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Temple Or Elohim serves the surrounding communities of Jericho, Syosset, the North Shore and beyond.

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Special Holiday Service

Dancing! Singing! Fun! All of this and more is what the October 13, 2017 Shabbat service was about at Temple Or Elohim.

Simchat Torah and Shemini Atzeret are the Autumn festivals when Jewish people conclude the reading of the Torah and begin anew. During these festive holidays, there is much celebration.

This year, the Temple's band, Nishamah, played while those who attended sang and danced with the Torahs. Congregants had the opportunity to touch the sacred scroll as Rabbi Kail and Cantor Katz unrolled the Torah throughout the Sanctuary. This year there were over 80 congregants who held and examined the parchment.

There was also a Consecration ceremony for the religious school students who just began their religious education. They participated throughout the service and were given certificates and blessings. The students were so excited to begin their education and be a part of the service! Their proud families also shared in the ceremony by reciting prayers. As part of this special occasion, the new religious school students received their own small Torah replicas.

It was an evening greatly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Installation Service for Rabbi Cassi Kail

On **Friday, November 17th at 7:30pm**, we will join together to celebrate and officially welcome Rabbi Cassi Kail to Temple Or Elohim. A very meaningful Installation Service has been planned and a special oneg will follow the service. Please mark your calendars – we do hope you can be there.



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Office Hours:**Rabbi's Office Hours:**

4-6 PM Wednesdays & Thursdays

Cantor's Office Hours:

By Request

**Director of Education's Formal Office Hours
(She is always available by appointment, as needed):**

1:00-6:30 PM Mondays & Thursdays

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Our expanded and redecorated Temple can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties.

Please contact Hasson Caterers to consider having your simcha at Temple Or Elohim.

Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family.

Hasson Caterers: (516)937-0120 or 0121**Editorial Corner:**

We encourage our members to submit articles, photos, and simchas for us to include in future issues. We also welcome suggestions for future issues. Please contact Esther Reich at: (917)922-4993 or Shofar@templeorelohim.com.

Rabbi Requests Information:

We commemorate the lives of those we have loved and lost. It is also appropriate to commemorate events in the lives of those we love in the here-and-now. We'd like to announce special events in your lives. Please forward all such information to:

Rabbi Kail rabbickail@templeorelohim.com (516) 433-9888 Ext. 11.**Sponsor an Oneg:**

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Sponsorship is not only for Bar/Bat Mitzvah families. You can celebrate an anniversary, birthday, aufruf, bris, special birthday, graduation, becoming grandparents or anything else.

The price for an oneg following a traditional Friday night service with an event attached to it is \$300 with fruit and \$250 without fruit. An oneg following a Friday night service without an event may be available at a reduced rate. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and will be announced from the Bimah.

You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family, but will be helping out your Temple as well.

Please call Deena Yaris at (516)433-0771.

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To Order, call the Temple's Office at (516)433-9888 Ext.14.

Order Memorial Plaques:

Bronze Yahrzeit plaques, to be mounted on the Memorial Tablet in the Sanctuary, are available by order.

These plaques are offered to memorialize the names of our departed loved ones.

Each year, upon the anniversary of their passing, as well as at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service, the light beside the name is kindled.

To Order, call the Temple's Office at (516)433-9888 Ext.14.

Services Schedule:

Fri.	Nov-3	Erev Shabbat Svs featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	Nov-4	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Nov-10	Erev Shabbat Svs	7:30 PM
Sat.	Nov-11	Shabbat Shalom Bat Mitzvah Skyler Mark	10:00 AM
Fri.	Nov-17	Erev Shabbat Svs Featuring Adult Choir Installation of Rabbi Kail	7:30 PM
Sat.	Nov-18	Havdalah Svs Bat Mitzvah Alexa Brecher	6:15 PM
Fri.	Nov-24	Erev Shabbat Svs	7:30 PM
Sat.	Nov-25	Shabbat Shalom	

Thoughts & Prayers:

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Kail, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee with any requests that you may have.

Keep Handy for Reference:

(If God forbid, there is a death or illness in the family)

CALL AND TELL US

Daytime – Call
Temple Office (516)433-9888

Otherwise - Call
Rabbi Kail at (718)869-6673
Cantor at (516)849-1332

Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY TEMPLE FOR MEMBERS:

- Shiva services at a home for up to 3 evenings.
- E-mail notice sent to membership informing of the loss, if requested.
- Whenever Kaddish is said during services:
 - Temple Members' names read for 11 months.
 - Close relatives of Members' names read for 30 days.

From Our Rabbi:

One of my favorite narratives in the Torah happens at the foot of Mount Sinai. After forgiving the people Israel for the sin of worshipping the golden calf, God instructs Moses to prepare. He will receive the Ten Commandments once more. For three days, the people prepare for revelation. Finally, the big day arrives. People Israel awake to thunder and lightning. At God's command, Moses begins to ascend Mount Sinai. As he nears the top of the mountain, God instructs him to descend. A confused Moses obliges, but only begins to understand when he reaches the bottom. When Moses arrives, before he even has a chance to explain, God speaks the Ten Commandments for all the people to hear for themselves.



As Moses heard God's words, he understood God had tricked him. Rather than giving the Ten Commandments to Moses to relay to the people, God had decided to speak the words to all the Israelites directly. Revelation could not be a solitary act; it needed to be a communal one.

Our sages teach that everyone is present at God speaks the Commandments, including Jews from previous generations, Jews from generations to come, and everyone who considers themselves part of the greater Jewish community, no matter their faith. Every single one of us is present at Sinai. Every single one of us receives the words of the Torah in our own ears, in our own way.

Pesikta DeRav Kehana points out that while the Ten Commandments were given in a communal setting, their language is in the singular tense. God spoke these words to each person, according to his talents and abilities. Each and every person receives the Torah in only the way that he could. Each of us is given a partial Torah. This is both a blessing and a challenge. None of us received the Torah in its entirety. In order to fully understand the text, we must study it with others. We must teach our Torah and learn Torah from our friends.

That is why I've introduced a **Bagels and Torah class, twice a month on Saturday mornings. At 8:45am, you can fill your plates with bagels and your cups with coffee or tea. Torah study will take place from 9-9:50am.** Topics covered have included "Lilith and Eve: A Tale of Two Creations" and "Real Housewives of the Negev: The Sarah and Hagar edition." **November classes will take place on the 11th and 18th,** with classes entitled "Head over Heels: A Torah Love Story" and "Jacob versus Esau: Who was deceiving whom?" respectively. Whether you never studied Torah before, or you consider yourself a learned Torah scholar, you have a seat at the table. Bagels and Torah will be richer because of your questions and your insights.

Our sages say that when a community gathers to study Torah, God is present. When we study together we approach Mount Sinai once more. I look forward to standing at the mountain with you.

Bivracha, with blessings,

Rabbi Cassi Kail

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Gala Celebration Honoring Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz and Cantor Joan Abramowitz



Please save the date to join us as we honor our beloved Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz and Rebbetzin/Cantor Joan Abramowitz for their fifteen wonderful years of dedication and love for our congregation and community at a special Shabbat service and luncheon on **December 2, 2017**, at Temple Or Elohim.

Invitations are being mailed.

From Our Cantor:

Each year after the High Holidays are finished, and I have time to reflect on the experience, I feel as though there is a new energy brewing inside of my body and soul. Then, just as I am ready to enjoy the reflection, in comes Sukkot and Simchat Torah! Another round of celebration and tradition for our temple and our people.

The sages and Rabbis of the past knew exactly what they were doing with the placement of the holidays in our calendar year. They made sure that we are always facing our past as we celebrate and create our future with each holiday that comes along.



Did you ever notice that almost every month of the year has a holiday to celebrate? One reason for this may be that we never stop fulfilling our duties of prayer and also traditions and rituals. That we continue to stay in touch and connected to our families and community through observing each holiday.

Even if you aren't able to fully celebrate each holiday, doing the best you can is also okay. If you were able to make it to celebrate our Sukkot and Simchat Torah services, you may have noticed that each holiday and service had it's own unique expression of our traditions and observances. And more importantly, you experienced Sukkot and Simchat Torah as wonderful family celebrations; holidays that the whole family can participate in.

At Sukkot our temple family fulfilled the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah by coming and having Pizza in the Sukkah, and then shaking the Lulav and the Etrog at services. At Simchat Torah services, we celebrated with wonderful music played by our band, danced around with the Torahs, then we rolled out the Torah and read from the beginning and the end. We finished the Torah and then Began it on the same night! It was a fabulous holiday celebration for everyone.

If you weren't able to make it to these joyous services, not to worry. We still have our wonderful Shabbat services each Friday night. You can come and sing along to the familiar Shabbat melodies, and hear the inspirational message of Torah and life from Rabbi Kail.

Last but not least, I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is really like a Jewish Holiday. We reflect and give thanks for all we have and for all the blessings in our lives, like family and friends.

I hope all of your Holidays were spiritually fulfilling and that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving as well.

Cantor David Katz

cantorkatz@templeorelohim.com

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Religious School:

Shalom Friends,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. On behalf of the TOE Religious School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Rabbi Cassi Kail, her husband Josh and her children, Noam and Talia. Rabbi Kail joined our temple family July 1, 2017. As she begins her tenure at TOE, Rabbi Kail will be a familiar face in our Religious School. Among Rabbi Kail's many talents, she plays the guitar and sings. Some of our students experienced an uplifting song session with Rabbi Kail last spring!



Our beloved Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz became Emeritus October 1, 2017. No worries, Rabbi Abramowitz will visit our school, giving high fives to our students!

We have formed an exciting School Committee led by Co-Chairs Susan Bloomberg and Howie Pastolove. Now is the time to get involved, become a part of the buzz that floods our hallways with lively learning, discussions, laughter and friendship. Parents, as always, I invite you to drop by and visit our school during Religious School hours. Come and see the warmth and nurturing environment that is your child's home away from home.

On October 4, 2017 we celebrated the festive holiday of Sukkot with "Pizza in the Hut" and a Kabbalat HaSiddur ceremony. Our 4th graders received their first Jewish Prayer Book. This is a celebration of Judaism, values and prayer. Throughout the

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following week, our children enjoyed pizza in our beautiful Sukkah. It is considered a mitzvah to eat a meal in the Sukkah during the holiday. Thank you to Men's Club for building our awesome Sukkah and for all the harvest decorations!

On October 13, 2017, we celebrated the Festival of Simchat Torah and the honoring of all our students who are beginning their formal Jewish education. The ceremony of Consecration marks the beginning of a child's Jewish education, a sacred milestone of a Jewish person. Our children stood on our bema proud to receive their certificate affirming the beginning of their Jewish journey and the gift of their own Torah. Following the beautiful ceremony, all our Torah scrolls were removed from the Ark and carried throughout the sanctuary celebrating the teachings of Torah. Our band, Nishama, filled the room with music and RUACH, spirit! Cantor Katz chanted the last few lines of Deuteronomy, followed by Rabbi Kail chanting the first few lines of B'reishit, the story of creation, Genesis, representing the first book of the Torah.

December 17, 2017 is our annual Chanukah party. Volunteers are needed. If you are available, please let me know as soon as possible! This is a fun event for the entire community.

Our children have acclimated and our Religious School is off to a wonderful start! Parents, please remind your child(ren) to review their Hebrew learning at home. Thank you in advance for your continuous support and partnership with our school.

Wishing all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. From my home to yours, may it be a joyous holiday for all.

B'Shalom,

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education
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President's Message:

Dear Congregational Families and Friends,

October is almost gone and it seems that September and the high Holidays passed us way too fast. September 1st immediately started with Familyhood making the Challah Covers followed by Pizza, which led us all into our Erev Shabbat service. I was impressed with the quality and workmanship just as I was when the kids made the Matzoh Covers last Pesach... Swarovski Crystals running amok and a great time had by all. Great job Jodi and Steve...once again.



Meetings throughout the middle of September prepared us all for our Annual Shabbat Under the Stars packed with 210+ people enjoying our BBQ and Hassan Caterer's culinary delights. Thank you Shawn everything was delectably delicious. Kudos and special mention to Deena Yaris our catering Queen and Laurel Fried our own VP and entertainment planner supreme. Amy Adler's cookie-a-thon display was beyond as the selection was like we were on Mount Olympus enjoying Ambrosia, unbelievable Amy. It was a tremendous effort and so much hard work. Thanks also to all those manning the food trays dishing out a huge selection of delicious dinner. Special thanks and kudos to everyone who worked diligently to man the food trays, the ticket purchasing and every facet necessary to make this event a success.

Thank you Cantor David for your dedication to the music as once again Nishamah rocked the house and the service seemed as if we had a direct link to Hashem. Let me also mention how mesmerized our Congregation was as Rabbi Cassi sang and blessed us with the Mishuberach....a wow for me.

Please tell me you didn't miss Alexa Eilberg's Bat Mitzvah! Shabbat morning's service was led by Alexa with a youthful exuberance and sophistication far beyond her years. Her D'var Torah and mastery of the service is a testament to our school, our teachers and our Director of Education Deborah Tract. By the way, Mr. Nichomoff you did a great job and it was great sitting with you that morning.

Our High Holiday services this year should have had a special meaning for all of us, as we witnessed with utmost and hartzig respect the passing of the congregational rabbinical pulpit from Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz to Rabbi Cassi Kail. These services and D'var Torahs and Tashlich with all our clergy is a moment in time we should all remember. We love and wish Rabbi Harvey all the best as he entered into Emeritus status on October 1, 2017.

At this time my family and I would also like to thank and congratulate Rabbi Cassi Kail for an outstanding Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur 5778 services. My goal is for our Temple Or Elohim to be the benchmark of Reform Judaism on Long Island and I am confident and looking forward to you Rabbi Cassi taking us into the next generation...Amen

(President's Message Continued)

The October Bar Mitzvah of Brian Reich was another outstanding testament to committed FAMILY and school as Brian led us through the service with a level of Judaic sophistication that made us all kvell, *** the party was the BOMB***. Please let me not forget to accentuate one of the best D'var Torahs I have yet to have been privileged to have been to...Rabbi's Beware. Mr. Nichomoff once again cool is cool...put this one in your memoirs.

Sukkah services were PACKED... I'm talking parents and children Packed. Our warm October weather allowed us many outdoor moments, thanks Deborah for taking our kids out into the afternoon air, the pizza tasted couture gourmet ...Amen.

We had our first School Board meeting, congrats to Susan Bloomberg and Howard Pastolove as Chair and Co-chair of our School Board...I was extremely impressed as to what the future has to offer our Hebrew school families. I urge you all to attend these meetings (every 2 months **please see TOE online for dates***) to be part of and listen to and give us your input so we can all adapt and adjust to our filial Judaic future.

Attention to all congregants, and families...PLEASE join us on 11/17/2017 Erev Shabbat (Friday night), as we take pride to watch Rabbi Cassi Kail be installed as our New Rabbi at Temple Or Elohim. There will be a sumptuous ONEG following services. We wish you all the Hatzlachah to forge your destiny and become a total part of all our Temple lives at Or Elohim...Amen

"Save the Date" 12/2/2017 for Shabbat morning Service for Rabbi Harvey & Cantor Joan Abramowitz's 15 years of dedication to our Temple. Please make sure to contact Susan Bloomberg or Dr. Phil Rubin for ads for the journal, or if you want to be interviewed and be in the video commemorating their lives, and say a few words.

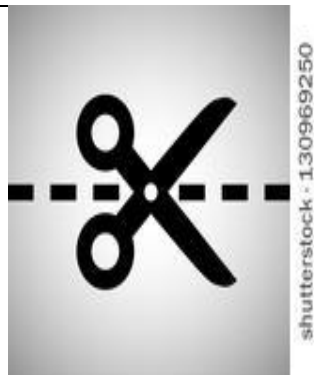
If you haven't noticed the parking lot in FRONT has been striped and seal coated, and we are waiting for the sukkah to be dismantled so we can finish the front and do the back lot sooner than later. Thank you to all our generous and concerned congregants for helping us maintain the standards and necessities to keep our building and our Judaic presence up to snuff.

I would just like to say a special thank you Cantor David for your relentless pursuit of perfection. Your dedication to what went on these past 5 months preparing our Temple for a new Rabbi amidst trying to find the proper moment of High Holiday respect in our transitioning was "Lifnay Mishurat H'adin" Way Above and Beyond. We all Love you and what you have created these past 5 years.... a level of warmth, professionalism, genuine mensch, that will be the benchmark of all temples to emulate...now and forever.

Please let me take a moment to honor the passing of Bob Feinstein my friend, my confidant, my advisor, and of course the "VOICE of Temple Or Elohim". Although his voice has been stilled, the countless years of selfless devotion involvement in every facet of Temple life will forever be ingrained in the annals of our Temple's walls. May you find Peace and your family shep nachas for all you have conveyed to the foundation of all our Judaic lives with your dedicated years at our Or Elohim.

From my family to your family may 5778 be a year filled with health, wealth, prosperity, hatzlachah, and family togetherness for us all...Can we all get an AMEN.

Respectfully,
Michael Wilner, President
michaelwilner@danielgale.com

***SHOPPERS' DAY***

Sunday, November 19, 2017 - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Shop for all your holiday gifts under one roof.
 10% off all items IN STOCK in the Sisterhood Showcase
 15% off SELECT MERCHANDISE in the Showcase

November 20th through December 11th
 5% discount on all IN STOCK MERCHANDISE.

Please present coupon for discount.

(Discounts not applicable to Shema Or jewelry at any time.)

Sisterhood:

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, November 19 from 11 am until 4 pm our annual SHOPPERS' DAY will be the place to be to shop for all holiday gifts under one roof. Special sales include: 10% off on Sunday, November 19th all IN STOCK Sisterhood Showcase items AND 15% off SELECT MERCHANDISE in our Showcase. **Please present coupon for discount.** From November 20th through December 11th there will be a 5% discount on all IN STOCK MERCHANDISE. Discount not applicable to Shema Or jewelry at any time. Also, seeking volunteers to help make this fundraiser a success! Contact Sue Zichlin or Susan Bloomberg at Sueazichlin@gmail.com or luvpink0128@gmail.com

MAH JONGG CARDS FOR SALE:

\$8 for small print and \$9 for large print card. Pick up a flyer at the temple or email Barbara Feinstein for further info. at Barbfein0616@aol.com.

COLLECTIONS:

Hotel toiletries will be an ongoing collection throughout the year. Items can be dropped off in the small bin in the office (above the mailboxes). All toiletries will be donated to homeless shelters/Momma's House.

We will also be collecting sheets, towels, blankets and pillow cases for local animal shelters. Please drop those off in the bin located in the temple's library. This collection will be throughout the month of November.

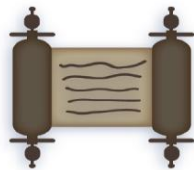
Thank you for your continued support! Please join us at our next meeting to be held on November 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the library.

Congratulations to our B'Nai Mitzvah Candidates and their families:

October 7, 2017
Brian Reich
Son of Esther and Paul

November 11, 2017
Skyler Mark
Daughter of Kimberly and Ron

November 18, 2017
Alexa Brecher
Daughter of Kimberly and Eric



Baskets on the Bimah Program:

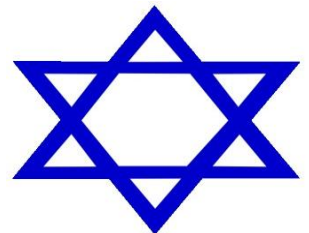
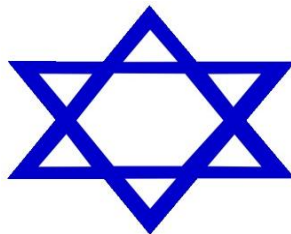
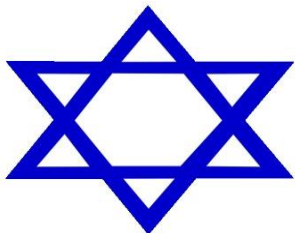
A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah. Proceeds go to assist local needy families.



Any congregant can have a basket displayed on the bimah for a non-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

A great way to honor any simcha you are celebrating!

Contact the Temple Office at (516)433-9888 Ext. 14.



Men's Club:

noise

noun \noiz\

:loud, confused, or senseless shouting or outcry

:SOUND; especially: one that lacks agreeable musical qualities or is noticeably unpleasant

(According to Webster's Dictionary)

Does it seem noisy to you? It seems to me – loud, meaningless, sounds coming from the left and the right, strident and angry, intolerant, impatient and disrespectful.

As we welcome this new year, wide-eyed with hope for a peaceful and prosperous one, what can we do to turn down the volume of the noise? Let's start by being humble. My first job when I was in high school, was as a porter at a Woolworths. It was, at times, a really filthy job. Working with me was a gentleman named Raymond who worked as a full-time porter. Raymond always went about his business with a smile and carried himself with the dignity usually reserved for royalty. Although his lot in life seemed meager to others, to Raymond it did not. He never whined about not having things or opportunities he felt he should have been entitled to because he knew there was no such thing as entitlement. He never said an unkind word nor was he ever anything less than a gentleman to anyone in the store.

I grew to be in awe of Raymond. He taught a fourteen year old pisher from the Northeast Bronx two very important lessons – the value of a dollar, because that dollar came from hard work and more importantly humility because here was a man who worked a job most people would look at disdainfully and did it with grace and class and was perfectly happy with his lot. As I see how our national discourse has devolved into our national discord, how we have forgotten the art of civilized debate, how the only ways to get our point across are through ridicule and violence, how getting in someone's face has become the preferred method of communicating, humility and the respect for others, which is an important part of humility, has become endangered species.

My New Year's wish for all of us is for us to take a step back. Take a deep breath. Take a good hard look at how we behave towards others and ask ourselves, "Is this how I want others to treat me?" If the answer is no, then do this: Speak softly and respectfully. Value other people's opinions regardless of how opposite they are from your own. Although their opinions differ, they are no less worthy of respect than yours. Value those people who hold those opinions for the same reason. Smile. Say please and thank you. Be humble and don't make so much noise.

Now, onto the Men's Club news:

First, a huge Thank You to the Ballen Family and Gilbert for the donation of a beautiful new set of finials for the Arc doors. They look fantastic and we can't thank these most generous folks enough.

By the time you read this, the Sukkot has been erected. Thanks to everyone who turned out to help!

We have a fantastic Movie Night planned for Sunday, November 12th! We will be presenting "All of Me," the 1984 classic featuring Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin, and some of the most fantastic physical comedy ever filmed. A Mediterranean buffet will be served.

So, my friends, a sweet, happy, healthy, peaceful, prosperous and much less noisy L'Shana Tovah to all of you. Please, now more than ever, be kind to one another.

With Warmest Regards,

Mark Heller, Men's Club President

hellerhardware@gmail.com

Social Action Committee:

Sunday, October 15 – Mitzvah Day! Our annual Mitzvah Day was a huge success! In the morning we delivered breakfast to 8 families. They were thrilled to receive bags of breakfast goodies that will last them the entire week! From 10:00-12:00 several of us gathered to sort the food that was collected during the High Holidays. After, we loaded all of the food into 3 cars and we delivered the food to the JCC Pantry in Plainview. We also donated a car's worth of food to the Hatzilu pantry in Baldwin. Thank you to all who donated food! Several families came and helped make 200 sandwiches and bagged them with a drink and snack. We also made 25 bags filled with all the ingredients to make vegetarian chili and attached copies of a recipe to them, as well as 40 toiletries bags. These items were delivered to The Inn in Glen Cove and The Inn in Hempstead.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this event run smoothly!

I am grateful to be a part of such a caring and giving Congregation!

Please send an email to susanlevine318@gmail.com with any ideas or suggestions you might have.

Susan Levine, Chair, Social Action Committee



Familyhood:

Familyhood kicked off the new school year with a fun activity followed by participation in the Friday night Shabbat service. The kids created a keepsake challah cover, putting their unique touches on them that will be treasured for years to come. We enjoyed a pizza dinner with our families before entering the sanctuary where the children became the focal point of the Shabbat service. They were so excited to be part of the Motzi and show off their newly crafted challah covers. They also enjoyed making their own ice cream sundaes during the Oneg. Rabbi Kail explained the meaning of the challah and why it is covered. Some say it is the challah's unveiling that marks the beginning of the Friday night meal. Others say that during the Israelites' time in the desert when the Manna fell from heaven, it was covered in dew that protected it from the sand and sun,

and kept it fresh. The covering that is placed over the challah is symbolic of the dew. It was a fun (and educational) evening for all!

If you and your family would like to (periodically) get involved with our (commitment-free and cost-free) group, please email us or contact us through our Facebook page or group!

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**Thank you,
Jodi & Steve**

Founders & Co-Chairs, Familyhood Temple Or Elohim
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Oneg with Sundaes



Crafting Challah Covers

October Birthdays

1	Beth Gerome	18	Ellis Cass
1	Abigail Glenn	18	Sophie Lelonek
1	Sydney Glenn	19	Cyndi Pressman
1	Danielle Kaplan	20	Kimberly Brecher
1	Lauren Oliver	20	Ryan Hudzik
1	Matthew Osnowitz	20	Melanie Portnoy
3	Bari Kaye	20	Jeffrey Spivak
3	Clifford Maldow	20	Brooke Wachs
4	Randi Ross	20	Edward Wactlar
5	Cathy Allen	21	Jill Citron
5	Samuel Goodman	21	Rayna Katz
5	Matthew Singer	22	Scott Edelman
7	Adam Reisman	22	Scott Wolfson
8	Drew Sigler	23	David Komatsu
9	Adam Scott Levy	24	Edward Cohen
9	Gary Cohn	24	Taylor Grieco
9	Daniel Damast	24	David Samuelson
9	Marc Lomasky	24	Scott Neil Singer
10	Harold Herling	25	Ronald Finkelstein
10	Thomas Lecher	25	Ronald Finkelstein
11	Brooke Dreyfuss	25	Naomi Komatsu
11	Ryder Kazerman	25	Jake Krauss
11	Sarah Sobel	26	Sherri Rosenthal
11	Bryan Wachs	26	Cara Siegel
12	Neil Gallow	26	David Vermut
12	Lexi Langman	27	Andrew Finkelstein
13	Abby Alper	27	Glenn Hirsch
13	Lori Ballen	28	Neil Miller
13	Hayden Fried	28	Edward Misorek
13	Samuel Kass	28	Brian Sigler
14	Lisa Kleinman	29	Michelle Komatsu
14	Howard Pastolove	30	Lauren Abrams
16	Laura Miller	30	Mark Heller
17	Andrew Jacobs	30	Barbara Katz
17	Hanna Katz	30	Alex Myrah
17	Tyler Krause	30	Joshua Rubin
17	Stefanie Milstein	31	Steven Finkelstein
		31	Jack Goodkin

Welcome to Our Family:

We are pleased to announce the birth of Renee Mac, granddaughter of members Susan and Mitchel Bloomberg.

*Happy
Birthday!*

November Birthdays

1	Mark Fried	16	Lita Friedman
1	Lisa Hirsch	16	Alexander Heffner
1	Barbara Kandel	18	Nicholas Albicocco
3	Lewis Baeringer	18	Lon Goldstein
3	Hayden Blinder	18	Stephen Grossman
3	Jake Bricker	18	Julia Katz
3	Matthew Bricker	18	Andrew Meyer
3	Lily Davis	18	Samantha Meyer
3	Jessica Finkelstein	18	Ellen Mogavero
3	Lois Lerner	18	Daniel Oliver
3	Lauren Lomasky	18	Leonard Saltz
3	Barbara Weiss	18	David Evan Simon
4	Barry Ballen	18	Marc Wiener
5	Julie Lefkowitz	19	Jason Alper
5	Paul Reich	19	Karen Fazekas
5	Jason Rosenthal	19	Sydney Goltzman
6	Casey Brand	19	Rebecca Lefkowitz
6	Adam Lelonek	20	Zachary Kaufman
6	Matthew Pressman	20	Sheila Zimmerman
7	Gary Topple	21	Rachel Klinghoffer
10	Melanie Etess	21	James Math
10	Carolyn Kellman	21	Janet Weintraub
10	Matthew Kusnetz	22	Sean Breslin
10	Sara Lefkowitz	22	Michael Jacobs
10	Steven Lefkowitz	22	Samuel Pollack
11	Robert Bock	23	Michael Stuart Feinstein
11	Ellen Hurwitch	23	Savannah Felsen
11	Carrie Jacobs	23	G. Tilden Halpern
11	Justin Martin	23	Karen Kweit
11	Tyler Martin	23	Andrew Silverman
11	Steven Rose	23	Steven Starr
13	Jeffrey Feltman	24	Alexa Brecher
14	J'aime Abramowitz	24	Ira Lampert
14	Cindy Baeringer	25	Paul Rosenfeld
14	Daniel Lerner	27	William Gold
14	Jillian Palumbo	27	Lindsay Goldstein
14	Howard Rosenberg	27	Alyse Wayne
14	Odette Walsh	28	Ashley-Lynn Goldstein
14	Michelle Wilner	28	Michael Hantman
15	Jason Reddock	29	Jerry Eilberg
16	Ivan Dolowich	29	Howard Green
16	Emilie Epstein	29	Adam Newman



October Anniversaries

- 5 Mark & Robin Albicocco
- 8 Emanuel & Jill Goffer
- 12 Alan & Susan Geller
- 14 Jim & Lana Math
- 16 Joseph & Barbara Synnott
- 18 Mark & Leslie Rosner
- 22 Ian & Laura Reddock
- 25 Harold & Magda Herling
- 25 Mitchell & Lauren Rosenblatt
- 27 Mark & Lori Bricker
- 29 Stewart & Jeanette Aronowitz
- 29 Marc & Lara Scher
- 30 Lawrence & Sandra Simon
- 31 Lewis & Karen Kweit

November Anniversaries

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| 1 Richard & Emilie Epstein | 13 Abe & Marilyn Milstein |
| 2 Brett & Heather Rosenblatt | 16 Ilan & Meredith Glenn |
| 5 Jamie & Marnie Felsen | 16 Samuel & Tara Kass |
| 5 David & Lisa Kleinman | 17 Steven & Randi Ross |
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Week of October 13

Max Babik, Ruth Braunschweig, Gertrude Brilliant, Fanny Brodsky, Neal Broxmeyer, Bella Chorost, Pauline Cooperman, Morris Dinner, Esther Edwards, William H. Flax, Rita Franco, Arthur Friedman, Abbey Geller, Bernice Geller, Werner Gutkind, S. Arthur Halpern, Edward Kravitz, Abraham Lawner, Phyllis Levy, Tillie Schwartz Meringoff, Aaron Miller, Ceil Newman, Billie Peller, Edna Quint, Arthur Milton Rosenstein, Herbert Roth, Jack Rovin, Jerrold Ruvin, Bernard Seidman, Emanuel Shinkel, Nathan Skurnik, Phyllis Solomon, Clarice Weiderhorn, Rose Wolkin

Week of October 20

Rita Battino, David Bilmas, Gloria Delman, Julius Epstein, Louis Greenberg, Yuval Henigman, Harry Kaufman, Aaron Korenvaes, Moe Krauss, Anne Mender, Joseph Louis Neier, Saida Peress, Seymour Pollack, Leona Resnick, Bernard Rodin, Harry Ruderman, Henrietta Saltzman, George S. Sann, Herbert Sklar, Rose Slatincoff, Sondra Spatt, Irving Switzman, Rosemary Weiss Tanacredi, Ida Wallace, Mark Wallfield, Sharon Yaglom, Jennie Zimmerman

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Joseph Adler, Nathaniel Adler, Esther Behar, Ronald Brecher, Irving Fern, Barbara Flaum, Mildred Getelman, Minnie Glotzer, Selma Goodkin, Beatrice Gottfurcht, Gerald Greenhut, Philip Haber, Irving Hauptman, Murray Jankowitz, Rubin Kaplan, Max Koffler, Harry Leslie, Pincus Levy, Matthew Maldow, Josephine Mirabella, Lillian Moskowitz, Tillie Neugeborn, Leo Pollak, Rose Pollak, George Ritholtz, Mary Rodin, Renee Sachs, Sarah Sachs, Harriet Wallfield, Harry Wilner

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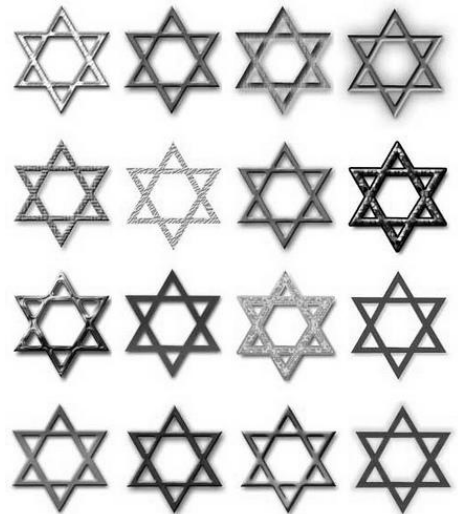
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Torah Notes:

Oct 29- Nov 4, Vayeira (Genesis 18:1-22:24)

Abraham welcomes three visitors into his tent. They announce that Sarah will soon have a son, at the age of 90. Abraham argues with God about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, though ultimately the cities are destroyed. Isaac is born, circumcised, and weaned. Sarah sends away Hagar and her son Ishmael, and an angel saves them. God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah.

Nov 5-11, Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

Although this Torah portion means "the life of Sarah," it begins with her death. Abraham purchases the cave of Machpelah in which to bury her. Abraham sends a servant to find a wife for Isaac. He finds Rebecca, who shows the servant great kindness in offering to draw water for his camels at the well. Isaac and Rebecca get married. Abraham remarries. At the age of 175, he dies, and is buried alongside Sarah, by Isaac and Ishmael.

Nov 12-18, Toldot (Genesis 25:19-28:9)

Rebecca has twins named Esau and Jacob. Being the eldest son, Esau is to receive the birthright and blessing of the firstborn from his father. Esau gives Jacob his birthright in exchange for some stew. When Isaac is on his deathbed, Rebecca and Jacob deceive Isaac so that Jacob will receive the blessing of the firstborn. Esau threatens to kill Jacob, and Jacob flees to Haran.

Nov 19-25, Vayitzei (28:10-32:3)

Jacob dreams about angels going up and down a ladder, and receives a blessing from God. Jacob goes to Laban's home, where he works for seven years in order to marry his daughter, Rachel. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah instead. Jacob is forced to commit himself to seven more years of work in exchange for marrying Rachel. Leah, Rachel, and maidservants Bilhah and Zilpah give birth to a total of 12 children (11 sons and 1 daughter). Jacob and his family leave Laban's home in search of their own.

Nov 26- Dec 2 Vayishlach (32:4-36:43)

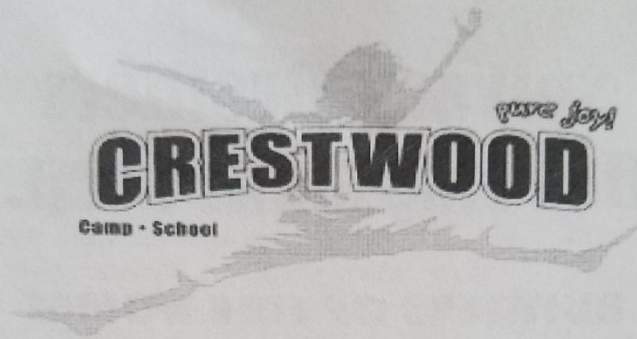
Jacob prepares to meet Esau for the first time in decades. He wrestles with "a man," and receives the new name "Yisrael," which means "wrestles with God." Jacob and Esau reconcile, and go their own ways. Shechem rapes Dinah, and Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi take revenge. Rachel dies while giving birth to Benjamin. Isaac dies, and is buried in Hebron

Tidbits from Larry Jacobs:

The most famous photo of Albert Einstein was when he was celebrating his 72nd birthday (in March 1951). He was tired of photographers asking for a smile, so when they tried to take a photo, he stuck his tongue out. The photo was published. Einstein was so pleased, he ordered 9 copies to send to his close friends. He signed one photo, that recently sold at auction for \$125,000.

Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs, now has Kosher food. It is now the 13th Major League ball park to serve Kosher food.

The Argentine Government recently donated close to 40,000 documents to the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. It included information about 5,000 Nazi war criminals escaping Europe at the end of the war to Argentina. Juan Peron, the President of Argentina at the time, had established escape routes through Spain and Italy. One of these war criminals was Adolph Eichman, architect of the "Final Solution" of the Jewish Question. Argentina was also the primary South American destination for over 4,800 Holocaust survivors.



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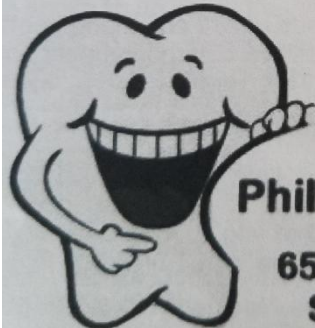
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5	6 Adult Institute JJC 7:45 PM Religious School board meeting 7:30 PM	7 Election Day - No School Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	8	9	10 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	11 Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM Sharp! Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Skyler Mark
12 Men's Club Movie Night 5:30 PM	13 Adult Institute JJC 7:45 PM Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	16 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	17 Erev Shabbat Service featuring Adult Choir. Installation of Rabbi Kail 7:30 PM	18 Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM Sharp! Havdalah Service 6:30 PM Bat Mitzvah Alexa Brecher
19 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM Shoppers Day 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	20 Adult Institute JJC 7:45 PM	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	25
26	27 Adult Institute JJC 7:45 PM	28 Board of Trustees meeting 8:00 PM	29	30		