



The Shofar

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Jericho, NY templeorelohim.com

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Young Family Shabbats have returned to TOEACRC!

Our first one this year, held on November 6th, was a resounding success with Rabbi Cookie Monster and Sammy the Spider making featured appearances.

Rabbi Judy along with Cantor Katz and Mrs. Tract organized a wonderful service for our young families. Everyone had the opportunity to be a candle, kiddush cup or animal during the service.

The families that attended were so thrilled with the service that they requested more celebrations geared toward young families. We listened! Our next Young Family Shabbat Service will be held on December 17th and our guest stars will be back to teach us more Shabbat songs and prayers.

We plan to schedule approximately one Young Family Shabbat each month. Look for further details on Facebook, our website or in our email blasts!



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Information Requested:

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

We would love to include any good news you have to share in our ***Tell and Kvell*** section. Please let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc.

Please forward all such information to:

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Catering Information:

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**

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 Rav Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.

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.

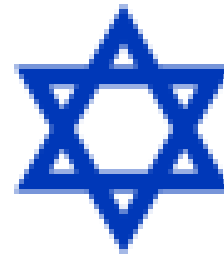
Please call Laurel Fried at (516) 794-0036.

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Services Schedule:

Fri.	Dec 3	Hannukah Erev Shabbat Svs	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec 4	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri.	Dec 10	Erev Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Sat.	Dec 11	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Colby Adams	10:00 AM
Fri.	Dec 17	Young Family Shabbat Erev Shabbat Service	6:00 PM 7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec 18	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Lindsay Goldstein	10:00 AM
Fri.	Dec 24	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Fri.	Dec 31	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

**Keep Handy for Reference:**

CALL AND TELL US If there is a death or illness in the family

Daytime – Temple Office (516)433-9888

Otherwise – Rav Judy (516)662-0194 or Cantor Katz at (516)849-1332

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

**Baskets on the Bimah**

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 Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

President's Message:**The Holiday Season**

When this edition of the Shofar comes out, we will be in the middle of Hanukkah. We celebrate at home with family, we celebrate outside in our Temple parking lot with the lighting of our huge electric menorah, we celebrate inside our Temple sanctuary with our special Hanukkah services on Friday, December 3, we celebrate inside our religious school with the special Hanukkah programming planned by Mrs. Tract and we celebrate on zoom with menorah lightings led by our clergy.

As terrific as all of these events are, our "holiday season" does not end when Hanukkah ends on December 6. It may not be our holiday, but Christmas Day is very special to TOEACRC. Our Social Action committee prepares full meals that are delivered on Christmas Day as a special thank you to those who are working on their holiday so that the rest of us can stay safe. Some of our congregants prepare appetizers, others cook up main courses and others bake desserts. Still others make the deliveries to the designated recipients. It is such a wonderful way to give back to the community around us. Be on the lookout for an e-mail providing all of the information you need to participate, or contact our Social Action chair, Susan Levine IMMEDIATELY, as the meal packages must be coordinated in advance.

Most importantly, we should all maintain the holiday spirit every day of the year. Show kindness to everyone, both in Temple and out. Be there to offer mazel tovs to those who are celebrating a simcha, and consoling words to those going through difficult times. It will enrich everyone around you and you will have such a warm feeling inside. Isn't that what holidays are all about?

May everyone have a happy, healthy and above all safe holiday season.

Neil Miller, President

Yarmulkes:

Order yarmulkes for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Wedding at discounted prices from NOW (formerly Sisterhood).

There is a tremendous variety of colors available. FREE IMPRINTING IN SILVER OR GOLD for orders of 5 dozen or more. If more than one color or less than 5 dozen are ordered there's an additional fee. A charge of \$10 for shipping and handling is added to all orders.

Please contact
Susan Bloomberg at (516)639-3982.

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Deluxe Satin	\$24/dozen
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Embossed Suede	\$36/dozen
Velvet	\$36/dozen
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Raw Silk	\$26/dozen

Rabbi's Corner:

In a time of increasing antisemitism, we need the celebration of Hanukkah! We need it because the joy this holiday brings combats not only the winter blues, but the horrible messages about our religion that we see and hear regularly. Hanukkah (from evening on Nov. 28-Dec. 6) celebrates the victory of the weak over the mighty and the few over the many. The Jewish people are no longer weak, but we are still a minority. Yet we will use our voices, loudly and proudly, to speak up for ourselves. At Hanukkah time, we focus less on the physical threat presented by the Assyrian Greek enemy, but on the spiritual threat they were to our lives. The desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem is the chief example. Even as we have acculturated in every land in which we have lived, we have not completely assimilated. We speak the language of our present locale, practice many of the mores, but we still maintain our unique Jewish identity. The ability to integrate and be proudly Jewish is what we celebrate at Hanukkah. May the lights of the Chanukkiah (menorah) burn brightly in our homes and in our hearts.



Join us on Zoom to light Hanukkah candles each night of Hanukkah at 7:00 pm except on Monday, Nov. 29 when we will gather in person, at 6:00 pm outdoors, with our Religious School students leading us in the blessings and on Friday Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm for our Hanukkah service, in person and streamed from our Sanctuary. Have your Hanukkah menorah and 7 candles ready for this service.

I look forward to spreading the light of this joyous season. May our light and the light of God (Or Elohim) illumine the world and bring us the enlightening message that we Jews not only survive, but thrive!

My family and I wish you a joyous Hanukkah!

Rabbi Judy

Congratulations to our B'nai Mitzvah Candidates & Their Families

December 11, 2021

Colby Adams

Son of Marla Adams and
Grandson of Toby Suroff



December 18, 2021

Lindsay Goldstein

Daughter of Suzan Goldstein & Brett Goldstein



Cantor's Message:

Happy Hanukkah! By the time you are reading this, I am going to assume you are having a wonderful Hanukkah holiday with your family and friends.

I am also hoping you have a chance to reflect on the deeper meaning of Hanukkah. When most of us think of Hanukkah, we usually think of the menorah shining bright, dreidels, gelt and the many nights of presents. Hanukkah is really about so much more. It is the time we celebrate as a people, yet another victory over tyranny and become grateful for our freedom and everything we have in life. It is the story of the brave few who overcame the many and larger foes. I like to think of our Temple's congregation as the brave few. The Judah Maccabees of Jericho!

Not that we have-to overthrow anybody!

However, we are a smaller but very strong community temple that really knows how to be there for each other and the community, as well as celebrate. We grow together as we face life's challenges both personally and as a congregation. Each one of you as members, plays a vital role in the future of our Temple. Just by being a member, in a sense you are like the tribe of Judah Maccabee, defending your people and making sure your community is safe and here for our future generations.

This is the deeper meaning of Hanukkah. As we are lucky enough to be able to celebrate without fear of persecution, beyond the gifts and latkes, we must remember how those before us fought and stood up, so that we can be here today. So much of our past as a people is built on the bravery and courage of those who came before us. We now are the ones who need to be the Judah Maccabees of the future, the ones who are willing to stand up and fight no matter what comes our way.

I believe, knowing our members and families, that we are in good hands. I also believe that as a Temple, we represent the future and I am very proud to be a part of it.

I hope you are having a wonderful holiday.

B'shalom,
Cantor Katz

***Join Our Youth Choir***

Have Fun
Make Friends
Learn Songs
Perform During Services

Join Our Adult Choir

Make friends
Experience camaraderie
Connect to your spiritual self
Learn new renditions of songs
Perform during services

*For additional information call the
Temple Office (516)433-9888 Ext.14*

Religious School:

Shalom Friends,

Happy Hanukkah!

I hope you and your family are enjoying the "festival of lights" by lighting the menorah, eating delicious latkes and playing dreidel.



Religious School children have been busy learning prayers and celebrating. Each year we retell the traditional story of the great miracle that is symbolic of Hanukkah; a story commemorating the victory of freedom by Judah Maccabee and the burning of oil that lasted for eight days. It is customary to light the menorah each night accompanied by blessings. During class on November 29th and 30th we were entertained by a fabulous Hanukkah Extravaganza featuring Hagit Avnon and consisting of music, puppets, singing and more. We also participated in community candle lightings led by Rabbi Judy and Cantor Katz, followed by delicious potato latkes generously donated by our Temple President Neil Miller.

Our school is once again participating in the Annual John Theissen's Foundation Toy Drive for Sick and Underprivileged Children. This is our 9th year of the religious school collecting toys and gift cards for children of all ages. Donations may be dropped off at the temple. All items must be NEW and unwrapped. The John Theissen Foundation will be picking up donations on December 22, 2021. We have always been successful in collecting toys for children in need. Let's work together to make the holidays of 2021 wonderful for them. Together we can make a difference adding a big smile to a child's face.

Our children have acclimated very well during the past two months. This year we welcomed many new students and their families into our synagogue and school. Friendships are forming and learning has been terrific. Our kids are eager to learn and participate in all aspects of classroom fun! Additionally, our 7th graders are studying very hard in preparation for their upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Cantor Judy Merrick works with our students to further enhance prayer fluency, as well as lead our children in Hebrew music and holiday favorites!

Wishing all of you and your families a safe, enjoyable and restful vacation. May 2022 bring you all the very best!

Best Wishes for a wonderful and meaningful holiday.

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education

Online Donations Made Easy

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, orelohim.com, scroll down to the "Donate Now" button and click on it. You will be brought to a different webpage. Fill in Account (credit card) Information. Then, fill in your Billing Information. At the end of this section there is a required field entitled "Purpose of Donation" which has a drop-down menu of 6 listings. If the donation does not fit any of the first 4 options, then click on either "Specific Purpose" or "Other". Then, underneath the "Purpose of Donation" line, there is another required field entitled "Donation Details". You should enter the particular reason for the donation, for example "High Holiday Appeal", "High Holiday Card" or "Honey From Your Heart". Complete the transaction. THANK YOU for thinking about donating to our Temple!

Please read this notice before writing a check to Rabbi's or Cantor's Discretionary Fund!

On the latest version of the Donations Form, there are instructions for the wording of the "Payable To" line on your check. The form is included in the Shofar every month. Please follow the instructions on the form; it will save us time and effort and Rabbi or Cantor will receive the funds so much sooner! Thank you for your cooperation.

Goldie and Robin

N.O.W. (Network of Women)



Holidays! A joyous time of year to gather with family and friends, enjoy a meal together, have conversations and capture the legacy of family through an annual, perhaps even a traditional family photo. As we are smack in the middle of our joyous holiday of Hanukkah, my wish for all of you to enjoy each other's company.

NOW for the News:

Fundraisers: All of the money NOW raises help defray increases in dues. We have, over the years, helped furnish a new classroom, put an awning over the Hebrew School entrance, bought banquet tables, contributed to Shabbat Under the Stars, Purim carnivals, the Annual Cantorial Concert, contributed to construction of the ladies' bathroom, bought the AED and provided instruction for certification in CPR and the use of the AED and so much more. Please continue to support our efforts which ultimately helps our Temple.

Mah Jongg Card sales...Please consider purchasing your Mah Jongg card not only for yourself but for your whole group. Please see enclosed flyer. Deadline to order is January 30th.

Our Showcase: Our showcase is always "open" for all your Judaica needs. From Tallit to menorahs to mezuzahs and everything in between for every holiday and then some. Since we are not having our annual Shopper's Day this year, we are going to extend a 5% discount on any ONE item in stock for the month of December.

Yarmulkes: Are you having a wedding, a Bat or Bar Mitzvah and need yarmulkes? Look no further! We can help you with that as well. Contact Susan Bloomberg to order. 516.639.3982.

Ongoing Collections: If you have any old sheets and towels, we will collect and bring them to the TOB Animal Shelter. Eyeglasses: we collect prescription and non-prescription eyewear. All eyeglasses collected goes to the New Eyes for the Needy Program. Toiletries: Full size, travel size any size toiletries of all kinds. All toiletries collected will be distributed to various shelters that need them.

Book Club: Continues every month and affords us the opportunity to explore all corners of the world from the comfort of our home. All book club discussions are always open to all congregants and will meet via zoom. Please see enclosed flyer.

Pop Up events: I do apologize that I couldn't hold any pop-up events in the last month or so. It's a bit hard to walk or hike with a stress fracture in the foot!

AED/CPR Class: Will be held in person on Sunday, January 30th. Approximate start time will be 9:00 am and run till about 1:00 PM. We apologize in advance that lunch will not be served. This event is open to all. However, the class will be complimentary to the first 15 who are paid up NOW members. If we do not fill up the first 15 spots, we will open the class to all in the congregation/staff. If we do fill up the spots, then each person after the 15 can reserve a spot for \$65. No walk-ins. You must sign up to participate. Please look for more information in the January issue.

Canasta lessons are in full swing for those who signed up. Sadly, we did not have enough interest to hold the Mah Jongg class.

Lastly, thank you Paula Sullivan our resident Craft Dabbler for teaching us the Art of Folding Hanukkah Gelt! I hope there was at least one fortunate recipient of such handiwork!!

As we head into the secular holiday season, I wish all of our friends and congregants who celebrate a joyous season and a very Happy New Year to all.

Cheers!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.

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Men's Club

As Autumn took hold with falling leaves the Men's Club took part in some recent charitable Long Island events in October.

We were part of both the Autism Speaks Walk and Breast Cancer Walk on different October weekends at the Jones Beach Boardwalk. There is nothing like being involved in worthy causes such as these, regardless of the weather. Joining these walks has always been an annual tradition for the Men's Club.

October also saw the take down of our cherished Temple Sukkah which took place on October 24th. Next year, we hope to construct a brand-new Sukkah with new and longer lasting materials. A special thank you to all who assisted in this endeavor.

November's Club events included dinner at an excellent Italian restaurant in Queens. We also organized a Sunday morning walk at Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay for members and their families.

More great events are scheduled over the next few months, including the highlight of our calendar, **Comedy Night**, which is scheduled for **March 5th, 2022**. Details are forthcoming!

Join us at our upcoming meetings on December 7th and January 4th and become part of a great group of guys looking to have fun, share ideas and assist the Temple community.

Mark Starr & Mark Heller
Co-Presidents

Social Action Committee

Thank you to all who participated in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Thanksgiving Community Project through the Mid-Island JCC.

More information to come on our annual Christmas Day Meal Delivery to local Hospitals, Police Precincts and Animal Hospitals. You will be able to sign up to make an entrée, a side dish or a dessert. Volunteers will also be needed to deliver the meals to the facilities mentioned above.

Please remember that our Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs Kosher non-perishable food & paper goods/cleaning supplies. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Susan Levine, Chair, Social Action Committee
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Alan Levine, President, Hatziliu Rescue Organization
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Tell & Kvell:

Mazel Tov to Deborah and Paul Kazan on the marriage of their daughter Dyana to Zac Schulman.

Mazel Tov to Barbara Feinstein and Sidney Eisenberg on their marriage.

Mazel Tov to Carol Markman. She has been honored for her dedication to her peers, clients and her profession by the National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP) with the establishment of the Carol Markman, CPA Accounting Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship available only to a lineal descendant of a current NCCPAP member who is studying to become an accountant.

Yahrzeits:**Week of December 4**

Anne Blick, Jack Breitman, Geraldine Brostoff, Sandy Rose Cavrell, Henrietta Cooper, Jack Debowsky, Helen Doernis, Elaine Donn, Henry Friedman, Moses Goldring, Ida Goldstein, Elaine Grumbach, Nathaniel Halpern, Arthur Herscovit, Mae Isserles, Robert Junghandel, Harold Kellman, Morris Konsker, Maria Kussoy, Muriel Lecher, Alice Leff, Harry Lehner, Margaret Levy, Herbert Lieberman, Robert Magdalin, Louis Maran, Nathan Michaels, Ilene Miller, Joel Miot, Joseph Morris, Jean Pollack, Samuel Pressman, Emily Rapp, Sam Rocks, Jack Rosenthal, Robert Schaefer, Fanny Schanker, Wendy Schwartz, Lester Shimberg, Diane Siegel, Ida Siegel, Max Silpe, Anne Silverman, Mary Ann Slavin, Herb Solomon, Ronald Speero, Abraham Topple, Dora Uretsky, Ruth Weiss, Edward Wisotsky and Lillian Wolfson

Week of December 11

Barbara Allen, Charles Bearak, Ruby Beeber, Michael Bernstein, Betty Brody, Perry Chafetz, Fannie Cohen, Phyllis Cohen, Florence Eisenberg, Abraham Feldman, Stanley Feltman, Robert Goodman, Carey Helman, Belle Herenstein, Laurence Kaplan, Mollie Kaplan, Sally Kipness, Roz Laurence, Leonard Levine, Julius Bud Menzin, Elias Mishkin, Nita Moosman, Mary Naftal, Molly Popkin, Virginia Quinlan, Lazarus Reit, Sandra Rose, Linda Saslow, Doris Scherr, Sidney Sherman, Harold Silpe, Richard Unger, Bernard Wengrover, Wolf Werbin and Abraham Wiener

Week of December 18

Anne Balfour, Philip Bekerman, Eva Bronstein, Max Bronstein, Morris Chedekel, David Cohen, Louis Cohen, Rose Comisar, Viki DeJong, Tillie Ednick, Fannie Egelman, Edith Elstein, Leonard Finkelstein, Sylvia Finkelstein, Rebecca Fisher, Jack Fishman, Faye Frank, Charles Freedman, Lillian Freilich, Harry Gerschitz, Carey Getelman, Lewis Gold, Harry Goldstein, Edwin Hoffman, Rose Holtzman, Jack Jacobs, Zahava Karat, Jessica Karp, Helen Katz, Rose Kraft, Phoebe Kreisberg, Pearl Kwitkin, Mollie Labelson, Adele Lerner, Louis Lipson, Irving Lotenberg, Louis Meltz, Samuel Miller, William Naftal, Lilly Neider, Max Nisenbaum, Rebecca Orenstein, Minnie Oscar, David Quint, Sylvia Robbins, Charles Rothenberg, Sadye Scheirer, Nathan Schifter, Flora Shimberg, Dora Siegel, Max Silvey, Karen Stein, Morton Switzman, Irene Touretz, Ted Tulchin, Norman Vader, Gordon Waldorf, Rose Warburg, Dora Wendroff, Tillie Wieselmann and Mark Woorman

Week of December 25

Leo Adler, Bernice Baiman, Vincent Bruy, Eva Butensky, Harold Cohen, Lillian Eisinger, Samuel Feinstein, Max Goodman, Sidney Gottlieb, Judith Jacobs, Samuel Jacobs, Zahava Karat, Rita Kleiner, Max Koenigsberg, Ben Lang, Nathan W. Math, Anna Meltz, Sol Milstein, Betty Newman, Rachel Oestreich, Jacob Olian, Arthur Platt, Sylvia Price, Lillian Reisman, Harry Rosen, Rosalie Rossano, Saul Rubin, Sue Seltzer, Bernard Shacker, Adela Silbiger, Eugene Singer, Yetta Spiegel, Leonard Suroff, Maria Tarantino, Ellen Vader, Bessie Weinberger, Julius Wendroff and Arthur Wolfson

Torah Notes:**December 4: Miketz Genesis 41:4-44:17**

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams and begins to rise to power. Eventually, he attains one of the highest offices in all of Egypt. He marries Asenath, and has two children: Ephraim and Menashe. There is a great famine in all of the lands, but Joseph is prepared. From far and wide, people come to him for food, including his brothers, who are on the brink of starvation. Joseph recognizes them right away, though they do not recognize him. He tests them three separate times.

December 11: Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

Joseph sees his youngest brother Benjamin for the first time in years. After Joseph's three tests for his brothers are complete, he can hold himself back no longer. Joseph reveals his identity to them. He is delighted to find out his father is still alive, and even more delighted to see him again. Joseph and Jacob meet with Pharaoh. Joseph's family prospers in Egypt.

December 18: Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26

The book of Genesis comes to a close, as Jacob's life comes to an end. Jacob blesses his grandchildren Ephraim and Menashe. Jacob offers his deathbed blessings and imparts instructions for his burial. Despite the huge rifts between them, Joseph and his brothers are able to forgive one another, and together offer Jacob the burial he deserved. Years pass, and Joseph, too, comes to the end of his days. He makes a deathbed prophecy of people Israel's future.

December 25: Shemot Exodus 1:1-6:1

A new Egyptian Pharaoh rose to power who did not remember the once positive relationship between the Hebrews and the Egyptians. Seeing Hebrews as a threat, he turned them into slaves and ordered them to drown male children in the Nile River. Somehow, a Levite woman was able to keep her son alive by placing him in a basket on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and decided to raise him in the palace as her own. As Moses grows up, he begins to wonder about his true identity. Feeling a connection to the Hebrew people, he kills an Egyptian on their behalf. He then flees for his life to Midian, where he settles down and has children. Years later God calls to him out of a burning bush, insisting that he return to Egypt. After a substantial protest, he agrees.

December Birthdays

1 Colby Adams
 2 Philip Peller
 4 Abby Katz
 4 Michael Kellman
 5 Evan Adam Blidner
 5 Danielle Burger
 6 Cole Beekman
 6 Heather Elyse Bloomberg
 6 Mia Brand
 6 David Horowitz
 6 Cathy Reider
 6 Jason Warshawsky
 6 Leonard Zichlin
 7 Judy Cohen-Rosenberg
 7 Abigail Damast
 7 Madeline Damast
 7 Joan Ritter
 7 Risa Weintraub
 8 Matthew Goldberg
 8 Lauren Savarino
 9 Karen Blinder

9 Brandon Silverman
 10 Deborah Singer
 11 Dennis Blinder
 11 Bryan Green
 11 Edward Levine
 11 Ken Weissman
 12 Nathan Jainchill
 12 Emma Mogavero
 13 Aviv Shahaf
 14 Staci Rogove
 16 Dean Felsen
 16 Dennis Myrah
 16 Lauren Wiener
 16 Craig Yaris
 17 Wendy Blidner
 17 Gregory Katz
 18 Noah Fried
 18 Jordan Oliver
 18 Marc Scher
 18 Jeffrey Zichlin
 19 Eileen Flax
 19 Shayna Walsh

19 David Wasserman
 20 Julian Saltz
 23 Matthew Perlmutter
 23 Areyana Schmitt
 23 Dennis Weiss
 24 Alexa Jacobson
 24 Mark Osnowitz
 24 Adam Silverman
 25 Jennifer Lampert
 25 Lana Math
 26 Jeffrey Burger
 26 Barbara Halpern
 26 Eric Roth
 27 Ashley Myrah
 27 Emily Rogove
 28 Evelyn Sklar Goldman
 29 Marianne Bock
 29 Gary Corn
 29 Ivy Heller
 31 Melissa Lefkowitz
 31 Stan Miller

Happy Birthday

December Anniversaries

1	Fredric & Bonnie Oliver
10	Dennis & Joanne Myrah
14	Ronald & Michelle Finkelstein
17	Barry & Maureen Pelofsky
17	Herbert & Judith Schanker
20	Philip & Linda Peller
23	Richard & Madeline Minkoff
24	Rabbi Harvey & Joan Abramowitz
24	Harvey & Deena Yaris



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Marc and Sherri Graber
 Roseann and Jeff Kozarsky
 In honor of the birth of their
 granddaughter Kira Gabrielle
 Sharyn Levine and Harry Woodrow
 In memory of June Serra
 Lynda and Ed Temple
 In loving memory of June Serra, Lynda's
 mother

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alice Spenser
 In honor of Cantor Katz

CHOIR FUND

Kol Nidre Committee
 In honor of Jodi Breslin, with great
 appreciation!

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Amy and Paul Adler
 In loving memory of Arthur M. Rosenstein
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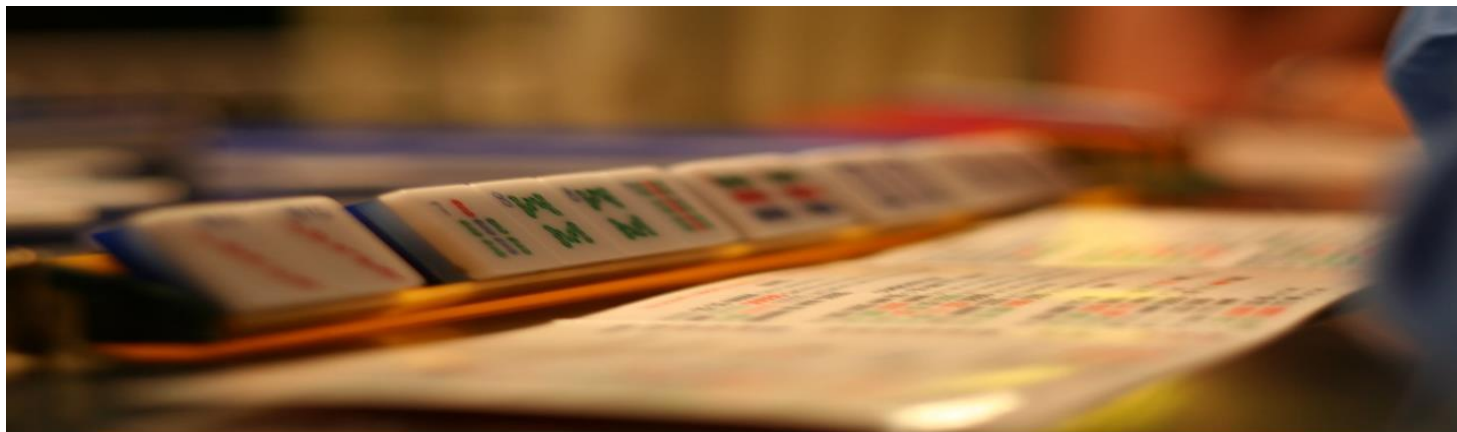
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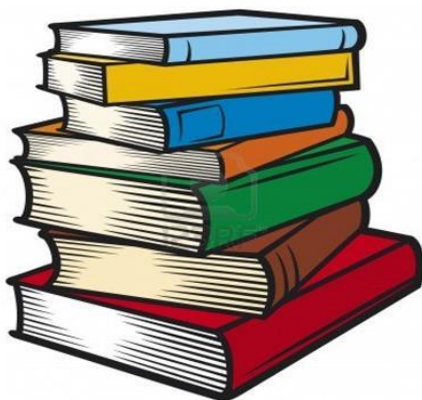
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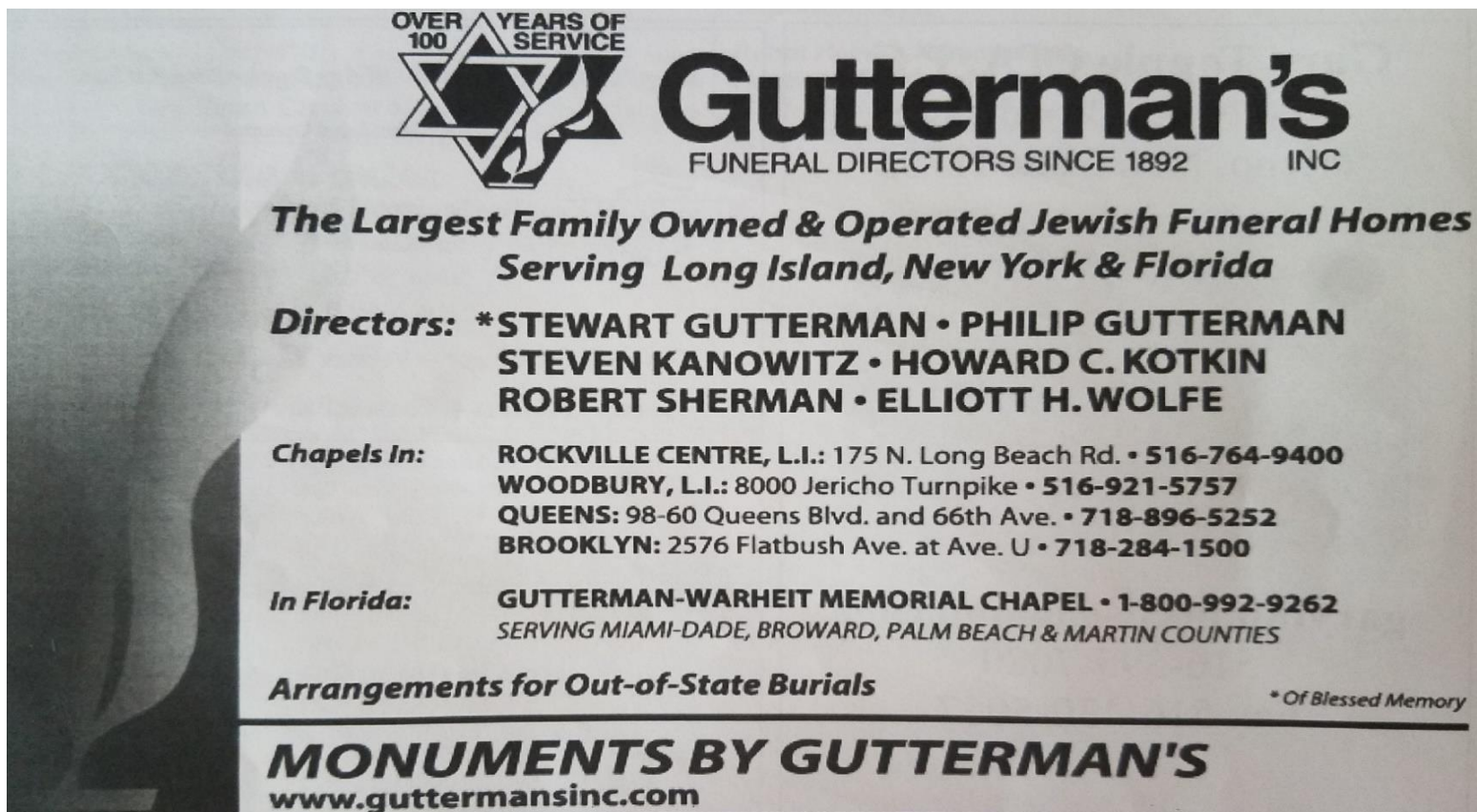
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5 Hanukkah Candlelighting Zoom 7:00 PM	6 N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 PM	7 Membership Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM	8 Marketing Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Torah Study 7:30 PM	10 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	11 Shabbat Service 10 AM Bar Mitzvah Colby Adams
12	13 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	16 Torah Study 7:30 PM	17 Young Family Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	18 Shabbat Service 10 AM Bat Mitzvah Lindsay Goldstein
19	20 N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 8 PM	22 Adult Ed 7:30 PM	23 Torah Study 7:30 PM	24 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	25 Social Action Meal Delivery
26	27 Religious School Recess begins	28	29	30 Torah Study 7:30 PM	31 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	

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