

The Fire After Shabbat

At sunset on Fridays, we mark the beginning of a day of rest and spiritual enrichment known as Shabbat. Why rest? Well, after a week's worth of working, going to school, running errands and participating in various activities it is a time when we can set aside our weekday concerns and devote ourselves to higher pursuits such as relaxing, eating and talking with one another. Havdalah marks the end of Shabbat and takes place after sunset on Saturdays.

Cantor Katz, Deborah Tract and Familyhood's Co-Chairs Steve Finkelstein and Jodi Breslin decided to bring this lesser known tradition into the homes of our congregants. Our Temple's exclusive "Havdalah in Your Home" program joins together two to four Or Elohim families in one of their homes on a Saturday evening, which allows for a personal and comfortable setting. Cantor Katz explains the meaning behind Havdalah in that "it was created to prolong the Shabbat essence, which is so special you don't want it to end. For psychological and practical reasons, it is healthy to slow down once every seven days." The Havdalah service, which is only about 10 minutes long, consists of prayers of thanks and gratitude and is a multisensory experience.

Our Temple's first "Havdalah in Your Home" was celebrated on December 1, 2018. For many families, including Jodi Goodman who attended this service with her son Sam, this was an opportunity to learn about the distinction of the departing holy day of Shabbat and the ordinary weekdays that are coming up. "It was very intimate and special," said Jodi Goodman, and a "great way to have families meet!" Mrs. Tract continued to explain the three symbols of the Havdalah set: Wine (or grape juice) to represent the joy and sweetness of Shabbat; spices to comfort us for the loss of Shabbat from the week prior and to carry the sweet spice of Shabbat into the new week; and a braided candle lit with fire to symbolize the end of Shabbat and the beginning of the six days of work. Temple member Adina Ginsburg joined us with her son and daughter. "We loved celebrating Havdalah in the home! It is a wonderful way to mark the end of Shabbat in a cozy setting with friends and family," said Adina. "Our family enjoyed lighting the beautiful candle, smelling the sweet spices, and sharing what we look forward to in the week ahead." The children who participate in "Havdalah in Your Home" receive their own Havdalah set so they can continue this tradition.

We are planning on having many more "Havdalah in the Home" gatherings. If you are interested in attending or hosting one in the future, please contact the Temple's office, Jodi, Steve or Deborah.



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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.

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

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

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.

Information Requested:

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:

Goldie office@templeorelohim.com (516) 433-9888 Ext.14

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.	Jan 4	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 5	Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah Ava & Jack Zucker	10:00 AM
Fri.	Jan 11	Erev Shabbat Service Led by Rabbinical Candidate Roger Lerner	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 12	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Jan 18	Erev Shabbat Service Led by Rabbinical Candidate Robert Morais	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 19	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Brett Agulnick	10:00 AM
Fri.	Jan 25	Erev Shabbat Service Led by Rabbinical Candidate Judith Cohen- Rosenberg	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 26	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 Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee with any requests that you may have.

Keep Handy for Reference:

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

CALL AND TELL US

Daytime – Temple Office (516)433-9888
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Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

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- 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 the Cantor:

Happy New year!

Each January 1st do you find yourself saying, "Wow, another year has already passed, where is the time going?" I know I do. It seems that each year goes quicker and it gets more and more challenging to "find the time" to do everything we need to do. Why is this so? Aren't we still doing all the same things we have done before? Have our lives really gone "faster?"



Truth be told, time is simply time. We all know that it cannot go faster or slower. It is US and our approach toward our lives that is the culprit. As we get older it seems that we tend to see the days differently. Most scholars of the human condition attribute this to our becoming more aware of the fact that we are getting older and there is less time left for us. Not in a morbid way but in the sense that we realize what is more important in life as we get older.

So what can we do this year to feel less like time is controlling us and feel more like we are getting the most out of our lives? One of the easiest and simplest ways to find more balance in our lives and time for yourself is to rest one day of the week. Shabbat! I believe that our sages created the day of Shabbat as a rest day not only because it says in the Torah that God rested but because they knew that all of us, even thousands of years later, would still be the same humans. That we would need to slow down once a week, to take a rest and recharge ourselves.

I can hear you now, "yeah right, so easy for Cantor to say, when he is not a Swim or Lacrosse Taxi, a Dance Mom or Baseball coach or the one who does all the shopping, cleaning and shlepping!" Believe me, I understand. It is not an easy life to lead and we all want to make sure everything is covered and our families are taken care of. But what about YOU! The most important part of the equation. Caring for one's self is the most important thing we can do. And we need some rest to be able to do it.

So how about this, for the new year, perhaps try and make a commitment to spending more time taking care of yourself. Make your health and peace of mind the most important "issue" you have to deal with. Start by taking some time to rest a little more. If you cannot make it the exact day of Shabbat, then make your own little Shabbat. Give yourself 20 minutes more in the morning to have a cup of tea and relax slightly before you go out into the world. Do a short "stillness" meditation for ten minutes before hitting the LIE! Hang out with your kids just before they go to sleep for 10 minutes more - just hug them or talk. Try to become more aware of HOW you are going through your life and what you are doing in each moment. It is rarely "what" we are doing but more "how" we are doing it.

This is the way of the Kabbalistic tradition as well. The Kabbalistic tradition believes that the entire universe is being created moment by moment, that every single moment is new and there is no such thing as "same stuff, different day." We have far more control of our lives and our peace of mind than we think. We must slow down and be in life as it happens.

My wish for you in this new year is that you find more time for YOU. That you become healthier, stronger and more rested than you ever have before simply because you choose to make yourself the most important piece of the puzzle.

After all, isn't it one of the simplest yet profound statements from the great Rabbi Hillel, from our very own tradition, that asks us to consider:

"If I am not for myself then who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not NOW, when?"

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From the Cantor Continued:

Hillel knew all the way back then, as we still know today, that the most important thing we can do in our lives is to take care of ourselves, find a balance in our living and do it NOW, not later. Then we will truly begin to feel as if we are getting the most out of our lives and be the best we can be for others.

B'shalom,
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Join Our Youth Choir

Have Fun
 Make Friends
 Learn Songs
 Perform During Services.

Join Our Adult Choir

Make friends, experience camaraderie and connect
 to your spiritual self
 while learning new renditions of songs to perform
 during services.

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Larry's Tidbits:

In the year 1187, Sultan Saladin captured Jerusalem from the Christian Crusaders. Although the Europeans had barred Jews from living in the city, Sultan Saladin allowed the Jews to return. Sultan Saladin was of Kurdish decent. He was a great patron of the arts and learning. His personal physician, Rabbi Moses Maimon or Maimonides, was a Sephardic Jew from Toledo, Spain who continues to be renowned for his work in Jewish law and ethics.

In 1917, British intelligence learned about a meeting that was to occur in Berlin where Germans and Turks planned to offer the Jews of Europe a German sponsored Jewish national home in Palestine. This stimulated the British to finalize and issue what became known in history as the Balfour Declaration.

According to data published by the Jewish Agency the world Jewish population totals some 14.7 million: 6.6 million Jews live in Israel, 8.1 million live outside of Israel (including the 5.7 million who live in the United States). This figure has hardly changed since last year.

Did you know that a Brooklyn based product design company is selling an action figure of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. For \$20, this miniature version of the Jewish jurist is complete with her signature collar, wire rimmed glasses and hardwood gavel. She recently celebrated her 25th anniversary on the court. She was appointed by Bill Clinton in 1993.

President's Message:

Sending a heartfelt healthy and happy New Year 2019 to all our congregants and Temple families. I hope everyone had great vacation and family downtime. By now we should all be back to the normal timeline of our daily activities.



It has now been 3 ½ years since I've had the honor to be elected President and I am proud to call Or Elohim my home. The strong bonds of friendship that has been created will stay with me and my family forever. I cannot imagine an Erev Shabbat without attending services and some great after shmoozing at the Oneg. Cantor Katz has taken the reign of this Temple to new Judaic heights and with the help of Deborah, our Director of Education, has kept the standards of what this Temple should be as a benchmark for ALL other Synagogues to follow. My bond with Cantor and Deborah has deepened and strengthened because of a common goal and commitment to the excellence of what our Temple should be. Their professionalism and inherent skills need acknowledgment and to both of you I say a huge "Yasher Koach"...Thank you.

We as a congregation are at a very important juncture to insure a positive and productive future as we search for the "BEST" Rabbi we can possibly find. The Search Committee has arduously and painstakingly spent hours and hours making sure that the selection process is seamless including congregational questionnaires needing your input. There are BLASTS on line informing everyone of the "SAVE THE DATE WEEKENDS". Please make every effort to see these Rabbinical candidates LIVE as these potential Rabbis will be here from Thursday night entertaining the children in the sanctuary with a learning session, Friday Erev Shabbat services for your viewing pleasure and Shabbat morning for a Torah study session about the Parsha of the week. Stay afterwards and ask questions. Let's all get friendly with these Rabbi's.

SAVE THE DATE WEEKEND: 1/10/19-1/12/19 Rabbi Roger Lerner.

SAVE THE DATE WEEKEND: 1/17/19-1/19/19 Rabbi Robert Morais.

SAVE THE DATE WEEKEND: 1/24/19-1/26/19 Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg.

Streaming is now functional and available. Remember that this is your Temple. Please be there to give your opinions and fill out the questionnaires.

Merger talks are now transparent. All of you should be aware that "Community Reform Temple" of Westbury (CRT), the Salisbury section has been in merger talks with us for a couple of months. We, as temples, are extremely similar and the talks and informational exchanges have been very productive. CRT has approximately 80 families and about 24 Hebrew school students. The monetary funds from CRT's building and house would be coming to Or Elohim as CRT would be moving to our Temple building. Just to be clear, Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg is the Rabbi at CRT and has been there for 25 years. Please make every effort to be at our January 25th Shabbat service to see for yourself.

I would like to take this moment to express my family and our entire congregation's heartfelt condolences to the Goodman family on their loss. Jodi, may God give Robbie's entire family, your mom and dad - Deena & Harvey Yaris, your children and you strength, no more sorrow and may Robbie find peace in Ganedin (heaven)...AMEN.

From my family to yours wishing you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year 2019.

Respectfully,
Michael Wilner, President
michaelwilner@danielgale.com

Religious School:

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah! Our religious students enjoyed candle lightings, drumming with Drum Tales Musical IQ, chocolate gelt and dreidel fun. Our annual Hanukkah Party was held on December 9, 2018. TOE's Religious School partnered with Crestwood Country Day Camp to bring a variety of activities for our children to enjoy! There were plenty of games, a huge Gaga Pit, Bounce House, crafts and more! A huge shout out to our fantastic group of volunteers that made this event a success. Men's Club went above and beyond to assure that we had an abundance of food that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those that gave their time and efforts. All of us greatly appreciated your generosity.



On December 1, 2018, Cantor Katz and I began our first journey into a TOE family member's home to celebrate Havdalah. Thank you to Steve and Stacy Finkelstein for your hospitality, warmth and support. Two other families joined us as Cantor Katz led a beautiful, short ceremony saying "good-bye" to Shabbat. Each family was provided with their own Havdalah kit, as I explained what each piece symbolizes. "Havdalah in your Home" is a great way to make new friends, experience a hands-on Jewish tradition and begin the new week with a refreshing start! This is a joint venture between Familyhood and Religious School. Who is going to be next? If interested, please contact me or Familyhood's Co-Chairs, Jodi Breslin and Steve Finkelstein.

January 14, 15 and 17, 2019 are our Conference Days. There will be NO School or SKYPE. You will be receiving an e-mail to schedule your child's conference time. Please make every effort to attend so we can discuss your child(ren's) progress to date!

Later this month, we will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat in our school. This holiday falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. We will be enjoying the "New Year of the Trees" with hands-on programming. A representative of the Jewish National Fund will be visiting our school to raise awareness and provide some phenomenal activities! In Israel, the trees are beginning to bud! On Tu B'shevat we celebrate nature and environmental awareness.

Wishing all of you a joyous New Year. May 2019 bring you and your families, good health, happiness and prosperity.

B'shalom,

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education
(516)433-9888 Ext. 15

We Sorrowfully Mourn the Passing of:

Robert Goodman
 husband of Jodi
 father of Charlie, Alex and Sam
 son-in-law of Deena and Harvey Yaris



Men's Club:

How was everyone's Thanksgiving? Mine was nice this year. There were nine of us, no drama and tons of good food. I hope yours was drama free as well.

Hanukkah was low-key. It is different when your child is off at school and it's just the two of you. Nevertheless, it is still the wondrous and joyous holiday it was always meant to be.

It's been relatively quiet in the world of Men's Club this past month. As usual, Men's Club stepped up and helped out at the TOE annual Hanukkah Party. A huge thank you goes out to Master Chef Ken Gerome for getting the goodies ready, Mark Starr, Mike Mogavero, Paul Adler and the one and only Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz for always being there to help. Guys, you're the best!

January is upon us and that means it's time once again for the annual Men's Club New Member Dinner at Frank's Gourmet in Woodbury. This is a fun evening where we all get together and relax with friends over some really good Italian food. Frank's always takes very good care of us and NOBODY leaves the restaurant hungry. As always, new members eat FREE. It's Men's Club's way of saying welcome. Stay tuned for the date!

Anyway, folks, that's it for now. Don't let the lunacy that is the holiday season make YOU crazy.

As always, be kind to yourselves, to each other and to animals.

All the best,
Mark

The Institute for Adult Jewish Studies

The Institute for Adult Jewish Studies is holding its Winter Session at Temple Or Elohim! The theme will be Jewish Music and the World. The programs will be at **8:00 pm on January 7, 14, 21 and 28**. There is no additional charge for those registered for the Fall Session. If not registered, each lecture will cost \$5.00 or \$15 for all four. Information on each session is available in the Temple Office.



Sisterhood Showcase

**Present this coupon and enjoy a
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ALL IN-STOCK HANUKKAH
Sisterhood Boutique items only.**

Redeem coupon by January 31, 2019.

Sisterhood Update:

News from the Hood: Sisterhood that is!

Happy New Year and cheers to all of you for great things that will be in 2019!

"You know, sometimes all you need is twenty seconds of insane courage. Just literally twenty seconds of just embarrassing bravery. I promise you, something great will come of it." ~ Benjamin Mee. This is one of my favorite quotes. I have tested myself by living those 20 seconds on many occasions and found myself embracing a place that I never thought I would be comfortable in. One of those places was actually here at this temple many years ago as I volunteered to be on the Casino Night fundraising committee. I was with people I had never met, some younger than me and others older than me. Try to step out of your comfort zone and see the possibilities in your surroundings. Of course I also mean by joining us for a meeting, an event or a fundraiser. Last month I stated that this temple is where I found some pretty awesome people who have been part of my world for nearly 20 years now. I stepped way out of my comfort zone in my mid 30's and have found that this temple is more than just Friday night services with Bar and Bat Mitzvahs on Saturdays. As Mikey used to say "Try it, you'll like it!"

Here is a list of happenings in the near future:

AVENUE Q: We have a block of tickets. It will be at local CAP center here in Syosset. Date: March 30, 2019 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25. See enclosed flyer.

Mah Jongg Cards: Still collecting orders until mid-January. See enclosed flyer.

AED/CPR class will be Sunday January 13 at around 9:30 am see enclosed flyer.

Next Book Club discussion which is on January 23, 2019 we will discuss Button Man by Andrew Gross.

Thank you to all who baked or bought cookies and attended our cookie swap! It was delicious! Thank you to Susan, Sue, Laurel, Anne, Tara and the committee for a great concept in the Sip and Shop event! Hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. Happy New Year to all!

Next meeting will be January 23, 2019

Any thought, questions or comments please reach out to me!

Robin Grossman, Sisterhood President

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681.9070

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





January Anniversaries

- 23 Dennis & Barbara Weiss
 25 Arthur & Barbara Katz
 27 Jason & Jill Zeller



Mazel Tov to:

Arlene Cohn on the birth of her great grandson Raphael Eliahu.



Yahrzeits – January 2019:

Week of Jan. 4

Celia Albin, Howard Bertan, Jack Bohrer, Michael Cole, Dorothy Gellender, Kurt Gluckselig, Roen Goldberg, Eli Goldstein, David Harris, Edwin Hoffman, Donna Kislik-Lazer, Ben Lang, Sandra Liebeskind, Max Nisenbaum, Jacob Olian, Arthur Platt, Lillian Reisman, Sigmund Rosenstock, Eugene Rubin, Morris Sklar, Karen Stein, Rebecca Stoller and Elias Weiler

Week of Jan. 11

Leo Adler, Dorothy Altman, Jean Breitman, Rose Comisar, Ruth Halpern, Norman Heilweil, Rose Kaback, Ruth Kaplan, Phoebe Kreisberg, Gussie Leshowitz, Louis Lipson, Magda Morganstein, William Oliver, Sylvia H. Rosenberg, Kurt Rosner, Anne Rubin, Molly Weiss Schneider, Dorothy Schwartz, Harry Schwartz, Milton Seifman, J. Stanley Shaw, Stanley Siebenberg, Samuel Spiegel, Arthur Stangel, Morton Switzman, Shirley Weintraub, Dora Wendroff, Julius Wendroff and Milton Winters

Week of Jan. 18

Jay Brenner, Fannie Burns, Solomon Chorost, Marie Ettinger, Julius Geller, Ben Janower, Richard Kaplan, Isidore Katzman, Marilyn Kazan, Frank Kider, Max Koenigsberg, Manny Krumholz, Nat Kutin, Abraham Lerner, Toby Marx, Carl Miller, Kate Napell, Lilly Neider, Joseph Newman, Rachel Oestreich, Renee Ostrove, Roza Pinto, Morris Rosenberg, Eunice Schroder, Isadore Seltzer, Evelyn Sherman, Dora Stein, Irene Steinberg, Anna Weintraub and Molly Yaris

Week of January 25

Isaac Adler, Bernard Berfas, Harold Bisom, Abraham Morris Blackman, Al Cohen, Albert Cohen, Lisa Allison Cohen, Louis J. Cohn, Isidor Dreier, Roger Fiss, Judith Freudenthal, Leon Fruitbine, Louis Gelber, Dora Goldin, Florence Goldstein, Robert Gordonson, Arlene Kaye, Elizabeth Kenger, Sadie Kessler, Robert Kislik, Benjamin Leshowitz, Irving Leventhal, Max Mitchel, Jacob Neider, Shirley Osnowitz, Muriel Ritter, Bernard Seltzer, Estera Serko, Leonard Silpe, William Slavin, Sally Syetta, Mildred Topper, Anne Waco, Paul Yaris and Stanley Zipp

January Birthdays

1	Emmy Greenberg	9	Dylan Rogove	15	Penny Hutner	25	Carol Berg
1	Linda Peller	10	Andrew Greenberg	15	Jeffrey Newman	25	Leah Breslin
1	Kevin Pizarz	10	Emma Shapiro	15	Mark Rosner	25	Mia Sommer
1	Caitlyn Schwartz	11	Diane Corey	15	Devi Sigler	25	Marla Suroff
1	Neal Weisbrod	11	Arlene Roth	17	Jaelyn Rosenberg	25	Andrea Wiener
2	Marcine Marcus	12	Dennis Haber	17	Kenneth Schultz	26	Audrey Bekerman
3	Blaire Lomasky	12	Arlene Horowitz	18	Kara Greenfield	26	Rochelle Cohen
4	Benjamin Hatz	12	Arielle Wilner	18	Eric Moore	26	Cooper Gallow
4	Linda Ilan	13	Lizzie Becker	18	Ava Zucker	27	Brett Agulnick
5	Judith Schanker	13	Rikki Feinstein	18	Jack Zucker	27	David Cohen
6	Jeffrey Finkelstein	13	Jonathon Mender	19	Scott Horowitz	27	Ariel Feldberg
6	Jonathan Finkelstein	13	Sadie Rosenblatt	20	David Pressman	27	Enid Kotowitz
6	Adam Goldberg	14	Sloane Barrie	20	Noah Zucker	28	Paul Adler
7	Alexandra Damast	14	Gayle Dolowich	21	Kevin Breslin	28	Eric Bachman
7	Jordan Landsberg	14	Jeremy Geller	21	Arlene Cohn	28	Susan Bloomberg
7	Daniel Rosenthal	14	Marissa Geller	22	Amy Peller	28	Ethan Graber
8	Marc Agulnick	14	Audrey Newman	23	David Brill	28	Debra Starr
8	Joseph Isserles	14	Hetti Perlmutter	23	Craig Goldstein	29	Brandon Kusnetz
8	Amy Martin	14	Jami Schultz	23	Ian Topple	30	Adam Lampert
8	Ethan Mogavero	15	Richard Bachman	23	Eric Wolff	30	Andrea Lomasky
8	Deborah Wactlar	15	Josh Bassin	24	Elizabeth Gold	31	Ava Albicocco
9	Gary Nackman	15	Steven Clair	24	Brandon Wachs	31	Mitchel Senzon



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

January 5, 2018

Ava and Jack Zucker - Daughter and Son of Michele and Ted

January 19, 2018

Brett Agulnick - Son of Adrienne and Marc



Torah Notes:

January 4, Vaera (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

God asks Moses and his brother Aaron to deliver the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage. After many years of slavery, the Hebrews aren't sure what to make of that promise. Moses and Aaron perform a miracle with a snake and tell Pharaoh to let their people go. Again and again, Moses makes this plea. Each time Pharaoh fails to uphold his end of the bargain. This portion includes the first seven plagues.

January 11, Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16)

The final three plagues rain down on Egypt, including locusts and darkness. Before the final plague, God instructs Aaron and Moses about the Passover festival. God tells the people what to do to avoid being affected by the final and most gruesome plague yet: the death of the firstborn. After this plague, Pharaoh finally allows the Hebrews to leave Egypt. God repeats the commandments about Passover.

January 18, Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16)

The story of the Exodus from Egypt reaches its climax, as the Hebrews flee. Pharaoh changes his mind about letting the people go and sends his army to retrieve them. The Hebrews come to the Sea of Reeds. Before them is a body of water too deep and too long to cross. Behind them are Egyptian soldiers. They are trapped. Suddenly, the water begins to part and the Hebrews are able to pass through as if on dry land. The water then closes behind them so that the Egyptian army cannot follow. As the Israelites reach the other side, they joyously sing the words *Mi Chamocha* "Who is like you, O God?" God provides the Hebrews with food called Manna. When the people complain about water, Moses hits a rock with his rod and water gushes out.

January 25, Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

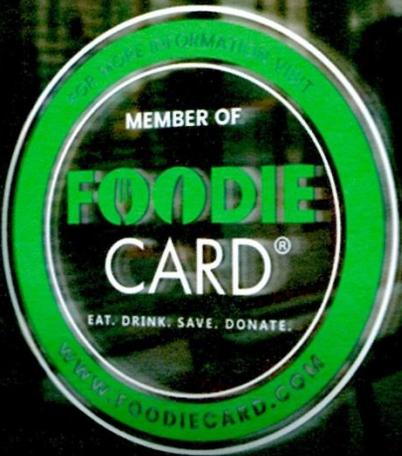
The portion is named for Moses' father in law, Yitro (Jethro), who comes to the Israelite camp with Moses' wife Zipporah and their two sons. Yitro watches Moses working in his role as judge and convinces him to create a hierarchy of courts filled with many judges. The newly liberated Israelites walk through the desert until they arrive at Mount Sinai. They agree to God's law and prepare for God's holy instructions. On the third day of preparation, Moses begins to climb up Mt. Sinai. He receives the Ten Commandments, all of which appear in this Torah portion.

A fundraiser that is a WIN, WIN, WIN for ALL!

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Attached in this newsletter are flyers that pertain to the FOODIE CARD and the restaurants that presently participate. This list is an ever growing list and best to check their website (www.foodiecard.com) for new restaurants that have been added. This makes for a great gift whether for Mother's Day, Father's Day and birthday or even if you simply want to save money. I purchased this card when it was first introduced and have saved 3 times my investment! (Yes, we eat out a lot!). Consider this for all your gift giving needs! Just download the application flyer and fill out a form for each recipient. Send a check or checks made payable to Foodie Card (or you can provide your credit card information that will be sent to Foodie Card) to either the office at 18 Tobie Lane attention: Sisterhood Foodie Card or mail directly to me: Robin Grossman 15 Garden Place, Jericho, NY 11753.

Any other questions please call Robin at 516.681.9070.



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- ✓ FREE for restaurants to join the first year
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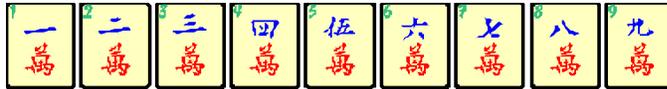
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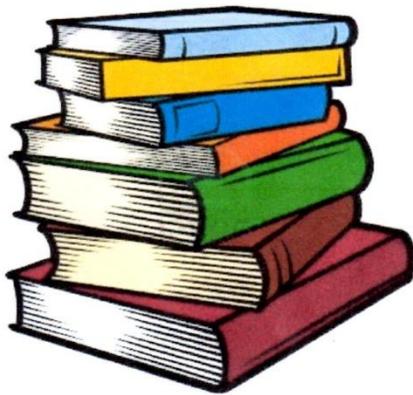
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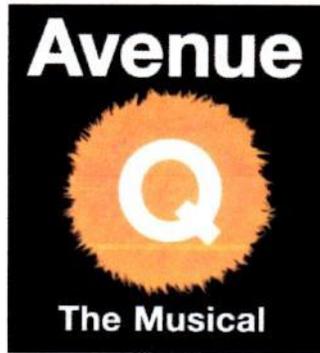
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		1	2	3 Religious School Resumes	4 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	5 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM B'nai Mitzvah Ava and Jack Zucker
6	7 Institute for Adult Jewish Studies at TOE 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM followed by dessert	8 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	9 Men's Club meeting offsite	10	11 Rabbinical candidate leads Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	12 Torah Study Class led by Rabbinical candidate 10:30 AM
13 AED/CPR 9:30 AM	14 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> <i>No School</i> Institute for Adult Jewish Studies at TOE 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM followed by dessert	15 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> <i>No School</i>	16 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	17 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> <i>No School</i>	18 Rabbinical candidate leads Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	19 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Brett Agulnick Torah Study class led by Rabbinical candidate 10:30 AM
20	21 Institute for Adult Jewish Studies at TOE 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM followed by dessert Martin Luther King Day No School Tu Bi'Shevat	22 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	23 Sisterhood Meeting & Book Club Discussion 7:30 PM	24	25 Rabbinical candidate leads Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	26 Torah Study class led by Rabbinical candidate 10:30 AM
27 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	28 Institute for Adult Jewish Studies at TOE 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM followed by dessert Finance Committee Meeting	29	30	31		