

Members Support Social Action Holiday Meal Delivery Effort

Continuing our tradition of bringing meals to first responders who must work on Christmas Day, this year the social action committee expanded the scope of the initiative by reaching out to local families in need.



The committee reached out to

Jericho Cares, which provides temporary housing in nearby motels, and arranged a meal delivery. “They do so many great things, and I really want to get more involved with them,” said social committee chair Susan Levine, who credited Jill Citron, a liaison to Jericho Cares, with facilitating the matching of a family staying at one of the motels.

Volunteers on the committee prepared meals which included chili, baked ziti and lasagna. There were plenty of home-baked desserts, including brownies, cupcakes and cookies.

Over two dozen volunteers gathered at the temple on Christmas morning to collect and prepare the meals for delivery. The volunteers made deliveries to firehouses, two police departments, two veterinarians and an urgent care facility.

Susan Levine and her husband, Alan Levine, president of the Hatziliu Rescue Organization, emphasized that local food pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs kosher, non-perishable food, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. To find out how you can help those in need in the community, you can reach out to Susan at Susanlevine318@gmail.com or Alan at alevine@photoreporter.com.

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Rabbi Search

First Rabbinical Candidate Will Lead Jan. 13 Shabbat Service

By Laurel Fried

As Rabbi Judy's retirement approaches, the Rabbi Search Committee has met with various candidates to become TOEACRC's next spiritual leader. The best candidates will be invited to lead a Friday Erev Shabbat service during the coming months.

The first candidate, Rabbi Melody Davis, will appear on Friday, January 13. After two interviews with "Reb Melody," as she likes to be called, and upon thoroughly reviewing her qualifications and background, we invited her to continue the interview process on site.

Rabbi Melody has served as the Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Shalom in Easton, Pa., since 2012. The congregation has approximately 200 families. She is seeking a full-time position as our Rabbi, effective July 1, 2023, when her current contract expires.

Ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Riverdale, NY, in 2010, Rabbi Melody received the Community Service Award. In addition, she was Salutatorian at Gratz College in Elkins Park, Pa., where she received her Masters of Jewish Studies.

Rabbi Melody is fluent in all aspects of being a Rabbi, including pulpit, pastoral and administrative responsibilities. She is very musical and theatrical. Rabbi Melody is forward-thinking in areas of Judaism and life while accepting interfaith and same-sex marriages. Her husband, Edwin and her three children have always supported her thirst for Jewish knowledge. Also, she has had experience with the special needs community.

Accompanied by Cantor Katz, Rabbi Melody will lead a special January 13 family Shabbat service at 6:30 pm, followed by our traditional Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. On the following morning, Rabbi Melody will preside over a Torah discussion at the Temple, which will be available via Zoom. We look forward to having Rabbi Melody meet with you, where she will present her skills and abilities while being introduced to our congregation. Your voice, participation and feedback are very important in this process.

Please try to attend whenever possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (516) 794-0036.

Laurel is a TOEACRC vice president and the chair of the Rabbi Search Committee.



Meet the first rabbinical candidate, Rabbi Melody Davis, aka "Reb Melody."

When: Friday Jan. 13 for a family Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m and/or for our traditional Erev Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m.

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We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul). Please 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



Sponsor an Oneg

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and announced from the Bimah. You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family but will be helping your Temple as well. Please call Laurel Fried at (516) 794-0036.



Baskets on the Bimah

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah. Proceeds go to assist local needy families. 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've answered my question.

There was a time when I spent a lot of time in Europe for business, which presented me with some interesting opportunities.

One such opportunity that arose came up during a trip to Munich when I had a free day to be a tourist. Before the trip, I learned I could find an English-speaking tour to the Dachau concentration camp for about \$16.

It just so happened that my hotel was across the street from the train station where the tour started. Once I saw that going to Dachau was very doable, I began to think, or perhaps overthink it. I kept coming back to the question of how I would feel about going to a concentration camp. As a Jew, I felt I had to go. Faced with the possibility of never getting another chance, I committed to going.

Twenty years later, this is still
one of the most moving
moments in my life



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CAMP**

**WHY VISITING THIS DISTURBING
MEMORIAL SITE IS SO IMPORTANT**



Mark Natelson

When I landed in Germany and got to Munich, I found a tour departing from the train station. With some time on my hands, I got back to thinking about how I felt about going to a concentration camp. Barracks, gas chambers, ovens; all of these were waiting for me. Did I mention I was by myself?

The tour started, and there were about 10 of us, plus the guide. After a short train and bus ride we arrived. Soon after we walked through the gate, I was one angry Jew, really angry. We saw the barracks, the headquarters, and all the empty barrack foundations filled with stones representing the people who died there.

This angry Jew started to wonder how anyone could do this to anyone else. Now it was time to go to the showers, which were very claustrophobic. Finally, we arrived where the ovens were. Now I have become incensed.

I stood there taking pictures of the ovens, which were all out of focus. I did this for ten minutes. It was not the camera causing the photos to be out of focus: it was me. My entire body was shaking, and I could no longer hold the camera steady. It was then that I realized the answer to my question of whether I would be overwhelmed with grief and anger. Twenty years later, this is still one of the most moving moments in my life.

I am glad I didn't talk myself out of going.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2023.

--Mark

Rabbi's Corner

As I join my family in wishing all a happy Secular New Year, I am excited to introduce you to our new initiative.

Our Torah Scrolls are made of all natural components, parchment, wood, even the thread and ink used come from kosher animals and as such are subject to natural deterioration. Just as we receive care to stay in the best of health, so must the Torah Scrolls.



Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg

We now embark on the **Circle of Life Torah Restoration Project**. We have engaged Soferet in Residence (Torah Scribe) Jill Kaplan to repair our scrolls with the goal of having five Torah Scrolls in pristine condition. We currently have one scroll in such condition. Four more scrolls must be cleaned, re-lettered, and in some cases re-sewn and have parchment repaired to meet our goal.

All this takes the Soferet's skill and time. This essential and worthwhile Mitzvah will also require our community's commitment of \$25,300 in Tzedakah money to complete this project. Any excess funds will be held in reserve to keep our scrolls in good condition, well into the future. This campaign is an investment in the future of our Temple and Judaism.

There are many opportunities for you to participate in this once in a lifetime Mitzvah. Soferet Jill Kaplan will be happy to entertain questions and provide opportunities for you to see her work while she is in residence. She is also meeting regularly with our Religious School students.

Special opportunities to work alongside Soferet Kaplan or observe unique repairs will be arranged as well as a thank you for your contribution to this project.

You may choose to endow at any of the following categories and be inscribed on the Scroll of Honor:

- Entire Torah \$10,800
- Book \$1800 each (5 in each scroll)
- Aliya \$540 (7 per portion, 54 portions)
- Sentence \$180
- Word \$72
- For children only Letter \$18

Any contribution will be gratefully accepted.



Deena Yaris has taken on the tremendous responsibility of Chairperson and I am pleased that we have the support of Cantor David Katz and Deborah Tract, Director of Lifelong Learning as well as Mark Natelson, President and the entire Board of Trustees.

Thank you for participating in this unique Mitzvah. You are assuring that our Torah Scrolls will bring us life well into the future.

--Rabbi Judy

Cantor's Notes

Are you ready? Are you able? Can you, do it? It's a new year and it's all up to you. 2023 has arrived and Or Elohim is making it through the ups and downs of the Jewish world in brilliant fashion.

As we embark on a new year, it is more important than ever to be cognizant and aware of the challenges that lie ahead for our Temple and community. We are on a never-ending quest to make sure that you, as our Temple families, have the best of what a temple can bring you. Each year we grow and learn and get closer to one another. This is what being part of a temple community is about. I hope that this year you take the time to engage some more and be a part of our wonderful Temple. Believe



Cantor David Katz

me, I understand and it's not always so easy out there! All of us face the new year with the same struggles, hopes and dreams for an easier life for ourselves and our families.



Can we try and move that energy and strength to others around us? Can we support those closest to us so they may feel strong and useful in our world? In Jewish tradition there is the concept that God creates and destroys the entire world every second. This means that anything that happened in the past is just that, the past. Let the last year go, let go of the old resentments and deep-seated anger.

Practice forgiveness and give yourself a chance to be part of the endless re-creation of the world. Let yourself be free of the chains that bound you last year and open up to the unlimited possibilities that you truly are capable of. You can start the process by giving yourself the gift of letting the Temple and community be there for you. This is my wish for you and your family. Happy new year and many blessings for a great and prosperous new year.

--Cantor Katz

Resolve to Take Care of Yourself in 2023

During the final Shabbat service of 2022, Cantor Katz had a suggestion for those who don't have a New Year's resolution: ease up on yourself.

"Resolve to really take care of yourself health wise physically, but even more important mentally, spiritually and emotionally," Cantor Katz said.

Pointing to a survey of people over the age of 100 who were asked what they would do over if they could, 97% of respondents said they would worry less. That's because over time it turned out their fears were unfounded.

"Perhaps that's one resolution," he said. "Don't worry so much."



Cantor Katz singing Dreidel-Dreidel-Dreidel during our Chanukah Menorah lighting event.

Religious School

On December 15, 2022, we had a room full of people ringing in the holiday of Hanukkah. Latkes, Vodka and Magic. The energy, excitement and enjoyment were felt by all! A huge thank you to Shawn Farber and Hasson Caterers for an amazing party that consisted of delicious food stations, pass-around hors d'oeuvres, blue festive lighting, an elegant dessert buffet and a donut wall! Everything was perfect.

Our vendor Dirt Devil Vodka was a hit. DJ Curtis had people dancing until closing. Magic Jeff Miller entertained with fire, cards and more (**see photos on the next page and on the Facebook Familyhood page**). Thank you to our new Familyhood Co-Chairs Tasha Fuchs and Shari Jacobson for their vision and months of support to make this evening a huge success. Thank you to all our guests and sponsors that made this event possible.



Deborah Tract

On December 18, we had a visit from FUNSTUFF EXPRESS. Our family Hanukkah party was a hit! Each child that came, picked an animal to stuff, and went home with their very own fur-baby to shower with love for many years to come. Thank you to Network of Women (NOW) and the Men's Club for your generous contributions that helped to support this family event! Breakfast from Beyond Bagels was plentiful and delicious.



Religious School continued to celebrate with Musical IQ- a fun, interactive program that brought the story alive with rhythm, drumming and student participation.

Community wide candle lightings took place following Religious School with delicious sufganiyot, (jelly donuts). Thank you Laurel Fried for organizing these cohesive festivities.

Thank you to our Executive Board, Board of Trustees, Clergy- Rabbi Judy and Cantor Katz, our very dear Goldie and Robin for your ongoing support. Thank you to our custodial staff and our Security Guards for always going the extra mile. "It takes a village"

Our 2022 John Theissen Toy Drive was a HUGE success due to the generosity of so many. In fact, our younger students had the pleasure of meeting John Theissen! I am proud of our students and the compassion they have for others. This first begins in the home, and I commend our parents for teaching your children and cultivating their desire to help others.

January continues with learning, music and our Torah Restoration Project. Let's work together to get all our children involved in the journey to restoring our sacred Torahs and preserving our Jewish history.

Wishing all of you a good, warm and peaceful January. Again, my sincerest thank you for your support, enthusiasm for our programs, generosity for our Toy Drive and for making TOEACRC your spiritual home.

B'Shalom,
Deborah Tract
Director of Lifelong Learning

Scenes From Last Month's Latkes and Vodka Celebration



Find these and many more photos from this event on the Facebook Familyhood page.

Network of Women (NOW)



Robin Grossman

It's time to close the door to 2022 and prepare for a clean slate in 2023. Best way to do so is to reflect. Reflection for who we have met, who is no longer with us, what we accomplished, what we still have left on our daily to do list and what is on our life's bucket to do list. Who was there with us in good times and bad, how did we grow as a person?

What are our hopes, our dreams and can we make them a reality? Did we face our challenges and meet our goals? Reflecting is a good way to re-evaluate the who, what, where, when and why we are doing things.

I have just finished listening to Michele Obama's newest book titled "The Light We Carry" and in it she speaks of a kitchen table, which surrounds her in every aspect of her life. It is not just those in her immediate family that sits at her "kitchen table". It is those people who bring her the most gladness. She has friends from college, friends that she has met while first lady and yes of course her mom and family. But what struck me about the phrase "the kitchen table" is that it reminded me of who has literally been around my kitchen or dining room table, my Zoom room and even the non-traditional tables such as the card table, the Mah Jongg table, etc. It's those that mean the most to me. Those friends who I can count on.

The people who encircle all aspects of my life and yes that includes my temple friendships who sit at my "kitchen table". Friendships are precious: they are a lifeline, and they help us focus on the moment we are in. These are the people who see you (and me) at your (my) best and at your (my) worst! No judgement just pure friendship and a sense of belonging. For those of you I personally have not yet had the pleasure of meeting I hope one day you sit at my "kitchen table".

NOW for the News

Our next meeting is January 23. *Subject to change and most likely will be via Zoom.

- January 29 will be our annual AED CPR certification. If you are a member of NOW you can reserve a spot on us (for the first 15 people). Once those spots are filled each attendee will cost \$85 pp. Please see the flyer at the end of the Shofar.
- There is still time to order your 2023 Mah Jongg Card. Please see attached flyer.
- Those who attended the Chanukah party... you ladies ROCK! Thank you for sitting at my kitchen table literally and figuratively!
- We donated \$10,000 to the temple's Library Renovation Project. You should all be proud of that!
- The next Book Club discussion will be January 30.
- At this time of writing the article I am in the process of putting together a local museum tour and speaker.



I wish you and your family a wonderful start to 2023!

Cheers to you!

--Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.

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Men's Club

Happy and healthy 2023 to all! I hope the holiday season was a safe and joyous time for all of us, with good times shared with family and friends. 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.

There are some fun upcoming events on the calendar for the next few months as 2023 begins. These include:

- Men's Club Dinner on Wednesday, January 11th (at the Orient restaurant in Bethpage). This will also double as our monthly meeting.
- Men's Club Meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, February 7th at the Temple, or via Zoom.
- NFL Playoff remote get-together (TBD)
- Walk in the Park (TBD) weather permitting

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.

Stay safe this winter!



Mark Starr
Men's Club co-president

--Mark Starr

Remembering Robert Markman

We mourn the passing last month of Temple member Robert Markman, husband of Cary Markman. Besides his regular presence and participation at Shabbat services every week with Cary, Bob was an active volunteer on various temple committees and in the Jewish community.

Rabbi Judy noted that Bob was often the first to befriend new members. "In his quiet way, Bob made everyone feel at home at Temple," Rabbi Judy said in her remarks at Bob's funeral.

At CRT, Bob had his Bar Mitzvah as an adult. Bob took on many responsibilities at CRT, including serving as financial secretary and treasurer. He also served as president of the congregation twice in two separate decades. Before taking over as president for the second time, Rabbi Judy recalled Bob seeking her input and views on changes in the congregation since he had last served as president.

Bob chaired CRT's funeral committee at CRT and was the one whom families turned to when preparing for a funeral. "One call to Bob was all that was needed to make arrangements," Rabbi Judy said. "He freed many families from stress over preparations and also issued cemetery permits."

Cary and Bob were among those who formed a local chapter of L'dor V'dor Chavurah, resulting in lifelong friendships, even as many of them are now spread across the country. Besides Cary, Bob is remembered by his daughter June (and her husband Ken), his son Charles (and his wife Kim), and two grandchildren.



Cary and Bob Markman

Services Schedule

Fri. Jan. 6	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Jan. 7	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Jan. 13	Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi candidate Rabbi Melody Davis	6:30 PM
	Erev Shabbat Service Led by Rabbi candidate Melody Davis	7:30 PM
Sat. Jan. 14	Torah Study Led by Rabbi candidate Melody Davis	10:30 AM
Thurs. Jan. 19	Torah Study with Rabbi	7:30 PM
Fri. Jan. 20	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Jan. 21	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Rifka Carlota Hart	10:00 AM
Thurs. Jan. 26	Torah Study with Rabbi	7:30 PM
Fri. Jan. 27	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

Congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah Candidate and her Family:



Rifka Carlota Hart

Daughter of Dean and Gabriela

**Share your news, stories or memories in The Shofar.
Photos are welcome as well!**



January Birthdays



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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 David Katz | 9 Dylan Rogove | 23 Eric Wolff |
| 1 Rachel Katz | 9 Michelle Savarino | 23 Harry Woodrow |
| 1 Linda Peller | 10 Rita Wasserman | 24 Benjamin Shahaf |
| 1 B. Caitlyn Schwartz | 11 Diane Corey | 24 Brandon Wachs |
| 2 Marcine Marcus | 11 Debra Schwartz | 25 Leah Breslin |
| 2 William Rosenberg | 12 Sam Braunstein | 25 Perry Glickman |
| 3 Tracee Cohen | 12 Arlene Horowitz | 25 Alexandra Kugel |
| 3 Blaire Lomasky | 13 Rikki Feinstein | 25 Lynda Sanseverino |
| 3 Judy Natelson | 13 Jonathon Mender | 25 Mia Sommer |
| 4 Lucy Ethe-Sayers | 13 Bonnie Siegel | 25 Marla Suroff |
| 4 Linda Ilan | 14 Gayle Dolowich | 25 Andrea Wiener |
| 5 Judith Schanker | 14 Audrey Newman | 26 Cooper Gallow |
| 5 Brody Walsh | 14 Hetti Perlmutter | 27 Brett Agulnick |
| 6 Jeffrey Finkelstein | 14 Jami Schultz | 27 Ariel Feldberg |
| 6 Jonathan Finkelstein | 15 Penny Hutner | 27 Rifka Carlota Hart |
| 6 Adam Goldberg | 15 Jeffrey Newman | 27 Enid Kotowitz |
| 7 Alexandra Damast | 15 Mark Rosner | 28 Paul Adler |
| 7 Jordan Landsberg | 17 Kenneth Schultz | 28 Susan Bloomberg |
| 8 Marc Agulnick | 18 Eric Moore | 28 Ethan Graber |
| 8 Joseph Isserles | 19 Scott Horowitz | 28 Debra Starr |
| 8 Ethan Mogavero | 21 Kevin Breslin | 29 Brandon Kusnetz |
| 8 Deborah Wactlar | 22 Amy Peller | 30 Adam Lampert |
| 9 Steven Ackerman | 22 Dylan Steiner | 30 Andrea Lomasky |
| 9 Russell Graham | 23 Craig Goldstein | 31 Mitchel Senzon |
| 9 Gary Nackman | 23 Ian Toppie | |

January Anniversaries



23 Dennis & Barbara Weiss

25 Arthur & Barbara Katz

27 Jason & Jill Zeller

Torah Portions



January 7, **Vayechi (Gen 47:28-50:26)**

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

January 14, **Shemot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)**

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

January 21, **Vaera, Exodus 6:2-9:35**

God asks Moses and his brother Aaron to deliver the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage. After many years of slavery, the Hebrews aren't sure what to make of that promise. Moses and Aaron perform a miracle with a snake, and tell Pharaoh to let their people go. Again and again, Moses makes this plea. Each time Pharaoh fails to uphold his end of the bargain. This portion includes the first seven plagues.

January 28, **Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16**

The final three plagues rain down on Egypt, including locusts, and darkness. Before the final plague, God instructs Aaron and Moses about the Passover festival. God tells the people what to do to avoid being affected by the final and most gruesome plague yet: the death of the firstborn. After this plague, Pharaoh finally allows the Hebrews to leave Egypt. God repeats the commandments about Passover.

We sorrowfully mourn the passings of:

Bob Markman

Past President of Community Reform Temple and husband of Cary Markman

Len Saltz

Longtime member and father of Julian and Brian Saltz

Alexandra Schubert

Granddaughter of Ron Schubert



Yahrzeits

Week of January 7

Anne Balfour, Howard Bertan, Jack Bohrer, Morris Chedekel, Louis Cohen, Rose Comisar, Viki DeJong, Edith Elstein, Rebecca Fisher, Faye Frank, Charles Freedman, Ronald Goldberg, Eli Goldstein, Harry Goldstein, Edwin Hoffman, Rose Holtzman, Jack Jacobs, Jerry Jainchill, Zahava Karat, Warren Kolber, Roe Kraft, Phoebe Kreisberg, Mollie Labelson, Lillian Lapidus, Louis Lipson, Irving Lotenberg, Samuel Miller, William Naftal, Lilly Neider, Max Nisenbaum, Rebecca Orenstein, Minnie Oscar, Ethel Polis, Kathleen Poulsen, Sylvia Robbins, Sylvia H. Rosenberg, Kurt Rosner, Charles Rothenberg, Eugene Rubin, Sadye Scheirer, Ralph Schier, Nathan Schifter, J. Stanley Shaw, Flora Shimberg, Dora Siegel, Max Silvey, Morris Sklar, Samuel Spiegel, Arthur Stangel, Karen Stein, Morton Switzman, Irene Touretz, Rose Warburg, Dora Wendroff, Tillie Wieselmann, Harold Zahler



Week of January 14

Leo Adler, Jean Breitman, Solomon Chorost, Lillian Eisinger, Samuel Feinstein, Tracy Fleisher, Renee Glickman, Max Goodman, Jennie Gorman, Ruth Halpern, David Harris, Norman Heilweil, Judith Jacobs, Samuel Jacobs, Julian Juster, Rose Kaback, Ruth Kaplan, Rita Kleiner, Max Koenigsberg, Nat Kutin, Ben Lang, Abraham Lerner, Grace Magill, Toby Marx, Nathan W. Math, Sol Milstein, Betty Newman, Rachel Oestreich, Jacob Olian, William Oliver, Roza Pinto, Arthur Platt, Lillian Reisman, Blanche Reyburn, Mark Rosenberg, Anne Rubin, Molly Weiss Schneider, Sadie Schoenholtz, Dorothy Schwartz, Harry Schwartz, Evaline Weintraub, Shirley Weintraub, Julius Wendroff

Week of January 21

Bernard Berfas, Abraham Blackman, Tillie Braunstein, Jay Brenner, Irene Broderson, Benjamin Brody, Bessie Buchalter, Fannie Cohen, Louis Cooperman, Esther Davis, Isidor Dreier, Marie Ettinger, Albert Fischer, Judith Freudenthal, Anna Gelbien, Anna Goodman, Roger Greenberg, Sidney Hahn, William Hoffman, Emma Hyman, Melvin Juster, Henry Kaplan, Richard Kaplan, Marilyn Kazan, Manny Krumholz, Jesse Lebolt, Sandra Liebeskind, Frances Menzin, Carl Miller, Max Mitchel, Kate Napell, Renee Ostrove, Beckie Pincus, Bernard Reiss, Lillian Rosenberg, Morris Rosenberg, Peter Rosenberg, Sigmund Rosenstock, Charles Rudich, Eunice Schroder, Isadore Seltzer, Esther Shankman, Evelyn Sherman, Dora Stein, Elias Weiler, Sara Weinrib, Anna Weintraub, Miriam Wohl, Molly Yaris, Paul Yaris, Dora Zirin

Week of January 28

Celia Albin, Dorothy Altman, Harold Bisom, Kate Chodos, Albert Cohen, Sadie Cohen, Michael Cole, Dora Crown, Nancy Harris Ellis, Bessie Epstein, Joel Eshin, Cecile Feldmann, Louis Gelber, Henry Glick, Barry Glotzer, Dora Goldin, Irving Harris, Julius Herman, Sam Hersh, Bernard Kaye, Elizabeth Kenger, Robert Kislik, Murry J. Koenigsberg, Benjamin Leshowitz, Gussie Leshowitz, Ira Levine, Albert Lichtenstein, Lucille Malawista, Victor Margulies, Boris Moore, Shirley Osnowitz, Muriel Ritter, Miriam Rose, Irving Secol, Milton Seifman, Bernard Seltzer, Sam Siegel, Leonard Silpe, Sylvia Smith, Samuel Solodkin, Marilyn Taub, Mildred Topper, Anne Waco, Lowell Wayne, Celia Weinberg, Michael Weiss, Lorraine Yager, Rebecca Zeidman

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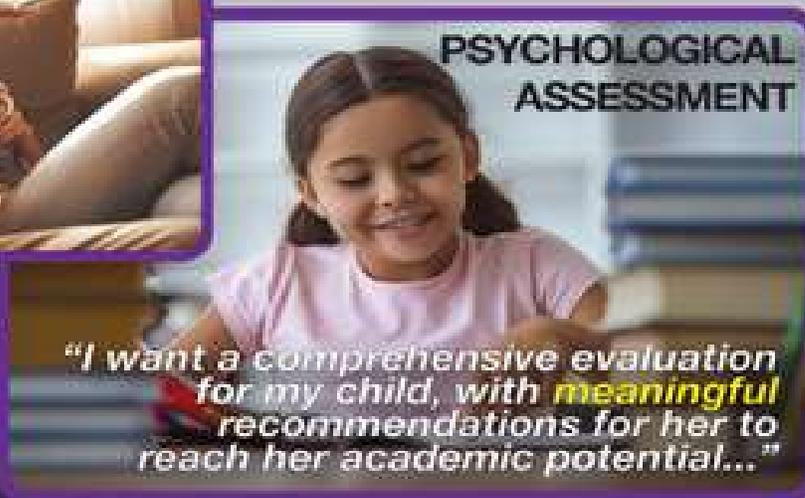
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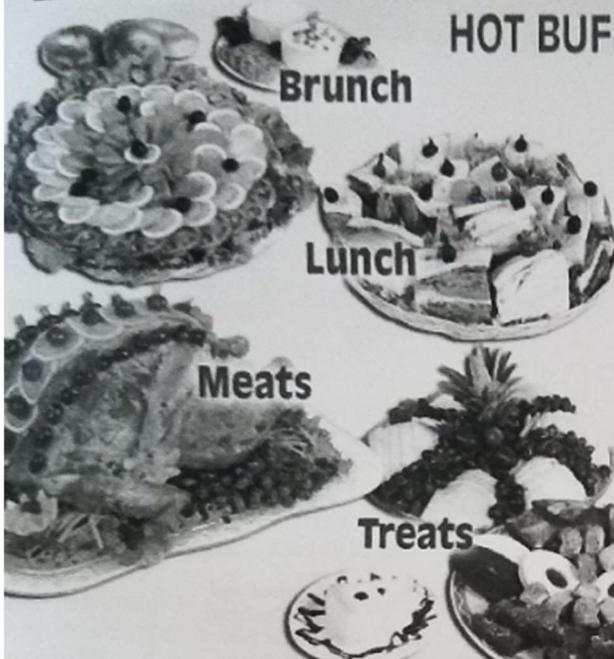
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1	2	3 Religious School resumes	4 Strategic Planning 8:00 PM	5 Security Committee Meeting 8 p.m.	6 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	7 Torah Study 10:30 AM
8	9 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	10	11 Men's club dinner offsite 7:30 PM	12 Lunch n Learn	13 Family Shabbat 6:30 PM AND Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi candidate Melody Davis 7:30 PM	14 Torah Study 10:30 AM
15	16 Martin Luther King Day No Religious School	17	18 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	19 Torah Study 7:30 PM	20 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	21 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah
22	23 N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 PM	24 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	25	26 Torah Study 7:30 PM	27 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	28
29 AED CPR 9AM	30 N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	31				

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Minutes from the November 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.



Board of Trustees Meeting November 27, 2022

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

Absent: Howard Pastolove, Amy Adler, Deena Yaris, Anne Edelman

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

Approval of Minutes and Closed Session Minutes from the October Meeting

Motions to approve minutes from the October meeting carried with one abstention.

Motions to approve minutes from the closed session of the October meeting carried with one abstention.

Rabbi's Report: Rabbi Judy

- We're moving closer to the kickoff date for the Circle of Life Torah restoration project and working with some congregants to get a logo and a layout for flyers.
- Sunday, December 4, Seeking Sanctuary with Brett Kolodny, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Long Island, to discuss a book he wrote a few years ago about Long Island synagogues. We had him booked for May 2020, but then the pandemic ensued.
- Rabbi's reading group Zoom session on the book Gangsters versus Nazis, suggested by Gary Corn, has moved to December 13.
- I was pleased to see at the last couple of B'nai Mitzvahs, not only were the friends of the B'nai Mitzvah there, and specifically, the religious school friends at the Saturday service, but also at the Friday night service. One of the kids even came to the most recent Bar Mitzvah with his Bar Mitzvah book to follow along in the service. I urge you to come to all at least some of the potential and see what our kids can do.

Cantor's Report: Cantor David Katz

- After the first of the year, we will start doing various musical Shabbat services. For example, in February, we're going to present our direct Sephardic music Shabbat.
- Performing at the Tillis center for the annual holiday show with the Long Island pop symphony.
- Chanukah service is coming up 23rd. As always, every year, bring your Menorahs.
- Urged BOT members to attend Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. It means a tremendous amount to families to see board members there.

School Report: Deborah Tract

- We held our first familyhood event since COVID on Election Day, November 8. And it was so well attended by approximately 35 people. They had a good time making challah using funds from the Flory Warshawsky fund for the baking supplies.
- For Chanukah, we will have Musical IQ come back, who will bring Chanukah alive with drumming and music and songs and excited about that.
- On December 18, family Hanukkah party with breakfast and Fun Time Express coming, every child will be able to pick their stuffed animal.
- Latkes and Vodka is shaping up to be a successful event. We now have a DJ, as well as the walk-around standing magician who's going to do some great magic tricks. Men's Club and NOW have contributed.

- March 12 Family Purim event. Adam Cohen, who's been featured on TV, will be there.
- The John Thiessen toy drive is going on right now. Bring new toys up until December 22. Our Temple is always come out with so much for him. Toys go to underprivileged children.

President's Report: Mark Natelson

- Our first Town Hall took place on November 17, and about 50 people attended either in person or by Zoom.
 - We reviewed some of the changes we are implementing, including the monthly Committee reports and Board minutes in Shofar starting this month. Also, ensuring that ideas brought to Committee or Board members are discussed and documented in either the committee's monthly report or Board minutes. We may not be able to implement every suggestion, but we want to hear them because you never know where a good idea will come from.
 - We had some questions that we posed to the congregation for their opinion:
 - Are we sending too many emails out? The Executive Committee thought we might be sending too many, but the congregation did not believe so. We will continue to send emails at the same rate we do today. This was a perfect example of why we must keep the conversation between the Board/Committees and the congregation going. It's just another case of "we can't serve the congregation if we don't know what they are thinking".
 - Are we sending too many Covid notification emails? Everyone agreed we should keep sending them but suggested we develop a way to distinguish between someone who came in contact with people through regular interactions and those who attended an event held in the building. We will work on this month.
 - How often should we hold Town Hall Meetings? Our thoughts were to have them in November and March. The congregation agreed that twice a year plus the annual Congregation meeting is a good frequency.
- Rabbi Search continues to be in full swing. We will have a congregation-wide update out by January.
- The caterer's contract renewal discussions are ongoing.
- The Nominating Committee is still working on filling the open VP spot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ritual (from November 3, 2022 meeting): Len Gerschitz

1. High Holy Days
2. Committee reviewed attendance statistics for each service, including in-house attendance and via streaming. Even if everyone who attended via streaming were to attend in person, there would be enough room in the Sanctuary and Social Hall to accommodate everyone at one-morning service for the First Day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning.
3. Torah Restoration Project – Rabbi Judy reported that The Fund-Raising program will be called **Circle of Life Torah Restoration Campaign**. Artwork will be solicited from congregants. The suggested logo will be a circle with a tree (representing the Aitz Chaim and a Torah scroll. A scroll of Honor will list the names of contributors.

Donation Categories will include:

Entire Torah \$10,800 (potentially 4 Torah scrolls)
 Book 1,800 (5 in each scroll)
 Aliya 540 (7 per portion, 54 portions)
 Sentence 180
 Word 72
 Letter 18 **for children only**
 Other possible donations for edging and sewing.

N.O.W.: Robin Grossman

1. **Temple Chanukah Party** December 18; donation \$250
2. **Canasta Lessons and Mah Jongg Lessons** – Canasta lessons, daytime and evening courses and Mah Jongg lessons ended.
3. **Beauty and the Beast** – This event is at the Argyle Theater in Babylon on December 10 at 2:30 pm. Tickets will be at the box office and distributed by one of the attendees.
4. **NOW Shabbat** – Thank you, Ann, for a great Shabbat service.
5. **Mah Jongg Cards** – The order form is on Facebook, and extra copies, if needed, should be on the lobby table. Barbara Feinstein

6. **Book Club** –The next Book Club will be held on December 5. Night Fall by Nelson DeMille
7. **AED/CPR** – Sue will coordinate this event on January 29, 2023. The first 15 spots are free to all paid NOW members. If we fill the spots, each additional person is \$85. If all spots are not filled, they will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
8. **NOW Hanukkah Party** – Babkes and Latkes will be at Robin’s house at 7:15 pm on December 19. There is no fee for this event, but you must be a member of NOW to attend.
9. **Past President’s Board.** Looking into new boards different from the ones we have. The old ones need to be moved to a new location.
10. January 8, 2023: We have a **private tour of the “I’ll Have What She’s Having: A Jewish Deli Exhibition** at 11:15 am, followed by lunch (not included in price). There is a fee, and a flyer has been circulating. The deadline is December 8, so I must let the NY Historical Society know the count.
11. We keep all NOW members in the loop by sending our minutes via email.
12. \$10,000 check for the library reno project has been written and handed to Robin in the office.

Men’s Club: Submitted by Mark Starr

The Men’s Club has had some 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 2022 and early 2023.

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

- Hike at Sagamore Hill (October 30)
- Monthly meeting (November 1)
- Sukkah takedown (November 13)

Our upcoming events include:

- Monthly meetings (December 6, January 10, 2023, February 7)
- Talk (and brunch) 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. Presented by Paul Rosenfeld. (December 11)
- Men’s Club Dinner at the Orient (January 10 with monthly meeting)
- Escape the Room activity (January 15, time & place TBD)

Rabbi Search (Laurel)

- We found three new locations to place our updated ad Hebrew College in Newton, MA; Academy for Jewish Religion in California and Jewish Careers.com. It was also posted on Jewish Jobs. Com
- We have a second interview with a Rabbi from Pennsylvania with experience on Wednesday. We have checked her Instagram, Facebook and YouTube pages.
- Rabbi Sam Yolen has decided to remove his name from the position. We will be interviewing two other Rabbis the following week.

Publicity/Website Design (Laurel)

Has updated the website design contract. Approved by legal as per the last meeting.

Rabbi Harvey honor (Laurel)

Five landscapers have been contacted and have met me at the Temple. We have two firm proposals thus far and should have two more soon. The ideas included either a garden with benches, trees and plantings under the ten commandments or a pergola in the area by the Kiddush windows.

Rabbi Judy honoring is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, including a Shabbat service and a Kiddush, not a luncheon. Shawn will cater it. The specific details are to be determined, and the committee will be formed soon. The Rabbi and Cantor, Deborah, Cary and Mark have been consulted. This committee will have members from both legacy temples.

Membership Committee (Laurel)

Suggestions for future ideas/events include a family-themed service with a Shabbat Dinner for new members from 2020 forward.

- Letters should be sent to past members who have resigned with a statement like: “Did you know that membership at TOEACRC has its benefits, or Please feel you still have a home in our sanctuary.” A membership ad in the local paper or social media saying Come OUT of the cold and have some hot cocoa and donuts for Chanukah with us.
- Targeting the Middle Age – we could have workshops on Anti- Semitism. Parenting issues, identity as a Jew on social media and many other concepts.
- Like the others, except for Rabbi Search, this committee is open to the community to join.

Library Renovation Project Update:

To date:

- NOW (\$10,000), Men’s Club (\$4000), and Marvin Dubin Children’s Library Fund (\$2300 specifically for Air conditioner and TV) has been allocated to the project.
- Met with another contractor (#4) who itemized each point we needed done and found that Rich could do \$4,050 for \$760. Those items included: Moving the existing bookcases to the Rabbi’s office and installing a top that has been sanded and stained. Ripping out the old floor and disposing of materials, disposing of two desks near the ark, and disposing of extra bookcases.

We made a wish list of necessary practical items that can be postponed until we have more money. Those items include speakers, hot spot installation for Wi-Fi, desk chairs, and lecterns.

- In general, we are short approximately \$4,500 (excluding wish list items) to finish the library renovation, most of which is proper commercial-grade flooring that three contractors have recommended.
- We hope this project can be approved and started in January after aligning the work Rich can do and depending upon contractor availability.
- A budget will be sent to finance for review.

New Business:

Town Hall (Sue Zichlin): Unfortunately, was unable to attend the town hall meeting. But I don’t think we send out too many emails, but I would like fewer corrected emails. As for COVID notifications, I think it’s important that the chair of an event is made aware of a COVID case, because, generally, the chairs are around and interact with almost everybody at an event.

Mark responded regarding COVID notifications. That is the plan. Regarding cutting down emails, we have proofreaders, but everyone makes mistakes.

Catering (Neil Miller):

Met with the caterer to iron out some terms, hoping we can present a contract that will look in style and format very different from the current one. There are a lot of new terms to protect the Temple. The duration will be at least 10 years, perhaps as long as 20. That’s a long time. And so, we really have a fiduciary duty to ensure the Temple is protected.

Parking Lot Lighting (Ira Warshawsky):

We need to address the lighting situation in the parking lot. Lights need to be repaired or replaced.

Bylaws (Robin Grossman)

- Did anything materialize at the last bylaws meeting?
- Roz responded that we are not changing anything at this point in time. We will continue to have closed ballots when there is more than one candidate for a position.

Finance (David Schwartz)

Presented update on dues collection to date for the fiscal year. Expenses are unchanged.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Jeff Schwartz, secretary.