



# The Shofar

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

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O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A-----YEOW!!!!

It's that time of the year again, time for our annual Temple Concert. This year it will be bigger than ever. Literally and in all ways!!

Temple Or Elohim will be hosting the Concert Pops of the Long Island Orchestra with Maestro Dean Karahalos conducting. YES! You read it right. A 32-piece orchestra will be on our Bema, making incredibly beautiful music. I will be joined by a fabulous Soprano, as well as another amazing young artist showcased through our Young Artist Scholarship program. Accompanied by the orchestra, we will be singing ALL of the greatest hits from shows like Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Oklahoma, Funny Girl, Man of La Mancha, as well as hits from Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein and more! In addition, the orchestra will be performing overtures and solos, filling the sanctuary with exquisite, glorious sounds.

Hosting a concert with a 32-piece orchestra on our Bema is a first, for not only our Temple but all the Temples on the North Shore. The music and performances are intended for all ages, young and old, to enjoy. Bring your entire family to our beautiful Temple and see a show of Manhattan quality without the hassle of going into the city!

**Make sure you put the date on your calendar:**

**MAY 5, 2018- 7:30 PM**

**Tickets are \$36.00 each, open seating**

If you have attended our concerts in past years, you know that this concert will be wonderful and of very high quality. You will not want to miss it!! Remember last years?? It was terrific. This concert will be even greater!

The Annual Concert is also one of our biggest fund raisers of the year for the Temple. Which means.....you will enjoy yourself greatly but will also be doing a mitzvah by supporting and attending!

We look forward to seeing you on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

Musically yours,

*Cantor David Katz*

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

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**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@gmail.com](mailto:rabbickail@gmail.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.

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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.	April 6	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 7	Matzah & Torah Yizkor Service	8:45 AM 10:00 AM
<b>Thurs.</b>	April 12	Yom HaShoah Ceremony Led by 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Fri.	April 13	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 14	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Darien Schultz	10:00 AM
Fri.	April 20	Erev Shabbat Service Led by 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 21	Bagels & Torah Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Elliot Rosenblatt Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah Andrew Pizarz	8:45 AM 10:00 AM  6:30 PM
Fri.	April 27	Erev Shabbat Service Led by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 28	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Ethan Hatz	10:00 AM

**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.

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

**CALL AND TELL US**

Daytime – Temple Office (516)433-9888

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- Shiva services at a home for up to 3 evenings.
- Email 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:

We have tasted the *matzah* and sung rousing renditions of “*dayenu*” and “*chad gadya*”. We have read and symbolically relived the story of the Exodus at our Passover Seders. Physically we are free but our spiritual journey has just begun. We wander in the desert, searching for our path in an ocean of unmarked sand. We wonder if we will ever find our way. Then Moses tells us what we long to hear: in 49 days we will receive the Torah, the word of God that will guide us as we walk through the wilderness of our lives.



Each year, beginning on the second night of Passover, our count begins. In 49 days, we too will receive the Torah on the Sacred holiday of Shavuot—a day of Torah, of spiritual seeking, of prayer and of course coffee and cheesecake.

Each evening, beginning on March 31, we will offer a prayer as we count upwards towards Shavuot:

בְּרִיךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֶר:

*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al s'firat haomer.*

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with God's commandments and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.

Rabbis encourage us not just to count but to go on a spiritual journey. After all, we may not be slaves in Egypt but are we truly free? Who among us does not have inner obstacles that hinder us and hold us back from reaching our true potential or from living lives of Torah and of Mitzvot?

One way of participating in this journey is to study middot (values) during the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot, so that when we celebrate Shavuot on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be prepared to receive the Torah once again.

I will be offering classes about two of these middot during this seven-week period. On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, we will discuss “Responding to fear.” On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will talk about “learning in order to do.” Light refreshments will be offered. You can find more information about the middot at <http://www.reformjudaism.org/study-48-middot>, which provides short texts, commentaries, questions and reflections. They are ideal for people of all ages and can be studied individually, with a partner, in a group or as a family.

I hope you join me on this spiritual journey. May it prove to be inspiring, profound and worthwhile. Happy counting!

L'shalom,

**Rabbi Cassi Kail**

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## B'nai Mizvahs:

April 14, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Darien Schultz

Daughter of Jami and Kenny

April 21, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Elliot Rosenblatt

Son of Lauren and Mitchell

April 28, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Ethan Hatz

Son of Jennifer and Benjamin

April 21, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Andrew Pisarz

Son of Eileen and Irwin

## ***President's Message:***

Dear Congregational Families and Friends,

Greetings to all of our Temple members and families. As the saying goes, I hope that April showers will bring May flowers sooner rather than later. March was extremely busy at Or Elohim as Nor'easters and heavy snowfall crippled many Temple plans at the beginning of March.



Bagels and Torah on Shabbat morning March 3 gave us insight and many questions about Moses up on "Har Sinai" taking forty days and nights inscribing our ten commandments on the Louchot Habrit, only to come down to see our Am Y'israel busy building idolatry in the shape of a golden calf. OY VEY...No Good.

Shabbat Across America was celebrated on March 9<sup>th</sup> with an impressive Erev Shabbat as our fast forward 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders led us flawlessly through the services orchestrated to perfection by our Director of Education Deborah Tract and her excellent array of teachers.

The following morning, on Shabbat March 10<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Schwartz led a class teaching us about Albert Einstein struggling with questions and life as a modern Jew. We learned so many interesting facts about Einstein's love of Judaism even though he was not a practical and technical practicing Jew. His heartfelt feelings about Zionism, love for our people and fundraising capabilities helped put Israel on the map. Rabbi Schwartz pulled us in with his knowledge and in depth stories that held us captivated the whole morning. Give Rabbi Arthur Schwartz a talk show, that's how good it was.

On Sunday morning March 11<sup>th</sup>, our Wax Museum and Purim Carnival were filled with fun and laughter. It was standing room only for families celebrating our own Jewish Purim Carnival. No one was leaving any time soon. The "DJ" that Susan Bloomberg hired made me sorry that I wasn't dancing a disco Merengue with Deborah our Director of Education. Kudos to all our congregants who helped dish out all the culinary delights offered that morning rolling into the afternoon.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday night, our "Esther Mia" Purim Shpiel with songs by ABBA finally went off without a weather disruption. This was followed by another 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade fast forward service as once again we were led to Erev Shabbat bliss by our students and teachers. Bravo to all, great job.

March 17<sup>th</sup> on Shabbat was an outstanding display of Bar Mitzvah sophistication for the Havdalah service that evening led by our Bar Mitzvah Jared Lichten. Great job, Jared.

We had another inspiring Friday Erev Shabbat service on March 23<sup>rd</sup> followed the next Shabbat morning on March 24<sup>th</sup> with yet another Bat Mitzvah service led by Jocelyn Freedman who led our services with an air of Judaic perfection, making us all proud.

I would like to wish all our Temple families a heartfelt Zissen Pesach. If you did not leave to warmer climates and were in town for Passover, I hope all were prepared in advance to partake in our 2<sup>nd</sup> night Passover Seder hosted with Talmudic reverence and song by Rabbi Kail and her family as we were led through the dessert with songs and stories by our illustrious Rabbi.

From my family to yours, I hope your Pesach and family moments were memorable and sweet and your memories last forever. Amen

Respectfully,

**Michael Wilner, President**

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## **ATTENTION all Facebook users:**



If you have Facebook and have not already "liked" the Temple Or Elohim Facebook page, please do! There are lots of great updates and reminders.

When you are on Temple Or Elohim's Facebook page, click on TURN ON NOTIFICATIONS (see the "following" box, use down arrow and check notifications) so that you will get all the latest and greatest info appearing right in your news feed.

There's no need to constantly look us up!

## Religious School:

Shalom Friends,



We are now in the core of programming. We just concluded our amazing Purim Carnival that was very successful in so many ways. We raised a substantial amount of money that goes directly back into the Religious School for special programming. This event brought our community together, with activities, entertainment, food, prizes and comradery. Our Co-Chairs, Kimberly Brodsky and Allison Damast, along with the efforts of the Purim committee, worked countless hours to make our fundraising event terrific. We had MANY volunteers this year. 6<sup>th</sup> graders, teens, members of Sisterhood and Men's Club all ventured out to contribute to our mission and goals. The POB Robotics' Team, once again, brought thought provoking games and activities to the day's event!

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders entertained family, friends and guests with their innovative presentation of a famous Jewish person. Albert Einstein, Anne Frank, Natalie Portman are just a few of the sensational Jewish figures represented in the Madame Esther's Living Wax Museum! Each child portrayed their character with enthusiasm and explicit detail.

Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students led Shabbat services on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. All the children led their services with poise, confidence and outstanding Hebrew reading. I am very proud of our students' accomplishments and their confidence in leading a congregation in worship and prayer.

We celebrated Purim in our Religious School with a well-known entertainer, Hagit Avnon, who provided our students with a unique show with music, puppets and entertainers. Our kids of all ages were enlightened and gravitated to Hagit's performance. In fact, many of our B'nai Mitzvah students requested her contact information for their future simchas!

Pesach will be celebrated in our school with various learning centers for our students to learn and celebrate the Hebrews' Exodus from Egypt. Our K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have a special class-wide Seder.

On April 20, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will lead our congregation in Shabbat worship and prayer. The following week, our very young Hebrew students, in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will also lead our temple family in worship. This is a very exciting time for our young students who have worked very hard this year on their Hebrew letters and learning to read.

Looking ahead, on Thursday evening, April 12, 2018, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will lead a heartfelt service for Yom Hashoah, a time in history that we will not forget.

I look forward to seeing all of you at all our upcoming services.

Wishing you and your families a Chag Pesach Sameach. May you be blessed with health, peace and happiness.

B'Shalom,

**Deborah E. Tract**

Director of Education

## Social Action Committee

Thanks to all who donated to our annual Passover Food Drive. We were able to provide 6 families with many of the necessary food items to help ensure that they had a Happy Passover!

Remember, the Social Action Committee collects non-perishable food items all year round. Collected food is donated to various food pantries on Long Island. We are always looking for new ideas.

Please reach out to Susan Levine at [susanlevine318@gmail.com](mailto:susanlevine318@gmail.com) with any suggestions that you may have.

## ***Men's Club:***

Ahh, Spring is finally here! What a dreary winter it has been. It's nice to finally see the sun and feel its warmth. I love Spring. I love the whole idea of rebirth – shedding the old and embracing the new; a brand new day filled with hope and optimism. We should all take the opportunity of a new day to reinvent ourselves to be hopeful, optimistic and above all civil. Let's view others with different viewpoints as partners in an exchange of ideas that can be distilled into a singular, more enlightened point of view rather than enemies whose ideas are so wrong and so egregious that the mere mention of them ignites a firestorm. We seem to have lost the ability to reason. We shout, we deride, we insult, we hate – for the simple reason that some other individuals are using their given gift of independent thought and that thought is different from ours. So what? So, that fellow's ideas are 180 degrees from your own. Does that make them inferior to yours? If those ideas are not filled with hate and bigotry, then they are absolutely not. What built America was the free exchange of ideas in the quest to build a more perfect union. Let's use the rebirth of Spring to strive for that perfection.

What's up with Men's Club? I'll start with a mea culpa. In last month's installment, we had said that everyone enjoyed the screening of Menasche. Unfortunately, due to a comedy of errors, for which yours truly takes full responsibility, we enjoyed the screening that never was. We WILL prevail and Menasche will come to call at a later date. The oneg though was lovely.

Pre-Pesach Pasta is now history. The annual Men's Club membership dinner at Frank's Gourmet Restaurant in Woodbury was a wonderful get together with great food and even better company. The members of the Men's Club always have a great time at this event and it was really nice to welcome some new faces. It was relaxed and fun filled (as well as filling!). I love hanging out with this great bunch of gentlemen. Special thanks to Phil Rubin for putting it all together!

April will be a busy month for the Men's Club. On Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our own Mike Mogavero will be hosting a very entertaining and informative financial presentation and on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Master Chef Ken Gerome will be tantalizing our taste buds yet again with his amazingly delicious pastrami, corned beef and turkey. If that isn't enough, we will be showing The Frisco Kid, starring Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford. Keep an eye out for email blasts containing all the details, as well as the article in this month's Shofar.

Finally, our annual night out at Citi Field to see the Mets is coming up on May 31! A night out at Citi Field with our Temple group is always lots of fun. We hope to see you all there. Keep an eye out for more details in the email blasts and the article in this month's Shofar.

So, folks, take a deep breath of that sweet spring air. Let it clear your heads and invigorate you. Above all, celebrate the rebirth with being civil and kind to each other.

All The Best,  
Mark



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**MEN'S CLUB DINNER & MOVIE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018 - 5:30PM  
"THE FRISCO KID"**

No need to try to find one of the ever-diminishing kosher deli's in the New York area when Temple Or Elohim's very own Ken Gerome will be preparing his annual mouth-watering feast of home-made pastrami, turkey and corned beef (all meats Kosher). Anyone who has made it to any of Ken's prior repasts knows this is an event not to be missed!

After dinner, the Men's Club is presenting the Gene Wilder-Harrison Ford comedy classic, "The Frisco Kid". Wilder plays a Rabbi from Poland who arrives in Philadelphia in 1850 on his way to his new synagogue in San Francisco. He is robbed of all of his possessions on his way out West and joins up with escaping outlaw Harrison Ford. The development of their touching buddy relationship through a series of comic adventures together on the journey west is priceless. As just one example, the prohibition against riding on the Sabbath gets a whole new twist here. Stay for dessert after the movie and you'll have an evening to remember.

**Dinner, movie and dessert all come for just \$20 per ticket, if purchased by April 24 (\$25 thereafter or at the door).** Tickets are available at the Temple Office. For more information and tickets, call the Temple's Office, (516)433-9888, Ext. 14.

**MEN'S CLUB 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL METS GAME OUTING  
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018 - 7:10PM  
STRICT RSVP DEADLINE OF APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**

It's early April and now all right-minded people can think of only one thing - baseball season is underway! As you bask in the rosy optimism of how the Mets and Yankees may do this year, show your support for our temple and cheer on the Mets all at once. For the third year in a row, the Men's Club has once again ordered group seats to a Mets game. We will be heading to Citi Field on Thursday, May 31st to see the Mets take on the Chicago Cubs. The seats are on field level in left field AND UNDER COVER (those of you who bought tickets to last year's game know this can be important). **The cost is \$40 per ticket.**

It's a great way to get the summer going. So, sit back and schmooze with your fellow Temple members while enjoying our national pastime. Bring the kids, extended family and friends. However, tickets are limited and we MUST have your ticket request by April 25<sup>th</sup> so we can avoid being charged for unused tickets. You can RSVP to the Temple's Office by stopping in or calling (516)433-9888, Ext. 14. For more information, call Neil Miller at (516)659-0352.

**PURIM AFTER PURIM**

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, the Religious School held its annual Wax Museum and Purim Carnival. A special thanks to Mrs. Tract, Mrs. Klingher and Mr. Nichomoff for bringing out the creative side of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who became the notable Jewish figures they researched for the last few weeks. We had the opportunity to meet a diverse group of individuals from the past through the present such as Albert Einstein, Anne Frank, Aly Raisman, Billy Joel, Natalie Portman and Drake. Immediately following the Wax Museum, students, teachers, parents and community members filtered into the ballroom for our festive Purim Carnival. With wonderful raffle prizes, food, new games and Shushan Palace options, everyone had a wonderful time. We thank our amazing committee, volunteers, donors, students, teachers, parents and community members who, together, made this carnival one of the best ever!

Kimberly Brodsky & Allie Damast, Co-Chairs



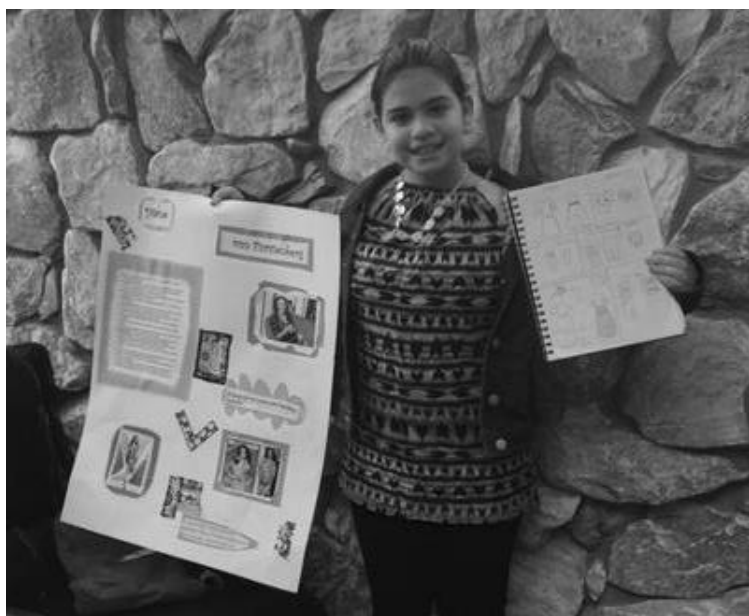
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## Purim Carnival Pictures



## Religious School's Living Wax Museum



## Bagels & Torah:



On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, guest speaker Rabbi Schwartz led our Bagels & Torah class. He presented interesting facts about Albert Einstein as a Jewish leader.

Rabbi Schwartz explained that Einstein had a unique view of religion. Due to Einstein's scientific reasoning, he believed that there was a higher power than humans that regulated the universe. He did not attend synagogue or enjoy other congregational activities.

Einstein raised a significant amount of money for the building of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He became a Zionist a cause to which he was willing to help until the end of his life. He thought that Arab-Israeli problems could be dealt with by concessions. This put him at odds with many other Zionist leaders.

He refused the position of head of Hebrew University. He said that he didn't need the accolades of colleagues. Einstein proposed that Hebrew University become a haven for the many Jewish scientists that were being ousted from their positions. Hebrew University hired many of the Jewish scientists who were fired from their jobs due to their religion throughout the world.

With the continuation of anti-Semitism and Nazi persecution, Einstein realized that Jews needed a homeland. He started to take pride in being a Jew, openly acknowledging his Judaism and openly participating in synagogue congregational events.

Einstein and his family immigrated to the United States just before World War II. He was warmly received by the scientific world and the Jews as our advocate. He was given a position at Princeton University – virtually unheard of for a Jew during this era. He was embraced by the Jewish world as our intellectual champion.

When Israel's first President, Weizmann died, Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel. He rejected the offer stating, once again, that he did not need his colleague's flatter.

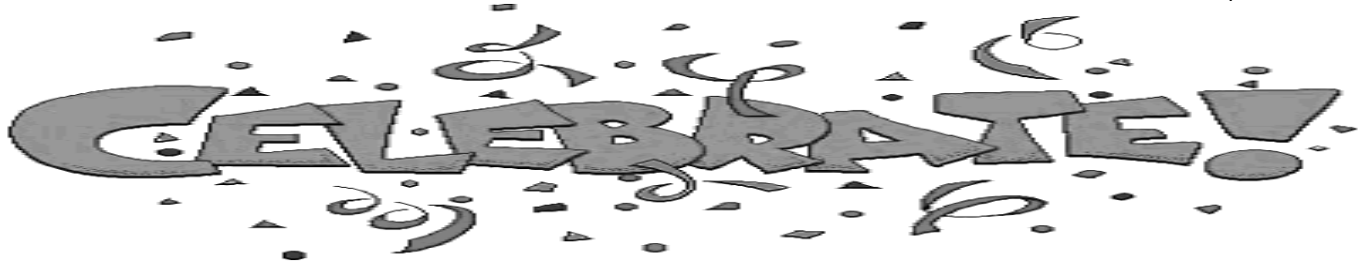
At the time, American immigration policies required that most expatriate Jews applying for visas be sponsored by 2 American citizens. Einstein personally wrote hundreds of such sponsorship letters.

Einstein was most certainly a great Jewish leader.



## **April Birthdays**

1	Kimberly Brodsky	7	Jennifer Gallow	16	Bonnie Preminger	25	Gregory Tanner
1	Danielle Gerome	7	Stephen Mender	17	Florence Lefkowitz	25	Haley Tract
1	Ilan Glenn	8	Matthew Lefkowitz	17	Leigh Marcus	26	Jacob Beekman
1	Danna Manheim	9	Olivia Becker	17	Barry Wolff	26	Ellen Finkelstein
1	Joshua Rogove	9	Eric Garfinkel	18	Michelle Finkelstein	26	Emma Gallow
1	Mitchell Rosenblatt	9	Brittany-Lee Goldstein	18	Lawrence Karp	26	Joyce Green
2	Risa Battino	9	Rhonda Moore	19	Hayley Baeringer	26	Jean Greenberg
2	Ariel Delman	10	Robert Kaplan	19	Vanessa Brand	26	Howard Isserles
2	Lucille Jacobs	10	Joan Rosenberg	20	Mindy Black	26	Richard Klinghoffer
3	Alan Levine	10	Jan Scherr	20	Douglas Coleman	26	Farrah Kweit
3	William Solomon	11	Gary Goltzman	20	Matthew Rosenberg	26	Francine Miller
3	Steven Spivack	11	Barbara Ross	20	Sydney Wurtzel	26	Ellen Paticoff
3	Barbara Strell	12	Benjamin Allen	21	Andrea Hantman	26	Karen Silpe
4	Drew Brecher	12	Elliot Rosenblatt	22	Amy Brill	26	Jennifer Spivak
4	Joel Fazekas	12	Laila Stein	22	Jeffrey Kotowitz	27	Nicole Liebman
4	Debra Goldstein	13	Phillip Jankowitz	22	Louis Nackman	27	Jillian Meyer
4	Judi Kaplan	13	Lauren Klinghoffer	22	Brian Scherr	28	Luke Citron
4	Samantha Levine	14	Douglas Andrew Flax	23	Karen Getelman	29	Maria Alexenburg
4	Julie Peress	14	Dana Ginsberg	24	Matthew Kandel	29	Adina Ginsburg
4	Jason Zeller	15	Dylan Fried	24	Lewis Kweit	29	Carly Rosner
5	Jacob Bock	15	Kyle Scott	24	Jodi Marcus	29	Jason Rubin
5	Robert Silpe	15	Lee Weiss	24	Preston Mark	29	Linda Spivack
6	H. Terry Kaufman	16	Lori Bricker	25	Amy Adler	30	Paul Blutter
6	Bertram Mitchel	16	Alexa Eilberg	25	Howard Allen	30	Allison Damast
6	Michael Singer	16	Roger Alain Hauptman	25	Neil Kaufman	30	Jeffrey Garfinkel
7	Chloe Citron	16	Martin Lecher	25	Lauren Rosenblatt	30	Gale Manheim
7	Mordechai Cohen					30	Marc Spivack



## **April Anniversaries**

- 1 Bryan & Barbara Wachs
- 4 Richard & Jill Bachman
- 4 Eric & Rhonda Moore
- 6 David & Amy Brill
- 9 Dean & Maria Alexenburg
- 9 Jerome & Laurie Krantz
- 10 David & Lois Lerner
- 11 Harry & Karin Arlin
- 12 Jason & Sloane Barrie
- 13 Larry & Stacey Menkes
- 20 Paul & Esther Reich
- 21 William & Sheryl Sobel
- 29 Steven & Stacy Lefkowitz
- 30 Arthur & Joanne Blutter
- 30 Neil & Laura Miller

**Yahrzeits – April 2018:****Week of April 6**

Selma Adler, Rose Amsterdam, Ida Aronowitz, Iris Beckerman, Steven Cohen, Sidney Cuttler, Miriam Derkatch, Harold Farkas, Alan Finkelstein, Yetta Friedman, Herman Kellman, Jerry Leitstein, Manny Mark, Elaine Miller, Tina Moffet, Hyman Muskin, Isaak Perlmutter, David Quinlan, Hilda Schwartz, Abraham Simon, Martin Sklar, Ichil Skopicki, Toba Skopicki, Frieda Tanenbaum, Amrom Tannenbaum, Zelda Toby, Lillian Unger and Benjamin Wachtel

**Week of April 13**

Lyn Altschuler, Joseph Botter, Harry Brodsky, Jeanette Checkman, Elinor Dubner, Beatrice Edelman, Merritt Fastenberg, Belle Feuer, Walter Frankl, Belle Fulop, H. John Gluskin, Jerome Goldwyn, Lorraine Haber, Hilda Isenstadt, William Jacobs, Dorothy Frances Jankowitz, Sandor Javor, Samuel Kline, Evelyn Lehner, Max Levy, Rose Maldow, Rose Milstein, Sidney Polatnick, Joyce Prenner, Alfred Rosenblum, Arthur Ross, Herman Ross, Marsha Rubin, Herbert Scherr, Lori Schluskel, Florence Schwalberg, Jenny Schwartz, Seymour Stern, Hyman Suroff, Abraham Syetta, Molly Talve and Leonard Weill

**Week of April 20**

Jacques Abramowitz, Sam Belkin, Rose Galanty Berkman, Lynne Cohen, Faith Dubb, Benjamin Eisenberg, Eve Fine, Helene Freundlich, Harvey Kalmeyer, Sylvia Kandel, Lila Kirchblum, Bessie Kotowitz, Francine "Frankie" Lampert, Ann Landsberg, Louis Molin, Abraham Mortman, Alvin Nathel, Robert Pollack, Adele Pores, Barbara Pruss, Stefan Schlachet, Harriet Schwartz, Annie Seltzer, Julius Shimberg, Ira Shupnick, Sam Stein, Walter Weinberg, Asher Wishnia and Elsa Wolf

**Week of April 27**

Toby Adler, Clara Bramen, Judith Cohen, Martin Feldberg, Edward Garfinkel, Harry Glass, Magdalena Javor, Benjamin Kravit, Joseph Kreisberg, Nathan Leidner, Mollie Levy, Jeffrey Marx, Ann Messinger, Marvin Paticoff, Tobi Potashnick, Sam Ragen, Miles Ritter, Rebecca Rosenhouse, Sylvia Suroff, Arthur Walpin, Bernice Winzelberg and Sarah Zeff

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## ***Torah Notes:***

### April 1 - April 7 - the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Passover (Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17)

During this week of Passover there are many Torah portions. The week culminates on Shabbat with verses from Deuteronomy that discuss the Passover sacrifice and the laws of Passover. The Torah reminds us not to eat *chumetz* (leavened bread) during the seven days of Passover. (Although Passover is a seven day holiday, many Jews in the diaspora choose to celebrate it for 8 days). Since our ancestors did not have time to wait for their bread to rise, we eat scrumptious unleavened bread as they did during the exodus. Beginning on the second day of Passover, the Torah then instructs us to “count off seven weeks” between Passover and the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot marks the beginning of the grain harvest. It is also the date on which we receive the Torah from God each year. This year Shavuot will take place on May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

### April 8 – April 14 - Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)

This portion is primarily concerned with the Temple sacrifices, laws for the Cohanim (the Priests) and dietary laws of the Jewish people. It contains a fascinating story of two young priests who enthusiastically offer a sacrifice to God. The Torah calls this sacrifice “strange fire,” to which God responds by taking their lives. Their names were Nadav and Avihu. Their father, Aaron, struggles to mourn for the loss of his two sons while meeting the needs of the greater community. The portion concludes with an in depth discussion on kashrut, including its laws and potential reasons for them.

### April 15 – April 21 - Tazria-Metzora (Leviticus 12:1-15:33)

This week we enter a discussion about impurity, purity and skin disease. Without the medical knowledge that we are fortunate to possess today, our ancestors struggled to make sense of illness. In an effort to stop people from spreading disease, they created communities where people could go until their infections had dissipated. Although their medical advice doesn't stand up to modern standards, the priests' unwavering dedication to those infected can teach us all a great deal about the way in which we can support one another during times of illness and hardship.

### April 22 – April 28 - Acharei-Mot/Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1-20:27)

This week we turn to the heart of the Torah. Located in the middle of the middle book of the Torah, this portion includes the holiness code (Leviticus 19), that strives to teach us about the ways we can bring holiness into our world. It includes teachings such as “love your neighbor as yourself” the importance of respecting our elders, of taking care of strangers and of creating a fair and just society.

## ***Tidbits from Larry Jacobs***

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**GOING BACK.....**In 1693, Pope Clement XIII was born. He rules that there is no substance to the claim that Jews use blood in the preparation of their unleavened bread. In 1697, in Great Britain, a site was acquired for the first Ashkenazi Cemetery. In 1901, Yasha Heifetz was born in Russia. He died in 1987 – performer of worldwide acclaim for 82 years. He was asked once why so many Jews play the violin. He answered, “Because it's a lot easier to carry than the bass fiddle when you are being chased out of a country.”

The following tells a little more of the suffering of our people – In 1349 Strasbourg, France, a riot began after corn prices fell. The Jews were accused. The entire Jewish population of 2,000 were dragged to the cemetery and burned to death. Those who accepted Christianity were allowed to live. A new Council was elected which decreed that Jews could not return for 100 years. The Jewish people's property and possessions were divided amongst the population. Twenty years later, Jews were readmitted. The first recording of Jews settling in Florida was in 1763 in Pensacola. Less than a dozen individual Jews moved to Florida during the next few decades. By 1845, when Florida became the 27<sup>th</sup> state to join the union, there were no more than 100 Jews out of a population of 66,500 living there. David Levy Yulee, a Jew, was the first U.S. Senator from Florida.

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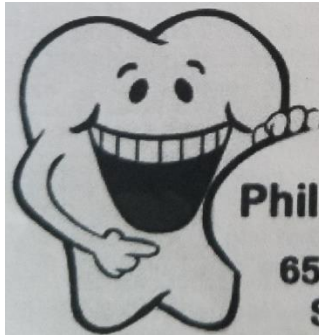
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8	9 School Resumes	10 Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM  Moving On meeting 7:30 PM	11	12 Seventh Grade Yom HaShoah program 7:00 PM	13 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	14 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Darien Schultz
15 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	16 Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	18 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	19 Rabbi Adult Class 8:00 PM	20 4th grade led Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	21 Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM  Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Elliot Rosenblatt  Havdalah Service 6:30 PM Bar Mitzvah Andrew Pisarz
22 Financial Presentation by Michael Mogavero 10:30 AM	23 School Board meeting 7:30 PM  Finance Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	24 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	25	26 Rabbi Adult Class 8:00 PM	27 3rd grade led Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	28 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Ethan Hatz
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