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# Resilency & Innovation (Chiddush - חידוש)

Going from darkness to light is a theme in Judaism from ancient times through today. We saw this so clearly as we commemorated Kristallnacht in prayer and with a poignant presentation by survivor Werner Reich followed by healing prayers in anticipation of Thanksgiving and now the much-awaited celebration of Hanukkah.

Throughout our long history, we have been challenged to rise again, each time bringing some new element to our Judaism. After the Holocaust, it was a dedication to never allow ourselves or any other group of people to be destroyed and embarking on shared journeys with fellow Jews and others to meet that goal. Gratitude, healing and memorial seem appropriate methods to move us forward as we enter the light of the Hanukkah season. As we celebrate our victories and the desire to keep our traditions, we must also remember the years following the first Hanukkah as a period of innovation (chiddush) for our people. That chiddush lives on today and helps us to fulfill the best ideals of Judaism in modern times.



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## President's Message:

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

As I write this, the days are getting shorter and shorter. With the end of Daylight Savings Time, darkness descends by around 5 pm and the weather is getting chillier and chillier. This is the time of year where light is at a premium and we need to take advantage of every opportunity to bring more of it into our lives. The importance of light was brought home at our Temple in November and will once again be front and center in December.

Monday, November 9 was the annual commemoration of Kristallnacht, that fateful night in 1938 when the Jews of Germany saw their synagogues, homes and businesses destroyed on a massive level that no one had thought possible up to that point. We remembered those fateful events both at services on November 6 and with our guest speaker, Holocaust survivor Werner Reich speaking to us by zoom on November 9. Then in conjunction with the Long Island Holocaust Center, we requested that everyone leave their lights on overnight that night. I hope you all did, as we can never forget how the events of Kristallnacht led eventually to the slaughter of 6,000,000 of our brothers and sisters. In these difficult times, we must remain ever vigilant to make sure that never happens here or anywhere.

On a happier note, we of course celebrate light in December with Chanukah. Do not miss Nishamah playing on Friday night, December 11, the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Chanukah and do not forget to bring your menorahs to temple with 3 candles. In a safe, socially distant manner, we will continue our tradition of lighting all of the menorahs to brighten our sanctuary. While our usual Chanukah Party cannot happen this year because of COVID-19, Mrs. Tract nevertheless has safe, special activities planned for our children on Sunday, December 13. Please be on the lookout for details of these events elsewhere in the Shofar, in e-mail blasts, in flyers and on Facebook.

As we near the end of the secular year, we should remember that the most important thing we have is each other. Let us all hope that the cloud that has hung over us since March will lift so that we can look forward together to a brighter 2021. Have a happy and above all healthy, secular new year.

Neil Miller, President

# **Online Donations Made Easy**

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, <u>orelohim.com</u>, 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!





## Rabbi's Corner:

Hanukkah is around the corner! We light the first candle on Thursday night December 10<sup>th</sup>. As with all the other holidays we have celebrated over the last months, Hanukkah will be slightly different this year. At temple, we will try to maintain our custom of lighting our Menorahs together in the sanctuary, with some extra spacing to keep "COVID Kosher". I have some other ideas to allow us all to enjoy the Menorahs of people who join us on livestream but don't know yet if they will come to fruition, stay tuned.



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Here are two suggestions to enhance your Hanukkah celebration at home. There are a plethora of new children's books with Hanukkah themes. As a fan of Sesame Street, I recommend Grover's Hanukkah Party and I was intrigued by the story of unusual gifts in Kugel for Hanukkah. Both books are published by Kar-Ben Publishing and are available through their website along with many other charming titles, <u>www.karben.com</u> If you are still not able to see your grandchildren in person, share a book by Zoom or FaceTime with them several nights during the holiday. Order 2 copies of each book, one they open as a present and one for you to read with them. Creating a family book club using a book you gift various family members is another way to celebrate and even extend the celebration. Your family receives the book during Hanukkah along with an invitation to a book party to share thoughts and reactions to the gift book.

Dedicate a day during Hanukkah to combat hunger. Our holidays are so tied to food (this is one of the "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat" holidays) and we, thankfully, have so much. Contributing groceries to a food pantry such as the one at Mid Island Y JCC in Plainview or making a donation to Hatzilu Rescue Organization <u>www.hatzilurescue.org</u> can be made in lieu of one or more gifts this year.

Look for a flier later this month to provide food on Christmas morning. We will change things up this year, and find other recipients for our gift meals as visitation at many hospitals is still restricted.

However, you do so, have a joyous Hanukkah and spread light wherever you go during Chag HaUrim, our Festival of Light.

From our home to yours, Mike, Micah and Leora join me in wishing you Chag Sameach!

## Rabbi Judy



## Cantor's Message:

This month of the year we have the deceiving holiday of Hanukkah coming-Happy Hanukkah! I say deceiving because when we think of Hanukkah, most of us think of the menorah shining bright and the many nights of presents. But 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 foe.



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I like to think of our temple congregation as the brave few. The Judah Maccabee's of Jericho!

Not that we have to overthrow anybody or that we are under attack. However, we are a strong community temple that really knows how to be there for each other as well as celebrate when we go through challenging life events, especially like this last year. This continual support and being there for each other is what make us so special.

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We help each other and grow together as we face life's challenges both personally and as a congregation. So, let us make sure December is the month we are going to do just that and start by attending the Hanukkah service.

If you have never been to our Hanukkah service, then you have been missing a real treat. This year is no exception. On December 11, we will have our annual Hanukkah/Shabbat service.

First and foremost, our band Nishamah will be providing the music for the service. We love the Hanukkah service, it's full of families and kids. Included in all the joy and celebration is our annual menorah lighting ceremony. Everyone gets to bring to the service their own menorah. Then we set them all out on tables in front of the bima and light the first candle for Hanukkah. It is a sight to behold, again, something you will not want your family to miss. It is very special and reminds us of the community we are so lucky to be a part of.

Please come and celebrate with us. Make this year's Hanukkah a special one by starting it off with the whole temple community. We love seeing you at services and hope you can make it!

Chag Sameach, *Cantor Katz* 

# Rockin the Hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s



#### **Featuring The Vinyl Frontier**

## **Religions** School:

Shalom Friends,

The theme for this past November was "GRATITUDE". We are two months into our Religious School year. As I reflect back to last March when we closed our synagogue; it feels like a bad dream from which I have gratefully awoken and am able to do what I enjoy - overseeing

our religious school, seeing our children, hearing their laughs, watching them learn and listening to our teachers teach. This is gratitude.

Thank you, parents for your ongoing support and your dedication to your child's Jewish education. Our children are acclimated and their enthusiasm is extraordinary. They are resilient and have demonstrated this each time they enter our synagogue doors.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been "twinned" with a child who perished in the Holocaust. As they continue to learn about a horrific time in history, their questions and their thinking minds equate to meaningful discussions. Our young adults are empathetic and sensitive to the history behind their "twin" and are creating their own blueprint to honor a child's memory whose life was lost in the Holocaust.

December 13, 2020 we will have Hanukkah Baking, to honor the memory of Flory Warshawsky, beloved wife of our congregant, Ira. Flory was an avid baker, especially for the holidays. All donations that were made in memory of Flory were donated to a fund that would bring wonderful baking experiences to our Religious School children. Thank you to Ira Warshawsky and his family for providing this heartwarming program for our school. May her dear memory always be for a blessing. As we bake and create some of Flory's delicious recipes, we will hold Flory's memory close to our hearts.

My wish for our families, as we celebrate the Festival of Lights, is that we remember gratitude for all we have, despite these unprecedented times that we all continue to navigate with positivity. When lighting the menorah, perhaps dedicate a candle for each night when lighting the candles as a family.

-Candle 1-Family -Candle2 -Kindness -Candle 3-Gratitude -Candle 4-Health -Candle 5-Unity -Candle 6-Peace -Candle 7-Friendship -Candle 8-Perseverance & Strength

Wishing our temple family a Happy Hanukkah and my best wishes for a wonderful 2021!

B'Shalom,

Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education



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# N.O.W. (Network of Women)

The Gift

It is our task to write articles a month in advance. So, as I write this, today is just another day in November. However, it is an extraordinary weather day as if it were a spring day in June. Since it is a November day, I will call this day a gift. I'm not much of a beach lover in the hot sweltering sun but I do enjoy a beach day in the cooler weather where it was that I spent my November day enjoying my gift. Now here we are almost in December. Since it is the beginning, I can only say that if we are granted another day with extraordinary weather that is unseasonable, stop what you are doing, go outside, breathe in the fresh air and take a walk as you have been given a gift that cannot be wasted. Perhaps a mid-December Hanukkah gift awaits us. Either way ,enjoy what has been given to you, as gifts like these will be harder to come by as the winter days roll on.

### NOW For the News

At our October meeting it was decided that we will be sending all of our N.O.W. members the minutes to keep you all informed of what we have been doing and of course hoping to entice you to join a meeting, share your wisdom and your thoughts, participate in an event, order a Mah Jongg card or whatever we might be doing in the months to come!

It is our hope that we will one day very soon return to our foursomes and play the beloved game of Mah Jongg sitting at a card table and enjoying the company of our friends face to face. Don't forget to order your 2021 card from us. There is a form attached at the end of this issue of the Shofar. Please download and send to the address listed. Small print cards are \$9 and large print cards are \$10.

For those of you who participated in the Hanukkah craft I hope you enjoyed and used them to send to your friends and family wishing them joy this holiday season. Obviously, if we were in person there would have been more handson crafting. However, we are making the best of a Zoom event!

Book Club continues to meet monthly. If there is a book you are reading and would like to suggest it to the group please join us at the discussion. Every month someone chooses a book; all themes and genres are up for discussion. This is also open to ALL members of the congregation not just members of NOW.

We welcome with open arms all new members to TOEACRC. Your dues are complimentary for the first year so please join us for anything you might be interested in.

Please "like" our temple Facebook Pages....Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation AND the Familyhood page called Temple Or Elohim Familyhood, ACRC. Updates with the most recent flyers and information can be found there.

Thank you to all who donated eyeglasses which will be sent to The New Eyes for the Needy Program. We collect all year round so don't worry if you missed this pick up.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 PM. The next Book Club date is determined at the previous month's discussion (which as previously stated this is written in a month in advance and therefore, we have not yet met!). Please keep an eye out on Facebook and email blasts for title and date.

In the meantime, from my family to yours we wish you a joyous Hanukkah and a very happy healthy 2021!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W. Handson64@aol.com

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# Men's Club

At its October meeting, the Men's Club voted to approve our new bylaws. We also discussed plans for our "Men's Club Shabbat Service" on Friday night, November 13th. By majority vote, the guys decided to hold the service "live" in the sanctuary (with streaming) and subsequently, we also decided upon a theme. As of this writing, we are busily preparing for the service and have scheduled a "dress rehearsal" for Sunday, November 8th. Many of our members have agreed to participate in the service in various capacities.



Sunday morning, October 25th, the Men's Club took down the beautiful sukkah we had previously raised. The operation went smoothly, thanks to the guys who turned out and Lucy and Henry, the children of new members Doug and Scott.

The Men's Club November meeting was held on Thursday, November 5th. Among other topics, we discussed the upcoming service and decided to "take a hike" on Sunday morning, November 29th. Most likely the hike will be scheduled for around 10:00 at a local state park, but more details will follow.

Stay safe everyone and make the most out of every day.

Ed Temple & Mark Heller Co-Presidents

## **Social Action Committee**

Thank you to all who participated in Neighbors helping Neighbors Thanksgiving Community Project through the Mid-Island JCC. More information to come on how we can support our community during the upcoming Hanukkah and Christmas holidays!

Please remember that our Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs Kosher nonperishable food & paper goods/cleaning supplies (which are not covered by SNAPS formerly Food Stamps). Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Susan Levine, Chair Social Action Committee <a href="mailto:susanlevine318@gmail.com">susanlevine318@gmail.com</a> Alan Levine, President Hatzilu Rescue Organization



## We not only think outside the box, but we also enhance the box.

In these challenging times around the world, our country has transformed greatly. Since last Spring, we have all adjusted to a new method of work, education, entertainment and prayer. Many of us have new fashion accessories such as rhinestone sparkle masks and purple vinyl gloves while others may just have plain blue or white masks. As we are all trying to adjust our daily lives to this new normal, many organizations and establishments have found creative approaches to coping with the pandemic.

Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation (TOEACRC), acted swiftly to ensure its members would be able to continue to enjoy the religious, educational and social traditions that have been our hallmark for more than 6 decades. We instituted new methods for observing Shabbat, celebrating Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and the High Holy days this year. Unlike most Reform Temples in Nassau County, TOEACRC has offered in person services, enabling our congregants to pray in their sanctuary and see their friends and clergy in a CDC safe world as well as in the comfort of their own homes via live stream. Further, we created a hybrid approach to our Hebrew School program, offering both in-person socially distanced classes and real-time digital study via Zoom and Skype. All these new guidelines for the building and the congregants were designed by TOEACRC's own COVID-19Task Force comprised of doctors, microbiologists, pharmacists and other healthcare workers.

While we all try to find ways to safely socialize, TOEACRC has launched a series of in-person and digital events designed to bring us together and lift our spirits. On the afternoon of Sunday, October 18, we turned our parking lot into a club as singer songwriter Robert Appleblatt and popular local band Vinyl Frontier entertained attendees with music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s for a few hours. People were delighted to have the chance to be out of their houses and mingling with friends.

"What an amazing experience" said Gale Gluck.

"It was a wonderful event. It was great seeing everyone in person again" said Mark Natelson.

"Everyone is having so much fun and smiling" said Rose Bruy.

As the months grow colder, we have introduced a number of new weekly programs to help our members cope and stay connected with each other and clergy including Chanting from the Torah and Meditation and Stress Relief – both led by our Cantor. Just recently the cantor led a class on "The Temple of the Body and the Temple of the Soul." This was originally created by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov and it allowed us to reduce the anxiety in the different parts of our body and to become one with ourselves.

The Rabbi has moved her regular weekly Torah Study classes on-line, with the usual insights and lively conversations continuing as if everybody were in the same room. In one of the recent sessions, we learned about how Noah was chosen to build the ark and why he was asked to bring just two of each animal. Our Rabbi also participated in a Multi Faith Forum held on Zoom in which 450 Bellmore Merrick students were able to reap the benefits of the collective wisdom of 6 of our local faith leaders. The children came away with a deeper understanding of both the different perspectives and commonalities amongst the major religions and we can only hope that they will help us move away from intolerance and discrimination in our world.

As the weather gets colder the Temple and congregants will be trying to initiate further programs for all those involved. For instance, a Zoom Hanukkah Baking class with a limited number of in-person attendees is being organized by the Director of Education. The dream of all members and non-members is that this crisis comes to an end sooner than later. Be well, healthy and stay safe!

Laurel Fried

(This article was sent to the newspaper)

### My Turn: Being "there" for one another for 60 years and counting

I thought what better time than now, during a pandemic, for me to share the wonderful journey that my family has had for the past 60 years. It was shortly after the passing of my grandmother, who was predeceased by my grandfather, that the cousins, aunts and uncles got together to talk about what we could do to honor the memory of our grandparents.

First, I must tell you of the struggles my grandparents encountered coming to America from Poland. Not knowing the language and having little money and with three small children, their biggest goal in life in this new land was to give their children a better life than what they had. In later years, my grandparents made each of their seven grandchildren a special birthday party and made sure that each of the grandchildren attended. They said that after all the struggles they had endured in coming to the United States, we all needed to "be there" for one another throughout the years.

That thought re-emerged after my grandmother's death as we said to one another, why don't we start a "Cousins Club" to honor their memory?

And so, the J. Rosenberg's Cousins Club was formed. Its members spanning five countries (the United States, England, France, Australia and Israel), the Cousins Club is more vital than ever. We met every other month for the first 40 years and now plan to meet five times a year.

We started our own newspaper in 1975 with different family members writing columns so we could keep up with one another; it is published six times a year. We are now in our fourth generation and everyone knows all their cousins. Most of the cousins from Australia, France and England have even attended meetings.

In 2019, we had an in-person Seder, with 44 cousins from all over driving or flying in to gather at a restaurant in Huntington. It was definitely a happening! We've also had weekends away, picnics and even this year — during the COVID-19 pandemic — held a Passover Seder on Zoom with 56 people participating.

We are "there" for one another in celebration and in sadness, when we experience losses. At our Nov. 8 zoom meeting, we welcomed our new co-presidents, cousins in their 20s who will bring fresh ideas and innovations as the Cousins Club welcomes its 61st year. The meeting was attended by 46 family members in two countries — what a thrill it was to see everyone! — including a cousin who joined us from her hospital bed. We also had a tribute for my sister Rosalie Lester who just died. She had served as secretary for more than 20 years. We have a family tree spanning back 510 years and a historian to keep it growing into the future. I know for sure my grandparents are looking down at us knowing that their legacy is one that will live on.

Sheila Kwitkin Zimmerman (Printed in Newsday)

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# Tell & Kvell:

Congratulations to Carol (aka Cary) Markman on receiving the 2020 Gold Award from the National Conference of CPA Practitioners. She was recognized for her lifetime achievements not only as a CPA, but also as contributor, advocate and selfless volunteer to the entire organization.

Congratulations to Dr. Sydni Grossman, PT, DPT on passing her boards and receiving her Doctor of Physical Therapy.



#### Yahrzeits:

#### Week of December 5

Lillian Pearl Aber, Rose Altstadter, Jack Breitman, Geraldyne T. Brostoff, Sandy Rose Cavrell, Helen Kimack Doernis, Elaine F. Donn, Herbert Edson, Herman Feinstein, Frank Fingerhut, Jacob D. Finkelstein, Hannah Franzblau, Elaine Grumback, Nathaniel Halpern, Arthur Herscovit, Robert Junghandel, Harold Kellman, Maria R. Kussoy, Alice Leff, Harry Levy, Herbert Lieberman, Ida Lubard, Mack Lubell, Nathan Michaels, Ilene W. Miller, Joel Miot, Florence S. Moss, Betty Novak, Jean Pollack, Samuel Pressman, Joseph M. Rosen, Jack Rosenthal, Morris Sacks, Jules Sawyer, Robert J. Schaefer, Fanny Schanker, Wendy Schwartz, Esther Shapiro, Lester Shimberg, Ida Siegel, Max Silpe, Mary Ann Slavin, Herb Solomon, Ronald Speero, Steven Joel Sternfeld, Abraham Topple, Dora Uretsky, Fay Weinberg, Ruth Weiss, Louis Welikson, Edward Wisotsky and Lillian Wolfson

#### Week of December 12

Ruby Beeber, Josephine Cavolo, Perry Chafetz, Phyllis Cohen, Henrietta Cooper, Richard S. Donn, Florence Eisenberg, Abraham L. Feldman, Stanley Feltman, Herbert Fleisher, Henry Friedman, Harry Gerschitz, Lewis Gold, Robert Goodman, Eleanor Grayson, Isadore Hoffman, Mae Isserles, Irving Jacobson, Jennie F. Jaret, Sally Kipness, Morris Konsker, Roz Laurence, Beki Lawner, Muriel Lecher, Harry Lehner, Leonard J. Levine, Margaret M. Levy, Joe Lewis, Louis Maran, Julius Bud Menzin, Joseph Morris, Alice Newton, Clara Padell, Arthur Pollak, Virginia Ford Quinlan, Emily Rapp, Bessie Ratner, Sandra Rose, Linda Barbara Saslow, Jerry Saunders, Doris Scherr, Sol Siegel, Harold Silpe, Richard Unger, Violet Weinberg, Bernard Wengrover, Wolf Werbin and Abraham Wiener

#### Week of December 19

Philip Bekerman, Michael Bernstein, Eva Bronstein, Max Bronstein, Louis Cohen, Jack Debowsky, Tillie Ednick, Fannie Egelman, Leonard Finkelstein, Sylvia Finkelstein, Faye Frank, Lillian Freilich, Carey Getelman, Jessica Karp, Helen Katz, Pearl Kwitkin, Adele Lerner, Louis Meltz, Rebecca Orenstein, Molly B. Popkin, David Quint, Lazarus Reit, Sam Rocks, Flora Shimberg, Dora Siegel, Anne Silverman, Max Silvey, Harry Steinfeld, Ted Tulchin, Norman Vader, Bessie Weinberger and Mark Woorman

#### Week of December 26

Barbara Lee Allen, May Allen, Anne Balfour, Betty Brody, Joseph Broxmeyer, Vincent Bruy, Eva Butensky, Fannie A. Cohen, Harold Cohen, Rebecca Fisher, Moses Goldring, Ida Goldstein, Albert Goldstone, Sidney Gottlieb, Paul Grossman, Beatrice Hantman, Carey Helman, Belle Herenstein, Ruth Herscovit, Laurence Kaplan, Mollie Kaplan, Zahava Karat, Murray Kestenbaum, Mollie Labelson, Milton Lomasky, Anna Meltz, Richard Middleman, Samuel Miller, Elias Mishkin, Nita Moosman, Mary Naftal, Veronica Natelson, Sylvia Price, Harry Rosen, Rosalie Rossano, Charles Rothenberg, Saul Rubin, Sadye Scheirer, Nathan Schifter, Sue Seltzer, Bernard Shacker, Sidney Sherman, Diana Rose Siegel, Adela Silbiger, Eugene Singer, Yetta Spiegel, Leonard Suroff, Maria Tarantino, Ellen Vader, Tillie Wieselman and Arthur Wolfson

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Janet Miller Sister of Stan Miller and Aunt of Jodi Breslin	
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#### Torah Notes:

#### December 5 - Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4-36:43)

Jacob prepares to meet Esau for the first time in decades. He wrestles with "a man," and receives the new name "Yisrael," which means "wrestles with God." Jacob and Esau reconcile, and go their own ways. Shechem rapes Dinah, and Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi take revenge. Rachel dies while giving birth to Benjamin. Isaac dies, and is buried in Hebron.

### December 12 - Vayeshev (Gen 37:1-40:3)

Joseph's life takes a strange and disturbing turn after he shares his prophetic dreams with his brothers. Jealous of the way in which their father favored him, Joseph's brothers heartlessly attack him, sell him into slavery and tell their father that he had been killed by a wild beast. Thus begins Joseph's life in the Land of Egypt. The Torah pivots back to Canaan, where Tamar educates Judah about how to treat a woman, through deception and sex. Back in Egypt, Joseph refuses his master's advances. He ends up in prison through no fault of his own. In prison, he begins to make a name for himself as an interpreter of dreams.

### December 19 - Miketz (Gen 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 Meneshe. There is a great famine in all of the lands, but Joseph is prepared. From far and wide, people to 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 26 - Vayigash (Gen 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 prosper in Egypt.

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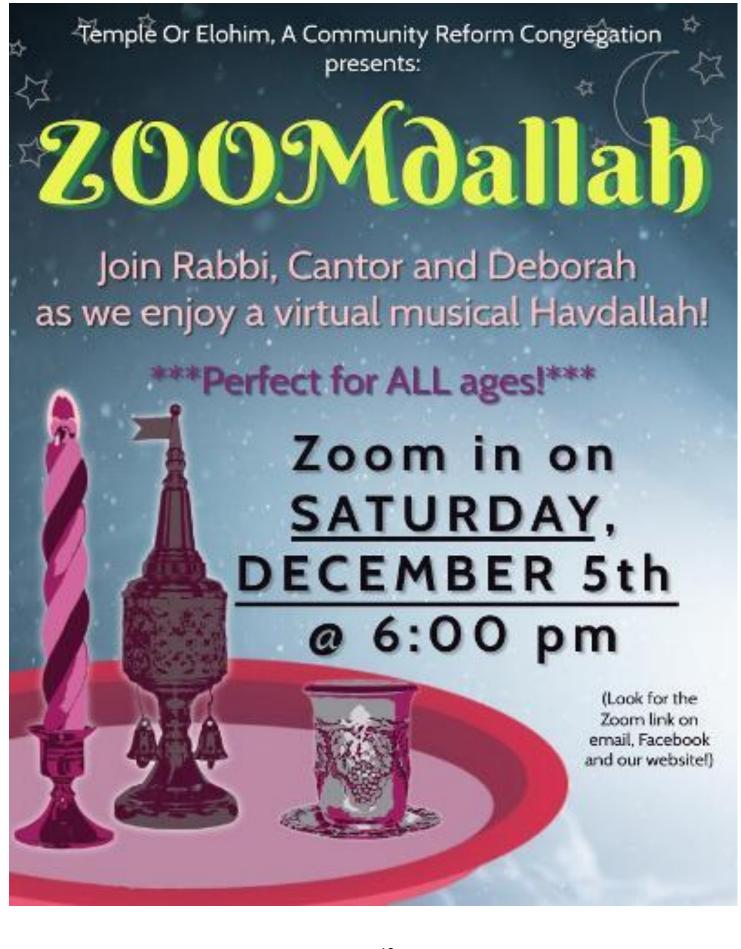


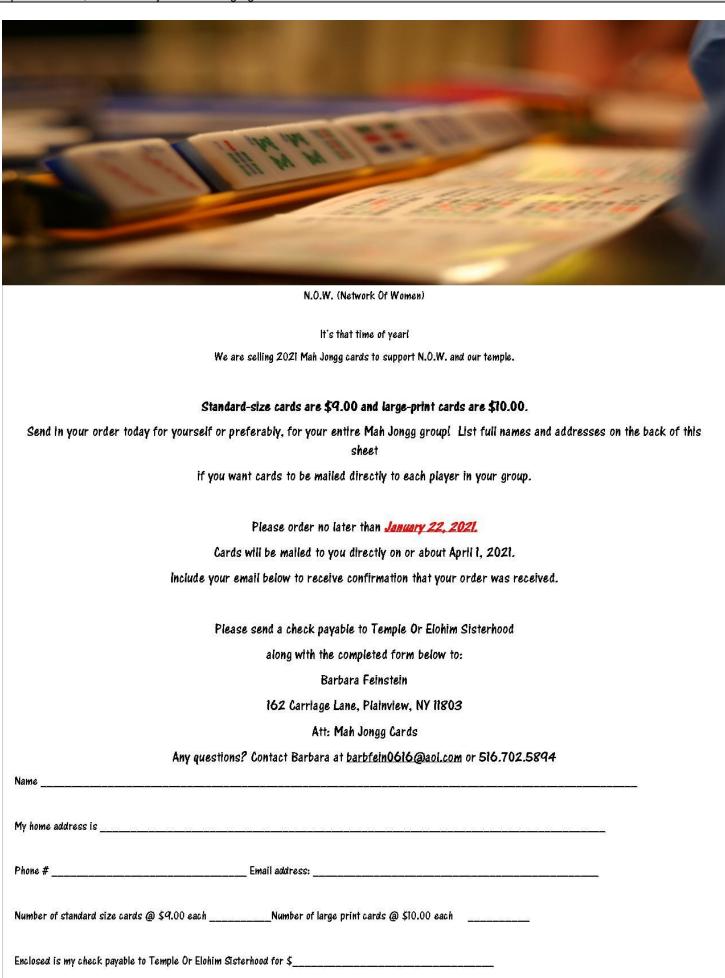
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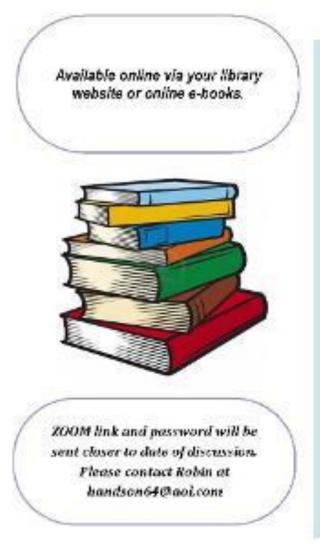


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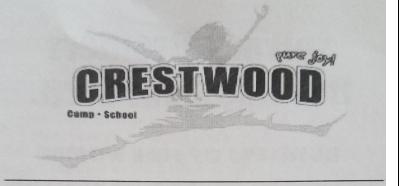
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6	7	8 12:30 PM Meditation with Canto r 1:30 PM Chant Torah with Cantor 7:30 PM Band Rehearsal	9 12:30 PM Torah Study	10 12 noon Lunch & Learn	11 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Menorah lighting featuring Nishamah	12
13 Hanukkah Baking Event	14 School Hanukkah celebration 7:30 PM NOW meeting	Renearsal         15         School         Hanukkah         celebration         12:30 PM         Meditation with         Cantor         1:30 PM Chant         Torah with         Cantor	16 12:30 PM Torah Study 8:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	17 School Hanukkah celebration	18 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	19
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