

## Long Island Cares Shares Harry Chapin's Dream with Students

**D**uring last month's hunger awareness campaign, Christine Brown, the coordinator for community education at Long Island Cares—The Harry Chapin Food Bank, visited upper-grade TOEACRC students to share how they can help address the growing local hunger crisis.

The famous folk singer Harry Chapin founded Long Island Cares in 1980, just a year before his untimely death. "Harry never really got to see Long Island Cares up and running," Christine said during her 45-minute Hunger 101 session with the students in the sanctuary. "But the main focus of his dream was of a hunger-free Long Island."

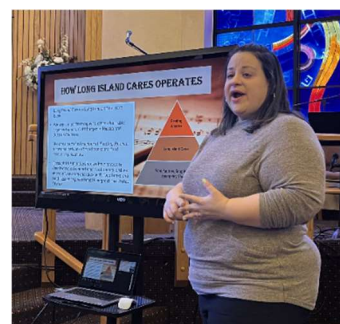
Long Island Cares is the area's largest Food Bank. In 2021, Long Island Cares distributed 14 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 11.5 million meals. It may come as a surprise that there are so many families in need, but that was the reason social action chair Susan Levine and director of lifelong learning Deborah Tract organized the March Hunger Awareness campaign at TOEACRC.

During the March 3 Shabbat service, Susan told congregants that the local community isn't immune to the world's "food insecurity" crisis. Approximately 230,000, including 68,000 children, are in need, she noted. One-third of those struggling to afford food aren't eligible for food assistance programs. "While children are among the largest population of hungry, they have virtually no voice," she said. "Their needs are easily dismissed and overlooked, and they must rely on others to access the feeding programs and services they need."

Hopefully, the campaign will go beyond March, she concluded. "I hope you will continue to remember those families that need our support and continue to pick up a few cans of food each time you go to the market," she said. Donations can be brought to the Temple or left in the container outside.




Susan Levine shared stats during March 3 Shabbat service



Long Island Cares' Christine Brown addressing students.

**Yom HaShoah** Remembering for Tomorrow  
Carrying our Stories Forward

Join us on  
**April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
when our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will  
lead a heartfelt service,  
followed by a special guest  
speaker,  
**MIREILLE TAUB**  
who is a Holocaust survivor.



For additional information, please contact: Deborah Tract, Director of Lifelong Learning (718) 744-1000

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**3PM-6PM**  
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**HA'ATZMAUT**  
Israel's 75th Birthday!

## Services Schedule

Sat. April 1	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Gavin Baeringer	10:00 AM
Sun. April 2	Torah Restoration Kick-off	10:00 AM
Fri. April 7	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Thurs. April 13	Yizkor Service	8:30 AM
Fri. April 14	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Mon. April 17	Yom Hashoah 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program	7:00 PM
Fri. April 21	Erev Shabbat Service Honoring Ed Stolarz	7:30 PM
Sat. April 22	Torah Study	10:30 AM
Fri. April 28	Young Family Shabbat Service	6:30 PM
	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade led Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. April 29	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Evan Ross	10:00 AM
Sun. April 30	Yom Ha Atzma'ut Program	3:00 PM

### Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah Candidates and their families:

#### Gavin Baeringer

Son of Cindy and Lewis

#### Evan Ross

Son of Shari and Jason



**Share your news, stories or memories in The Shofar**

**Photos are also welcome!**

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## 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 don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.



## Share Your News

We encourage our members to submit articles, photos and simchas for us to include in The Shofar. Also, we would love to include any good news you have to share in our Tell and Kvell section. Let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc. Please forward information to Goldie: [office@templeorelohim.com](mailto:office@templeorelohim.com)

## Catering

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## Baskets on the Bimah

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Proceeds go to assist local needy families. All congregants 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.

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## President's Column

I hope everyone had a chance to participate in the Purim events last month. They were great and a lot of fun. If you missed out this year, don't worry you will have another chance next year. In the meantime, watch for emails and notices about upcoming events, so you don't miss them.

Due to some scheduling issues, we had to move the Town Hall meeting from March 29 to April 26 at 8pm. More details will follow.

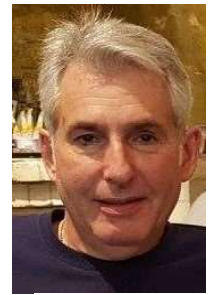
This month we are kicking off the Torah(s) restoration project and you and your family will be able to participate in their restoration and write in a Torah. A chance like this does not come along every day, so don't let this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity pass you by. I am a big believer that our mission as a congregation is to:

- Preserve our Jewish religion and culture.
- Evolve to continue to be relevant as a reform congregation and meet today's challenges.
- Perpetuate our Judaism to the next students, families, and generations to follow.

It is now our turn to preserve, evolve and perpetuate what we have here at TOEACRC. Let's face it, if the Jews that came before us did not do these things, we would not be a congregation today. For thousands of years Jews felt their Judaism

was important enough that millions died for it, instead of relinquishing their beliefs. Today, as the current custodians of Judaism, we must take our place in the cycle and preserve, evolve, and perpetuate our religion.

Restoring our Torahs addresses all three of the points above. We need to raise funds for the restoration of our most sacred text so we can breathe new life into our Torahs so they can continue to be used, as well as create an experience for everyone who participates. This is an experience our students will always remember.



**Mark Natelson**  
President

A graphic for a Town Hall Meeting. At the top left is the TOEACRC logo. The main text is in a large blue arrow pointing right: "Be a part of our future! Inviting everyone to our next TOWN HALL MEETING". Below this is a yellow banner with black text: "WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th at 8:00 PM". At the bottom left is a colorful circular graphic with the text "YOUR IDEAS", "YOUR SUGGESTIONS", and "YOUR TEMPLE". At the bottom right is a small photo of a man speaking at a podium in front of an audience.

This memory along with everything the congregation does will be the frame of reference our children will take with them when they have children, and then have to decide about a Jewish education.

Chag Sameach,  
--Mark



## Rabbi's Corner

Everything I needed to know about Judaism I learned from the Seder- Four takeaways for Passover.

1. Freedom is never free. As we recite the plagues at our Seders, we spill a drop of wine at the mention of each plague. We remember that our freedom came at a human price. We also learn in receiving our Torah, that freedom is not a free for all, but a system of equity we must keep alive with our actions.
2. The prohibition of leaven is not only about food. While we remove all bread and leavened products from our homes and our diets during Passover, we also eat only the "bread of poverty" for the week. Passover is a time of humility, where we emulate Moses' chief quality. You will not find Moses' name in the Haggadah despite how integral he was to the Exodus. Sometimes we must not be so puffed up but be humble like Moses and the symbol of this holiday, the matza.
3. Let all who are hungry come and eat. We don't get very far in the Seder service before this statement is made. Little can be accomplished if our basic needs aren't met. Passover is about meeting basic needs, autonomy and having enough to be able to share. Today we practice this principle by inviting guests to join our Seders and by providing money or food so that those in need can celebrate.
4. Pour out your wrath upon our enemies. Though we rarely promote this portion of the Seder, there is an appropriate time to remember that we have enemies. We must be mindful that they will always exist, but through our true practice, we do not allow them victory. The arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice.

On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, look for a gala celebration for Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will put all politics aside and celebrate the culture of our homeland including music, Israeli dance, food and a Shuk (marketplace). Watch for details and join us to wish Israel a Happy Birthday!

Mike, Micah, Leora and I wish you a joyous Pesach!

--Rabbi Judy



Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg



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## Cantor's Notes

It takes a lot of courage to cross the Red Sea! Is there a Red Sea in your life that you are having trouble crossing? Is there something that you just cannot seem to muster up the courage to face? Well, if you think back to the very first crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and the Hebrew people, you may be able to find some inspiration there.



Why would I be writing about the Red Sea in this Shofar article? Because Passover is right around the corner, and each holiday in the Jewish Year is designed for more than just celebration or commemoration. There is always a deeper meaning and understanding that each holiday represents.



Cantor David Katz

We are taught at a young age that the main meaning of Passover is Freedom. Freedom not only from a physical "Pharaoh" but also from our own personal internal "Pharaoh(s)". However, there is also another message in the Passover story, one of courage.

Leaving Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, traveling through the wilderness and trusting that the destination is actually safe and will be real, the Hebrew people had to continually face all of these challenges in their lives. As we know, they did not always face them with elegance or correct behavior. Remember the Golden calf! This did not mean the Hebrew people were not allowed to continue. They were, like we all are, Human. The Hebrew people faced their fears, made their mistakes, and learned from them. Thank goodness they did, because if they did not, we would not be here today.

This is the "other" meaning of Passover. It is a chance to dig in and take a real, honest look at what your fears may be. What may be holding you back in your life from becoming more of who you want to be? Try and use the example of the Hebrew people, their courage and determination, to inspire you to be courageous and strong. If you do, you will then be able to experience the other meaning of Passover - Freedom. Perhaps you will find a new personal freedom in your life.



As you sit at the seder table, give yourself a chance and a break. Don't forget the most important part of all - HAVE FUN!

From my family to yours on this Holiday-Chag Sameach.

--Cantor Katz

## Religious School

**S**halom Friends! March was an extremely fulfilling month for our synagogue and our religious school. We began March with a service centered around hunger awareness. It was a heartfelt service with words from Rabbi Judy, inspirational songs from Cantor Katz and an important message from Susan Levine, our Social Action chair. Throughout the month food was donated, with each week starting off with a specific food item. Thank you to all our families who so generously donated for this never-ending mission to feed those in need.



**Deborah Tract**  
Director of Lifelong Learning

We celebrated Purim with a Beatles shpiel that was a hit. We continued the holiday festivities with our fifth graders portraying their favorite Jewish person at Queen Esther's Living Wax Museum. To say that I am proud of our fifth graders is an understatement. I am overwhelmed with emotion over how much effort our students put forth in preparing for this program. Thank you to our parents for being great partners with our religious school and for making Jewish education an important part of your children's lives.

Next on the schedule was a delicious breakfast from Bagel Master, crafts from Krafty Hands and delicious hamantaschen baking led by Laurel Fried. A huge thank you to Laurel, Jodi Breslin, and Tascha Fuchs for their dough and filling preparation. Another heartfelt thank you to Ira Warshawsky and his family for creating a fund in memory of Flory Warshawsky, a creative baker who shared her passion with so many. May her dear memory be remembered by all of us and her passion for baking continue within our children for many generations to come. L'Dor V Dor.

Pesach is just around the corner, the story of the Exodus, gratitude, and perseverance. As we sit with family and friends retelling the stories of slavery, freedom and bravery, let's not forget the people of Israel, Ukraine and all those that yearn for peace. Keep them in your prayers so that comfort will fill their hearts very soon.

April 17, 2023, at 7:00 is our Yom HaShoah Commemorative Service. Our seventh graders who have worked very hard this year, studying about the dark days of history, will lead a service that honors the memories of all the victims lost

during the holocaust years. We will also hear from a speaker who will tell his/her story. Please make every effort to join us. Now more than ever it is very important that we continue to stand up to Holocaust deniers and repeat the stories that have been told to us.

April 30, 2023, beginning at 3 PM, we will celebrate the festive holiday of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. We will celebrate Israel's, 75th birthday with live musical entertainment and a dance performance. There will also be delicious food. Let's celebrate the establishment of the state of Israel.



*Hamantaschen baking at this year's Purim celebration with help from Laurel Fried, Jodi Breslin and Tascha Fuchs, and made possible from the Flory Warshawsky baking fund.*

Warm Regards,  
--Deborah Tract



## Network of Women (NOW)

**T**ime. It passes us by. We bide it. It's ticking. It's something we all need more of. It's something we waste. It's precious. It's on your side and it heals all wounds.

Since February 13, I did not let it pass me by, I did bide it. I did not watch it tick, but I heard the ticking from the clock on my desk. I certainly had a lot of it and I certainly did not waste it. I know how precious time is, especially when healing wounds. Six weeks of non-weight bearing due to foot surgery allowed me to hone-in on and appreciate what time really is. Prior to the surgery date I gathered photo albums to scan, edit and post to a private family FB page, downloaded books, and made sure my art supplies were readily at hand and in reach because I knew I'd be sitting at my desk for an exorbitant number of hours in a day as I was, for the most part, homebound. Time was on my side and allowed me to start and finish projects that required me to be home and in one place for a long time.



Robin Grossman,  
President of NOW

Time, your time, is what I thank you for. To all my 'sisters' who participate one way or another from near or far I thank you for your time at a Zoom meeting, during a fundraiser, during book club, answering questions behind the scenes, volunteering to do what nobody else will and for your devotion to our temple and ultimately our congregants. Your time makes a difference, and it means a lot to me. It is what keeps us afloat and successful. For those of you I have yet to meet I hope you make time to join us in something that interests you. Take the time to send me an email with your thoughts.

### ***NOW for the News:***

\*March brought us Purim and Passover and along with that, Shalach Manot and Passover wine fundraisers. Why do we have so many fundraisers? It's simple; we raise money to offset the costs the temple would otherwise incur. We purchase necessary items to help keep the temple running smoothly, efficiently and in good repair. We donate money to the religious school to help offset the cost of their Purim and Chanukah events, to Shabbat Under the Stars so we can keep the cost to you at minimum, to the Cantor's concert to add to help offset the cost of the production and many other things. As you may have seen, the library has been under a transformation in part largely to NOW's fundraising efforts (and other donors). So, in the future, when you see a fundraiser email blast come into your inbox, please take a look and participate, if it is something that catches you. Every dollar that we raise comes back to help the temple.

- Be on the lookout for Advanced Canasta class at night most likely starting in May.
- Our next N.O.W. meeting will be April 19 at 7:30 pm.
- Book Club will be Monday April 24.
- If you'd like to be an "officer" of NOW, please email me and we'll give you a spot!

--Robin Grossman  
[Handson64@aol.com](mailto:Handson64@aol.com)

## Men's Club

Spring is here! With spring, the Men's Club is planning some outdoor events as we transition to enjoying the warmer weather.

There are some upcoming events on the calendar for the next few months in 2023.

These include:

- Men's Club Meetings at 7:30pm on Tuesdays, April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Temple, or via Zoom.
- Mets game vs. Phillies at 7:10 pm on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Citi Field.

Come join us at a monthly meeting and join us at an event. There will be more events planned and more chances to meet our members as the weather heats up and we get out to take advantage of what our area has to offer.

Please stay safe and well!



Mark Starr

--Mark Starr  
Men's Club co-president

## Social Action

**M**arch was Hunger Awareness Month at TOEACRC!

Each week we asked our congregation to bring in the following food items:

- 3/5-Condiments-such as honey, salad dressing, mustard, ketchup, mayo, oil, or vinegar
- 3/12- Cold & Hot Cereal
- 3/19- Soups & Beans
- And the week of 3/26- Kosher for Passover Food—I hope you all participated.

The food collected was donated to the Rudman Food Pantry & the Hatzilu Rescue Organization. Thanks so much to our amazing congregation for their generous donations.

As part of Hunger Awareness Month, we had a special Shabbat service on Friday, March 3. We shared some facts (from Long Island Cares) about Hunger Awareness and Food Insecurity on Long Island. The Cantor and the band played appropriately themed music that brought the congregation together in song.

Susan Levine,  
Chair, Social Action Committee  
[Susanlevine318@gmail.com](mailto:Susanlevine318@gmail.com)

## NEW COLUMN!

### Ask Barry



Barry Pelofsky

I am thrilled that my non-syndicated column will appear in The Shofar beginning this month. In this column, I look forward to answering your most pressing questions. But due to the flood of mail that I receive, we have a special selection process.

To ensure that the inaugural question was selected randomly from the hundreds of letters that the Temple received, I used the following technique: I spread the envelopes out (face down) in a circle on the floor in my family room. I took a spray bottle filled with water and gently sprayed a mist over the envelopes. Then I took my slightly overweight cat, Chance, and put him down in the middle of the circle.

After a few minutes he started walking around on the circle of letters, this one was stuck to his right-hind paw. I guess you could say that there was a fat chance that this letter would be selected, but it was! I hope you enjoy it!

Dear Barry,

I have been a temple member for many years. I am happy that Rabbi Judy will be retiring after more than 30 years of being on the bimah, but I am sad that she will be leaving us. I heard a rumor that after the Special Shabbat Morning Service on Saturday May 6th, the Executive Committee will be hiring a helicopter that will land in the parking lot to whisk Rabbi Judy away to her new retired life! Please confirm if this is accurate? I have a hair salon appointment on Friday, May 5th and I want to know whether I should re-schedule it, because the turbulence from the chopper will definitely mess-up my hair?

*Sincerely,  
Hair Do from Woodbury*

**Barry Responds:**

**Dear Hair Do,**

I'm glad that you plan to join us for our special Shabbat Morning Service celebrating Rabbi Judy on Saturday, May 6th at 10:30 am. You should keep your scheduled salon appointment, because there won't be a "hair-raising" Whirlybird helicopter landing in the temple parking lot afterwards. Rabbi Judy will remain with us until the end of June after which she will begin a new chapter in her life.

Best Wishes to you and your family for a Happy Pesach!

--Barry Pelofsky

*We are pleased to introduce a new monthly feature to The Shofar, the "Ask Barry" column. This advice column will answer "questions" from the congregation on a variety of subjects in a witty, humorous and entertaining manner.*

## April Birthdays



1	Kimberly Brodsky	10	Jan Scherr	25	Neil Kaufman
1	Joshua Rogove	10	Bryan Warshawsky	25	Jesse Streitman
2	Risa Battino	13	Melanie Goldberg	25	Haley Tract
3	Howard Katz	13	Phillip Jankowitz	25	Howard Wasserman
3	Alan Levine	13	Lauren Klinghoffer	26	Emma Gallow
3	Steven Spivack	13	Kyle Singer	26	Joyce Green
3	Barbara Strell	14	Richard Minkoff	26	Richard Klinghoffer
4	Henry Ethe-Sayers	15	Carol Markman	26	David Middleman
4	Debra Goldstein	16	Martin Lecher	26	Francine Miller
4	Samantha Levine	17	Leigh Marcus	26	Karen Silpe
4	Ira Warshawsky	17	Barry Wolff	26	Jennifer Spivak
4	Jason Zeller	18	Michelle Finkelstein	27	Nicole Liebman
5	Jacob Bock	19	Hayley Baeringer	27	Jillian Meyer
5	Robert Silpe	19	Vanessa Brand	28	Laurie Beller
6	Barbara Jainchill	21	Andrea Hantman	28	Brian Goldberg
6	H. Terry Kaufman	21	Jon Middleman	29	Maria Alexenburg
6	Bertram Mitchel	22	Jeffrey Kotowitz	29	Adina Ginsburg
6	Michael Singer	22	Louis Nackman	29	Adam Nessim
7	Chloe Citron	22	Brian Scherr	29	Carly Rosner
7	Jennifer Gallow	23	Karen Getelman	29	Jason Rubin
7	Stephen Mender	23	Jackson Keener	29	Linda Spivack
9	Rhonda Moore	24	Diane Davanto	29	Jade Tannor
10	Jeanie Corn	24	Matthew Kandel	30	Allison Damast
10	Laurie Fuller	24	Robin Kugel	30	Marc Spivack
10	Jessica Hogan	24	Jodi Marcus	30	Mia Wang
10	Karen Karp	25	Amy Adler		

## April Anniversaries

1	Dean and Gabriela Hart	9	Dean and Maria Alexenburg	20	Robert and Jill Feinman
	Bryan and Barbara Wachs		Louis and Barbara Jainchill		Paul and Esther Reich
4	Eric and Rhonda Moore				
4	Bill and Ruth Robeson	10	David and Lois Lerner	29	Michael and Denise Berman
5	Gary and Jeanie Corn	13	Larry and Stacey Menkes	30	Neil and Laura Miller



## Torah Portions



### **April 1, Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36)**

This portion delineates the responsibilities and rights of the priests who offer sacrifices in the temple. It explains the importance of an eternal fire upon the altar and the ways sacrifices should be treated.

### **April 8, Passover (Chol Ha'Moed) Exodus 33.12-34.26**

This portion relates the story of the Exodus from Egypt, Pharaoh's change of heart, the Egyptian army's pursuit of the Israelites, the miraculous crossing through the Red Sea, the drowning of the Egyptian army as they too attempt to cross and the victorious Song of Thanksgiving to God.(Num. 28).

### **April 15, Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)**

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

### **April 22, Tazria/Metzora – (Levit. 12:1-13:59, 14:1–15.33)**

Tazria deals with laws of purification. These laws are considered to be both hygienic and 'levitical', related to religious law. This chapter deals in specific detail with purification after childbirth and the laws associated with the disease of leprosy. The health of the community was of sacred concern among the Israelites, so as to achieve spiritual well-being. Priests were given the responsibility for healing. We are taught that how we live, what we eat, how we think and act in our everyday lives is an important aspect in our religious/spiritual lives.

In Metzora, the rites and rituals of purification of a leper and the cleansing of the infected home are covered, as are other items of ritual impurity dealing with physical secretions.

### **April 29, Acharei-Mot (Leviticus 16:1-18:30)**

Achrei-Mot deals with preparations by the High Priest for Yom Kippur. Only on Yom Kippur could the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Tablets was kept. Each Israelite was required to fast and atone on this day and to seek forgiveness from God and from each other. Also listed are the laws of prohibited marriages of close relatives, which was then common practice amongst the Egyptians and Canaanites.

## **We sorrowfully mourn the passing of:**

Our longtime member, Marilyn Kellman



# Yahrzeits

## Week of April 1

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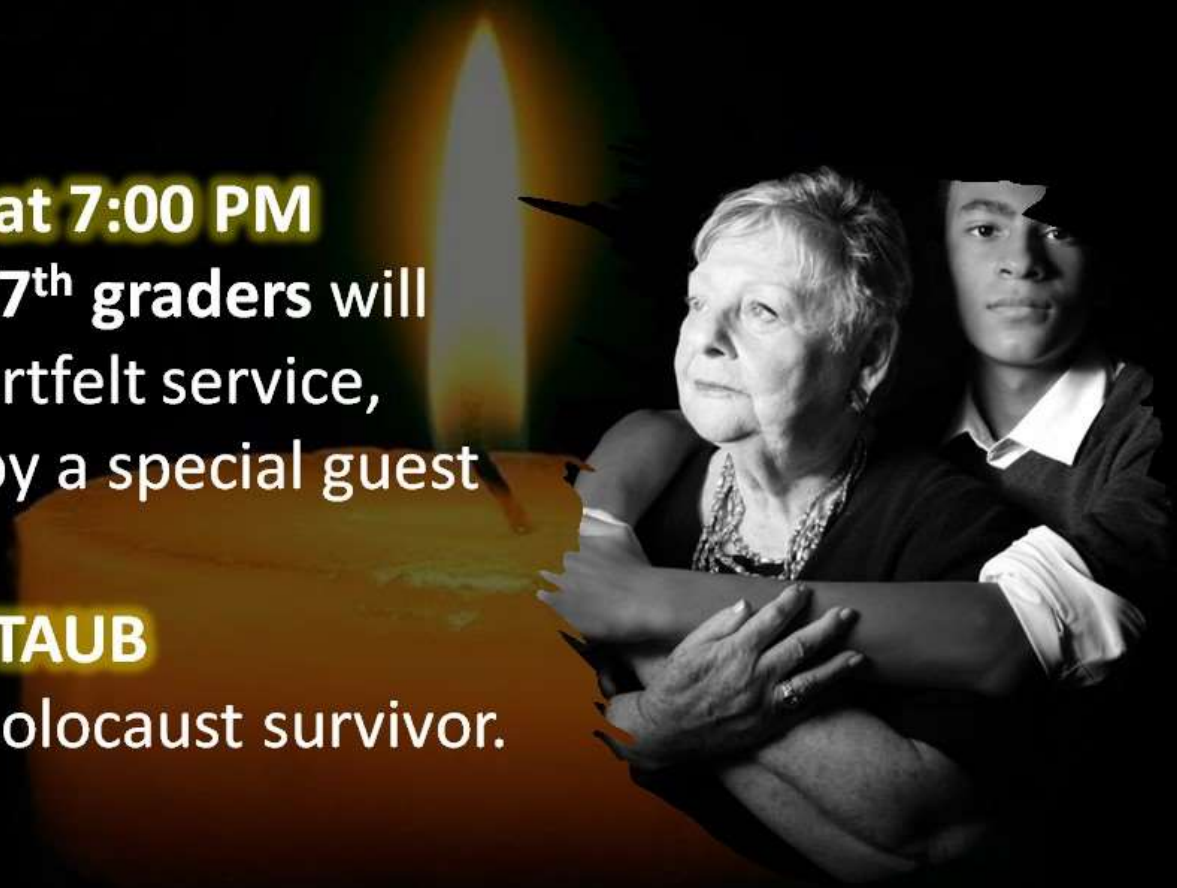
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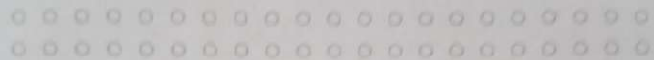
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Gavin Baeringer
2 Torah Restoration Kick-off 10:00 AM-12 Noon	3 Internal Controls Meeting 7:30 PM	4 Strategic Planning 8:00 PM	5 Passover First Seder	6 Passover Second Seder  Religious School recess begins	7  Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	8
9	10	11 Ritual Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Round Table Rap 7:00 PM	13 Yizkor Service 8:30 AM	14 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	15
16	17 Religious School Resumes  7th Grade Program Yom Hashoah 7:00 PM	18	19 N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 pM	20 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	21 Musical Erev Shabbat Service honoring Ed Stolarz 7:30 PM	22 Torah Study 10:30 AM
23	24 N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	25 Board of Trustees meeting 8:00 PM	26 Town Hall Meeting 8:00 PM	27 Torah Study 7:30 PM	28 Young Family Shabbat 6:30 PM  Fifth & Sixth Grade Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	29 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Evan Ross
30 Yom Ha Atzma'ut Program 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM						

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## Minutes From February Board of Trustees Meeting

March 1, 2023, 8:00 pm



**Attendees:** Mark Natelson, Jessica Gerschitz, Robin Grossman, Ira Warshawsky, Gary Corn, Laurel Fried, Sue Zichlin, Jami Schultz, Doug Ethe-Sayers, Cary Markman, Barbara Feinstein, Liz Wolkoff, David Schwartz, Jeff Schwartz, Susan Bloomberg, Rebecca Kusnetz, Neil Miller, Jill Zeller, Deena Yaris, Ivan Dolowich, Susan Levine, Gary Topple, Phil Rubin, Amy Adler

**Absent:** Anne Edelman, Howard Pastolove, Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg, Roz Vermut

**Clergy/Staff:** Cantor David Katz, Deborah Tract

**Rabbi's Report** (submitted in advance by Rabbi Judy, shared by Mark Natelson)

- Emil Fackenheim, Jewish philosopher, and Holocaust Survivor taught that the 614th commandment is “never give Hitler a posthumous victory.” The Jewish community, law enforcement and the media were vigilant, and the recent neo-Nazi day of hate came to naught. We cannot allow ourselves to be intimidated and must continue living our Jewish lives both privately and publicly.
- Attend our services and events for Purim, Torah Restoration and Israel’s 75th birthday. Join in the Celebrate Israel Parade on 5th Avenue this spring. We must thrive and we at TOEACRC have the tools to do it.

**Cantor's Report** (Cantor David Katz)

- Deborah and Susan Levine have prepared a beautiful hunger awareness month service and there'll be some nice music to go along with that.
- Next week for Purim, the theme of the spiel will be the Beatles.
- In the coming weeks there will be some wonderful Bar Mitzvahs. The next one is from a family who came over from Jericho Jewish Center. They are quite conservative; the father is Israeli. During a rehearsal the mom said: “we wouldn't even have done all this at JJC.” And she said, she was thrilled at the amount of Torah reading: it is nothing like what they would have done. And he's leading the whole service, which you'd never get to do over there.
- There is going to be an interfaith service honoring Farouque Khan's in May, he's the head of the Muslim, community. Laurel connected them with me, and I'm going to go do some music for them.
- The Cantor's concert will take place June 25, and we are going to try and make it like a music festival this time, perhaps get some food. It will probably be based on Jewish pop composers and folk musicians from the 1970s.

**School Report** (Deborah Tract)

- Next Sunday is our Purim fun day in religious school, to include a breakfast with Hamantaschen baking. Thanks to Ira Warshawsky, for use of the Flory Warshawsky fund.
- For Hunger Awareness Month, Rebecca's sons will be coming to the school twice to discuss with students how they can grow vegetables.
- A big Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration planned for April 30 from 3-6pm to commemorate Israel 75th birthday. Toby Tobias will perform in concert with Cantor David Katz. We'll have a dancing performer, and Israeli food.
- Applied for a grant for the Jewish educational project to try to get funding to enhance our Holocaust remembrance program for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, as well is to bring it to teens in the community.

**President's Report** (Mark Natelson)

There have been a lot of things going on at the same time for the last few months and February was no exception Please read the committee reports for the details.

- Purim is coming with Beatles inspired spiel, get ready to shake those groggers.
- Work on the library has started with the removal of the floor
- We have applied for three security grants
- Rabbi Search and Exec are focusing on developing our contingency plan for new year
- The new website is being developed
- The Torah Restoration project will be kicking of soon, watch for how you and your family can participate in it.

**Membership** (Laurel Fried)

We will reach out to past members soon and will be scheduling a new member brunch and/or Service in the Spring. I would appreciate help from anyone who is interested in both items.

**Shabbat Under the Stars** (Laurel Fried)

Scheduled for September 8, 2023. Hopefully, we will have a BBQ again.

**Garden** (Laurel Fried)

I am working on putting together a garden proposal with a Pergola. I have three different estimates and hope to do this project in honor of Rabbi Abramowitz and Cantor Joan.

**Ritual Committee** (Len Gerschitz) from Ritual Meeting February 2, 2023

- Torah Restoration Project – Rabbi Judy reported that The Fund-Raising program kick-off date has been postponed to either 3/19 or 4/2.
- Ed Stolarz – On Friday 4/21/23 the Ritual Committee will honor Ed Stolarz for his dedicated years of service to the Temple. Cantor Katz will design the service using music Ed has composed for each prayer over the years.

**NOW** (Robin Grossman)

- Shalach Manot orders are due March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Our next book club discussion will be on Monday, March 27 via Zoom and we will be discussing the book The Matchmaker's Gift by Linda Loigman.
- Last chance to see West Side Story at the Argyle Theater in Babylon on March 19. Order tickets by March 5.
- We will also be having a Passover Wine Tasting and Sale at Nobel Wine and Spirits on March 30 and 31. Please consider purchasing your Passover wine selection and any wine selected during those days through April 13.

**Cantor's Concert** (Laurel Fried)

Cantor is chairing it himself this year. The date has changed multiple times and currently he is looking at the weekend of June 24 to have the concert.

**Library Reno Project** (Robin Grossman)

The floors were ripped up and flooring ordered. By the time we have this meeting I hope the materials will be at the temple. Thank you all for clearing out the library.

**Men's Club** (Mark Starr)

We're planning some exciting events for spring 2023. The Men's Club had the following events recently:

- Annual Dinner at the Orient Restaurant (Jan. 10)
- Monthly meeting (Feb. 7)

**Our upcoming events include:**

- Walk in the Park (Mar. 19)
- Talk (and brunch) about Mickey Marcus, a US Army colonel, later Israel's first General

**Sunshine:** (Robin Grossman)

- Sunshine and Caring sent something to Harvey Yaris as he broke his leg and was in rehab, something sent to Cary after her fall, Thank you from me, Robin, for the daffodils following my foot surgery. Also, a thank you note from Cary for what was sent in after Bob's passing. Thinking of you card for Deena. Congrats card to the Kusnetz family on Brandon's BM. Condolence card and something sent to Edelman's for Scott's mother's passing.

**Social Action Committee** (Susan Levine)

March 2023 is Hunger Awareness Month! --We hope you can join us on Friday, March 3 for our Hunger Awareness Shabbat. Please bring at least one non-perishable item with you to services.

**Each week we will collect specific items:**

- March 5-Condiments: honey, salad dressing, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil & vinegar
- March 12- boxed & hot cereal.
- March 19- soups & beans
- March 26- kosher for Passover Food

**And there's more:** On Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> Long Island Cares will present a Hunger 101 workshop for our Hebrew School students.

**New Website** (Laurel Fried)

We are working on a proposed home page from our designer. We are meeting with her on Thursday, March 2 to review her progress.

**New Business**

**Cary:** A save the date email will be going out regarding the Shabbat morning service on May 6 honoring Rabbi Judy.

**Neil:** We have applied for three grants for security from New York State. The security committee thanks Robin Rabinowitz for the time and effort that she put into those applications to get them done in a timely fashion.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:38 p.m. Notes prepared by Jeff Schwartz.**