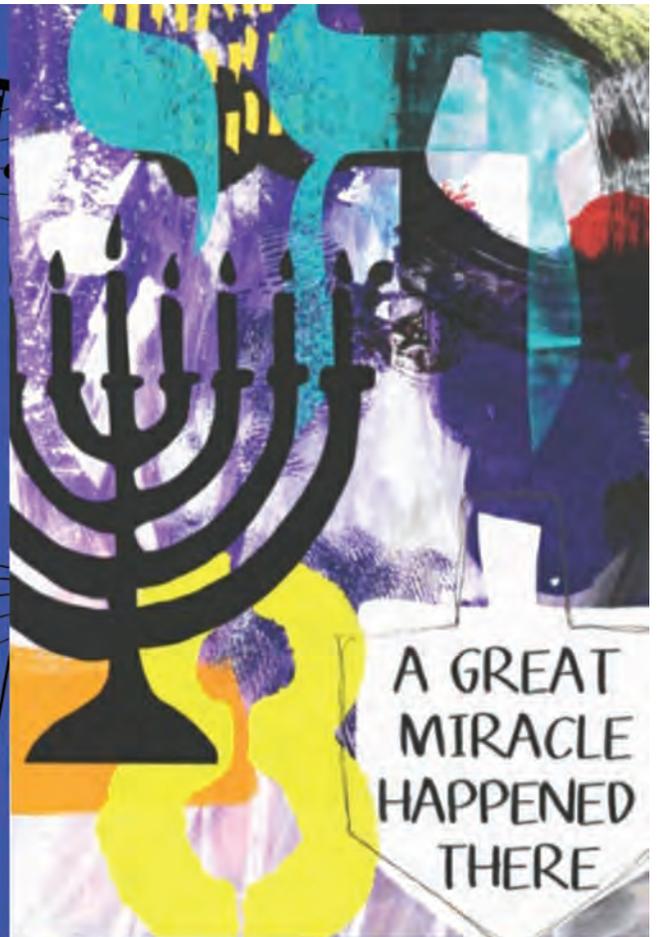
Please send requests for Jewish songs or secular oldies to eleanor@harzion.ca

Go to harzion.ca for the link

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 at 6:30pm via livestream

Musical Kol Bo Hanukkah Service with Visual T'filah

Please join us for an all-music Hanukkah service followed by a special Oneg at 7:30pm via Zoom.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 at 8:00pm via Zoom

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: A Canadian Reform Community Hanukkah Experience



Let's join together, from coast-to-coast, for an evening of music, stories, learning and candle lighting!



Presented by:

**Canadian Council
for Reform Judaism**

For details and links visit harzion.ca



ROSH CHODESH
MONDAY DECEMBER 14 at NOON

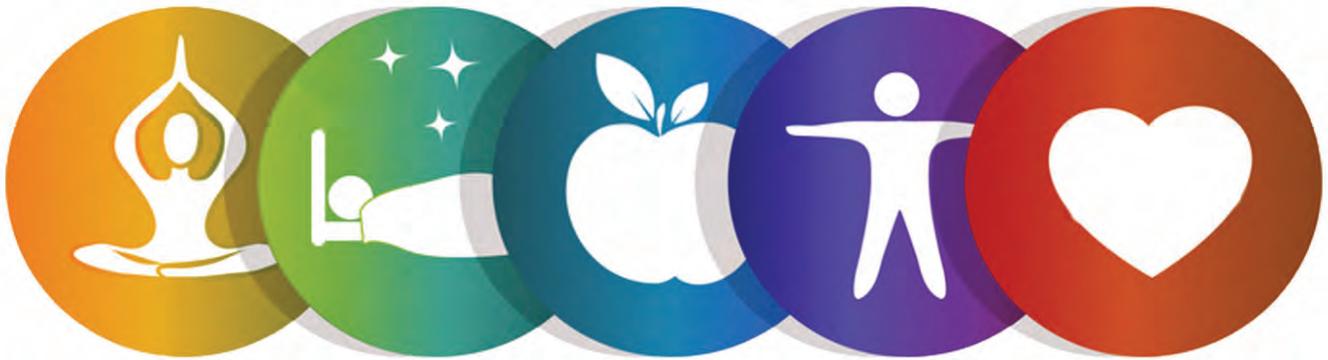
Latke Love-In Lunch

This is a chance to share Hanukkah memories, latke and other holiday recipes and be together for a laugh or a smile.

As always, friends are welcome to join in!

Go to harzion.ca for the link

Health & Wellness



Continue staying healthy, active and limber!

MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 10:30am and 2pm: Carefirst Seniors' Exercise
 10:30am – Falls Prevention 2pm – Conditioning

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at 11am: Zoom Yoga with David Kendal
 “Yin” yoga on Fridays – you’ll need 2 yoga blocks, a blanket that can be folded, and 1 or 2 yoga bolsters

Good for your Spirit

MONDAYS at NOON: Virtual Sip & Schmooze

Schmooze, chat and check in with your Temple Family! Grab a snack and a coffee, or whatever you fancy, and visit your THZ friends virtually. Invite your friends, too!

DECEMBER 21 and 28



Good for your Soul

MONDAY at NOON: Zoom with the THZ Knitters

The Temple Knitters continue to stay connected! Have a great time socializing knitting, and sharing patterns. If you can't knit, they'll teach you! New members are always welcome to join in!

DECEMBER 7

For details and links visit harzion.ca

SISTERHOOD | WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 at 7pm

Hanukkah, Oy Hanukkah!

Come light your menorah! Let's Zoom a party, but we can't dance the Hora!



Wishing everyone a Chag Hanukkah Sameach!!

Join us at our Annual Hanukkah Celebration! Have your Hanukkiyot all ready to light, as we are going to do that together.

Karen Weiss will show us some of her family's collection of Hanukkiyot, and Cantor Littman will lead us in the Brachah.

Bring a little nosh, your favourite beverage, then relax and be ready to enjoy listening to Cantor Littman, our guest speaker and singer!!

Go to harzion.ca for the link

SISTERHOOD NOTECARDS



We're selling sets of these beautifully illustrated notecards, featuring the artwork of THZ member and renowned artist, Jill Segal, in support of our Sisterhood Fund. Proceeds will provide our Temple youth with scholarships

to attend Camp George, March of the Living, NFTY conventions, as well as our family programming at Temple.

These 4" x 6" notecards are blank inside and available for only \$18 per pack of 10 cards (5 of each of the 2 designs).

Go to harzion.ca/notecards to order!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



HEBREW LEARNING PARTNERS

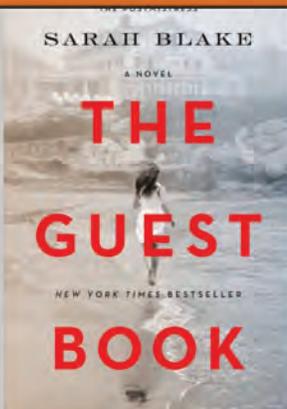
If you...

- ▶ Can read Hebrew
- ▶ Have 20 minutes to spare twice a month on a Tuesday afternoon
- ▶ Would like to connect with Har Zion students

We're looking for YOU, or SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY, to join us in our Beit Ivrit Zoom classrooms to listen to our students read! We'll match you to grades and students according to your comfort level. >> **CONTACT JUDY** – judy@harzion.ca

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BOOK CLUB



TUESDAY JANUARY 19

7:30pm via Zoom

The Guest Book by Sarah Blake

Please go to harzion.ca/zoom for the link

IT'S A MITZVAH TO WEAR A MASK



Cloth face masks will be required for quite some time and many designer companies have been producing high quality, stylish protective face coverings. THZ will be offering a 100% cotton face mask, adorned with our logo.

Please support our THZ Mask Fundraiser. Only \$18 per mask, taxes included. All the proceeds will be helping Temple Har Zion maintain and sustain our strong community now, and in the future.

Go to harzion.ca/masks to order!

THZ Masks are generously sponsored by Jodi Starkman-Mendelsohn and JD Mendelsohn

Temple Family News

BIRTHS

A hearty Mazal Tov to:

Carol Handelman on the birth of her grandson August "Augie" William Reingold, parents Benjamin Reingold and Jessica Goldberg
Ilissa and Tony Katz on the birth of their granddaughter Sy Andi Niddam, parents Alex and Corey Niddam

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

A hearty Mazal Tov to:

Michael State and Hayley Turkel in honour of their daughter Zoe becoming Bat Mitzvah
Mark Ziv and Adrienne Levy in honour of their daughter Leah Ziv becoming Bat Mitzvah

CONDOLENCES

THZ extends sincere condolences to:

Rob Brickman for his mother Sarah Brickman

Tributes and Acknowledgements

TEMPLE HAR ZION FUND

Michael Bernstein and Anita Marks; Adrian and Michael Goldberg; and Karen Grimm to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman
Nathan Bernstein in appreciation
Joan and Alan Dessau to Rodell Covent in memory of her husband Warren Covent
Vickey Friedman on the Yahrzeit of her mother Molly Wajcman
Karen Grimm to Joan and Alan Dessau in honour of their granddaughter Erin Dessau's marriage to Elliot Rubin
Tony and Ilissa Katz in honour of their granddaughter Sy Andi Niddam's baby naming
Miriam Meiri on the Yahrzeit of her husband Avner Meiri
Andrea Rifkin and Jack Furman; and Brena and Tom Taylor to Carol Handelman on the birth of her grandson August "Augie" William Reingold
George and Agnes Tihanyi in appreciation
Pamela and Daniel Zimmerman to Joan and Alan Dessau, Brena Taylor, Dara Kideckel and Betsy Wolfenden in appreciation

We thank the following for a donation to the Temple Har Zion Fund for the sponsorship of a Congregational Kiddush, Seudah, Oneg, Torah Study or Morning Minyan Breakfast:

Seth and Roberta Cole in memory of Seth's mother Sharon Lynn Cole
Phylis and Alan Coles in memory of Phylis's father Philip Catania
Carol and Sheldon Diamond in memory of Carol's mother Eva Fromowitz and Sheldon's mother Fannie Diamond
Joan and Alan Dessau in memory of Joan's stepfather Ben Pape
Sid and Barbara Finkelstein in memory of Sid's father Issie Finkelstein
Norman and Edyse Fisher in memory of Norman's mother Layla Fisher
Shelley and Ken Glick and Brena and Tom Taylor in memory of Shelley and Brena's father Morey Eckler
Florence Glickman in memory of her father Isaac Bornstein and her father-in-law David Glickman
Debby and Lawrie Kaplan in memory of Debby's aunt Jennie Sax

Alan and Terry Lustig in memory of Alan's father Sam Lustig
Neil and Deborah Naftolin in memory of Neil's father Benjamin Naftolin
Judith Ross in memory of her sister-in-law Sarah Ross
David and Karen Saltz in memory of David's father Nathan Saltz and Karen's father Walter Rosenmeyer
David Segal and Pauline Maker in memory of their father Morris Segal
Jonathan and Karen Starr in memory of Jonathan's mother Leola Starr
Paulette and George Volgyesi in memory of Paulette's mother Genia Goldman

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Jeffrey and Paula Freedman; and Joyce Zweig to Paulette Volgyesi for a speedy recovery

ANN ZWORTH HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

Sidney Fox and Lisa Rose on the Yahrzeit of Sidney's mother Ruth Fox
Stanley and Brenda Pasternak on the Yahrzeit of Stanley's father Alter Pasternak
Isai and Dora Scheinberg in appreciation

ARTHUR AND DVORA BROWN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Melissa and Corey Adler; Samantha and Shelly Bacher and family; and Stacey and Jordan Silverberg and family to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman
Samantha and Shelly Bacher and family to Andrea Covent in memory of her father Warren Covent; to Jenny Rissover in memory of Pearl Rissover; and to the Bernstein family in memory of Temmy Bernstein

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Zvi and Natalia Zolotarev in appreciation

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Tara and David Abrams to Brena Taylor and family in memory of her cousin Larry Berman
Cheryl Ackerman and David Saslove and family; and Jerry and Marley Greenglass to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman

CHESED FUND

Len and Sara Bates to Paulette Volgyesi in honour of World Kindness Day
Reva Fleischer to Gary Winston for a speedy recovery
Martin and Lyla Gelfand; and Andrea Rifkin and Jack Furman to Paulette Volgyesi for a speedy recovery
Donna and Julian Pencharz in memory of Donna's mother Minnie Finkelman

DAVID YACHT GARDEN - GAN MOSHE FUND

Gwen Yacht to Rodell Covent in memory of her husband Warren Covent

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & SCHOOL FUND

Carol Handelman; Jill and Michael Yablonsky and family to Talya and Patrice Gaborieau and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and savta Rina Lavie

LEGACY FUND

Rochelle and Richard Ulster to Fern Reed in memory of her mother Pauline Rubinstein

MARVIN KOPSTICK LEADERSHIP FUND

Sharon and Mark Rubinstein to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS FUND

Frances Halperin to Stephen Isaacs in appreciation
Saul and Naomi Joel in memory of their son Elliot Joel
Molly Keyes to Paulette Volgyesi for a speedy recovery

MUSIC FUND

Clare and Serge Adam; Judith Ross; and Brena and Tom Taylor to Susan and James Rowan and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Ethel Bergstein

MHARZY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sandra and Arthur Benjamin to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman

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Anna and Stephen Altstedter to Susan and James Rowan in memory of their mother and mother-in-law Ethel Bergstein

Samantha and Shelly Bacher; THZ Choir; Claude and Adele Heimann; and Brena and Tom Taylor to Ilissa and Tony Katz on the birth of their granddaughter Sy Andi Niddam

Miriam and Eli Amon; Deena Baltman and Michael Zitney and family; THZ Choir; Shae Eckler; Lisa Rose and Sidney Fox; and Joyce Zweig to Rob and Ruth Brickman and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sarah Brickman

Jean Karnovsky in memory of her daughter Rhonda Hall

Susan and James Rowan to Andrea Rifkin and Jack Furman in appreciation

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Jesse Borlak

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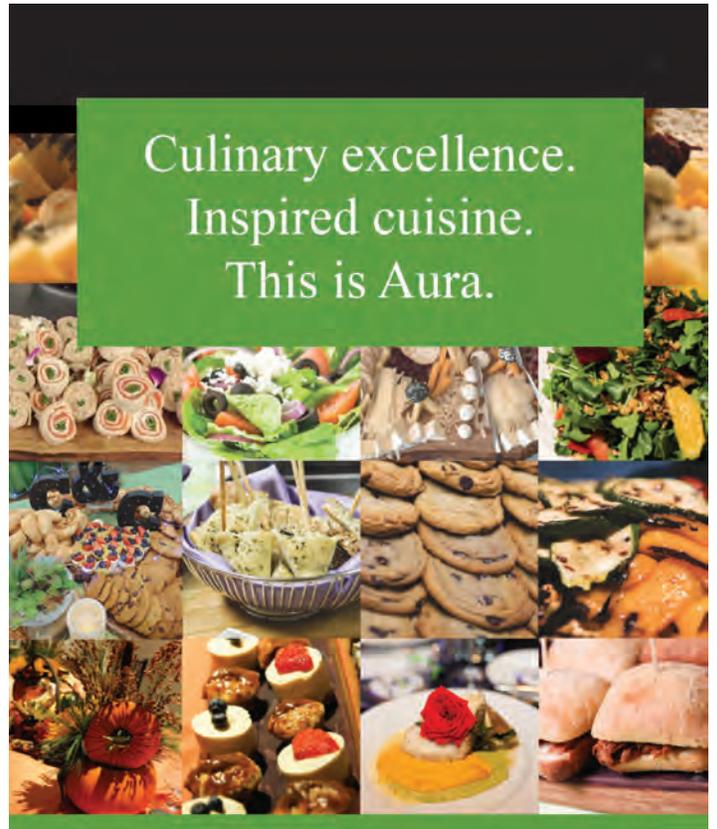


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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <i>Kislev 13</i> 9:00a Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30a Beit Midrash 10:30a Beit Midrash - All School (T'filah) 11:00a Beit Midrash - Grades 3-6 1:00p Chai Lifeline Drive-by Toy Drop Off	30 <i>Kislev 14</i> 11:00a Yoga 12:00p Rosh Chodesh via Zoom I Souls: a discussion with Cantor Littman 6:30p Beit No'ar - Grades 7-8	1 <i>Kislev 15</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45p Beit Ivrit	2 <i>Kislev 16</i> 7:30p Choir Practice	3 <i>Kislev 17</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss 7:00p Executive Meeting	4 <i>Kislev 18</i> 6:30p Service - livestream	5 <i>Vayishlach Kislev 19</i> 9:00a Torah Study via Zoom 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
6 <i>Kislev 20</i> 9:00a Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30a Beit Midrash 10:30a Beit Midrash - All School (T'filah) 11:00a Beit Midrash - Grades 3-6	7 <i>Kislev 21</i> 11:00a Yoga 12:00p Zoom with the THZ Knitters 6:30p Confirmation Class 6:30p Beit No'ar - Grades 7-8	8 <i>Kislev 22</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45p Beit Ivrit 7:30p Book Club I All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr	9 <i>Kislev 23</i> 7:30p Adult Ed Program 7:30p Eleanor's Piano Bar via Zoom	10 <i>Erev Hanukkah Kislev 24</i> Hanukkah 1st CANDLE 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss 5:30p First Candlelighting I Rabbi Weiss via Zoom	11 <i>Hanukkah Kislev 25</i> 6:30p Kol Bo Musical Service, visual T'filah - livestream 7:30p Oneg via Zoom	12 <i>Hanukkah Kislev 26</i> Vayeishev 9:00a Torah Study via Zoom 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service, Leah Ziv Bat Mitzvah - livestream 8:00p CCRJ I Canada-Wide Hanukkah Program
13 <i>Hanukkah Kislev 27</i> 9:00a Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30a Beit Midrash 10:30a Beit Midrash - All School (T'filah) 11:00a Beit Midrash - Grades 3-6	14 <i>Hanukkah Kislev 28</i> 11:00a Yoga 12:00p Rosh Chodesh I Virtual Latke Love-in Lunch 6:30p Beit No'ar - Grades 7-8	15 <i>Hanukkah Kislev 29</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45p Beit Ivrit 7:30p Board Meeting	16 <i>Hanukkah Tevet 1</i> 7:00p Sisterhood I Virtual Hanukkah Celebration	17 <i>Hanukkah Tevet 2</i> 8th CANDLE 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom 12:00p Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weiss 5:30p 8th Candlelighting I Rabbi Weiss via Zoom	18 <i>Hanukkah Tevet 3</i> 6:30p Service - livestream	19 <i>Mikeitz Tevet 4</i> 9:00a Torah Study via Zoom 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service, Zoe State Bat Mitzvah - livestream
20 <i>Tevet 5</i> 9:00a Morning Minyan via Zoom	21 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 6</i> 11:00a Yoga 12:00p Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom	22 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 7</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom	23 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 8</i> 7:30p Eleanor's Piano Bar via Zoom	24 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 9</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom	25 <i>Fast of Tevet Christmas OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK Tevet 10</i> 6:30p Service - livestream	26 <i>Vayigash Boxing Day WINTER BREAK Tevet 11</i> 9:00a Torah Study via Zoom I Rabbi Stroh 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream
27 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 12</i> 9:00a Morning Minyan via Zoom	28 <i>OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK Tevet 13</i> 11:00a Yoga 12:00p Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom	29 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 14</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom	30 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 15</i> 7:30p Choir Practice	31 <i>WINTER BREAK Tevet 16</i> 7:15a Morning Minyan via Zoom	1 <i>New Year's Day Tevet 17</i> OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK 6:30p Service - livestream	2 <i>Va-y'chi Tevet 18</i> 9:00a Torah Study I Rabbi Bill Tepper via Zoom 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service - livestream