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Unite and Become

Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation



From left to right: Cary Markman (Immediate Past President of CRT), Michael Wilner (Co-President of TOE, ACRC) and Ira Warshawsky (Vice President of TOE, ACRC)

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We encourage our members to submit articles, photos, and simchas for us to include in future issues.

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Co-Presidents' Message:

Greetings to all our congregants and families. I hope the summer finds everyone well and having summer fun, whether the children are in camp or just vacationing with family and friends. Please be notified that as of July 1, 2019 Temple Or Elohim has officially merged with Community Reform Temple. All legal paperwork necessary for our merger has been approved by the Attorney General's office and sent to Nassau County's Supreme Court for the final stamp of approval. Until then, even though we are living in sin as "Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation", let me tell you - it feels really good. Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg (Rav Judy) has moved into our parsonage home and has taken over the helm of our Temple as its new spiritual leader. She is already hard at work totally immersed with every facet that is part of our Temple. Together with Cantor David Katz and our illustrious Director of Education Deborah Tract, our dream team is IN place ready to take the threshold of Reform Judaism on the gold coast of Long Island to a new benchmark level of yiddishkeit.

**Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation**

This is our new official name and we have been living together as ONE Congregation since July 1, 2019. The culmination of over a year of dedicated temple members making sure to secure the future of our Jewish heritage and legacy has finally come to fruition. Thank you ALL for the countless hours spent making certain TOE & CRT will combine to thrive and survive.

Yasher Koach and kudos to all Torah processional participants when on June 30, Rav Judy and her crew from CRT, along with many from TOE, brought CRT's Torahs to our Sanctuary to forever welcome them to their new home. This was followed by an Israeli themed welcome luncheon shwarma, falafel, skewers and every array of Israeli culinary delight...free to all. Please check out pictures on our website or videos on our Facebook page of the Torah Processional, an epic sight to behold.

It's been 3 Erev Shabbats into July as I write this article and not only has the Sanctuary been PACKED every Friday night in July but HUGE compliments must be given to the choir participants who ran the musical side of the service with Rav Judy, each of the past 3 Erev Shabbats of July. Laura Miller, what can I say, your sweet voice and musical timing were masterful and on point. Ed wasn't bad either. Ann Middleman, although I couldn't make it to the service that evening, I received many phone calls complimenting your superior level of service and that you missed your calling cantorially. I was also told that your musical skills and beautiful voice coupled with some interesting and easy to follow new tunes made that Erev Shabbat extra special. Just this past week was another new member surprise. The ever classy, Howard Wasserman led us in the musical choir portion of the service with a great Chazzanish presence and the ponash, calm and confidence of Sir Laurence Olivier. Special yasher koach to Ed Stolarz as our super piano man and his instinctive tinkling of the ivories. Great job Ed.

To all our families at Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation, please get ready for a special new year as THIS Rosh Hashanah gets us ready for many new Judaic adventures. Rav Judy is a dedicated 26-year rabbinic veteran in every aspect of temple life. Rav Judy has been on every major Judaic committee in Nassau County and has spearheaded countless areas of concern for Jewish family life. Her friendly and charismatic demeanor will PULL you in and her Torah knowledge will impress you and help you make sense of the doldrums of our daily lives.

Howard Pastolove and I, Michael Wilner, are proud to take hold of the horns of this new "Co-Presidency", transitioning our newfound merger into temple perfection, as we make a home for our new family from CRT. Howard and I are both four-year presidential veterans well aware of the demands and needs that our Temple demands. Fear not, WE are on the job. This is a new chapter in our Temple's history that everyone in our congregation will be moved to embrace as we get ready to Rock and Roll in the new year 5780. Hope to see everyone soon. From the Wilner & Pastolove families to yours, safe travels and may nothing bad happen to our loved ones...Amen.

Respectfully,

Michael Wilner & Howard Pastolove, Co-Presidents

Message from the Rabbi & Cantor:

To all our families and friends at Temple Or Elohim,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are healthy and well.

As your Rabbi and Cantor, we are very excited about the upcoming year. A time of new beginnings for all of us! We are eager to be there for you as we worship and join together to help our beautiful Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation prosper and grow. We join in spirit, worship and song, honoring the traditions and customs of two wonderful congregations. So much vibrancy, new ideas to implement, and a true commitment to programs and plans as we begin our first year as one. We view this consolidation as such a positive and healthy one as we come together.



Michael Wilner, Co-President of the Temple along with Howard Pastolove, called us "The ultimate dream team." We are in fact a great team, joined by Deborah Tract, our Director of Education and a dedicated and active Board of Trustees. Yes, we do feel it is a dream come true. We are dedicated to leading a congregation where spiritual growth, Jewish learning and connection to our community involve all our members. It is a healthy and exciting time for all of us.

We look forward to seeing and meeting everyone at the High Holidays, responding to you and your needs and celebrating what we hope are many happy and joyous occasions throughout the year.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Judy & Cantor David

Religious School:

Shalom Friends,

My heartfelt welcome to all our new members who have chosen to make Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation your new spiritual home.



The bridging of two synagogues, TOE and CRT, has created a buzz around the country. Recently, while attending a Bar Mitzvah in Baltimore, I realized that the news of our two vibrant synagogues becoming one entity has been circulating, as well as the fantastic news that Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg has become our new spiritual leader after serving over twenty-five years at CRT.

Personally, I am elated to welcome the CRT community into our Temple's family. I have known Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg for decades. I have always admired her as a learned scholar. She has a stellar reputation. I am blessed to work with Rabbi Judy and Cantor David Katz, two esteemed individuals for whom I have the utmost regard.

The transition of two synagogues becoming one entity is undoubtedly leaving many with various emotions. However, one must ask, what is the deeper meaning of a synagogue? For me, it represents the people, the community that enters and fills the sacred space. Our new family members will bring their own personal belongings and years of cherished memories. Together, we will make new friends, share simchas and begin to experience many wonderful things together! We have so many similarities and traditions. We have already seen the mutual respect, empathy and admiration for one another.

A song, written by the late Debbie Friedman, based on Genesis 12.1-2, tells the story of Abraham and Sarah as they begin a journey to an unknown land. "L'chi Lach to a land that I will show you" is based on faith. "L'chi lach, and I shall make your name great". May we have faith today and tomorrow. TOGETHER we will make Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation a great name.

B'Shalom,

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education

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Dates to Remember

August 2, 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

August 6, 7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting (offsite)

August 9, 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

August 14, 12:00 Noon Sisterhood Pool Party (offsite)

August 15 Pool Party Rain Date

August 16, 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

August 18, 1:00 pm Picnic in the Rabbi's Yard

August 23, 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

August 27, 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

August 28, 7:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting

August 30, 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service