

Adapting to Change *B'Yachad* (Together)

Change is a constant in Judaism. As much as some would like to believe that everything we call traditional today always was that way, they are mistaken and are missing the true beauty of Judaism. Judaism is ever adaptable and the changes we are making to respond to COVID-19 are small compared to the adaptations Judaism required over our long history.

Before we were even a tribe or a religion, when it was just Abraham and Sarah practicing a new concept of monotheism, God, through the lesson of the Akedah, taught that human sacrifice would not be a part of our practice. Once the Temple was destroyed and not rebuilt, the rabbis rallied to create a completely new way of reaching out to God without the sacrificial system; thus, regular daily prayer was born.

Throughout the ages, our rabbis adapted our laws so that Judaism would be effective and meaningful. The corporation (prozbul) was formed when Hillel realized that loans ceased close to the sabbatical and jubilee years. The eruv creates private property out of public property allowing people, who wouldn't otherwise, to carry on Shabbat. In earlier times, Jews would bring their Saturday afternoon cholent to the bakery on Friday afternoon and pick it up Saturday after services ready to eat as soon as it was carried home. Today, the eruv allows parents to bring a young child out of the house in a stroller.

In most recent days, much of Jewish life, including Shabbat services, takes place over the internet. We would not forego our worship, study and friendship because it is impossible to gather in person. Rabbis of all stripes are permitting the use of computers, even on Shabbat, for the purposes of maintaining the synagogue as Beit Knesset, a house of gathering, Beit T'filah, a house of prayer and Beit Midrash, a house of study.

We will make changes as we must to avoid the risks of COVID-19, but I can guarantee that change will not end with responses to Coronavirus. Change in Judaism keeps us vital and allows a 3,000 year old tradition to thrive.



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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 Rav Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.

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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. **(516) 937-0120 or 0121**

Information Requested:

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

Please forward all such information to:
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Sponsor an Oneg:

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and 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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Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

SERVICES PROVIDED 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.

STREAMED (see bottom of page 10)**Services Schedule:**

Fri.	June 5	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	June 6	Twilight Service Bat Mitzvah Hayley Rogove	6:30 PM
Fri.	June 12	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	June 13	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Danielle Kaplan	10:00 AM
Fri.	June 19	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	June 20	Virtual Havdalah Service	7:00 PM
Fri.	June 26	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	June 27	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Nicole Stekol	10:00 AM
Fri.	July 3	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	July 4	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	July 10	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	July 11	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	July 17	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	July 18	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	July 24	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	July 25	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	July 31	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Aug 1	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Aug 7	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Aug 8	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Aug 14	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Aug 15	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Aug 21	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Aug 22	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Aug 28	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Aug 29	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Leah Breslin	10:00 AM



Co-Presidents' Message:

Greetings and salutations, to all our congregational families and friends of Or Elohim, with special mention to our elite Board of Trustees and our Executive Committee. As President for the past 4 years and Co-President this past fifth and last year with Howard Pastolove, I would like to take this final Shofar opportunity to mention all the positive improvements and strides we at Or Elohim have accomplished over the course of the last 5 years.



We started out with the "Fiddler on the Roof Campaign" and were able to redo the roof with all new roofing over the entire Temple. New 3" drains and fiberglass were installed to change the pitch on the roof so the drains and water are properly aligned for maximum efficiency and proper water runoff and drainage. We even put new leaders and gutters around the Kiddush room and re-caulked the wall of windows. The proof is in the roofer, as over the last 4 years with the deluge of rain we have been bombarded with, we have yet to get a phone call about anything wrong with our new roof, leaking or otherwise. We did our job well.

We also immediately swapped our two residential water heaters for a high-tech commercial unit. That helped our water usage and electrical consumption be less costly and completely efficient, while making sure that section remains free and clear of any caterer clutter. The high-tech water heater has air to breathe so it won't snuff out the pilot light.

Let's not forget our Sanctuarial renovation with all seats in the pews newly upholstered and completely redone. The chairs on the Bimah for the choir and B'nei Mitzvah families were also redone, adorned with matching fabric. We also repaired scratches from years of wear and tear on the wooden pews, refreshing the look to almost new.

Parking Lot Asphalt application and crack filling of the entire parking lot was also taken care of making the lot look brand new. Two cracked and trip dangerous concrete slabs were replaced right in front of the Temple making sure safety and accidental tripping are not an issue.

Our religious school was blessed with a total makeover with different color industrial tile for each classroom naming each room of Judaic learning by color. All classrooms were outfitted with new furniture consisting of desk chairs for the students, teachers' desks, teachers' office chairs, bookshelves and storage closets in every classroom.

We have also had the opportunity to enjoy many Temple Cantorial concerts demonstrating superior hospitality, with something new and different every year. Thank you to all who helped our Cantor turn every Concert each year into a BROADWAY extravaganza. Whether it was a culinary feast of Shwarma or just a simple Friday night Oneg, we have always been in the forefront of doing things with elegance, always considering the cost factor.

In my fourth year as luck would have it, we entered into a Consolidation/Merger with Community Reform Temple infusing us with about 80 Westbury families and securing \$2.4 million in foundational strength after selling their Temple facility. We lucked out and mention honorably that we have been blessed with Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg our new spiritual leader. She has fortified our congregation with her integrity, dedication, gregarious personality and a calendar of rabbinical interactional and educational learning events never seen here before.

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Together "B'Yachad" we made CRT a home here as their "Tree Of Life" adorns our entrance way and their "Torah Ark Doors" are memorialized and hanging in our hallway for all to see and remember the CRT legacy. Yahrzeit plaques, about 650 in all, are in the process of coming to fruition and to further solidify the home created here for our new CRT families.

I thank all of you for being at my side for the last 4 years supporting all that needed attention. My Co-President Howard Pastolove this past and last year has been the breath of fresh air and the sanity and calm needed to navigate this tumultuous year, from melding with our new CRT families to making our entire facility safe and antisepticed in this Covid virus reality.

I hope that we all stay healthy and safe. I pray that this Pandemic will soon ease its poisonous journey so we can all get back to the business of family togetherness, temple and Judaic life, putting curbside pickup to rest once and for all. Don't be surprised next year when Andy Cohen comes to us looking for women to start the new series "The Housewives of Jericho" OYYYY.

To Cantor David and Director of Education, Deborah, these friendships we have developed are what make me lucky and proud to have been part of our TOEACRC evolution. Be on the lookout for our band Nishamah's recording and releasing its first album with some "You Tube" parodies for all to enjoy and secure TOEACRC as the benchmark of Reform Judaism while raking in the Shekels (Shekalim).

Let us now look forward to the future and put all our support and efforts behind our next president Neil Miller. We are lucky to have him as our new leader and I am positively confident Neil will guide and lead us in the correct direction as we make our "New Traditions" together... B'Yachad. Please be on the lookout and take the time to answer our Temple surveys about the High Holidays and the different scenarios that are a possibility for our services to be available to our Congregational families.

As Howard and I look forward to our Presidential retirement, rest assured that we will still be an active part involved in all things relevant and necessary for our Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation. Howard Pastolove and I, Michael Wilner, wish you all health, happiness, prosperity and hatzlacha... May "Hashem" watch over our families and may nothing bad ever happen to our loved ones. AMEN.

Respectfully,

Michael Wilner & Howard Pastolove Co-Presidents



**Order yarmulkes for your special occasions.
Call Susan at 516-932-7112 for more information.**

Rabbi's Corner:

What an introduction to Temple life I have had! This is the last Shofar article for this Temple year and to reference a Chinese proverb, this has certainly been an "interesting time." Due to COVID-19, our activities, including services have gone virtual. For now, NY PAUSE, the stay at home order, lasts through mid-May and our bulletin deadline is before that. I have no inside information, so I can't tell you when we will move to in-person activities. I can only say, we will do so when it is safe for all of us. What I can say, as we come to the end of our year, is that we will build on the connections made all this year to have another year filled with prayer, study, friendship and fulfillment.



In this first year at Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation, I have been privileged to work with a talented group of people who make up the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board. Each of you has helped ease my way in becoming your rabbi. Thank you, Michael Wilner, Howie Pastolove, Marc Wiener, my pulpit liaisons, Jessica Gerschitz and Mark Natelson and the Rabbinic Search and Merger Committees. Every volunteer on every committee deserves my thanks for helping that light of God (Or Elohim) shine so brightly at TOEACRC.

Not completely behind the scenes, Goldie Brandl and Robin Rabinowitz work so hard to make everything we do at Temple run smoothly, thank you both. Cliff, Greg and Rich keep our Temple building sparkling and in fine working order. Their efforts, especially during this pandemic, have been so important. When you have the opportunity, remember to add your thanks to mine for all the effort all these people put forth on our behalf.

I have enjoyed getting to know Shawn Farber, our caterer, through the beautiful and tasty events he prepared for us this year and hope that as COVID-19 fades from memory, we will have more collaborations and he will continue to reap success at TOEACRC through Hasson Caterers.

Our teachers are a dedicated group of people who continue working virtually with our students. Thanks for all you do for our young people.

Deborah Tract and Cantor Katz have been my partners since we began making plans for this year. As you have heard me say, they really are my "Dream Team". They have been welcoming and supportive, helping me learn the traditions of the congregation while being open to new ideas and legacies I have created. I truly cherish both of them and look forward to many productive years of "team work that makes the dream work."

I especially want to thank all of you for helping to make this unusual year successful. May you all experience continued good health, enjoy the summer and look forward to renewed dedication to Temple in the fall.

L'shalom u'libriyut, (In wholeness and health)

Rabbi Judy

Cantor's Message:

Shalom to all of you, our families and congregants. It has been quite the year for all of us. Living in times when no one knows how our life will be, as we move on from the last few months, can be very frightening and leave us with a feeling of instability and lacking a sense of connection. All of us are going through this and no one has been spared these difficulties and challenges. I don't know about you, but by this time, I know I am ready to begin becoming a "normal" human again!

Given this, I think I may have a solution for some of the challenges you may be facing as we move forward together. Your Temple!

As you have been seeing throughout the last months, Temple has been here for all of us every step of the way. From the streaming of services on Friday night, to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, to Yizkor, adult education and much more, we have been committed to making sure your Temple is still going strong and providing you with everything you need to stay connected.

This continued energy is what makes our Temple so special and relevant in today's world. Judaism has always been about community. Communal prayers, services, lifecycle events, simchas etc. Rabbi, Mrs. Tract, myself and our Temple's leadership have been working non-stop in our efforts to help all of you feel and stay connected to your Temple community in one way or another. It has been a labor of love as we do whatever it takes to not let this new world situation tear us apart.

As summer begins, we will continue this effort and then some. Services will continue to be streamed on a regular basis, as well as community meet ups, education, Bar and Bat Mitzvah lessons, Men's Club and NOW meetings and anything else we can do to keep us all "b-yachad"- together.

We also are open to any suggestions and ideas YOU all may have to help enrich the new space we have come to live in. Please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know where you are and how you're doing. I have been in touch with many families as they share their experiences from the last months. One of the main things I hear is that everyone feels the same: a little out of touch and unsure, but hopeful that things will get better and soon we can all sing and pray together without the worries that we have become used to. This is what we must focus on as we move forward, being available for each other and staying connected as a community as we have done so brilliantly in the past years. This has been what makes our Temple so special and healthy.

Each week, although our sanctuary is eerily empty, I still hear all your voices singing out and filling the sanctuary with joy and song. Just knowing you are all out there in cyber space gives me all the more reason to continue doing what we do. I wish you all the best for a safe and healthy summer.

B'shalom

Cantor Katz

Religious School:

Dear Religious School Families,



First and foremost, on behalf of my family, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and thank you to our Temple family. Many of you heard that my husband, daughter and I were ill with the Coronavirus. The outpouring of support from our congregation has been tremendous. Thank you for the calls, texts, prayers and positive thoughts. Thankfully, we have all recovered and are grateful.

Our school year has concluded. The situation surrounding our last 2 months of Religious School were unexpected and our time together was sadly interrupted. Although disappointing, our synagogue's focus was and continues to be the safety, health and welfare of our congregation. Distance learning continued without interruption. Our teachers were prepared and taught our students virtually. I am proud of our faculty's dedication and commitment to our children's Jewish Education. Thank you to our entire school TEAM; clergy, teachers, teen teacher assistants, Goldie, Robin and our custodial staff. Together, we can accomplish all that we desire to ensure that our Religious School remains superb! Thank you to Susan Bloomberg, School Board President for your time, passion and commitment.

Our clergy continues to live-stream services on Friday evenings, bringing the peaceful comfort of Shabbat into our homes. Cantor Katz has continued with Bat/Bar Mitzvah lessons. There is no doubt our students will be prepared for the upcoming 2020/21 school year! Please make sure to check out some of our past and present services to view the sensational Bat/Bar Mitzvah services of our students. They lead our congregation in worship, they deliver a thought provoking D'var Torah and they demonstrate leadership. Each time your child logs on to view a service, please let me know. They will receive service credit!!

We did not allow our commitment to our TOEACRC family to be broken. We did not suspend education, services, Bat/Bar Mitzvah services, meetings, Adult Ed classes and more.

Thank you to our sensational Co-Presidents Michael Wilner and Howard Pastolove, the Executive Board and Board of Trustees for your leadership and guidance and for working together to support our Temple's welfare during these uncharted times. Thank you to our Chairman of the Board, Marc Wiener, for your guidance and foresight in keeping our congregation and staff safe during this pandemic. Your strategic planning and execution of directives allowed our synagogue to function smoothly.

When the shift was made to continue with all distance learning, services and activities, it was done with the mindset that we would work through the challenges to make the needs of our community our #1 priority. School-wide programs, class-led services, 5th Grade Wax Museum, our Purim Carnival and several other activities were cancelled. Please know, the efforts put forth by our children are commended and noted. Our current 5th graders will have the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Madame Esther's Living Wax Museum. Please safeguard your child's work for next year's museum!

Long range plans for the 7th grade Moving Up Ceremony and Staff Appreciation will continue to be discussed and planned when normalcy begins.

In the past month, we celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Shawn Tipiere and Cameron Nocera and the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Gallow. Shawn began the month by confidently leading the entire service with amazing poise! Cameron, one of our newest students, did a wonderful job! Emma made us all proud and her immediate family helped to make the service heartfelt and beautiful! These services were live-streamed from our magnificent sanctuary. Mazal Tov to the Gallow, Nocera and Tipiere families.

I also want to wish the Siegel, Stekol, Breslin, Rogove and Kaplan families a heartfelt Mazal Tov and my best wishes to each of them on their daughters becoming Bat Mitzvahs this summer.

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In the next few weeks, through virtual discussions, we will continue our preparations for the 2020/21 school year. Please continue to look for all updates on school registration and upcoming notifications.

It is my wish that our all our children hoping to commemorate their graduations from Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College and Graduate School will have the opportunity to celebrate their milestone achievements.

Wishing all our upcoming graduates congratulations and my best wishes for them to continue with positivity, goals and plans in seeking their aspirations.

Our children have been incredible heroes during this time of change and unpredictability. They learned to adapt and to accept their new normalcy. They quickly adjusted to their distance and virtual learning. Our children have gained great insight to acceptance, change, values and the meaning of hope.

As we all await updates on summer plans and camp openings, I will be available to assist our students with support and all learning needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 516-244-9840 with any questions/concerns.

Please continue to practice appropriate measures to keep your family safe. Wishing you a wonderful summer. Enjoy your family time that we so fortuitously have been given.

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity"-Albert Einstein. Use this time to create memories that will last a lifetime!

B'Shalom,

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education

Congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah Candidates & Their Families

June 6, 2020

Bat Mitzvah Hayley Rogove
Daughter of Joshua and Staci

June 13, 2020

Bat Mitzvah Danielle Kaplan
Daughter of Robert and Judi

June 27, 2020

Bat Mitzvah Nicole Stekol
Daughter of Michael and Ilona

August 29, 2020

Bat Mitzvah Leah Breslin
Daughter of Kevin and Jodi



N.O.W...Here's the News!

"Life is like riding a bicycle: to keep your balance you must keep moving."
-Albert Einstein



At this writing, we have been practicing social distancing for close to 2 months and it is ongoing. In speaking to some members of N.O.W. and the congregation in general, people are concerned. I've heard sayings like "things will never be the same", "how can we go on this way" and "why do we have to do this?"

We belong to a reform Jewish congregation. We are New Yorkers. We are strong. We are resilient. We are N.O.W.

We must keep moving ahead to keep our balance in life, but we must proceed safely. We can do it, but we are not doing it alone. Our Temple family is here to help us and to help you. N.O.W. is here for you to stay connected.

Let's pause and look for the good in any situation. Family life has changed. We are so used to a fast-paced life, running to work, the gym, grocery shopping, taking the kids to Hebrew school, dance lessons, soccer practice, tennis matches, etc. Then, all of a sudden, everything came to a halt. Families are staying home, eating dinner together, talking and communicating. Yes, it's a very different, difficult and scary time. We can only see our friends and loved ones from a distance. Many of us are working from home, making sure our children are keeping up with schoolwork and scheduling meetings on Zoom. But let's remember, we are in this together. Hopefully, we all are well and healthy, or recovering from this terrible coronavirus.

When we can all get together in person again, let's try to look back on this quarantine time and see that we have renewed energy to return to our hectic lives. Or maybe we can learn to take things a little slower and appreciate our ability to go out, enjoy life and socialize once again.

As soon as it is possible, N.O.W. will be rescheduling the events which had to be cancelled. New programs are also being planned. We truly hope to see many people attending our events, reconnecting, renewing our friendships, moving ahead and keeping our lives in balance, (b'yachad) together.

Until then...stay safe, be well and have a wonderful summer. Let's appreciate life's little moments. We hope to see everyone before too long.

B'Shalom,
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N.O.W. Co-Presidents

Join us for Streamed Services

Let's get together (**B'Yachad**) for TOE, ACRC services even when we're at home. Our temple now streams services. In order to ensure that everyone can watch these streams, we broke down how to access them into a few easy steps:

Step 1: Open up your browser extension (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.)

Step 2: Type in <https://orelohim.com/> and press enter.

Step 3: Click **stream services** in the middle of the page.

Step 4: Click on the **triangle** in the middle of the video box.

Step 5: Enjoy our Erev Shabbat services from your own home or wherever you are!

Men's Club

The Men's Club was able to meet for our monthly meeting through Zoom on Tuesday evening, May 5th. We had a very lively meeting, highlighted by a "Point-Counterpoint" debate about the merits of "2001, A Space Odyssey" between Mark Natelson and myself. While Mark felt he clearly burnt me to a crisp "toast," it was obvious that I won the argument. In any case, it led to a nice discussion by the group about the film and other topics.



It was especially great to see Neil Miller and Larry Tracht, who have recovered nicely from their illnesses. We also give a shout out to Paul Adler, who's faced some complications in his recovery from heart surgery. Get well soon Paul!

At the meeting, we also discussed the possibility of meeting in the Temple parking lot or another location this summer if we can maintain our distance appropriately, such as in a large circle. A golf outing is another possibility since many of the local courses are now open.

Thanks to Art Kleiner for taking the photo and to Mark Natelson for setting up and hosting the meeting.

Again, stay healthy and let us support each other through this crisis.

All the Best,

Ed Temple & Mark Heller

Co-Presidents

Social Action Committee: **Food "Drive"**

Please join us on Sunday, June 7 to support the Rudman Family Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC. Food Pantries all over long island are in desperate need of cleaning supplies, paper goods, diapers, baby food, pet food and all other non-perishable food items. Please fill a bag and meet us at the Temple at 11:00am and we will drive as a caravan to the JCC in Plainview. Once we arrive, we will safely unload the donations into an outside bin provided by the JCC.

For further information, please contact Susan Levine, Chair of Social Action Committee at susanlevine318@gmail.com

Shabbat Under the Stars

In this ever-changing world, it is crucial that we stay in touch! The Temple is using social media as well as snail mail to accomplish this goal. To facilitate this, we have created a new membership form for EVERYONE to complete. Even if you have filled one out before, we would like to update our records. This way our clergy, office, Director of Education, and staff can reach you as needed. Thank you for taking the time to complete the form. It is available below, on our website and in a recent email. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the membership committee at 516-794-0036. Do not forget to check out our Membership YouTube on Facebook.

At this time we have decided to postpone Shabbat Under The Stars to a future date when it is safe for us to gather together as a community. Until then, continue to be safe, take care of yourselves and know we are still here. We are Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation tough!

And Then Nothing Was The Same.

By Mark Natelson

It didn't happen at once; it was a quick gradual progression. At first it was "we heard about this thing" to "it's a virus but we don't know if it's anything to worry about" to "yeah maybe it is something to be concerned about" to "this might be real" to "this is bad" to "oh wow". At each status change things shut down from the outside into the center. There were less people on the train with each passing day. At the end of the second week they said work from home. It's been 7 weeks now and I have to tell you I miss people. Like everyone else we've adapted to this hopefully temporary new normal. Adapted but not crazy about it, but there is really no choice so you have to make the best of it.

Everyone has been touched by this one way or another and we collectively wonder how long this will last. But guess what, we are Jews and after the number of times we've stared into the dark, we know that there will be a tomorrow, we just don't know what it will look like yet.

Until that day comes, we must try to maintain some kind of normal. Two months ago, if you walked into a store and there was a person wearing a mask talking to the cashier you would have thought this was not going to end well. Today it's a Tuesday and perfectly normal.

All of this brings me to our congregation at Temple Or Elohim, a Community Reform Congregation in Jericho. Without prompting members of the clergy, school, office staff, officers, board members and committee members sprang into action making the tough decisions related to the basic question of "how can we help?". All of a sudden, I went from being on conference and video calls all day to doing the same thing at night. The first couple of meetings were shall we say interesting, as folks new to the technology adapted to it.

Like the rest of the world each time there was an update calling for more caution we adapted. Clean the building, limit attendance at services and promote streaming of services instead (thanks to Brian for coming in to run the streaming), cancelled in person classes and began to Zoom them, shut the building down, move everything to virtual, virtual committee and Executive Board meetings, Goldie and Robin worked remotely. Increase communications to the congregation via streaming, webpage, email and social media. Services both current and past were available to stream whenever you wanted to see them whether live or pre-recorded.

The challenge was not physical but the spiritual, some folks were scared, some alone, some afraid and some were every permutation of these you can think of. Rabbi, Cantor and Deborah reached out to the members of the congregation. People reached out to each other. Things like Roundtable Rap helped bring people together. We continued to hold services with just the clergy and piano player so they could continue to feed the spiritual appetite of the congregation. When it came time for a scheduled Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they were held with only the family and clergy in the sanctuary while the service was streamed.

At the same time the focus was on "today" we also started thinking about the future and planning for it no matter what it looks like and this is an ongoing effort.

Planning and doing, all these people pitching in to help, it's actually a pretty incredible thing to be able to observe. Normally a congregation requires a lot of time and people to be able to function. Now let's complicate that by all the things we can't do now and it's pretty easy to see that there is a lot of love and passion being given freely to keep the congregation a congregation. Why? Because people figured that if the congregation was important to them it must be important to others as well. The reality of it was that all of us faced bouts of boredom and all these meetings helped the congregation but also gave people something to do that keep the juices flowing.

Why tell you all of this? It's not for a pat on the back, no not at all. It's because something remarkable happened and you should know about it. It speaks volumes about who we are and who we will be in the future.

June Birthdays

1	Leora Cohen-Rosenberg	9	Denise Berman	15	Gale Gluck	22	Jodi Goodman
2	Lowell Citron	9	Arthur Blutter	16	Kyla Agulnick	22	Alvin Kotowitz
2	Jonah Sorkin	9	Evan Kazan	16	Barbara Feinstein	23	Nate Feinstein
3	Leah Michelle Bloomberg	9	Shari Nocera	16	Donna Jacobs	23	Lisa Goldstein
3	Mitchell Bloomberg	9	Michael Sabesan	16	Linda Savarino	23	Alana Sabesan
3	Richard Feinstein	9	Michael Wolkoff	16	Jonathan Smith	23	Jeremy Scherr
3	Suzan Goldstein	10	Ryan Angell	18	Adrienne Agulnick	24	Allison Angell
3	Louis Jainchill	10	Mia Barrie	18	Stacey Black	24	Joel Liebman
4	Ryan Scott	10	Keith Kazerman	18	Jordan Menkes	24	Elaine Schirmer
5	Madison Brand	10	Steven Schwartz	18	Ross Wengrover	24	Sean Garrett Simon
5	Caryn Fried	11	Madeline Minkoff	18	Elizabeth Wolkoff	25	Steven Chestler
6	Jack Grossman	11	Sawyer Wayne	19	Danylle Coleman	25	Lisa Koeppel
7	Robert Goldberg	11	Brandon Zeller	19	Linda Beth Feinstein	25	Rebecca Kusnetz
7	Shelley Haber	12	Bryan Beller	19	Lauren Goldstein	27	Troy Goldberg
7	Olivia Hatz	12	Susan Mender	20	Owen Birnbaum	27	Leah Reisman
7	Hayley Rogove	12	Joanne Myrah	20	Lanny Harris	27	Sue Zichlin
8	Bruce Cohen	13	Brian Berger	20	Ryan Levine	28	Rachel Flatow
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July Birthdays

1 Jill Dolowich	10 Stephanie Kaufman	19 Hally Gottlieb	24 Sherry Ariel
1 Linda Glickman	10 Lisa Tipiere	19 Sydni Grossman	24 Sharon Mark
4 Stacy Finkelstein	11 Corey Adler	19 Benjamin Natelson	24 Jason Nocera
4 Leonard Gerschitz	11 Alyson Hantman	19 Dane Scher	24 Meryl Sommer
4 Erica Misorek	11 Sheldon Wolfson	19 Sandy Senzon	24 Colton Walsh
4 David Stekol	13 Matthew Ballen	19 Michael Vermut	25 Laura Badia
5 Tamara Dreyfuss	13 Amanda Dawn Math	19 Ava Weinstock	25 Susan Maldow
5 Allie Lefkowitz	13 Alexa Meyer	19 Taylor Weinstock	27 Jake Brand
5 Lainey Lefkowitz	14 Shari Jacobson	20 Laurie Graber	27 Colette Paul
5 Sophie Nocera	14 Maxwell Wolkoff	20 Andrew Kaplan	27 Johanna Richman
5 Sarah Zichlin	15 Marcus Lonshein	21 Michael Cohen-Rosenberg	28 Adam Liebman
6 Marc Feinstein	15 Haley Pastolove	21 Lauren Epstein	28 Kimberly Mark
6 Scott Lefkowitz	17 Carly Jacobson	21 Robert Feinman	28 Daniel Nessim
6 David Maldow	17 Jason Ruvin	21 Michelle Getelman	28 Eric Singer
7 Brandon Scott	17 Shari Senzon	21 Ross Labelson	28 Lucy Wilner
8 Gregory Chestler	18 Arthur Katz	22 Joseph Martin	29 Steven Cohn
8 Stacy Lefkowitz	18 Julie Scott	22 Michael Peress	30 Felice Kestenbaum
8 Stacey Levine	19 Roberta Feinstein	23 Lawrence Simon	31 Eva Ginsburg
8 Sheila Rosenberg	19 Adam Goldschmit	23 Jarret Wolfson	



August Birthdays

1	Frida Klinghoffer	11	Ilona Stekol	18	Craig Milstein	24	Whitney Sigler
1	Nicole Sunshine Math	11	Deena Yaris	18	Jason Schanker	25	Steven Dreyfuss
1	Laura Reddock	13	Bradley Birnbaum	18	Jessica Weissman	25	Emma Foster
2	Elyce Burger	13	David Schwartz	19	Robin Albicocco	26	Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz
2	Brian Reich	13	Bradley Sommer	19	Ethan Follick	26	Cory Clair
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3	Leland Harris	14	Elaine Loewy	20	Mason Sommer	26	Julia Knobloch
3	Stephen Kusnetz	14	Barbara Wachs	21	Sara Rachel Katz	26	Beth Labelson
4	Helene Harris	15	Susan Geller	21	Nancy Schwartz	26	Jeffrey Strell
7	Michelle Kestenbaum	15	Robin Jacobs	21	Michael Siegel	28	Dyana Kazan
7	Deborah Tract	15	Marc Vermut	22	Deborah Kazan	28	Rebekah Martin
8	Ron Mark	16	Rena Levy	23	Dean Alexenburg	29	Melanie Patcoff
9	Ethan Dreyfuss	17	Ryan Graham	23	Corey Edelman	29	David Wayne
9	Brian Finkelstein	17	Matthew Lecher	23	Lindsay Landsberg	30	Todd Levy
10	Michael Pressman	17	Joseph Synnott	24	Elaine Doctors	30	Bryan Rubin
10	Mark Suroff	18	Neil Jared Blidner	24	Stephanie Ethe	30	Jesse Tanner
11	Dylan Edelman	18	Marilyn Finkelstein	24	Norman Labelson	31	Carol Labelson
11	Joel Peller	18	Eric Harlan Miller	24	Skyler Mark	31	Aden Scher
						31	Ariella Siegel



Happy Birthday

June Anniversaries

1 Mitchell & Laurie Beller	11 Jeffrey & Jan Scherr	22 Steven Chestler & Carolyn Jaenisch	27 Steven & Tamara Dreyfuss
1 Gregory Tanner & Lee Weiss	14 Jeffrey & Karen Getelman	22 Howard & Paula Rosenthal	27 Andrew & Meryl Sommer
2 Dennis & Shelley Haber	16 Larry & Vanessa Brand	23 Edward & Rochelle Cohen	28 David & Carol Berg
2 Daniel & Audrey Nessim	18 Howard & Debra Pastolove	24 Michael & Elizabeth Wolkoff	28 Norman & Carol Labelson
5 Robert & Hetti Perlmutter	20 Arthur & Nancy Schwartz	26 Robert & Marianne Bock	29 Ryan & Julie Scott
9 Robert & Cary Markman	21 Peter & Alana Sabesan	26 Douglas & Danylle Coleman	29 Michael & Debra Singer
11 Paul & Deborah Kazan	21 Jeffrey & Debra Schwartz	26 Mitchel & Sandy Senzon	29 Evan & Sahar Sorkin
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1 Joel & Jennifer Liebman	7 Gregory & Amy Katz	14 Paul & Beverly Silpe	17 Todd & Lisa Tipiere
2 Ronald & Elyce Burger	7 Keith & Dana Kazerman	15 Steven & Madalyn DeLuccia	19 Joshua & Staci Rogove
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			29 Seth & Lisa Landsberg

*August Anniversaries*

1 David & Arlene Horowitz	15 David & Ann Middleman	21 Clifford & Susan Maldow	26 Neal & Jodi Weisbrod
4 Michael & Andrea Hantman	16 Ivan & Gayle Dolowich	23 Scott & Anne Edelman	27 Stanley & Lita Friedman
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			31 Edward & Deborah Wactlar

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Week of June 13

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Week of June 20

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Week of July 11

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Week of August 8

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Week of August 15

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Gussie Antosofsky, Lewis Aronowitz, Annie Battino, Merrill Blum, Samuel Bramen, Martha Deutschman, Henry Doernis, Mary Dubinsky, Beverly Fabricant, Miriam Fishman Myron M. Garr, Carl Gellender, Robert Goldberg, Morris Goldfarb, Jean Goldstein, Julius Gottlieb, Sophie Hauptman, Abraham Hecker, Gladys Horowitz, Max J. Karp, Dorothy Kaufman, Jerome Kerner, Philip Kipness, Robert A. Knecht, Moses Knobler, Rose Kornfeld, Mark Krantz, Walter Martin Levine, Theodore Levy, Ruth Lucas, Lillian Marcus, Joe Martinez, Miriam Melnick, Ethel Mendelson, Ida Mintz Henry Modell, Norman Morganstein, Menachem Muhlstein, Fannie Peters, Alexander Roth, Henrietta Roth, Jeffrey Rubinstein, Shirley Schachter, Irene Schultz, Paul Sevetar, Beulah Siegel, Lee Spellman, Lily Spielman, Edna Mae Spitler, Sidney Sporty, Libby Stark, Herbert C. Stern, Jack Talve, Esther Werbin, Gertrude Wertkin, Stephen R. Wiener and Morris Wise

Week of August 29

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Torah Notes:**June 6, 2020 Naso – Numbers 4:21-7:89**

A continued description of the duties of the Levites, laws relating to ritual uncleanness; people with diseases were not permitted to live within camp limits, the laws of the Nazirites (those who took upon themselves obligations that were beyond those required, like not cutting their hair, not drinking any wine, avoiding contact with any dead body, etc.) It was a sacred promise made to God.

June 13, 2020 Beha'alotcha – Numbers 8:1-12:16

This portion deals with the lighting of the 7-branched menorah by Aaron, observance of the 2nd annual Passover, the making of the two silver trumpets (shofrot), the three acts of opposition to Moses: the people's demanding meat in addition to manna, the breaking away of two of the elders of Israel and Moses' confrontation with his siblings, Aaron & Miriam.

June 20, 2020 Sh'lach, Numbers 13:1 – 15:41

The famous story of the twelve spies sent to survey the land of Canaan in preparation of its conquest is told in this portion. Joshua and Caleb, the two remaining spies, oppose the negative majority report by the other ten spies. The anger of the people and their threat to return to Egypt is the catalyst for the decision by God that this people is not ready for the challenge of freedom and that their entire generation will have to live out their lives in the desert. Their children, the next generation, will be the ones who will enter the Promised Land.

June 27, 2020 Korach – Numbers 16:1-18:32

This portion recounts the uprising against Moses by Korach and 250 members of the tribe of Reuben. They claimed that Moses was taking too much power for himself and they too were eligible for leadership positions. Moses was stunned; he had shared the leadership responsibility by spreading it among the 70 elders, judges, and tribal chiefs. The rebellion was put down when the earth opened and swallowed up Korach and all his followers.

July 4, 2020 Chukkat – Numbers 19:1-22:1 / Balak Numbers 22:2-25:9

Chukkat expands on the laws of purification, and provides for the removal of defilement resulting from contact with the dead. The particulars of this ordinance are considered to be the most mysterious rites in the Torah.

Balak is the story of the Israelites entering the last stage of their journey to the Promised Land. They are within sight of the goal. As they prepare for the conquest of their new national home, a heathen prophet, Bilam, gives testimony to Israel's unique character and sublime destiny. He proclaims the futility of any attempts to foil the purposes of God regarding His chosen people.

July 11, 2020 Pinchas - Numbers 25:10-30:1

This portion recounts the misbehavior of many Israelites who had accepted the invitation of women of Moab and Midian and joined in their licentious rites in worship of the idol Baal-Peor. Filled with indignation, Pinchas, a Kohen, executed summary judgement on Zimri and Cozbi, the Israelites who misled so many.

July 18, 2020 Mattot/Masei - Num. 30:2-32:42 / 33:1-35:13

The first of these two portions emphasize the solemnity and binding character of religious vows, and specifies circumstances in which vows can be annulled. The second portion details the stages of the journey of the Israelites all the way from Egypt to the Plains of Moab.

July 25, 2020 Devarim - Deut. 1:1-3:22

The name of this Fifth Book and concluding 'book' of the Torah, and its title might well be "Moses' Final Discourses and Song to Israel". It is an oratory, given in noble language to the great truths that God is One, humankind is wholly His and that God is Righteousness, Faithfulness, Mercy and Love. In this portion we find the central declaration of the Jewish people, the Shma.

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August 1, 2020 **Va-Etchanan - Deut. 3:23-7:11**

Moses continues his review of the people's history of interactions with God, discussing the signs of God's favor to his people shown in their victories. He laments that he will be able only to view the land but would not be able to enter it and commits the future leadership of the people to Joshua, his successor.

August 8, 2020 **Ekev - Deut. 7:12-11:25**

The blessings inherent to those who obey the laws given in the Torah are detailed here, chief among them being prosperity, vitality, power and health. Moses includes an appeal to the Israelites to remember their history to motivate their fulfilling their fundamental duties to love God and observe His commandments

August 15, 2020 **Re'eh - Deut. 11:26-16:17**

"Behold, I set before you a blessing and a curse. The blessing (comes) if you observe the commandments of the Lord, Your God. The curse (comes) if you do not obey the commandments but ignore the way you have been given and choose to worship other gods". With these challenging words, Moses reviews the Codes of Law to be observed by the people.

August 22, 2020 **Shoftim - Deut. 16:18-21:9**

This portion defines the legal system and the roles of the leaders; the judges, the king, the priests and the prophets - all of them officers of the Hebrew commonwealth. Provisions are to be made for an ordered civil government, justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial.

August 29, 2020 **Ki-Tetze - Deut. 21:10-25:19**

The wide-ranging laws of domestic life and human kindness are the subjects of this portion of Moses' continuing discourse, dealing with matters such as marriage to a captive of war, the rights of the first-born, dealing with discourtesy and disobedience, returning lost property and appropriateness of apparel. The sanctity of marriage, adultery and family relations are among the many topics covered in this portion.



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Please watch our new video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mylfJ-3hOVk>) for an upbeat look at our TOEACRC community. We hope that it provides a sense of continuity as our spiritual, religious and emotional support prevails during these atypical times.

A special thank you to Sydni Grossman, as well as the families who made this inspiring video possible.

Thank you for helping us enrich the lives of those in our community.



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MEMBERSHIP & FAMILY RECORD FORMS 2020 -2021

In order to incorporate your information into our database, please fill in as much of the requested information as possible. We do need complete information for emergency contact purposes. Be sure to list the Yahrzeit dates of your deceased family members so you can be reminded of these dates in the future. Your business and occupation information are optional.

Mailings will be sent to your main address listed. If you are not at the same address all year round, please inform us and we can arrange to have your mail sent to an alternate address.

Please be assured that we keep all congregants' personal information confidential.

For additional information, please contact the temple office at (516) 433-9888 and select the applicable extension or email:

Temple Administrator (Rabbi)	ext#13	administrator@templeorelohim.com
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- Please like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TempleOrElohim) and join our various Facebook groups, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter.
- If you'd like to be part of our (opt-in) emergency texting system, please text 84483 to 123TOE.

>> The completed forms may be mailed or emailed to the temple office. <<

CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>ADULT MEMBER #1</u>	<u>ADULT MEMBER #2</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms./ <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs./ <input type="checkbox"/> Mr./ <input type="checkbox"/> Dr./	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms./ <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs./ <input type="checkbox"/> Mr./ <input type="checkbox"/> Dr./
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HEBREW NAME		
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CITY/TOWN		
ZIP CODE		
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EMAIL ADDRESS		
OCCUPATION		
EMPLOYER/BUSINESS NAME		
BUSINESS PHONE		
INTERESTS, TALENTS, COMMITTEE CHOICES		

* To celebrate our community, we list members' birthdays (without year), anniversaries, and contributions in our newsletter. If you do **NOT** wish to have your name included, please check here to **opt-out**:

☐ Birthdays ☐ Anniversaries ☐ Contributions

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

NAME	HEBREW NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER M/F/X	GRADE (AS OF SEPTEMBER)		SCHOOL NAME	SPECIAL INTERESTS	LIVING @HOME	
				PUBLIC	RELIGIOUS			Y	N

If you need more space, please add another piece of paper or more lines.

Yahrzeit Information

Deceased family members will be remembered from the b'mah on the anniversary of their passing. It is customary in our Temple to remember Yahrzeits on the Secular date of death. We can honor requests for a different date of observance. (Please inform the office.)

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>MEMBER'S NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER</u>

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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: N.O.W. 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.



QUICK FACTS

- ✓ Dine-in only
- ✓ FREE for restaurants to join the first year
- ✓ Ability to participate in specials via Facebook, Emails, and more
- ✓ 1 card can be applied per meal (*member must present a driver's license and credit card that matches the name on the Foodie Card*)
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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 N.O.W. Virtual Meeting 7:30 PM	2 Men's Club Virtual Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Virtual Adult Ed Class with Rabbi 7:30 PM	4	5 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	6 Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah Hayley Rogove 6:30 PM
7 Food Drive for the Mid Island Y Food Pantry 11:00 AM	8	9 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	11 Lunch & Learn 12 Noon	12 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	13 Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Danielle Kaplan 10:00 AM
14 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	15	16 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	17	18	19 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	20 Virtual Havdalah Service 7:00 PM
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Installation Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	27 Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Nicole Stekol 10:00 AM
28	29	30 Congregational Meeting				

NOTES:

* July & August calendars will be distributed separately.

** Please check email notifications for changes to the Calendar.

*** Instructions on how to view streamed services can be found on the bottom of page 10.