

Congregants Share Views at Inaugural Town Hall Meeting

During TOEACRC's first-ever town hall-style meeting last month, congregants voiced a broad array of suggestions. Approximately 50 people gathered collectively in the sanctuary and virtually via Zoom.

Temple president Mark Natelson moderated the meeting, opening with his observations gathered from focus groups conducted back in the spring. The one-hour meeting had active participation from congregants in the sanctuary and those on the webcast.



One of the more telling segments of the meeting was a question raised regarding the number of emails that the temple sends out. Initially, Natelson asked if people felt the temple typically sends out too many emails. Many participants said they would rather receive too many emails than miss out on something important or noteworthy.

"I don't think we have too many emails," said one attendee. "You can be selective with which ones you want to read because of the headings." Another agreed. "It's a good balance. I'd hate to see less because you'll get complaints that there wasn't enough."

Several other attendees concurred voicing similar sentiments. Natelson said that this is an example of the kind of feedback forums like the focus group and last month's town hall meeting can elicit.

"When we talked about this amongst ourselves, we said we should be sending fewer emails," he said. "But what you're telling us is that we should continue with the same cadence we've been using. So that's why we need to keep the conversation going. Because we don't know what everybody's thinking."

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10 Topics Discussed at Town Hall Meeting

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What follows are 10 various issues and questions raised during the spring focus groups and last month's meeting with planned resolutions and answers.

1. **Transparency:** Congregants feel they aren't as informed about what is going on at the temple as they would like. Addressing that is a top priority, Natelson said, and it will start with the publication of minutes from board meetings in The Shofar (see page 31).
2. **Flexibility:** Many have lamented that when they make suggestions, the response is, "that's not how we do things." Natelson said that was a complaint that rose to the top. "We can't continue like that," he said. "What we've instructed the committees and the board as well is when someone brings an idea to you, it cannot be dismissed. When someone presents an idea to a committee, the committee has to discuss it and even invite the person who suggested it to their committee meeting, so they discuss it."
3. **Welcoming:** Although we thought we were doing a good job, there is room for improvement. We're actively working to ensure that if we see somebody we don't know, we approach and introduce ourselves to them.
4. **COVID Notifications:** While we will continue to send them, some suggested people who report to the temple that they have tested positive can opt to be identified. This issue is under consideration.
5. **Open versus closed ballots:** According to our bylaws, the election of trustees and officers is by open ballot unless a motion is made and approved to use closed ballots. Some people feel when more than one candidate is running for the same position, that voting should be held via a closed, or secret ballot. However, it was explained that according to the bylaws, when there are multiple candidates for the same position, voting must take place via a closed ballot. There was consensus that we don't need to make any changes to the bylaws on this matter.
6. **Rabbi Search Progress:** So far, the search committee has interviewed several different candidates. At this point, the committee is looking at more resumes. If we don't have strong candidates by the end of this year, the committee may need to consider contingency plans. Look for a status update in January.
7. **Town Hall for Students:** Susan Bloomberg and Deborah Tract are looking to come up with a date for a similar meeting with children in the school.
8. **Rabbi Emeritus:** A question arose about what role Rabbi Emeritus Harvey Abramowitz serves. The answer is that he comes to services and fills in as needed when Rabbi Judy or Cantor Katz cannot be here. It is an extension of his longtime tenure as a rabbi at the temple.
9. **Torah Repair Campaign:** We have four Torahs that need work, and a campaign to raise funds to make those repairs will commence soon.
10. **Mark your Calendar:** This didn't come up as a question or an issue, but it was announced at the meeting that a special Kiddush for Rabbi Judy will take place on May 6. More details will follow.



"We need to keep the conversation going. Because we don't know what everybody's thinking."

--Mark Natelson

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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

Catering

We 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 at (516) 937-0120 or 0121



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President's Update

December is here and that means the onslaught of commercialism is already in full swing. Black Friday and Cyber Monday have passed and the sales, both online and in brick-and-mortar stores are ongoing and will continue into January. Be careful crossing the streets because there will be a fleet of delivery trucks zipping around and make sure you bring those packages in because you know porch pirates will be lurking.



Mark Natelson

Somewhere amid all this will be Chanukkah (there are so many ways to spell it you pick the one you like best, I did). I can't say I was always a spiritual person. That came later in life, but I have always been proud to be Jewish. I think I first identified with the cultural aspect of our people. We have been through so much that there were numerous times we could have given up, but we never did. We are a proud stubborn optimistic lot, who no matter what happens, cling to our cultural beliefs with every fiber of our being. We are the 11th largest religion in the world. To put it in perspective, the largest, Christianity represents over 2.3 billion people or over 31% of the world's population. Judaism has over 14.5 million people, or about .18% of the global population.

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When my sons were younger, and they did not want to go to Hebrew or religious school, I would tell them that the characteristics that make us Jewish also make us a strong and resilient people who don't crumble under bad circumstances and that these qualities will make them better people. Let's face it, we have seen those qualities throughout our history, where time and again we faced

oppression and death, but we never gave up and that makes us special.

This brings me back to Chanukkah. The Second Temple in Jerusalem was attacked by the Greeks and Judaism was outlawed in 168 BCE. In 167 BCE a statue of Zeus was erected in the Temple. This led to a revolt by the Jews, led by the Maccabees. Over the course of two years, they fought a war where they were able to push the larger Greek army out and retake Jerusalem. Chanukkah is the rededication of the Second Temple, and it was accompanied by the miracle of the lights where the limited amount of oil they had to light the menorah lasted not one but eight days.

This year when you light the candles on the menorah, spin a dreidel or eat a latke, take pride in the fact that our cultural legacy is just as important as our religious one.

Bring Your Menorahs and 7 Candles to our Chanukah Service on Friday Dec. 23 at 7:30 pm



Rabbi's Corner

This is the season for Social Action. In truth, it is always the season of social action in that the mitzvot of Tzedakah in all their forms know no boundaries, however, we are reminded of other's needs in this season of opulent giving.

We have participated in the Mid Island Y JCC's Thanksgiving basket initiative, donating the makings for a festive Thanksgiving feast for families in need. Chanukah and Christmas are quickly upon us and needs multiply. I hope you will participate in our Christmas Day Meal Donation. We will, as tradition dictates, supply our heroic first responders with holiday meals while they are away from their families on the holiday. We will also provide meals to cheer some families in need. Look out as well for information about the Annual Toy Drive run by Deborah Tract and the Religious School for the John Theissen Foundation. You need not have a student in the school to participate.



Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg

**Chanukah is our time to
bring light into the world.**



We deserve some cheer ourselves. Familyhood is planning a lovely event of Latkes, Vodka and Magic just before Chanukah on December 15. As ever, we will bring our menorahs to temple with 7 candles to celebrate Shabbat Chanukah together on Friday, December 23 at 7:30.

This service is always festive as the sanctuary glows with everyone's candles. Children and grandchildren are especially welcome at this yearly service. We celebrate the victory of a small band of Jewish warriors over the formidable Syrian-Greek army and the triumph of Judaism as a way of life when Hellenism was being forced upon us.

Today, let us always recall that Judaism will sustain us as long as we keep celebrating this victory. Our worldwide numbers are still small, but our spirit is tremendous. As we pray on Chanukah, in the words of the prophet Zacharia and the song writer Debbie Friedman, "Not by might and not by power, but by spirit alone" shall we prevail.

From my home to yours, Chag Chanukah Sameach. Have a joyous Chanukah and a happy Secular New Year.

--Rabbi Judy

Cantor's Notes

Happy Hanukkah! When we think of Hanukkah, most of us think of the menorah shining bright along with the many nights of presents. But Hanukkah is 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 congregation as the brave few: The Judah Maccabee's of Jericho!



Cantor David Katz

Not that we have to overthrow anybody or that we are under attack. However, we are a small and strong community temple that really knows how to be there for each other as well as celebrate. We 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 23, we will have our annual Hanukkah/Shabbat service.

Our band Neshama will be providing the music for the service. This is going to be some service and one you will not want to miss because included in all the joy and celebration is our annual menorah lighting ceremony. Everyone gets to bring to the service their own menorah. We set them all out on tables in front of the bimah and light the candles for Hanukkah. It is a sight to behold, 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!

--Cantor Katz

Our School Students Are Already Primed for Chanukah



Religious School

Can you believe it's December - The Festival of Lights! Chanukah begins at sundown on December 18, 2022. Our Religious School is gearing up for some Chanukah fun! ♪ ♪ Musical IQ ♪ ♪ ♪ will bring the story of Chanukah to life with rhythm, drumming and song !!

December 15 is our ADULT ONLY evening of Vodka, Latkes and Magic! All those 21 plus, are invited for socializing, schmoozing and great entertainment. Magic Jeff will surprise you with some magical fun that will surely leave everyone captivated. Thank you to everyone who has RSVP'd to attend and support TOEACRC. Any sponsorship for this event is greatly appreciated and goes directly to our wonderful synagogue. Thank you to our amazing Chairs, Tasha Fuchs and Shari Jacobson for all your hard work and vision. It is a pleasure working with these enthusiastic ladies who truly know how to bring new and fun ideas to TOEACRC! Thank you to Shawn Farber and Hasson Caterers for partnering with us. Thank you to Goldie, Robin, Laurel Fried and Jodi Breslin for all your assistance with this event.

December 18 is our Family Chanukah Party. Please read all emails pertaining to our event. More information to follow.

November 8 was our first Familyhood Program. We learned to braid Challah, created challah covers and enjoyed pizza. We had great attendance along with tons of excitement and happiness. Our families enjoyed socializing, making new friends and being all together after a two-year Covid hiatus. Throughout the year we will continue to bring you several more family events! I am always open to suggestions and ideas; please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Our 7th graders received their "Holocaust Twin" and are now beginning their formal Holocaust studies. Throughout the year our curriculum will include research on each student's "twin" and discussions on antisemitism. Our students will learn the meaning and the significance of being an upstander. Current events that are relevant to the day's learning will be discussed as deemed appropriate. We are living in a very scary time, where there is much ignorance and holocaust denial. In the spring, for Yom HaShoah our 7th graders will lead the Holocaust Commemorative Service making their voices heard so the many memories of all those lost will not be forgotten.

As we begin the Festival of Lights, may we never forget our past, may we be a strong force in the present and may we be the future voices for solidarity. Happy Chanukah to everyone and may 2023 bring us peace, happiness, health and contentment.



Deborah Tract



B'Shalom,

--Deborah E. Tract

Director of Lifelong Learning

On Election Day, over 55 students and their families attended an afternoon of Challah Braiding, Challah Cover Making and Pizza. The event was graciously covered by the Baking with Flory Warshawsky Fund.

Second Generation Holocaust Survivor Shares His Father's Story

By Elizabeth Szaluta

Commemorating the 84th anniversary of Kristallnacht on November 9, Dr. Bernie Furshpan, a second-generation Holocaust survivor, described his family's harrowing experience.

As the keynote speaker at our memorial service, Dr. Furshpan and his twin brother were born in Israel in 1957. Their parents were both Holocaust survivors who emigrated from Israel to Brooklyn in 1963. Moshe, their father, was the only survivor from his family of eight.

Though Moshe struggled to survive the Holocaust starting at age 10 and had many obstacles to overcome, he and his wife Zahava (whom he met in Israel) built a good life in Israel and later in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Furshpan was a chiropractor for 30 years and then ran a marketing consultancy firm and jazz club in New York City. Now retired, he gives tours and lectures at the [Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center](#) in Glen Cove. Dr. Furshpan said his parents rarely discussed what they went through. But when he found that he had some time on his hands during Covid, he began researching his family's story and volunteering at the center. He started working as a volunteer at the center in Glen Cove last year.



Dr. Bernie Furshpan

"My mother has a story, too," Dr. Furshpan said. He added: "The more I do this, the more I appreciate what they went through." He remarked that they never showed bitterness, despite what they went through; both were kind and generous with everyone they met.

Escape and Survival

As the Nazis were building a fence around his father's village of Ludvipol (Ukraine), Moshe escaped after being advised by a farmer who was a friend of the family. Moshe was instructed to run to the forest and not come back. Moshe found other Jews hiding there; this forest was about two miles from Ludvipol--now called Sosnovoye.

Moshe encountered many dangers – bears, snakes, and of course, the elements; sadly, many died. Moshe lived in a hut with another family. He slept on logs and covered himself with branches to try not to freeze. Moshe got frostbite but didn't lose any fingers or toes.

After the war, Moshe was sent to a DP camp in Germany, and he was there for two and a half years before going to Israel in May 1946. Moshe lived on a kibbutz in Israel and later served in the army. Moshe and Zahava met in Israel, where they started their family. They ultimately emigrated to Brooklyn, New York, where their family prospered. ■



Shopper's Day 2022

Shopper's Day returned last month, drawing members, their families and friends throughout the Sunday afternoon event. Many vendors who have participated in the past returned, and we had several new ones as well.



Teachers Become Students in First Aid

Teachers, clergy and staff took a class at the temple on how to administer first aid to anyone suffering a severe wound through [Northwell Health's](#) Stop the Bleed program.

Participants praised the Northwell instructor, Catherine Dunkley. "The instructor was great," said teacher Joan Lieberman. "She was very patient and explained everything." Temple administrator Robin Rabinowitz agreed. "I learned a lot."

Teacher Cila Klingher added: "A well worth session to stop the bleed." Ira Warshawsky, who leads the Temple's security and safety committee and organized the training, expressed gratitude to the instructor. "I hope we never have to use what we learned," he said. Rabbi Judy responded: "Amen."



Services Schedule

Fri. Dec. 2	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 3	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Thurs. Dec. 8	Torah Study with Rabbi	7:30 PM
Fri. Dec. 9	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 10	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Brandon Wachs	10:00 AM
Fri. Dec. 16	Young Family Shabbat Service	6:00 PM
	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 17	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Dec. 23	Hanukkah Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 24	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Dec. 30	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah Candidate and his Family:



Brandon Wachs

Son of Barbara and Bryan

Share your good news with The Shofar. Photos are welcome as well!



Network of Women (NOW)

I am too much of a skeptic to deny the possibility of anything.” --Thomas Henry Huxely. To start, you are probably wondering who Thomas Henry Huxley is. Basically, he was an English biologist who argued eloquently and powerfully that humans were no exception to the theory of evolution (8 years before Darwin).



Robin Grossman

Like most of my NOW articles I usually start with some quote and tie it into my thoughts for the month. I will focus on two words: one in the quote (skeptic) and one in the explanation (evolution). I, along with other legacy TOE members were the skeptics and evolution as the word defines, changes come about. Years ago, as we were consolidating two temples (Temple Or Elohim and Community Reform Temple) several groups from each temple got together to discuss their “ways” of doing things.



We found in Sisterhood (NOW) that most everything aligned with the exception of the special Shabbat service that each Sisterhood conducted. Legacy TOE followed a more traditional Friday night service led by women and Legacy CRT created their own with original pieces, songs and dance along with some prayers from Mishkan T’fillah that are not normally read on Friday night.

Skeptical I was how this would be presented, how it would be understood, how it would be perceived to those who are more traditional in

their ways. Then came the pandemic and this service was postponed several times until... November 4, 2022.

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Network of Women (NOW)

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Ann Middleman put together a unique service using pieces from Legacy CRT 's Sisterhood service, incorporating music along with some traditional Friday night prayers and voila a N.O.W. Shabbat service was reborn. It was in every sense an evolution to what I was used to hearing and seeing and yet the uniqueness of it all led to moments of acceptance from the norm I was used to. To be forthright, I was not "in love" with every aspect of the service, but I will not deny the possibility that with evolution this exclusive service could be "one for the books". Kudos to Ann for making this a seamless, well timed, and poignant service.



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service was reborn.

To all the women who participated in one way, or another thank you for being leaders and taking cue. And lastly, thank you for making this skeptic a believer that evolution is possible.

NOW for the News

- Canasta and Mah Jongg lessons are now complete for the 2022 season. I will most likely coordinate another Canasta daytime class probably for February 2023 depending upon the teacher's schedule.
- Please consider purchasing your 2023 Mah Jongg card for you and your group through us! See attached form at the end of the Shofar.
- For those of you who attended the Argyle Theater performance of Beauty and the Beast I hope you had a magnificent time! Be on the lookout for other live theater venues and shows coming soon.
- December 19 there will be a Chanukah event for all current NOW members called Babka and Latke either at the temple or at my house (TBD). This is an in-person event only. Please see attached flyer at the end of the Shofar.
- Book Club will be on December 5 via Zoom and we will discuss **Night Fall by Nelson DeMille**. See attached flyer at the end of the Shofar.
- Please browse our showcase for NEW merchandise for all your Judaic needs and holiday gifts!
- Looking ahead we will be holding our annual certification and re-certification AED CPR class on January 29 at approximately 9 AM at the temple. The first 15 NOW members are free of charge. Each additional person is \$85. ALL are welcome to take this class. See attached flyer at the end of the Shofar.

I wish you all a beautiful and bright Chanukah as well as a wonderful start to the secular new year. Cheers to all of you in 2023.

--Robin Grossman. President of N.O.W.
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December Birthdays



1	Colby Adams	9	Brandon Silverman	20	Mark Natelson
2	Philip Peller	10	Deborah Singer	20	Julian Saltz
4	Abby Katz	11	Dennis Blinder	23	Matthew Perlmutter
4	Michael Kellman	11	Bryan Green	23	Areyana Schmitt
5	Evan Adam Blidner	11	Ken Weissman	23	Dennis Weiss
5	Danielle Burger	12	Nathan Jainchill	24	Alexa Jacobson
6	Heather Elyse Bloomberg	12	Emma Mogavero	24	Mark Osnowitz
6	Mia Brand	13	Aviv Shahaf	24	Adam Silverman
6	David Horowitz	14	Staci Rogove	25	Jennifer Lampert
6	Cathy Reider	16	Dean Felsen	26	Jeffrey Burger
6	Jason Warshawsky	16	Dennis Myrah	26	Barbara Halpern
6	Leonard Zichlin	16	Lauren Wiener	26	Eric Roth
7	Judy Cohen-Rosenberg	16	Craig Yaris	26	Ashley Myrah
7	Abigail Damast	17	Wendy Blidner	27	Emily Rogove
7	Madeline Damast	17	Gregory Katz	27	Evelyn Sklar Goldman
7	Joan Ritter	18	Noah Fried	28	Marianne Bock
7	Risa Weintraub	18	Jordan Oliver	29	Gary Corn
8	Matthew Goldberg	18	Jeffrey Zichlin	29	Ivy Heller
8	Lauren Savarino	18	Eileen Flax	29	Stan Miller
9	Karen Blinder	19	Shayna Walsh		
		19	David Wasserman		

December Anniversaries



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

Torah Notes



December 3, **Vayeitzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)**

Jacob dreams about angels going up and down a ladder, and receives a blessing from God. Jacob goes to Laban's home, where he works for seven years in order to marry his daughter, Rachel. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah instead. Jacob is forced to commit himself to seven more years of work in exchange for marrying Rachel. Leah, Rachel, and maidservants Bilhah and Zilpah give birth to a total of 12 children (11 sons and 1 daughter). Jacob and his family leave Laban's home in search of their own.

December 10, **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 17, **Vayeshev (Genesis 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 24, **Miketz (Gen 41:1-44:17)**

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 31, **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.

We sorrowfully mourn the passings of:

David Citron

Father of our member Lowell Citron

Stanley Friedman

Longtime member and husband of Lita Friedman



Yahrzeits

Week of December 3

Edward Adlman, Marvin Baiman, Anne Blick, Beatrice Blumenson, Fred Brody, Helen Doernis, Frank Fingerhut, Jacob Finkelstein, Victor Glickman, Richard Goldsmith, Ada Goodman, Belle Graham, Nathaniel Halpern, Arthur Herscovit, Benjamin Horowitz, Jennie Jaret, Robert Junghandel, Harold Kellman, Dan Kours, Maria Kussoy, Antoinette Landesman, Michelle Lane, Alice Leff, Stephen Levy, Stanley Lukasz, Robert Magdalin, Gerard J. Martin, Werner Marx, Bess Miller, Joel Miot, David Moskowitz, Florence Moss, Gussie Mozgin, Dorothy G. Nelson, Betty Novak, Jean Pollack, Arthur Pollak, Samuel Pressman, Joseph Rosen, Morris Sacks, Robert Schaefer, Fanny Schanker, Wendy Schwartz, A. Harold Seidner, Max Silpe, Ronald Speero, Harold Tract, Sarah Tulchinsky, Jacob Warburg, Louis J. Weinberg, Louis Welikson, Edward Wisotsky, Lillian Wolfson, Morris Ziek



Week of December 10

Rose Altstadter, Jack Bradley, Joseph Brodsky, Sandy Rose Cavrell, Richard Donn, Florence Eisenberg, Harvey Eisenberg, Anne Feinstein, Abraham Feldman, Irving Forman, Marion Frankel, Frances Goldstein, Robert Goodman, Elaine Grumbach, Isadore Hoffman, Irving Jacobson, Abbee Jaffee, Dorothy Jaffee, Sally Kipness, Stanley Kraft, Roz Laurence, Beki Lawner, Joe Lewis, Shelley Lillian, Mack Lubell, Julius Bud Menzin, Nathan Michaels, Alice Newton, Virginia Quinlan, Bessie Ratner, Sandra Rose, Jack Rosenthal, Linda Saslow, Jerry Saunders, Doris Scherr, Esther Shapiro, Lester Shimberg, Ida Siegel, Selma Siegel, Harold Silpe, Abraham Topple, Richard Unger, Claire Walters, Fay Weinberg, Henry Weiner, Wolf Werbin, Abraham Wiener, Florence Zins Salkind

Week of December 17

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Men's Club

All the leaves have now fallen, and we approach the end of 2022, hoping 2023 is a better year, full of great health and happiness. 2022 was a year characterized by a war in Europe, the continuing effects of the Pandemic and the terrible rise in antisemitism. The Men's Club has focused on events that bring the male members of our congregation together, to support the Temple and to strengthen our tie to Jewish values.

At the Men's Club in November, we took down the great and beautiful Sukkah that we all pitched in to build during the high holidays. There are some fun upcoming events on the calendar for the next few months as 2022 comes to a close and 2023 begins. These include:

- Monthly Men's Club meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, December 6th (at the Temple)
- The Mickey Marcus Story at our Brunch at 10am on Sunday, December 11th (at the Temple)
- Men's Club Dinner at 7:30pm on Tuesday, January 10th at the Orient Bethpage Chinese Restaurant.
- NFL Playoff remote get-together (TBD)

Join us at a monthly meeting or join us at an event. We always welcome new members that help make our Club *the* place to share ideas and share in the camaraderie we cherish.

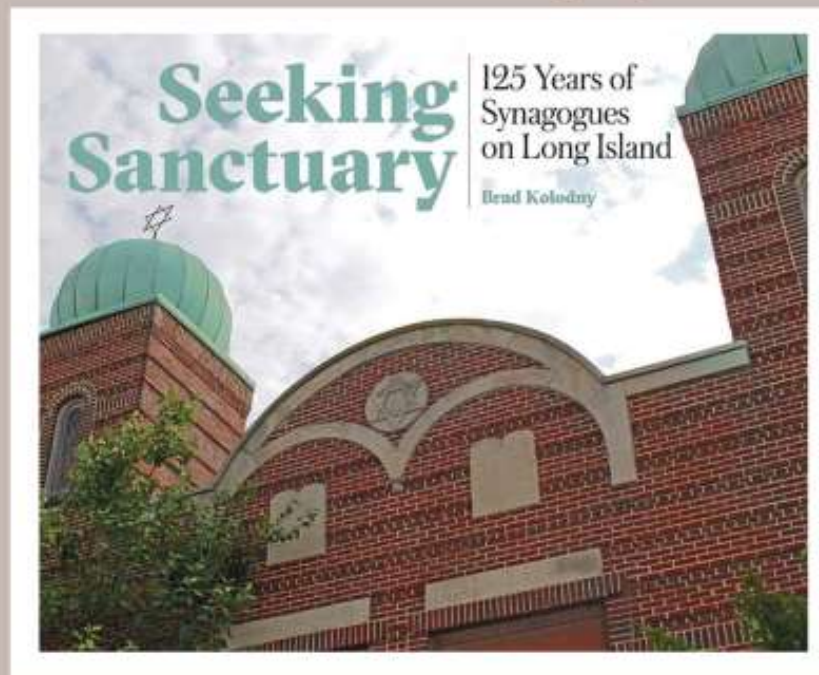
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4 Brad Kolodny: Synagogues on Long Island 11:00 AM	5 Internal Controls Meeting 7:30 PM N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	6 Torah Study 7:30 PM	7	8 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	10 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Brandon Wachs
11 Paul Rosenthal speaking on Mickey Marcus 10 AM	12 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Rabbi's Reading Group 7:30 PM	14 Lunch n Learn Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Familyhood Latkes, Vodka and Magic	16 Young Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	17 Torah Study 10:30 AM
18 Hanukkah First Candle Hanukkah Party 10AM - 12PM	19 Hanukkah Program in School - Musical IQ N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 PM	20 Hanukkah Program in School - Musical IQ	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	22 Adult Ed 7:30 PM	23 Hanukkah Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	24 Torah Study 10:30 AM
25 Christmas Day	26 Religious School Recess begins	27	28	29	30 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	31

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Starting this month, we are appending the minutes from our monthly Board of Trustees meetings to The Shofar.



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct. 25, 2022**

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

Absent: Howard Pastolove, Ivan Dolowich

Clergy/Staff: Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg, Cantor David Katz, Deborah Tract

Approval of Minutes and Closed Session Minutes from September Meeting

Motions to approve minutes from September meeting carried with three abstentions.

Motions to approve minutes from closed session of September meeting carried with three abstentions.

Rabbi's Report: Rabbi Judy

- Extended condolences to Barbara on the loss of Sid. "May we all pick up his mantle. And that we that we keep his memory alive by keeping that positive attitude and that love of temple at the forefront of our work and our deliberations."
- Emphasized two events in November of particular importance: 11/9 Kristallnacht, where second generation survivor will speak. On Nov. 30, will have a Rabbi's reading group Zoom session on the book Gangsters versus Nazis, suggested by Gary Corn.

Cantor's Report: Cantor David Katz

- Echoed Rabbi Judy's sentiments about Sid.
- Bar/Mitzvah season has begun.

School Report: Deborah Tract

- Simchat Torah: Pleased with turnout from the children for both services, despite the fact that Sukkot was Columbus Day weekend, and a fundraiser going on in the community. Since we did not be able to give all the fourth graders their prayer books because of this fundraiser that was happening, we will somehow think of another way to distribute the prayer books and another service.
- Kids started with music.
- First familyhood event planned for election day with Challah making, crafts and pizza. The entire religious school invited.
- Latkes and Vodka: All of the young moms are coming. Received two generous donations. Question raised about the choice of having it on a Thursday night. Deborah emphasized that young parents today prefer to go out on Thursday nights rather than on a weekend.

President's Report: Mark Natelson

- I want to thank Rabbi, Cantor, Lenny, The Ritual Committee, and everyone who helped make this year's High Holy Day services so meaningful. It was great to see so many people in the sanctuary taking part in the services. We also averaged @70 streaming connections for each service, which equates to an average of two people per connection.
- Men's Club built the new Sukkah from scratch this year! Well done guys, it looks great.
- Save the date:
 - Our first Town Hall will be held on November 17 at 8:00 PM and everyone is invited! The most important thing we learned from the Focus Groups held last Spring is that we need to keep the lines of communication between the Servant Leaders (Board and Committee members) and the Congregation open. At the Town Hall we will go over the status of the changes we are implementing to help improve everyone's understanding about what is going on in the Congregation. We really want to hear your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions, after all this is our Congregation and we are all in this together. If you have ideas and suggestions, we want to hear them!
- Rabbi Search remains in full swing with more activities scheduled in the weeks to come.
- The Bar/Bat Mitzvah manual has been revised and we expect to publish it next month.
- Caterer's contract renewal discussions continue, and we hope to complete them in a month or two.
- The open spots on the Board were filled last month and we welcome Deena Yaris and Ivan Dolowich to the Board. Unfortunately, we must fill the Vice-president spot that Sid Eisenberg held. More importantly, Sid is and will be missed. The Nominating Committee will be asked to address this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**N.O.W.: Robin Grossman**

- Several fundraisers are taking place simultaneously: Canasta lessons during the day and night and Mah Jongg Lessons during the day. There is a waitlist for daytime Canasta lessons for 2023.
- There was not enough interest for Mystic Pizza the Musical at the John Engeman Theater. Beauty and the Beast at the Argyle Theater is next on the agenda for December 10 at 2:30 pm. See flyer that is attached. *Please join us via Zoom for our next meetings on October 26 and November 21 at 7:30 pm. I can use the help.
- Book Club continues and thank you to Scott Ethe-Sayers for running this month's discussion. *NOW SHABBAT SERVICE will take place on November 4 at 7:30 pm. If you haven't already signed up for a part whether in English or Hebrew, there is still time. Please let Robin or Ann Middleman know ASAP.
- For those of you who play Mah Jongg please be on the lookout for the Mah Jongg Card flyer. Please also note that the MJ League has raised its prices to \$14 and \$15 respectively for regular and large print cards.
- We hope you enjoyed a handful of sweets after each service for the HH compliments of N.O.W.

Men's Club: Submitted by Mark Starr

The Men's Club has had some successful recent events that have attracted new members and brought back members who hadn't been active in the Club. We're planning some exciting events for Late Fall 2022.

The Men's Club has had the following events recently:

- Sukkah preparation (Sept 25) and build (Oct 9)
- Monthly meeting in the Sukkah (Oct 11)

Our upcoming events include:

- Monthly meetings (Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, 2023)
- Sukkah take-down (Nov 6)
- Fall Movie Night, showing Help!, the Beatles' classic (Nov 20)
- Talk about Mickey Marcus, a US Army colonel, later Israel's first General, and also a principal architect of the US Military's WWII civil affairs policies.

Social Action Committee Report: Susan Levine

Our High Holiday Food Drive was extremely successful! Thanks to all Board members that donated and helped spread the word.

On Sunday, October 9th we came together and sorted the items collected and we loaded the donations into several cars and drove them to the Rudman Food Pantry at the Mid-Island JCC in Plainview, and Kosher donations were delivered to the Hatzilu Rescue Organization in Baldwin. In total we are donating over 700 pounds of food and household items.

The Social Action Committee's next meeting will be on Monday, October 31st at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Please join us if you have ideas on how we can better support those less fortunate in and around our community.

Membership: Laurel Fried

We have eight new families and two returning families, which makes me think that a letter or an offer of some sort to past members could be useful again. I would like to plan a new membership brunch and/or Shabbat service for members who joined since 2020. We have lost thirty families due to lack of interest, death, moving out of state or money. Many who no longer have interest were in their sixties and seventies. They either got comfortable with streaming, watching Central Synagogue on TV or just lost interest.

Website Design: Laurel Fried

The legal committee reviewed our proposal, and we will be sending their recommendations as well as the committees to the designer, HiDesign soon. Hopefully, soon we can start this long-awaited project.

Rabbi Search: Laurel Fried

After interviews and meetings, the committee with the clergy and Deborah has revised their recommendations. They are starting the search with a different approach and some new contingencies going forward.

Ritual (submitted by committee chair Len Gerschitz)

1. High Holy Days
 - a) Services ran very smoothly; use of the ShalomCloud High Holy Day Database was a great aid. Also, significant contributions from many members of the Ritual Committee and Rose Bruy and Ann Middleman.
 - b) Torah Service – Many congregants could not keep themselves from trying to get close to the Torah Carriers. This dangers of doing so will be reinforced next year, depending on the status of Covid-19 at that time.

- c) Shofar Service – We received many compliments concerning the echoing of the Shofar blasts from the Bima to the rear of the Social Hall. This mimicked the original function of the shofar – to communicate messages in ancient Israel from one mountain top to the next. Next year we will try to have 3 Shofar blowers along the sides of the Sanctuary and Social Hall
 - d) Number of Services – The Ritual Committee strongly recommends to the Executive Committee that the numbers of services on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur AM be reduced to one instead of two due to the number of families presently belonging to the Temple.
 - e) Streaming of Services and At Home Honors – it was agreed that these should continue since they meet the needs of many congregants.
 - f) Kippah and Tallit – Congregants will be encouraged to wear these when coming up to the Bima for any honor or Aliyah. Will be included in the honor letter and monitored by an usher. Amy Adler will include in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah manual/letters.
 - g) Book of Remembrance – Suggested that it be made available on the Temple website and a limited number of copies be printed for members who live out of the area and anyone else not able to attend the service and requests one. Also suggested that at the Yizkor service a page or two be distributed with special prayers and dates of Yizkor services for the balance of the year.
 - h) Haftorah and Blessings – Suggested we try to separate the two in order to give honors to more congregants.
 - i) Family Services – Suggested that we have such a service for families with children from age 6 to teens on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur AM.
 - j) Selichot Service – Service was fine but attendance poor.
2. Torah Restoration Project – Fund Raising program needs to be developed and presented to the BOT ASAP, to be implemented January 1.

New Business:

Reminder that Shoppers Day event will be held on Nov. 30. There will be new and returning vendors, and there will be security on hand.

Meeting adjourned to Closed session.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Jeff Schwartz, secretary.