

Students Vow to Never Forget the Holocaust and To Stand Up Against Antisemitism

During last month's Yom HaShoah service, TOEACRC's 7th graders all pledged they would never let the atrocities of the Holocaust be forgotten by their generation and those who will come after them.

The students, and those attending or viewing the eve of Yom HaShoah service, also heard from Holocaust survivor Mireille Taub, who shared the separate stories of how she and her husband survived and the experiences they encountered.

Eva Ginsburg, an 11th grade student, and a teaching assistant at TOEACRC, thanked Mrs. Taub for sharing her family's stories, promising they would never let stories like hers be forgotten.

"Your bravery to come forward and dedicate your time to share your story ensures that the next generation, and generations after that, will learn about the Holocaust,"

Ms. Ginsburg said. "It is important to know the pain inflicted upon the Jews and others and their ability to persevere and make it through difficult times. We are grateful and fortunate to have survivors like yourself, to retell the stories and thank you again for continuing to spread awareness."

Mrs. Taub responded by thanking the students for being so welcoming and attentive. "If you see an injustice, you need to deal with it immediately," she said. "You can't let someone else do it. It is our responsibility to look out for one another."

Yom HaShoah, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel and around the world, this year took on
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--Mireille Taub, Holocaust survivor

Never Forget

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even greater importance, given the sharp rise in antisemitism in the United States and worldwide. TOEACRC's Director of Lifelong Learning, Deborah Tract, who arranged for Mrs. Taub's attendance through the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in Glen Cove, shared some sobering statistics.

For example, Mrs. Tract noted that antisemitic incidents targeting synagogues and college campuses rose 36% last year, among other targets. There were 3,697 known incidents in the U.S., including



harassment, vandalism and assault.

"We should never stand silent, and we must continue to educate our youth, never allowing hate to come between us from living a fruitful Jewish life," she said.

"We should not have to defend our Jewish identity. We must remain proud of who we are and continue teaching our children as

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--Deborah Tract, Director of Lifelong Learning

we have done tonight in this very synagogue at Temple or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation. Our youth and our synagogue stand up to hate. We shall never forget and never allow this to happen again."

The students share that view. "Antisemitism is real," Ms. Ginsburg told Mrs. Taub. "And now Jews are experiencing it more than ever."

Services Schedule

Thurs. May 4	Weekday Service Bat Mitzvah Kyla Agulnick	10:00 AM
Fri. May 5	Musical Erev Shabbat Service Led by Third & Fourth Grade	7:30 PM
Sat. May 6	Shabbat Service Followed by Kiddush to Honor Rabbi Judy	10:30 AM
Fri. May 12	Erev Shabbat Service 7 th grade Moving Up and Staff Appreciation Ceremony	7:30 PM
Sat. May 13	Torah Study	10:30 AM
Fri. May 19	New Member Erev Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Sat. May 20	Torah Study	10:30 AM
Fri. May 26	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. May 27	Shabbat Service Shavuot Yizkor Service	10:00 AM

Congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah Candidate and her family:

Kyla Agulnick

Daughter of Marc and Adrienne Agulnick



**Share your news, stories or memories in The Shofar
Photos are also welcome!**

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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

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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.

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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

This is an article that I had hoped to have written many years from now. Rabbi Judy is retiring after a 35-plus-year career. Personally, I've known her for over 20 of those years.

Once upon a time, 21 years ago before the High Holy Days, when our oldest son Ben was in second grade, Celeste said, "If you want to join a Temple, maybe you should start looking now." So off I went with Ben to services at a variety of synagogues. The first two I took him to were called "children's services," but they turned out to be the regular service children were allowed to attend. Ben quickly fell asleep both times, so I took them out of contention.

I found an ad for a children's service at CRT for Yom Kippur. I should mention that I got Ben a Superman yarmulke before Yom Kippur, that he wanted to wear. So off we went. We got to CRT and sat in the back of the sanctuary. We didn't know anyone there, and just before the service began, we heard a voice behind us say "Nice kippah" to Ben. That was our two-word introduction to Rabbi Judy. During the service, when we got to the story of Jonah and the whale, she invited all the children to sit on the Bima steps while she read them

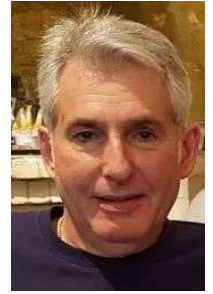
the story. I distinctly remember thinking, "That's how it should be done; make it interesting for the children." Leaving that service with a happy son, I knew we'd be back the following year to see about joining CRT.

The following year we did join CRT and enrolled Ben in 3rd grade and Zach in kindergarten. Zach, by the way, now had a Power Rangers yarmulke. Here we are 20 years and numerous services, events, laughter, and tears later, my Rabbi and

friend is retiring and moving away. Celeste, Ben, Zach and I wish her, Mike, Micah and Leora all the happiness in the world.

Yes, Rabbi Judy is leaving, but her legacy will live on with us. When she announced her retirement, I told her that while she will be physically leaving, the impact she has had on me has been profound, and I would not be the Jew and the person I am today without her in my life. Through her, I found my spirituality, a friend and someone whose sense of humor was as weird as mine. Excluding the humor, I know many of you feel the same way.

Both our sons love her. Ben went to SUNY Stony Brook and would come home once a month for the family service just to spend time with Rabbi during the Oneg. She is also one of the few adults Zach listens to and respects. All the kids in the school at both legacy congregations are crazy about her. To this day, many former students keep in contact with her. This is so important, as their experience is the foundation they will refer to



Mark Natelson
President

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when it comes time for them to decide on providing a Jewish education to their children. Let's face it, perpetuating our religion and culture is one of our prime missions, and Rabbi Judy excels at it.

Rabbi was in the hospital room with us when my dad passed away, somehow making a 40-minute drive to the hospital in 20 minutes. I'll never forget that.

The few times I was in a hospital, guess who visited me? I can go on and on, but the important thing is that her compassion, dedication, and personality make her an outstanding person and Rabbi.

Since the consolidation, she has been integral to the success of Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation. I never expected anything less from her, and she has exceeded all expectations.

I realized that it's hard to see someone you love and value as a friend and teacher move on. It is hard because we care so much about her and what she has given us. But on the bright side, we can all stay in contact with her.

Instead of saying goodbye, I am choosing to say thank you to Rabbi Judy (and I don't think I can say it enough) for what she has given us. Thanks to Mike, Leora, and Micah for being friends and, among other things, taking Ben and I to see Welcome to Night Vale (you had to be there). Thank you, Rabbi Judy!!!!

--Mark, Celeste, Ben and Zach

Social Action

The food collected at our March Hunger Awareness Month has been distributed to the Rudman Food Pantry & the Hatzilu Rescue Organization.

Thanks to our generous congregation we collected the items most needed at both pantries.

Please remember that the hungry are in need of food every month of the year. Please consider picking up a few items each time you are in the supermarket. You can drop off items at the Temple outside in the collection box, or inside at the office.

Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Best,
Susan Levine,
Chair, Social Action Committee

Alan Levine,
President of the Hatzilu Rescue Organization



Rabbi's Corner

I shared the poem below when I led a Maariv Service at a retirement seminar for rabbis earlier this year. I will endeavor to take its advice although I do believe that my heart's desire will remain unchanged. That desire is to create community. Though I will employ different methods in "civilian" life, I hope the efforts I have made over the last 37 years will inform my future.

For TOEACRC, I pray that you continue to welcome all those who cross the threshold and allow everyone to grow in Jewish values and Jewish knowledge. Cherish one another as your family of choice and keep working to make our Temple a beacon of modern Judaism evolving with new ideas at every season. Make God, Torah, and Israel your watchwords and create a world that is just, and cares for Jews and all people.



Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg

--Rabbi Judy

Reflection

This is where your life has arrived,
After all the years of effort and toil;
Look back with graciousness and thanks
on all your great and quiet achievements.

You stand on the shore of new invitation
To open your life to what is left undone;
Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm
When drawn to the wonder of other horizons.

Have the courage for a new approach to time;

Allow it to slow until you find freedom
To draw alongside the mystery you hold
And befriend your own beauty of soul.
Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,
To live the dreams you've waited for,
To awaken the depths beyond your work
And enter into your infinite source.



--John O'Donohue

Cantor's Notes

Shalom and welcome to the Spring! It is that time of year again to get out without worrying about the cold and come enjoy the fabulous temple you are part of. This month will be a great time to do it. We have a jam-packed May ahead of us.

On May 5th we have our fabulous band playing in addition to the third and fourth graders leading the service. On May 6 we have a very special Shabbat morning service honoring our wonderful Rabbi Judy as she begins her retirement at the end of June. This special service will also have our choir singing on the Bimah for the first time since



before the Covid lockdown.

PLUS, there is more happening on that day! We are having a

luncheon following the service. I hope you can make the service and luncheon. On May 12 we are having our annual Staff Appreciation service honoring our incredible staff and teachers. Our 7th graders will be leading that service! Please be sure to come and help us honor our staff and teachers, all as well as see our fabulous 7th graders and how special they are.



Cantor David Katz

On May 19th we are having our New Member Shabbat service where we will acknowledge and honor all our members who have recently joined the temple. This is another wonderful way to meet new people and welcome them into our tremendous community. Last, but not least, on May 27th at 10:00 AM, we have our Shavuot service that will include Yizkor. Ok, you can breathe now!!!

As you may know, we are at the tail-end of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah season. Even though you may not be related to or know the Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidate, we still have our Saturday morning Shabbat services and would love to celebrate Shabbat with you, and have you enjoy our wonderful children chanting Torah. I know you will be amazed at the poise and level of study displayed by all our students, from leading the entire service, to chanting their Torah and Haftarah portions as well as delivering inspiring and learned D'var Torahs.

I hope you are enjoying spending time with loved ones as we move closer to the warm weather and the summer season. We all are so very lucky to have each other and to be able to have such a wonderful temple to be part of. Thank you for being with us.

B'shalom,

--Cantor Katz

Religious School

Shalom Friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach holiday and the April month brought you lots of lasting memories as it did for our Religious School.

Our beloved Kindergarten- 2nd grade teacher, Laurel Fried, led her class in a creative, interactive and most entertaining Seder. The children's laughs, excitement and most importantly their knowledge of Passover warmed my heart. Our upper grades 5/6 students led the Shabbat evening service with poise and confidence. Throughout the year, our students have engaged in prayer study and truly took their learning directly to the Bema on April 28. At their request, the students chose songs which they wanted to sing as part of their service. I am proud of their dedication and commitment to their Jewish studies despite their busy school and extracurricular schedules.



Deborah Tract
Director of Lifelong Learning

On April 17 our seventh-grade students led a heartfelt Holocaust Commemorative Service. Memorial candles were lit, remembering children, the righteous and all those that perished in the Holocaust. They also remembered their own "Twin", a child who did not make it to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah years. Our students have vowed to remember their "Twin" and to keep that child's memory as a blessing. A seventh candle was lit to honor our special guest speaker, Mireille Taub, a Holocaust Survivor. Our students have learned a great deal about the Holocaust, tolerance and how to be an upstander against prejudice and injustice.

Please join us on May 12, 2023, as we, as a Congregation, honor our seventh-grade students as they move up in their Jewish Education and celebrate their accomplishments throughout their years at TOEACRC. On this very same evening, we will honor our amazing Clergy, teachers, and staff, for without all these altruistic people we would not be able to accomplish all that we have this year and throughout the years. They all work



tirelessly to make sure our temple family has everything it needs, always. We, as a Congregation, take Jewish Education very seriously. Our teachers are dedicated to providing each and every student with a path to their own Jewish identity. They nurture and provide our students with a foundation that will hopefully continue as a path throughout their lives. As a Congregation we have so much to be proud of, even though demographics are changing all around. We continue to be strong and work together to make each day count and to keep our synagogue the center for learning, programs, life cycles and prayer.

On May 6, 2023, we will celebrate our very own Rabbi Judy as she has made the timely decision to retire. Rabbi Judy will certainly be leaving her mark. Her brilliant knowledge of Torah, Text, and Judaism has taught every single one of us something that we shall always remember. Her contagious smile lights up the room. Her compassion for others goes above and beyond. Please join us in celebrating Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg, truly a remarkable Woman of Valor.

We will end our school year with an outdoor party featuring our very own Greg and his over-the-top food truck!

Thank you to all our parents for allowing us to work with your children and for trusting us to guide and teach your most amazing children. I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for you all. Thank you to all who have so generously donated to our Religious School's Snack Shack throughout the year. Every penny raised goes directly back to the school. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our school programs and Temple-wide events. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Rabbi Judy and Cantor Katz: I am the luckiest Educator around, to work with two of the most amazing people! Your never-ending support has been a tremendous blessing for me throughout these years. Todah Rabah. Goldie and Robin, you both make our day-to-day work life such a pleasure. Your professionalism and your efforts go above and beyond for everyone. No matter what time of day or night it is, you both always go the extra mile to make sure everything goes smoothly.

To our teachers, each one of you needs to be commended for your commitment to our students and your love of teaching. Heartfelt thanks to Laurel, Cila, Joan, Fortuna, Bob and Cantor Judy. You all have your strengths and have made our school year successful.

I need to thank Tascha Fuchs and Shari Jacobson, our new Familyhood Co-Chairs, for all their time, support, and for working with me to create amazing programs for our congregational families.

Greg, Rich, Cliff and Nick - we could not do all that we do without you. Our programs go off without a hitch because of your organization and your attention to detail. Many thanks!

To our dynamic duo security team, Andrew and Rich: Thank you for keeping us safe. Thank you for your eyes and ears. You both make everyone feel safe and secure within each wall of our synagogue. Thank you to our Temple President Mark Natelson, Executive Board and Board of Trustees for your support and dedication to our students. You are always willing to listen and support a new idea for the betterment of our school.

Thank you to our RS Presidents, Susan Bloomberg and Jamie Schultz for your continued support of our students, teachers, programs and me. A huge thank you to Jodi Breslin for your unbelievably creative flyers, for your time and expertise in ensuring each program is detailed and perfect.

N.O.W., Robin Grossman and Men's Club, Mark Heller and Mark Starr: Thank you ALL for always supporting our RS. Your generosity and contributions towards our community, students and our synagogue have helped us to exceed all expectations. Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming services, as we celebrate our children and teachers.

Warm Regards,
--Deborah Tract

Network of Women (NOW)



Robin Grossman,
President of NOW

“G-d couldn’t be everywhere, so he created mothers.” A Jewish Proverb

NOW for the News

- We are beginning to wind down the fiscal year.
- Another Beginners Canasta class has ended, and a Strategic Canasta class will begin in June. Please look for a flyer with upcoming details.
- Book Club discussions continue with the next one, as of now, being June 19th. Be on the lookout for the new title.
- Thank you to Gale Gluck and Laurel Fried for setting up and running the Passover Wine Tasting Sale.
- Thank you to Barbara Feinstein for gathering all the Mah Jongg card sales. By now everyone should have received their 2023 card.
- Please let me know if you would like to run a committee or have an idea that we haven’t thought of and let’s bring it to fruition!
- Now that I am walking on two feet again, I hope to plan some pop-up events which will be spur of the moment. That info. will be posted on Facebook.
- Our next meeting is May 15 at 7:30 pm (most likely via Zoom)

Happy Mother’s Day to all those who are in a position of parenting the young (and the old!).

--Robin Grossman
Handson64@aol.com

Men’s Club

The weather is warming up, flowers are in bloom, barbecue season has begun and we are looking forward to some great events as we enjoy spring in Jericho.

There are some upcoming events on the calendar for the next few months in 2023 and we hope you will join us at these, and future get-togethers. The nice weather allows us to spend more time outdoors and so here is the slate of activities we have planned so far, for all our club members to enjoy:



Mark Starr, Men’s Club
co-president

- Men’s Club Meetings at 7:30pm on Tuesdays, May 9th and June 6th at the Temple, or via Zoom.
- Movie Drive-In Night...showing “American Tail” on May 20th in the Temple’s parking lot. Time to be determined.
- Mets game vs. Phillies at 7:10pm on May 31st at Citi Field.

During the summer months, we will schedule Sunday morning walks in regional parks, a “circle chat” at a Jericho Park, and more. There will be chances to meet our members and enjoy what the Men’s Club is all about—brotherhood.

Please take care this spring and enjoy a great time of the year!

--Mark Starr

Ask Barry

My wife and I took our 3 granddaughters to a high-tech Petting Zoo that just opened on the east end. I brought your letters with me to read during our break for lunch. The spring weather attracted so many people that the parking lot was a real “zoo.” In addition to the standard farm animals, there was a new exhibit featuring 3 huge life-like computer controlled mechanical giraffes.



Barry Pelofsky

Suddenly, one of the mechanical giraffes leaped over the security fence and headed directly for us. It was so scary that it could have been a scene from the movie “**Giraffic Park**.” We quickly moved the kids out of danger but left the bag of letters. When the giraffe scooped up the bag, it tore scattering the letters into the nearby pig pen. Miraculously, a technical person from the zoo appeared; after making a few keystrokes on his laptop, the giraffe immediately stopped, turned around and headed back into his compound.

With the area safe again, I tried to retrieve the letters from the pig pen, but they were covered with stuff that pig pens are usually filled with. Then, I noticed two clean letters clinging to the top post of the pen just out of my grasp. Stretching as far as possible, I managed to snag both letters. As I did, my pen fell out of my shirt pocket into the muck, which was fine, because it hardly had any “**oink**” left in it anyway! I was thrilled that I was able to save these letters. I hope that you enjoy them!

Dear Barry,

My 15-year-old nephew, who lives in Israel will be staying with us from the middle of May through the end of June. For some unknown reason, he is a big fan of Philadelphia’s teams, and he especially loves the Phillies. He wants us to take him to a Phillies game at Citizen’s Bank Park. We don’t want to drive to Philadelphia, and we don’t believe that they sell kosher food at the ballpark either. Do you have any suggestions?

Sincerely,

Not A Philly Fanatic from Jericho

Dear Not a Philly Fanatic,

*It’s wonderful that your nephew will be visiting from Israel, but being a die-hard Mets fan, I’m sorry that he roots for the Phillies. Having taken that road trip, the drive to Philadelphia is far from scenic with plenty of tolls! Also, the famous Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, as great as it may taste, is not Kosher like the rest of food sold at Citizen’s Bank Park. However, I have a great suggestion that may make everyone happy. The Men’s Club is sponsoring their annual Mets game at Citi-Field on Wednesday night, May 31st at 7:10 pm; their opponent being none other than the Philadelphia Phillies. The seats are excellent and it’s always an exciting evening of baseball when these two rivals face off. Kosher food including hot dogs, knishes, pretzels, etc. are available at Citi Field. These foods can be purchased **near Sections 115 and 130 on the Field Level as well as Section 408 on the Promenade Level**. Who knows, it could be Philadelphia cream cheese and bagel night at Citi-Field? By the way, Philadelphia cream cheese is kosher. Please contact Neil Miller for ticket prices and details.*

Dear Barry,

As a relatively new member of the temple, I was thinking of getting involved by joining a committee. I asked my friend, who is a long-time member of the temple to recommend a committee that I could join. She mentioned a few including a particularly unusual one that you had to be rich or had to have a will to join. This really surprised me, but frankly I was too embarrassed to ask her for further clarification. Can you please explain what this committee does and whether I need to meet one or both requirements to join?

Sincerely,

Completely Committee Confused from Woodbury

Dear Completely Committee Confused,

*We're so happy that you want to participate in temple activities by volunteering to join a committee. However, there definitely is a misunderstanding about the committee that your friend suggested. There is no such thing as "**The Rich or Will Committee**". The actual committee that your friend recommended is the "**Ritual Committee**", which you don't have to be rich or have a will to join. Please contact the Temple Office to find out when the next Ritual Committee will meet so that you can attend.*

If you have any questions, please submit them to the temple office or e-mail them directly to me at barrypelofsky@verizon.net.

Barry Pelofsky

May Birthdays



1	Caitlin Chestler	11	Matthew Suroff	21	Gayle Wengrover
1	Jamie Mark Fishman	11	Harvey Yaris	22	Steven Ballen
1	Matthew Mednick	12	Neil Brodsky	24	Jill Feinman
2	Barbara Ruvin	13	Lauren Burger	24	Robert Perlmutter
2	Joshua Schanker	13	Ken Marcus	24	David Savarino
3	Evan Ross	13	Audrey Nessim	25	Stacey Menkes
4	Ronald Nackman	13	Barry Pelofsky	26	Brett Goldberg
4	Liliana Schmitt	14	Marc Graber	26	Robert Kandel
4	Laurence Tract	14	Brooke Siegel	26	Stacy Keener
6	Richard Battino	16	Samantha Blinder	26	Matthew Kozarsky
6	Ronald Burger	16	Alene Miller	26	Matthew Silpe
6	Anne Edelman	17	Max Heller	26	Stacy Spivack
6	Bradley Reisman	18	Tyler Angell	26	Jill Zeller
7	Linda Biderman	18	Marnie Hutner	27	Bernard Mark
7	Austin Cohen	18	Mindi Messinger	29	Alex Menkes
8	Emily Flax	18	Philip Rubin	29	Bonnie Oliver
8	Eric Siegel	18	Glen Yaris	29	Brian Scott Wactlar
9	Michael Synnott	20	Jeffrey Etes	30	Jason Ross
10	Arion Hart	21	Logan Fuller	30	Shannon Small
10	Kate Woodrow	21	Glenn Hutner	31	Ron Ethe
11	Arthur Schwartz	21	Joshua Landsberg	31	Jennifer Mednick

May Anniversaries



5	Richard and Judith Rosenberg	9	Neal and Tracee Cohen	28	Les and Cathy Reider
6	Ira and Lori Lampert	19	Alan and Susan Levine	29	Robert and Cheryl Goldberg
6	Shannon and Jamyon Small	26	Neil and Kimberly Brodsky		
7	Craig and Debra Goldstein	26	Kevin and Jodi Breslin		
7	Kyle and Diane Corey	27	Steven and Linda Spivack		

Torah Portions



May 6, Emor- Leviticus 21:1-24:23

A presentation of the Law of the Priests: for mourning, marriage, factors that disqualify a priest, laws of the Sabbath and Holidays, duties of the priests, keeping the sanctuary lamp burning, freshly baked challot on the table each Sabbath, other laws dealing with blasphemy, murder, assault and punishment for crimes. Equality of treatment for all is mandated.

May 13, Behar/Behoukotai - Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Behar defines the relationship between man and the Earth – the balance to be achieved based upon the acceptance that the Earth is the Lord's. Man is only given the privilege of using it to sustain himself, never to abuse the land. Establishment of the Sabbatical every seventh year as a rest for the soil is introduced. Behukotai is the last portion of the Book of Leviticus and describes Israel's voluntary contributions to the upkeep of the Sanctuary – a tradition of generosity towards the support and preservation of our houses of worship. Moses challenges Israel to choose the way of Torah as its basis for a way of life.

May 20, Bamidbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

Here we read a detailed report on the census taken of all the adult males of Israel, those able to do battle. Moses appoints the twelve heads of the tribes as representatives to carry out the assignment. The result of the census showed that there were 603,550 Israelite men above the age of twenty who were in fit condition and did not belong to the priesthood and were thus qualified to serve in the upcoming battles.

May 27, Second day of Shavuot, Deuteronomy 14:22–16:17

Moses instructed that the Israelites were to set aside every year a tenth of their harvest. They were to consume the tithes of their new grain, wine, and oil, and the firstlings of their herds and flocks, in the presence of God in the place where God would choose.

Yahrzeits

Week of May 5

Samuel Baiman, Morris Bloom, Rebecca Bolner, Mark Broxmeyer, Harry Davis, Barb Falter, Edwin Feldman, Pearl Goldwyn, Rose Greenberg, Leonard Harnett, Milton Hausen, Eleanor Holtz, Merele Horn, Ida Kravit, Bernard Kushner, David Levine, Philip Levine, Mollie Levy, William Mendelson, Irwin Messinger, Minnie Messinger, Roslyn Mitchel, Debbie Passigli, Sylvia Petchenik, Charles Pores, Helen Resnick, Frances Rose, Rebecca Rosenhouse, Anna Rubin, Nadia Saglimbeni, Morris Schanker, Marcus Schein, Louis Schottland, Morton Schultz, Florence Schwartz, Sol Schwartz, David Silverston, Lawrence Simon, William Solomon, Samuel Tobias, Bernice Winzelberg, Joseph Yaglom



Week of May 12

Etta Bachrach, Milton Baker, Irving Ballet, Sylvia Bilmas, Anna Chasen, Ben Cohen, Robert Cohn, Joseph Cooper, Abraham Egelman, David Ellman, Oscar Feldman, Murray Fox, Samuel Franzblau, Murray Freilich, Rose Gross, Charles Haber, Barnett Jacobs, Abraham Landow, Nathan Lehrhaupt, Sheldon Levy, John McArdeell, Myron Miller, Paul Miller, David Niemy, Paula Perlmutter, Rose Rader, Sadie Rosenberg, Murray Rosenthal, Leonard Ross, Joseph Sachs, Chester Salkind, Lorraine Schein, Miriam Schein, David Schoenholtz, Merrill Seldes, Nathaniel Shechner, Lester Shick, Sylvia Shwartz, Sophie Silverman, Etta Sussman, Samuel Sussman, Bernard Teichholz, Abraham Theodore, Earl Usdin, George Weinstein, Abraham Wolf, Anny Wolfner, Saul Yablonovitz, Sadie Zais

Week of May 19

Harry Albin, Herman Axel, Morris Bernfeld, Seymour Blinder, Marion Cohan, Harry Crown, Saul DeSaretz, Betty Dinner, Esther Dovin, Samuel Dubin, Ida Dubovsky, Jay Edelman, Joseph Egelman, Abraham Falkowitz, Harry Frank, Morris Friedman, Rose Goldberg, Leonard Greenbaum, Sylvia Herman, Berdie Heyman, Abraham Holtz, Jo-Anne Isenberg, Keith Jackson, Esther Jacobs, Joseph Jonas, Dora Keller, Leonard Kenger, Paula Kolson, Moe Krakoff, B. Douglass Lecher, Stacey Leff, Hyman Messinger, Charles Moed, Leonore Norden, Stanley Oscar, Joseph Price, Carmelo Saglimbeni, Ruth Samanowitz, Abraham Schutz, Robert Steiker, Herbert Stein, Fanny Steubens, Benjamin Weiner, Harvey Weintraub, William Wolf

Week of May 26

Henry Babus, Rhoda Bloomberg, Harold Bukzin, Herman Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Evelyn Dichek, Maurice Dratler, Irving Elkin, Bernard Entman, Harvey Finkelstein, Sidney Fried, Minnie Ghidaleson, Mona Glass, Irwin Goodman, Marvin Grant, Samuel Hecht, Israel Jedeikin, Marjorie Kasner, Milton Light, Betty Mogavero, Cecilia Moskowitz, Anna Nagler, Alvin Nathel, Haree Rosenberg, Herman Schwartz, Wolf Serko, Shirley Stein, Samuel Winston, Harvey Wolff, Solomon Zeff

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TORAH RESTORATION PROJECT 2023



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ENHANCING THE PRESENT

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 minimum 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.



ENSURING THE FUTURE

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.

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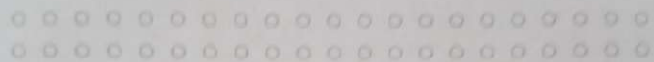
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March 21st, 2023, 8:00 pm

March Events

- We had a very successful Purim family event with the Hamantaschen baking. Again, thanks to Ira Warshawsky for the use of the Flory Warshawsky fund. Over 80 people attended. We had Crafty Hands, and the 5th grade had a Wax Museum.
- March Hunger Awareness Month. During the month of March we highlighted food insecurity on Long Island. Each week we collected specific non-perishable donations. Food collected so far has been donated to Hatzilu Rescue Organization.
 - Christina Brown from Long Island Cares came from the Harry Chapin food Bank, it was an informative program on how students can volunteer to help.
 - Brandon and Matthew Kusnetz volunteered to speak at the religious school about their gardening project and feeding those in need.

Upcoming Events

- Please consider purchasing your Passover Wine and other liquors between March 30th and April 13th, as we will get a percentage back. Nobel Wine and Spirits is located at 503 N Broadway Jericho. There will be a tasting between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm on Thursday and Friday (30th and 31st).
- Torah Restoration Project – Rabbi Judy reported that The Fund-Raising program kick-off date will be April 2nd.
- April 17 is Yom HaShoah. Seventh Grade Children from the Religious School will lead the service, and a Holocaust survivor or relative of a survivor will speak.
- Ed Stolarz – On Friday, April 21st, the Ritual Committee will honor Ed Stolarz for his dedicated years of service to the Temple. Cantor Katz will design the service using music Ed has composed for each prayer over the years.
- Rabbi's Retirement Luncheon is scheduled for May 6th.
- Canasta lessons: Advanced nighttime Canasta Classes will be offered in June.
- Shabbat Under the Stars will return on September 8, 2023

A new website is being developed. Please send any pictures you would like to include to friedworks@gmail.com.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Torah Study 7:30 PM Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	3 Strategic Planning 8:00 PM	4 Weekday Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Kyla Agulnick	5 Third & Fourth Grade Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	6 Shabbat Service and Kiddush for Rabbi 10:30 AM
7	8 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Round Table Rap 7:00 PM	10	11	12 7th grade Moving Up and Staff Appreciation ceremony and Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	13 Torah Study 10:30 AM
14 Mothers' Day	15 Final Day of Religious School N.O.W. Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Final Day of Religious School	17 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	18	19 New Member Dinner 6:00 PM New Member Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	20 Torah Study 10:30 AM Drive-in movie!
21	22	23 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Trustees meeting 8:00 PM	24	25 Erev Shavuot	26 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Shavuot	27 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Shavuot and Yizkor
28	29 Memorial Day	30 Rabbi's Reading Group 7:30 PM	31 Men's Club outing to Mets Game			

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