

Hunger Awareness Campaign to Run Throughout March

March will be a busy month at Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation focusing on hunger awareness. Spearheaded by Social Action chair Susan Levine and director of lifelong learning Deborah Tract, there will be a variety of events that everyone can participate in.

The hunger awareness campaign kicks off March 3 with a unique Erev Shabbat service with prayer and a presentation by Susan about ways families can help those in need in our community.

“I’ll be speaking about what’s going on in Nassau County specifically,” she says. “As you can see on the calendar, we’re going to collect different foods each week of the month, ending the last week in March with Passover food for the holidays. I am working with Deborah on a few things, and it will be a great program.”

At Hebrew School, Matthew and Brandon Kusnetz will talk to our students about how they could grow vegetables for food pantries. On March 13, Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Foundation will visit the school for hands on-lesson with upper-grade students.

Also, each Sunday morning, there will be a weekly food collection. Please see the calendar for each week’s theme. Of course, we always welcome donations of any unexpired and non-perishable goods.

March Hunger Awareness Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>26</p> <p>WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION: *Please bring all varieties of Canned Goods</p>	27	28	1	2	<p>3</p> <p>Special Erev Shabbat Service: *Prayer and inspiring words by our Social Action Chair, Susan Levine. *Shabbat Music as well as songs by Queen, Elvis, Simon & Garfunkel, John Lennon.</p> 	4
<p>5</p> <p>WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION: *Condiments: Honey, Salad Dressing, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, Oil, Vinegar</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Our Religious School children will meet the fabulous Kusnetz young men, creators of <i>Growing Good</i>.</p>	7	8	9	10	<p>11</p> 
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<p>19</p> <p>WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION: *Soups & Beans</p>	20	21	22	23	24	<p>25</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION: *Passover Items</p>	27	28	29	30	31	<p>1</p> 

Services Schedule

Fri. March 3	Young Family Shabbat Service Erev Shabbat Service	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Sat. March 4	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Shahaf	10:00 AM
Fri. March 10	Friday March 10 Musical Erev Shabbat Service and Purim Shpiel	7:30 PM
Sat. March 11	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. March 17	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. March 18	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Cooper Gallow	10:00 AM
Thurs. March 23	Weekday Service Bar Mitzvah Justin Goldberg	11:00 AM
Fri. March 24	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. March 25	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. March 31	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah Candidates and their families:

Benjamin Shahaf
Son of Aviv Shahaf and Elizabeth Greenfield

Cooper Gallow
Son of Neil and Jennifer Gallow

Justin Goldberg
Son of Amy and Brian Goldberg



Share your news, stories or memories in The Shofar

Photos are also welcome!

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Always Available to All Congregants

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



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.

Yarmulkes

Order yarmulkes for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Wedding at discounted prices from NOW. We have a tremendous variety of colors. Free imprinting in silver or gold for orders of 5 dozen or more.



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

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President's Column

The next Town Hall will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at 8 p.m. After the first one held last November we are all looking forward to continuing the conversation with the congregation.

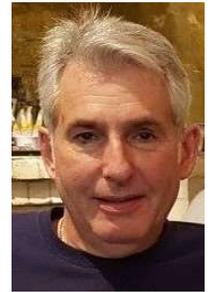
We had tremendous participation at the first Town Hall, and it just confirmed we need to keep holding them. So please save the date. I encourage you to come if you can, but we will make it available on Zoom as well.

We are kicking off our Torah Restoration project this month. If you ever wanted to preserve and actually write in a Torah, stay tuned and be on the lookout for more emails on the project. For many it is a once in a lifetime opportunity, don't miss your chance to be part of it.

As recently communicated by the Rabbi Search Committee, we are looking at various alternatives, since none of the candidates that we considered were suitable. One of the questions asked of prospective Rabbis during the interviews were: "What's your favorite book that pertains to Judaism?" We heard a lot of good answers and that got me thinking about what my answer would be.

It would take a nanosecond for me to answer that it's "The Source" by James Michener from 1965. Why would a book written by someone who is not Jewish be "the one"? I've first read it in my early 20's and came away from it with a newfound understanding of what it was like to be Jewish in the times from 9800 BCE to 1948.

Set at an archaeological dig near a well (water = source of life) in 1963, starting at the bottom level they find an artifact and the book tells the story of that time and what the Jewish experience was like in it. There are 15 levels at the dig, and it culminates with the birth of Israel. I've read it a few times over the years, and always see something new in it and it is still "the one." If you like Jewish history in the form of a novel check it out, both literally and figuratively.



Mark Natelson
President

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 6, 2023
10:30 AM

As we honor and say farewell to

Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg

Join us for a special Shabbat morning service and kiddush
at Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation

Details to Follow



Rabbi's Corner

Our kick-off event for the Circle of Life Torah Restoration Project is set to begin on Sunday April 2 at 10:00 am. Our Soferet Jill Kaplan's work is in progress.

The Ritual Committee has approved changes to our presentation at services of our Mi Sheberach and Shiva lists. Please continue to send your names of people who are in-need of our healing prayers. They will be recited aloud for two consecutive weeks. After that, if they are still in need of our prayers, their names will be published on our Mi Sheberach list which is distributed to congregants at services and through email to everyone receiving the weekly service bulletin electronically. I will pray for these individuals silently while Cantor Katz is singing the prayer. You are always welcome to recite a name aloud in the sanctuary or even at home while watching the live stream. I believe that God hears all prayers whether aloud or in our hearts.



Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg

Our Kaddish list has been reorganized to reflect the traditional periods of mourning, Shiva, the first, intense week of mourning immediately after death and burial, the period of Shloshim, the rest of the month following Shiva and Shana,



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the rest of the year, totaling 11 months. Shiva and Shloshim are mourning periods observed for everyone who has passed on. Shana, meaning year, is a period of mourning traditionally reserved for parents and completes a year of mourning. That year is reduced to 11 months because it is said that the souls of righteous parents take 11 months of Kaddish to reach Heaven. Those without the merit of the righteous require 12 months of Kaddish. No one is going to say they do not consider their parents to be righteous, therefore the custom is to recite

Kaddish for a parent only for 11 months and consider that period Shana.

In our modern world, there are deaths of loved ones which we mourn in perpetuity and our Temple family joins in that mourning. If there is someone you would like to remember through Kaddish for longer than the traditional period for that individual, please discuss it with me privately, so your Temple family can be appropriately supportive.

I wish you a Happy Purim, a day we celebrate our physical salvation from anti-Semitic persecution. We will celebrate Purim with Megillah reading, a Spiel with a Beatles theme and a Shabbat service on Friday, March 10 at 7:30pm. Join us as well for festivities including crafts, Hamantaschen baking, and the Living Wax Museum presented by our 5th grade students on Sunday March 12 beginning at 10 am.

Chag Sameach

--Rabbi Judy

Cantor's Notes

T Happy Purim! This month we celebrate the holiday of Purim with our Purim Shpiel and service. It is one of the most fun and joyous services in our calendar year. Each year there is a theme to our Purim Shpiel. This year we will be setting the story to the music of.....**THE BEATLES**- Yes that is correct, Judah (John), Ringoleh (Ringo), Joseph (George) and Pishke (Paul) will all be here at temple in spirit to help us ring in the Purim holiday with their music! As well as being accompanied by our incredible band Neshama.



Cantor David Katz

The Shpiel will be happening on Friday March 10, 2023. Please try and make it to this special Shabbat service and shpiel. This is an event and holiday for the entire family, young and old. This is definitely a service you don't want to miss!



Purim the holiday allows for many changes and different takes on our services and traditions. It also is a special holiday in that even though we have a great time, there are deeper meanings as to what Purim can mean for us. I found online a wonderful Kabalistic explanation of the Spiritual meaning of Purim that I think you will find very interesting. I have put it below.

I hope all of you can attend this year's Shpiel. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the holiday together with your entire family.

The Spiritual Meaning of Purim

Megillat Esther (The Book of Esther) describes forces that unfold in the person. These forces are what a person attaining spirituality discovers in connection with the Creator. They manage everything taking place in everyone's lives, and have been given the names Mordechai, Esther, Haman, as well as many others.

The story of Purim unfolds before the construction of the Second Temple, soon before the Aliyah (ascent) to the land of Israel. It depicts the final battle before the final correction (*Gmar Tikkun*). At this stage, the people of Israel, the innermost desire within the person that aspires to spirituality, live calmly and peacefully in the kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Mordechai, the spiritual desire that wants only to adhere to the Creator (the quality of bestowal and love), lived happily and the kingdom was at peace.

The people of Israel represent the majority of the desires that want to go straight to the world's leader to learn the law of the universe (the word "Israel" comes from the words "Yashar Kel" ["straight to God"]).

Indeed, in the beginning of the story, the narrative suggests that there is something wrong: "There is one nation that is scattered among the nations." This passage can also be read as "There is one desire that is scattered among the

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desires.” It is this nation, Israel, the desire for spirituality (a desire of bestowal and love), that is supposed to be united against all other nations, which are desires for self-gratification. The strength of the desire for spirituality (Israel) comes only from its unity, so when it is dispersed, it signifies that the person has not yet fulfilled his destiny, for only the people of Israel (the united desire for bestowal and love above all other desires) can lead the other nations (all other desires for self-gratification) to the common goal, adhesion with the Creator.

The evil Haman, who represents the egoistic desires in the person, wants to exploit the situation for personal gain. He eventually wants to overthrow the king from his throne. Haman believes that the fact that the people of Israel, the Jews, are dispersed testifies to their weakness, confusion and lack of faith. Therefore, he finds the situation to be a rare opportunity to eliminate the Jews from the face of the earth, as they are the sole force that stands between him and exploiting the Creator.

What Haman fails to understand, however, is that the Jews are dispersed for a reason: The Jews' dispersion (i.e. the dispersion of the small amount of spiritual desires among the large amount of egoistic desires) is in order for all desires to acquire the form of bestowal and love, i.e. that spiritual unity comes in integration and perfect balance with all desires, and not in separation to them. Indeed, we will see the truth of it when at the end of the story, all people reform. The meaning is that all the desires in the person, called “people,” accept the spiritual desires that leads to confidence and happiness, called “Israel.”

The Israel in a person (the altruistic part) is limited. That limitation can only be overcome by the evil Haman. That is why we need to find the Haman (the egoistic part) within us.



**Don't Miss the Purim Spiel
on March 10**

Featuring the Beatles!

**Judah (John), Ringoleh (Ringo),
Joseph (George) and Pishke (Paul)**

Religious School

Shalom Friends! Is it true? Is March Madness really returning to Temple Or Elohim, ACRC after a 3-year hiatus? YES! For the first time in three years our Religious School Fundraiser is back! On March 12, 2023 we will have Family Fun Day to celebrate the holiday of Purim, the celebration of bravery and altruism.

Queen Esther's Living Wax Museum will take place in person beginning promptly at 10:00 am. Come and mingle with our 5th graders as they share their favorite Jewish personality with you.

At 10:30, Krafty Hands of Syosset will bring crafts for every child's enjoyment.

Hamantaschen baking is at 12:00 PM. Come and make the triangular shaped pastry stuffed with a filling of your choice. This delicious baked good represents the three corners of Haman's hat and the celebration of Jewish survival. The story of Purim commemorates the Jews being saved from persecution. Esther risks her own life along with her Uncle Mordechai's to save the Jewish people. Esther stood up for the Jewish people. She symbolizes strength, determination and heroism.

Come join all the fun! Breakfast included for everyone!

Every cent raised supports our Religious School and children!

Please RSVP by March 6, 2023, and kindly pay online or bring your payment directly to the Temple office. Thank you in advance for supporting our Religious School.

Member Child/ Grandchild-\$20 per child.

Non-Member Child/Grandchild-\$30 per child.

Family Fun Sponsorship:

Queen Esther-\$400(includes 3 child tickets)

Mordecai-\$200(includes 2 child tickets)

King Ahasuerus-\$150(includes one child ticket)

Vashti-\$100

Haman-\$36

Grogger-\$18

March has been designated as Hunger Awareness Month at TOEACRC!

To kickstart our month of hunger awareness we will have a meaningful service on March 3, 2023, that is filled with musical songs, prayer and inspiring words by our Social Action Chair, Susan Levine.

On March 6 and 14 our Religious School children will meet the fabulous Kusnetz young men, creators of Growing Good. Matthew and Brandon have been growing vegetables to donate to local food pantries for several years. Who wants to join their team? They will work with you and teach you how to grow delicious vegetables! This is a great Mitzvah. Their hard work and efforts help to feed the hungry each and every day. Kudos to them both.

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Deborah Tract
Director of Lifelong Learning

Religious School

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March 13, 2023, Long Island Cares, Harry Chapin-The Harry Chapin Foundation will visit our school for a hands on lesson with our upper grades children.

Each week we will be earmarked for a different item that will be collected for distribution to the hungry.

March 3 - when you attend Shabbat Service, please bring All varieties of Canned Goods

March 6 - Condiments: Honey, salad dressing, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, Oil & Vinegar

March 13 - Boxed Cereal, Hot Cereal

March 20 - Soups & Beans

March 27 - Passover Items

All donations must be NON-EXPIRED. Please check the dates. Thank you all for your generosity.

Save the date for Sunday, April 30, 2023. Israel turns 75 and we will celebrate with entertainment, food, crafts and more. Fun for the entire family! Hope to see you all!

Am Y' Israel Chai!

B'Shalom,
Deborah Tract
Director of Lifelong Learning



Network of Women (NOW)

Every fiscal year I “take off” 2 nonconsecutive months. February was one of those months. Not much to report, but at the time of writing the March issue I want to share with you the thoughts of Emily Perl Kingsley who is the mother of a differently abled child. It is called Welcome to Holland.



I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel.

It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

If you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special,

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So, you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very, very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.

I personally do not have first-hand knowledge nor have the first-hand experience that one of my two sisters from another mother has, but I have been around her and her family for the past 40 years. Recently their 26-year-old daughter passed away from covid related symptoms. I must state that she had many underlying conditions and disabilities. But the 26-year-old story is heartbreaking, even more heartbreaking than the story you just read above.

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Holland is what they knew, lived and breathed. Today they start a new normal. I share in their journey: All the good, all the bad.

My family and all that came in contact with this family has learned so much from this nonverbal, almost non-functioning child. She gave to this world more than anyone would realize, patience, unconditional love, understanding, acceptance, inclusivity, friendship, empathy. All beautiful things that can be felt within our hearts. She radiated what her parents gave her. No one knows what another is going through behind closed doors. We, as individuals, must treat each other with patience, kindness, empathy, understanding, friendship, inclusivity, and love. Rebecca you will be missed and loved forever, and your parents embark on their journey home from Holland. 😞

NOW for the News:

- Our Shalach Manot fundraiser comes to a close March 5. Please order ASAP. Details on the flyer (keep scrolling!). Shalach Manot is a mitzvah! Send delicious portions to your friends and family. If you ordered or are a recipient of Shalach Manot you will be notified, and your pick-up date will be Sunday March 12 at 11 AM at the temple. Reminder...You should be receiving your Mah Jongg cards in the mail by late March/early April.
- Canasta lessons are very popular, and we continue to offer them throughout the year. We require 10 participants to effectively run each class. (See flyer at the end of the Shofar)
- Passover Wine Tasting/Sale will be on March 30 and March 31 from 3 pm-6 pm at NOBEL Wine and Spirits located at 503 N. Broadway in Jericho (Marshalls/Whole Foods Shopping Center but closer to Marshalls). A portion of all sales will ultimately benefit the temple. Every Passover table needs Kosher for Passover wine!!! At the time of this publication all we know is that there will be different price points and a varied selection. Please bring the flyer with you on dates of purchase (The fundraiser will start on March 30 and end on April 13. You can purchase anything during that time, and we will get the credit). See flyer at the end of the Shofar.
- Theater Event: West Side Story at the Argyle Theater in Babylon. These ticket prices are less than you can get even with a discount code. All seats are in the orchestra. See flyer at the end of the Shofar.
- March 20 is our monthly meeting at 7:30 PM.
- March 27 our Book Club discussion will be on The Matchmaker's Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman.

Cheers to you!

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

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FYI N.O.W.

By Barbara Ruvin

If you are looking to save some money, these two tips will help:

1. Cars with low mileage each year under 7,500 (ex. Allstate) offer lower insurance rates. I suggest a phone call to see if your car insurance company will let you qualify for lower rates. Different companies may have different requirements.
2. Tax reduction companies in Nassau County often charge a 50% free for money saved on your taxes. I have been with a company many years and I called and requested a change of 40% for them and 60% for me. They agreed. I suggest people call and see if their company will do the same for you.

Men's Club

Winter season is in the homestretch. It's been a milder than normal season thus far and we look forward to spring with more outdoor activities planned for our club membership to enjoy.

We had a quiet month in February, typical of past years', due to anticipated winter weather. March looks to be more active for the Club as winter wanes.

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

These include:

- Men's Club Meetings at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 14th and April 4th at the Temple, or via Zoom.
- Walk in the Park, Sunday March 19th, weather permitting. Place and meeting time TBD.
- Come join us at a monthly meeting or join us at an event. There will be more events planned and more chances to meet our members as the spring thaw continues and we get out to take advantage of what our area has to offer.

Please stay safe this upcoming spring!



Mark Starr

--Mark Starr, Men's Club co-president

Social Action

We hope you can join us on Friday, March 3 for our Hunger Awareness Shabbat.

Please bring non-perishable food items such as soup, oatmeal, tea/coffee, pasta, and any other food items you enjoy eating during the winter months. We will also gladly accept paper goods and cleaning supplies. Thank you.

Susan Levine,
Chair, Social Action Committee
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Alan Levine, President, Hatziliu Rescue Organization
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March Birthdays



1	Evan Damast	12	Rose Bruy	23	Alison Beller
1	Spencer Moore	12	Christine Katz	23	Chase Brodsky
1	Mary Ann Schwartz	12	Andrew Minkoff	23	Michelle Weiss
1	Jonathan Spivak	12	William Savarino	24	Eric Battino
1	Jonathan Wiener	13	Joshua Graham	24	Abe Milstein
3	Gavin Baeringer	13	Paige Hutner	26	Sandra Simon
3	Caitlyn Schultz	14	Mark Sklar	26	Donna Wolff
4	Jason Senzon	14	Sam Tract	28	Stephanie Lerner
4	Natalie Sklar	15	Janie Siegel	29	Meredith Epstein
5	Justin Goldberg	16	Abigail Katz	29	Jacob Lefkowitz
5	Adam Everard Wactlar	16	Vanessa Katz	29	Steven Ross
7	Samantha Etes	16	Steven Peller	30	Kyle Corey
7	Jeffrey Getelman	16	Roslind Vermut	30	Lee Jacobson
7	Amy Kotowitz	17	Pat Tulchin	30	Larry Menkes
8	David Kislik	18	Paul Kazan	31	Kimberly Ballen
8	Danielle Minkoff	18	Susan Levine	31	Neal Cohen
9	Glen Rosenberg	18	Jamie Maldow	31	Daniel Glickman
10	Maddox Felsen	19	Andrew Sommer	31	Erica Lauren Ross
10	Amy Goldberg	20	Hanna Bruy	31	Darien Schultz
11	Richard Jankowitz	20	Andrea Kislik	31	Brian Schwartz
11	Marilyn Kellman	21	Eli Ginsburg		
11	Ilyssa Pastolove	21	Sharyn Levine		
11	Mark Starr	22	Ernest Mednick		

March Anniversaries



10	Evan & Allison Damast	29	Mark Osnowitz & Joan Ritter
23	Michael & Bonnie Siegel	30	Laurence & Elaine Doctors
31	Dennis & Karen Blinder		

Torah Portions



March 4, Tetzaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10

Moses receives instructions for kindling the sanctuary's eternal light, the *ner tamid*. This text is the origin for the eternal light that appears in most Jewish sanctuaries, including our own. Aaron and his sons are introduced as priests and the Israelites are asked to create for them sacred vestments to wear while performing their duties in and around the tabernacle. The priests are ordained through a ritual ceremony that includes sacrifice.

March 11, Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35

This Torah portion begins discussing the creation of the Sanctuary. Israelites are asked to contribute a half shekel of silver to create it. God places "wise hearted" artisans Betzalel and Oholiav in charge of the Sanctuary's construction. The Torah portion then switches abruptly to Moses, who did not return from Mt. Sinai quickly enough for the anxious Israelites. They create a golden calf and begin to worship it. Upon seeing the Israelites dancing to an idol, a distressed Moses breaks the tablets containing the Ten Commandments. After begging for God's forgiveness Moses receives the Ten Commandments once more.

March 18, Vayakhail / Pekudei, Exodus 35:1-40:38

This portion tells of the plans and details concerning the building of Israel's first house of worship. This all takes place in the Wilderness of Sinai as the people progress on their long march to the Promised Land. A voluntary contribution campaign system is set up by Moses and the people give generously, funds about which much speculation became centered.

An accounting is made of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the Mishkan. Betzalel, Oholiab and their assistants make the eight priestly garments – the apron, breastplate, cloak, crown, hat, tunic, sash and breeches – according to the specifications communicated to Moses in the Parshah of Tetzaveh. The Mishkan is completed and all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy anointing oil, and initiates Aaron and his four sons into the priesthood. A cloud appears over the Mishkan, signifying the Divine Presence that has come to dwell within it.

March 25, Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26

This first Torah portion from the book of Leviticus focuses around the sacred offerings at the Sanctuary. It describes animal and meal sacrifices the people offer on the altar. These include an ascending offering, a meal offering, a peace offering, a sin offering and a guilt offering.

We sorrowfully mourn the passing of:

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Son of Sheldon and Matilda Wolfson



Yahrzeits

Week of March 4

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Week of March 11

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Week of March 18

Bertha Adler, Stephen Bearak, Marion Blum, George Butensky, Molly Cash, Rose Chafetz, Julius Citron, Herman Nathan Cohen, Sylvia Colen, Isidore Ehrlich, Charles Ettinger, Fay Fink, Pearl Glickman, Adam Daniel Goldblatt, Mollie Goldis, Albert Goldman, Sheldon Gordon, Abraham Grosman, David Seth Hauptman, Fannie Herman, Nat Hewitt, Ida Hill, Charles Horowitz, David Horowitz, Arlene Hughes, Vivian Jacobs, Arleen Kaye, Louis Kessler, Julie Kline, Seymour Lanton, Willi Leopold, Louis Lerner, Selma Minkoff, Celia Mitchell, Ida Pinsker, Samuel Pinto, Bessie Pokorny, Noima Rabunski, Sherman Scheinthal, Kenneth Schirmer, Michael Schneider, Dora Schwartz, Herbert Schwartz, Harry Shopsin, David Silver, Bessie Singer, Robert Stern, Morris Susser, Ruth Teichholz, Bertha Theodore, Joseph Wapnick, Alfred Wertheim, Martin Wolkoff

Week of March 25

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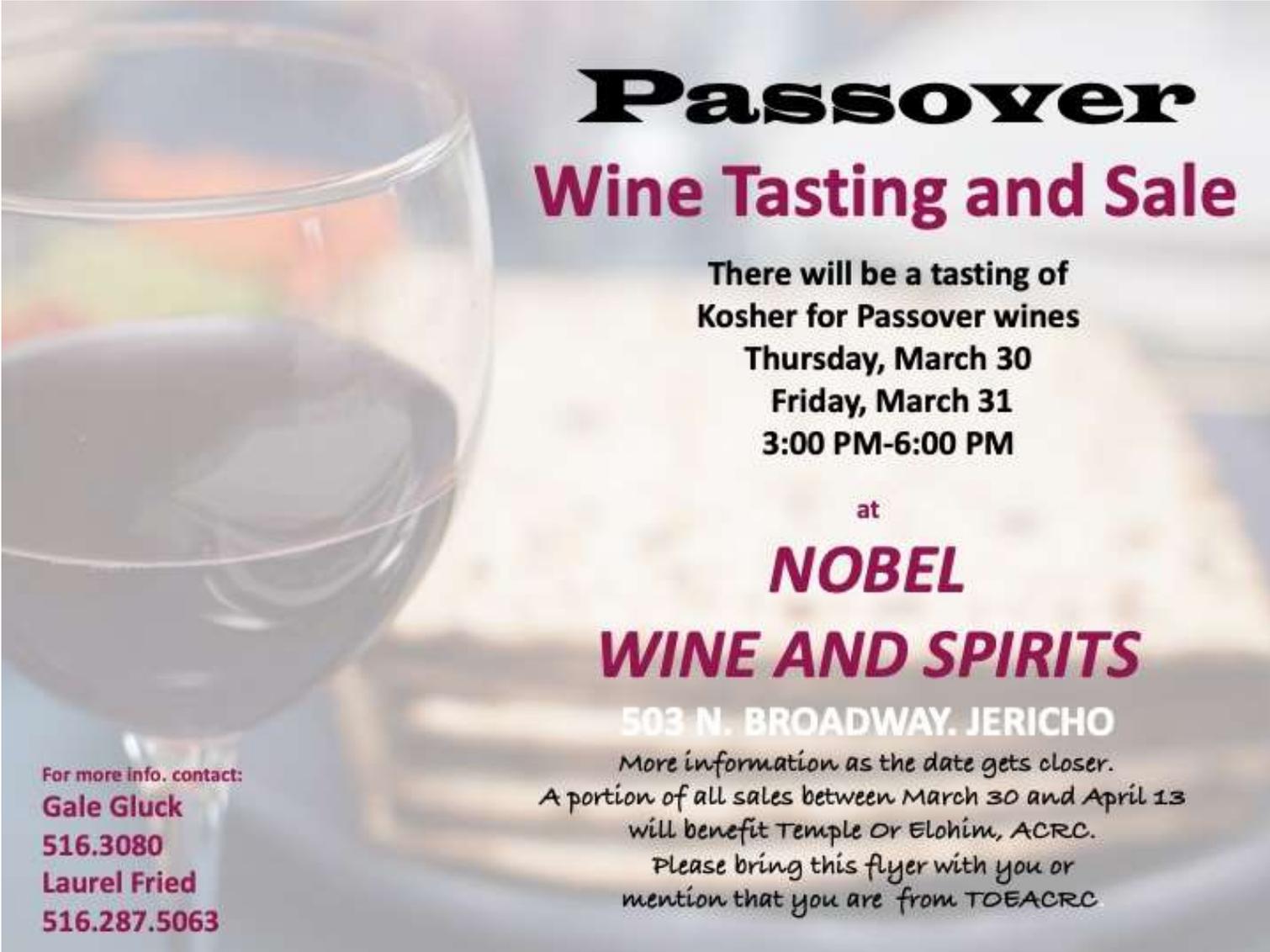
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DATE: March 27, 2023*
TIME: 7:30 PM
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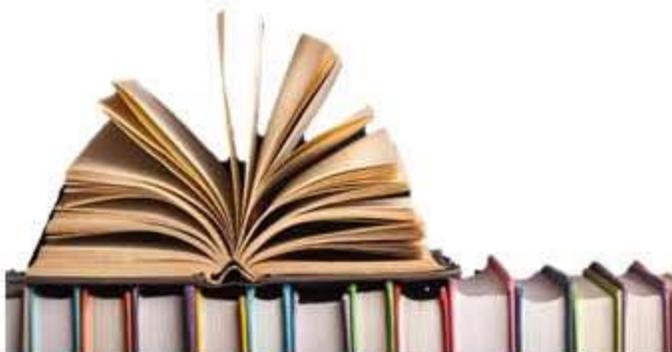
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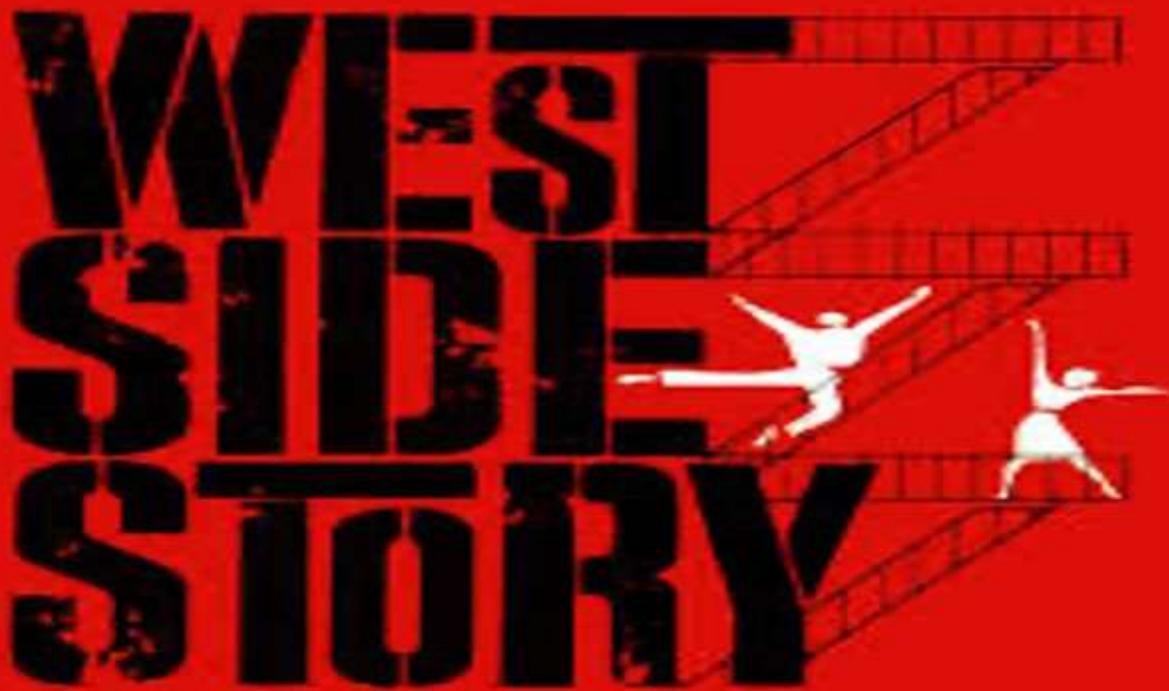
Our Book Discussion will be:
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Lynda Cohen Loigman,
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			1 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	2	3 Young Family Shabbat Service 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	4 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Benji Shahaf
5	6 Strategic Planning 8:00 PM	7 Purim	8	9 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:30 PM	10 Erev Shabbat Service & Purim Shpiel featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	11 Torah Study 10:30 AM
12 5th Grade Queen Esther's Living Wax Museum and Family Fun Day Purim celebration 10AM - 1PM	13 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Torah Study 7:30 PM Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	15 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	16 Adult Ed 7:30 PM	17 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	18 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Cooper Gallow
19	20 N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 PM	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	22	23 Weekday Service 11:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Justin Goldberg	24 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	25 Torah Study 10:30 AM
26	27 N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	28 Bylaws meeting 7:30 PM	29 Town Hall Meeting	30 Torah Study 7:30 PM	31 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	

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Minutes From the Temple's January 24, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

Approved on March 1, 2022



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

Absent: Anne Edelman

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

Approval of Minutes and Closed Session Minutes from the December Meeting

Motions to approve minutes from the December meeting carried.

Motions to approve minutes from the closed session of the December meeting carried.

Nominating Committee: Gary Corn

The committee has nominated Cary Markman as VP of the executive committee. The board voted to approve the nomination as put forward.

Rabbi's Report: Rabbi Judy

- We should take the following words that are part of the wedding ceremony into our hearts in how we relate to one another: Ahava (love), Achava (brotherhood), Shalom (peace), Re'ut (friendship). Let's remember those four words and values in our deliberations. Amen.
- Attended a Martin Luther King, Jr. community program through the Interfaith Clergy Association of Jericho, Syosset and Woodbury, held at North Shore Synagogue on Jan. 15. Participated in an anti-racist program for children, where we talked about similarities and differences about Martin Luther King Junior's dream.
- Led a lunch-and-learn session for seniors at the Mid Island JCC.

Cantor's Report: Cantor David Katz

- On Feb. 3 we will hold our Sephardic all Sephardic music service
- Band will perform on Feb. 17
- Trying to get the choir going again.
- Purim is coming up, and the theme is officially a Beatles forum.

School Report: Deborah Tract

- We will hold our school fundraiser on Mar. 12 with a Purim program, and sponsorships are available.
- Working with Susan Levine to bring Hunger Awareness Month to the temple, which also consists of a food drive for Passover.
- On Mar. 13, LI Cares -The Harry Chapin Food Bank will visit our school and lead an interactive program with our older students. The Kusnetz boys (Mathew and Brandon) will also visit our school to share with our students the importance of growing vegetables for food pantries.
- On March 12 prior to Purim Family Fun Day is the Madame Esther's 5th Grade Living Wax Museum at 10am.
- Mark Apr. 30, 3-6 pm to celebrate Israel's 75th anniversary with food, entertainment and crafts.

Submitted Reports

President's Report (Mark)

- The Rabbi Search Committee brought in our first potential Rabbi to spend a weekend with us. The committee has started to explore contingency plans if we don't find a Rabbi. This effort will run in parallel with the committee while they interview candidates.
- Our Kol Nidre appeal ended on Dec. 31, 2022, and we were just shy of our goal of \$150,000. I want to thank everyone for their generosity.
- Torah Restoration Campaign will kick off shortly.

Future of the Temple (Cary)

The committee meets with our financial advisors Alan Kleinberg and Michael Lenzo of Captrust, after the end of each calendar quarter. The most recent meeting was held on Jan. 17, 2023. The portfolio is performing better than the benchmark indexes. As of Dec. 31, 2022, the portfolio consisted of cash 3.67%, fixed income at 64.1%, US equities of 24.65% and international equities at 7.68%. We are more heavily in fixed income because Captrust lowered equity exposure in December. Given the potential range of outcomes in the economy/market, our advisors at Captrust are currently being extra cautious for the time being.

Rabbi Search (Laurel)

Rabbi Melody's Visit: The committee wants to thank everyone for attending dinners, services or zooms. As a committee, we have decided not to pursue Rabbi Melody further. She has been notified of our decision. Some of the organizational hiccups have also been reviewed. A survey was sent to the congregation for them to complete after the site visit, which will be distributed in person at future site visits and modified beforehand. Otherwise- we are still considering two other candidates. Once again, we will have them come in for a site visit if appropriate. The date would be the weekend of **Feb. 10** as of now. If neither candidate works out, the contingencies must be further discussed.

Onegs (Laurel)

The price of **Onegs** is being raised to \$225 due to increased food prices.

Website Design (Laurel)

We are currently waiting for a proposed home page from our designer.

Shabbat Under the Stars (Laurel)

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

Membership (Laurel)

We have one new family with two young children. We will reach out to past members soon and schedule a new member brunch and/or Service this Spring.

Library Renovation Project (Robin)

I met with three other contractors, all ranging in price from \$27,000 to \$4,500 for the same items. One contractor recommended painting most (not all) the wood to freshen everything up and modernize it. Still working on colors for the floor; however, if we go the painting route, it will change our direction. Rich stated he could rip up and install the flooring for \$1500. The old name plaques of former presidents of legacy CRT: Gary Corn is looking into having them mounted. The placement of this particular board is still up in the air. Originally thought maybe by the mosaic doors. There are two mounts on the wall to the right of the boutique.

Possibly move those to another location and use that space to hang both legacy temples' past presidents' boards.

NOW (Robin)

Various events are outlined in the attached flyers. A few are fundraisers. Please support us if you can! Super Bowl boxes are still available. Think of Sid Eisenberg as this was one of the fundraisers he helped and truly enjoyed (and gave me lots of advice!!).

Tickets to West Side Story are also available. If you'd like a spot to learn the use of the AED and CPR, please see Sue Zichlin as she is coordinating this year. There is no meeting in February.

Men's Club (Mark Starr)

Men's Club dinner took place last week. Nothing planned for February except monthly meeting Feb. 7.

Sunshine (Robin)

I apologize, but I did not write down who I sent cards to!

Social Action (Susan Levine)

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. Also, for the first time, this year we reached out to Jericho Cares, which provides temporary housing in nearby motels, and arranged a meal delivery, thanks to liaison Jill Citron.

This month, we are reminding congregants that Shoprite's "Can-Can" sale is still going on and it's a good opportunity to help our local food pantries that are in need.

Open session portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. Minutes recorded and prepared by Jeff Schwartz, secretary.