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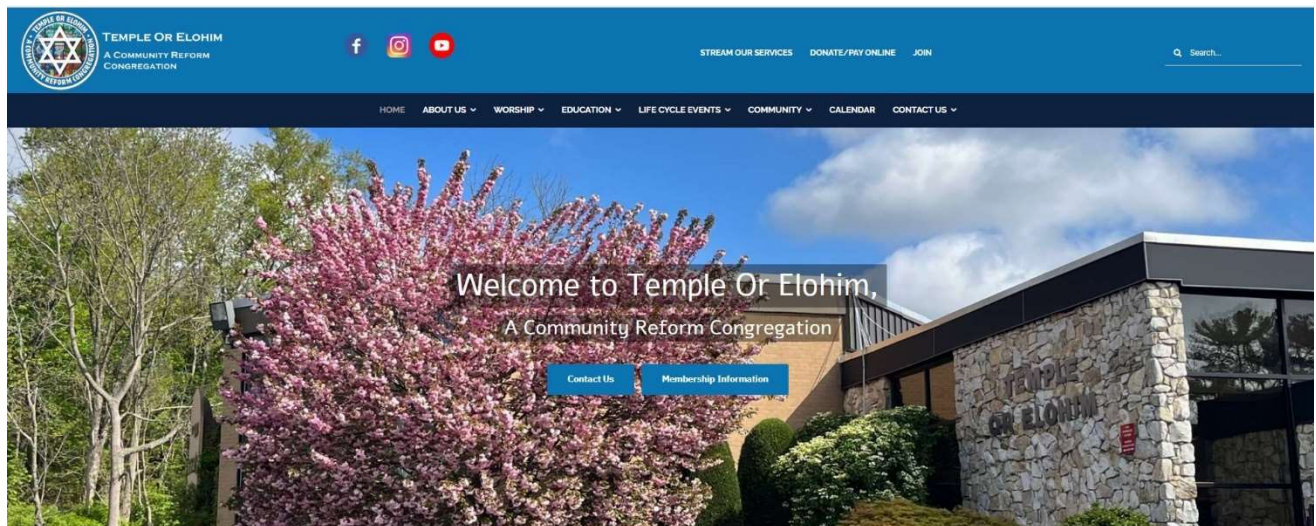
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Redesigned Temple Website Is Now Live

Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation has launched a new website with a modern user experience and significantly improved design. The new site sports enhanced visualization and navigation that will render better on mobile devices, making it easier to discover what's happening at TOEACRC.

Besides the more appealing visual experience, the site offers an improved calendar of events that you can export to your personal calendar. The new site also provides direct access to streaming and better integration with our online payment system.

Planning and development of the project began last year. The website design and marketing committee includes Jodi Breslin, Laurel Fried, Neil Gallow, Robin Grossman, Mark Natelson, Jeff Schwartz and Jill Zeller. The site has a new address: **templeorelohim.org**, though the old URL will automatically redirect to the new one.



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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 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

Satin \$23/dozen

Deluxe Satin \$25/dozen

Suede \$35/dozen

Embossed Suede \$37/dozen

Velvet \$30/dozen

Moire \$25/dozen

Raw Silk \$28/dozen

Services Schedule

Fri. Sept. 1	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 2	Torah Study	10:30 AM
Fri. Sept. 8	Shabbat Under the Stars: Barbeque Service:	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 9	Torah Study Slichot Study Session with Rabbi Skiddell Followed by Slichot services	10:30 AM 8:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 15	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	8:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 16	Rosh Hashanah Service Children's Service	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 17	Rosh Hashanah Service Tashlich	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 22	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 24	Erev Yom Kippur Service (Kol Nidre)	8:00 PM
Mon. Sept. 25	Yom Kippur Service High Holidays discussion Yizkor Service Concluding Service	10:00 AM 2:15 PM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM
Fri. Sept. 29	Erev Sukkot Service & 4 th -5 th grade prayer book Ceremony	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 30	Sukkot Service	10:00 AM

Mazel Tov To:

Andrea and Marc Wiener on the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Alex Ratner!

Robin and Michael Rabinowitz on the marriage of their son Daniel to Ariana Goldklang!



Rabbi Elliot Skiddell to Lead High Holiday Services

Rabbi Elliot Skiddell will be joining Cantor David Katz on the Bima for this year's High Holiday services, which kicks off on Saturday Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.

Recently retired from Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth in Rockville Center and now Rabbi Emeritus there, Rabbi Skiddell is highly respected. Rabbi Skiddell delivered a sermon at TOEACRC in April, and he is looking forward to worshipping with us this month.



Rabbi Elliot Skiddell

Social Action

The social action committee will hold its annual High Holiday Food drive from September 15 through October 6.

If one CAN make a difference during the High Holy Days, let it be YOU!

The Rudman Family Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC & Hatzilu Rescue Organization invites you to participate in their annual **Project Replenish** to help pack their pantry shelves. This year we will be collecting the following items:



Canned white tuna, chicken, salmon
Sardines
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Hearty Soups
Cookies, Chips, Crackers
Lysol Wipes
Toilet Paper

Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Tissues
Hand soap

Please no glass or expired food. Gift cards to supermarkets, Target etc. will also be accepted. The social action committee can always use volunteers. For more information, contact Susan Levine, Chair Social Action Committee at susanlevine318@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

It is with sorrow that we mourn the passings of:

Betty Ruth Harris
Mother of Pam Lecher

Diane Forster
Mother of Leslie Rosner



Committed to Combatting Antisemitism

Congregant Ivan Dolowich Honored by Simon Wiesenthal Center for Heros

Congratulations to longtime congregant and Board of Trustees member Ivan Dolowich, who received the “Heros of Tolerance Award” for his ongoing contributions and work against antisemitism with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, one of the largest international Jewish human rights organizations in the United States.

Ivan was honored for his activities to combat antisemitism during a ceremony held on Aug. 21 at Yankee Stadium. Kaufman Dolowich, the law firm where Ivan is a co-managing partner, noted in a press release that besides his support for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Ivan also aids many local Jewish organizations.

“I am truly humbled to receive this honor,” Ivan said. “Standing next to a holocaust survivor who received the same award, I feel my contributions are nothing in comparison to those who have endured the unspeakable for their faith, but I am all the more motivated to do all that I can to support the work of the Center and the fight against antisemitism and bigotry of all kinds.”



Besides his work with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Ivan is a board member of the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center (HMTc), a member of its Golf Outing Committee and its Auditorium Committee as it works to build a new museum auditorium. In addition, Dolowich provides pro bono legal counsel for HMTc and advises on the logistics of its various operations. Dolowich is a member of Kaufman Dolowich’s Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Cantor Joan Abamowitz Leads Services During Month of July



Cantor Joan, wife of Rabbi Emeritus Harvey Abramowitz, filled in for Cantor Katz, while he was on vacation in July.

Memories from the Summer of 2023

Cantor's Concert Against Hate



Open House Ice Cream Party



President's Column

'shana Tova

LI hope everyone had a nice summer and is getting ready for the High Holy Days. It seems like just yesterday it was Yom Kippur, but the calendar does not lie, and it is time again to look forward to celebrating the new year and atone for our transgressions from the previous year. Well maybe we don't celebrate our transgressions as much as we should acknowledge and own them as it leads to personal growth.

As the new year starts, we are also in a period of change. Cantor Katz has ably taken on the role of Cantor and Rabbi for this year while we continue to look for a Rabbi to replace Rabbi Judy (who left large shoes to fill). Fortunately for us Rabbi Skiddell will be joining us for the High Holy Days starting with Slichot and I for one am looking forward to some great High Holy Days services led by Cantor and Rabbi!

Shabbat Under The Stars will be here before you know it on September 8th. You don't want to miss this one, we'll be back outside and grilling for the first time since Covid started and one unlucky cook burned his finger (I'm ok now BTW). If you want a great uplifting spiritual service with music, food, friends, and dessert you want to be at Shabbat Under The Stars this year!

From Celeste, Ben, Zach, and myself, we wish you a sweet New Year!



**Mark Natelson,
President**

--Mark

Alexa Jacobson Becomes a Bat Mitzvah in Israel

Talk about lifelong Jewish learning and a memorable hands-on experience! This says it all!

The Jacobsons, who are members of our congregation, traveled to Israel for a trip of a lifetime!

Our outstanding student and Kindergarten-2nd Grade Teacher Assistant, Alexa will soon become a Bat Mitzvah.

While exploring our Jewish homeland, Alexa became a Bat Mitzvah on the beautiful, scenic mountain of Masada.

Mazal Tov to Alexa and the entire Jacobson Family. We are all very proud of Alexa and wish her our very best!



Cantor's Notes

Chag Sameach and Happy New Year to All! By now I hope you all know that I will be the sole spiritual leader for our temple this year while we continue our search for a new Rabbi. Our search committee has already begun the process again, and I am confident we will find a wonderful Rabbi for our temple for next year.



Cantor David Katz

You may be thinking, "Oh my, is Cantor actually going to attempt to lead the entire High Holiday service cycle alone?!" The answer is an emphatic NO! Our search committee began last May to search for a Rabbi for our holiday season and I couldn't be more pleased and excited at who we were able to find and engage for this holiday season.

Rabbi Elliot Skiddell will be joining me on the Bima this year as we usher in another Holiday season. Rabbi Skiddell is a wonderful person and a highly respected Rabbi. He graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. As a pulpit Rabbi he was the Rabbi of Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Emeth and led the congregation through the creation of a partnership with Central Synagogue of Nassau County that progressed from cohabitation to cooperation, collaboration and finally, consolidation as Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth. In 2020, he retired from the pulpit of Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth and was honored with the title of Rabbi Emeritus. Since October 2021, he has served as Interim Director of Rabbinic Placement and Employment for Reconstructing Judaism and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.

All of us are extremely excited to have Rabbi Skiddell as our rabbi for the holidays and I am especially grateful for his collegueship and being able to partner with him and lead our congregation throughout the High Holidays this year. Additionally, Rabbi Skiddell will also be leading a study session the evening of Slichot on September 9, at 8:00 pm. We will then go into Slichot services right after that session.



Personally, this time of the year is always such an exciting and beautiful time for me, as we begin to prepare for our High Holiday season.

As a people, we are so lucky to be able to have such a unique tradition, that encourages us and allows us to renew ourselves each year, at the deepest spiritual levels. The Sages of the past knew that we would be the same people thousands of years later from when they created our holiday liturgy. We still have the same desires, hopes, fears and dreams as a Jewish people.

So, they created the High Holidays to enable us to help ourselves each year with the process of prayer and Tshuvah.

The prayers and traditions that we say and do on the High Holidays are a remarkable expression of our own inner desire to become more than who we are, and to be the person and people that we know we are capable of being. Before participating in services this year with your family, take a moment to slow down and ask yourself, "What is my intention this Holiday season and what do I want out of the holidays?" By doing this, you will begin the process of Tshuvah, turning inward and initiating the change in yourself that will allow you to transform.

Our Sages and Rabbis believed that it is each person's individual responsibility to find the courage and strength to engage in prayer and reflection of this magnitude that the Holidays ask of us. As a people, we owe it not only to ourselves but to our community as well.

This process is not easy to do, and it shouldn't be easy. We have to dig deep inside ourselves and commit to becoming better people. We have to try and move closer to the idea of what we know we can be, but at the same time understand we are human, just like those who came before us. We do the best we can. This is truly what the High Holiday's ask of us. I will leave you with a wonderful description of the process of Tshuvah by the great Hasidic Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. He explained how the Shofar is the perfect symbol for the High Holidays.



“When the sound comes out, it is a beautiful, full, and rich, new sound...”

The Shofar is very small in the front where you create the sound, and then becomes larger at the end where the sound comes out. It takes a tremendous amount of effort to make a shofar sound because it has such a small opening.

It is almost as if the sound is being forced into a space it does not fit, producing a very uncomfortable feeling, but eventually it makes it through. Then, at the end when the sound comes out, it is a beautiful, full, and rich, new sound.

Such is the same with us and our inward journey as we attempt to do Tshuvah.

We begin the holidays literally feeling as though it is just too uncomfortable to look inside ourselves and see what is there, as if we are being squeezed into a small and incredibly uncomfortable space. Then as we go through the prayers and the services, we begin to make it through, feeling less squeezed and more open as we release our self-

criticism and begin to open up, loving ourselves more. Finally, we come out of the other end, a new and beautiful person.

It is my wish that this may happen to each one of you this holiday season, that our temple can provide such an experience for you, and that you feel as if you have been transformed and are ready for the new year ahead.

I wish you and your families a Good Yontif and a Happy New Year.

--Cantor Katz

Cantor Leads Pre-High Holiday-Liturgy Classes

In preparation for the High Holy Days, Cantor Katz is leading four classes at the Temple (and online), to explore our prayer book and the historical and spiritual meaning of the HHD liturgy and musical reference. While the first session took place last month, there are three classes scheduled for this month, on Sept. 5 at 7pm, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm, and Sept. 12 at 7 pm.



Religious School

Shalom Friends!

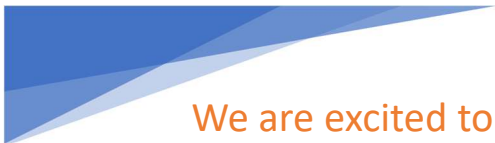
I hope everyone had a wonderful and memorable summer. As I write this article on a hot August day, in Israel people are celebrating Tu B Av - Israel's Jewish Day of Love. I thought about this day and how it brings so much meaning not just about love, but about kindness and gratitude.



Deborah E. Tract
Director of Lifelong Learning

As we begin the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, reflection is an important tool for thinking about the significant moments from the past year and for helping us to navigate our lives in the present as well as in the future. What can we do better; did we offend or hurt someone? As we enter a new year together, we are going through change, and we will continue to persevere in our inner lives as well as within our community.

We are fortunate to have our Spiritual Leader Cantor David Katz to lead us and guide us to the next chapter. Cantor Katz and I are working together to create meaningful experiences for our families. Each member holds a special place in our spiritual home. We encourage you all to think about what is important to you and how we can make your involvement at TOEACRC meaningful and fulfilling.



**We are excited to welcome all
our students back for a great
year of learning and fun.**

September 18, 2023, is our opening day of Religious School. We are excited to welcome all our students back for a great year of learning and fun. Our Staff and Teachers are looking forward to teaching and providing our children with valuable lessons.

Not only are our children learning, I too, have made the decision to take the leap of faith and to further my education in Jewish studies. I will be attending Rabbinical School, a

dream that is now becoming a reality. I will continue to work in my position as Director of Lifelong Learning and share my experiences with you and our students. You never know what will happen once you take a step back and reflect and realize that your goals are reachable.

Some very important dates to think about and to put on your calendar for September and October – September 29- Erev Sukkot, Pizza in the Hut and our 4th-5th Grades Prayer Book Ceremony. October 6- Shemini Atzeret and Consecration. All children beginning their journey in Jewish Education will be blessed during the ceremony of Consecration. I look forward to seeing all our families as we celebrate these wonderful milestones together.

We are all excited for this year and look forward to working with all our families. Cantor David Katz, Goldie, Robin, our Teachers' and our Board of Trustees are here for YOU. Reach out, connect, get to know us and we will do everything to make your time at TOEACRC exciting and rewarding.

On behalf of my husband Larry and our children, Shanah Tovah Um'Tukah - Have a Good Sweet Year.

--Deborah E Tract

Network of Women (NOW)

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it."
This is a quote by David Starr Jordan who was born January 19, 1851.

Welcome to the 2023-2024 "school year". As the New Year approaches, we will embark on a variety of activities including resuming the NOW book club, canasta and our traditional monthly meetings and gatherings.

Canasta lessons for the fall will begin Oct. 11, the deadline to sign up is Sept. 30. Our first meeting will take place on Sept. 18 in the newly renovated library at 7:30 p.m. We will hold the first book club meeting on Oct. 30. More details to come on that.



Robin Grossman
NOW President



**THE NEXT NOW MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON MON., SEPT. 18 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE
NEWLY RENOVATED LIBRARY**

For nearly 13 nonconsecutive years I have been at the helm running N.O.W., which for those of you who are new to temple, stands for Network Of Women which was formerly and more commonly known as Sisterhood. We changed the name back in 2019 in hopes of gaining popularity with those a few years younger than myself (I was 41 at the time I started!).

I had wisdom back then (and now) to know what to do as far as programming, planning events, fundraising and general knowledge of running an organization through my 16 years

of experience in the PTA. I had the skill set to do all the above because of the PTA and my own organization skills. I had the virtue and as the Nike motto states 'Just Do It'...well, I just did it. I now turn to you for help.

I seek help in members who are creative in their thinking, who are willing to try, who have in their bag of tricks something different that we have not done before, but most of all I am seeking those who are willing to participate and help this

organization grow
and become a

place of
community. If
you are a bit
timid, please feel
free to bring a
friend and run a
committee
together. I'll be
here to guide you

and to support you. Together we can elevate TOEACRC and N.O.W. unlike that of any other in the area!

Cheers to all and I wish you a very happy, healthy and sweet New Year!

Tentative Schedule

Sept. 18:	Monthly Meeting	Feb. 20:	Monthly Meeting
Oct. 24:	Monthly Meeting	Feb. 27:	Book Club
Oct. 30:	Book Club	April 15:	Monthly Meeting
Nov. 14:	Monthly Meeting	April 29:	Book Club
Nov. 27:	Book Club	May 20:	Monthly Meeting
Dec. 20:	Monthly Meeting	May 28:	Book Club
Jan. 24:	Monthly Meeting	June 17:	Monthly Meeting
Jan. 29:	Book Club	June 24:	Monthly Meeting

-Robin Grossman
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Men's Club

Thomas Boswell, award winning columnist for The Washington Post, once wrote a book titled "Why Time Begins on Opening Day", in which he proposes that for many of us, our personal calendar begins when the baseball season starts. Maybe it's a bit of a stretch for some, truth for others.



Phil Rubin
Men's Club president

Other than baseball, don't most of us have a personal calendar based on a yearly event? For parents, it is, or was, likely the beginning of the school year. For us as Jews, it's also the High Holidays that literally and figuratively mark the beginning of our yearly cycle of holidays and events. Our Temple becomes a focal point for that.

As we approach our New Year, The Men's Club will be presenting and participating in a variety of events to hopefully pique everyone's interests. We will be doing set up, prep, cooking and clean up for Shabbat Under the Stars on Friday, September 8th. That same weekend, on Sunday the 10th, we will build our Sukkah. Everyone is welcome to help.

Our first big event is Saturday evening November 18th as Men's Club presents "MUSIC AND COMEDY NIGHT" featuring, back by popular demand, PENNY LANE Beatles' band and a full professional comedy show, once again emceed by Dr. Harry Freedman, along with a full buffet dinner. Save the date for this amazing evening of fun.

Movie nights, outings to hockey and baseball games, and other trips will be announced as the "Temple year" progresses. We will also be working with N.O.W. and with Deborah Tract and Familyhood to present events to interest all members, from school-age children and their families to our seniors.

If you have any suggestions, thoughts, and ideas for future events, please email me at Zebradds@gmail.com, or call/text 516-382-3337.

I would also like to send sincerest Thank Yous to our outgoing co-Presidents, Mark Heller, and Mark Starr, for their outstanding and dedicated leadership the past several years!! Thanks guys!!

--Phil Rubin

Men's Club Summer Pizza in the Park



Ask Barry

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer. After attending a mid-August family wedding in Chicago, my wife and I decided to extend our visit for a couple of days. Since we had been to Chicago many times in the past, we were looking for a new attraction. Fortunately, my wife's cousin was able to arrange a tour for us of the largest Kraft Cheese Factory in Illinois. My wife, who loves cheese thought that it was a "**gouda**" idea probably because of the free samples. I had planned to read your letters sitting by "the Bean" but instead I had to bring them with me to the factory. When we arrived, "**Rick Utta**" the big cheese Production Manager, "**grated**" us at the door and quickly began the tour. Although the manufacturing process was interesting, it was a little too "**cheesy**" for my liking. He showed us the latest automated equipment including the gigantic Swiss Cheese Perforator, which was a real "**muenster**" of a machine!" Standing on the catwalk above the Swiss cheese production line, I swung the satchel that contained your letters over my shoulder, but it slipped out of my hand and fell into the cheese perforator below. **Rick Utta** pressed the emergency stop button as we raced down the metal staircase to survey the damage. There was still a small amount of cheese left in the machine along with my satchel, so the perforator wasn't damaged. However, when your letters came out of the machine, they looked like..... well, Swiss cheese. After the tour, I spent the next few hours back at the hotel trying to match the cut-out circles to the holes in each letter. All the while my wife had CBS FM playing on the radio. Ironically, just as the Turtles 1967 hit song, "**Happy to Cheddar**" came on, I was able to match the holes to these two letters. I hope that you enjoy them!



Barry Pelofsky

Dear Barry,

I heard that there will be a "**Shabbat Under the Stairs**" service coming up soon. I would like to attend, but I'm a little concerned about what to expect. I believe that the only stairs at the temple are those going up to the bimah unless there is a basement. I'm all for a change of pace, but if the service is going to be held in the basement, I don't think that it's a good idea. It's going to be musty down there, which will affect my allergies and it's probably not large enough. In addition, the noise from the boiler and hot water heater could be very distracting to the congregation unless they are used to provide percussion for Nishamah!

Sincerely,

Stairy, Stairy Night from Syosset

Dear Stairy, Stairy Night,

*Thank you very much for your concern related to this special Shabbat service, but there's no need to worry, because the service will be outdoors under "**the stars**" not under the stairs in the basement. Our "**Shabbat Under the Stars**" service will be held on Friday night, September 8th. We are sure you will enjoy this wonderful and unique Shabbat experience even if the boiler and hot water heater are not used by Nishamah.*

Dear Barry,

I would like to help the members of the Men's Club erect the Sukkah on September 10th, but unfortunately, I'll be out of town. However, I have a suggestion that will make the Sukkah raising much easier in the future. Recently, I read an interesting article in the August issue of "**There's a Sukkah Born Every Minute**" magazine about a company that produces inflatable Sukkahs. You just unravel it, spread it out on the ground, attach an air compressor and in 90 seconds the Sukkah fully inflates and is ready to go. It's lightweight and the company offers a wide range of models of different sizes including some that come with lighting and decorations. I realize that there will be an initial cost, but it will pay for itself in a few years and that's not a lot of hot air.

Sincerely,

Inflatibly Inclined from East Meadow

Dear Inflatibly Inclined,

Thank you very much for suggesting that the Men's Club purchase an inflatable Sukkah. Although the idea is cutting-edge, handling sharp objects inside could make the Sukkot holiday a deflating experience. In addition, part of the fun in putting up and taking down the Sukkah every year is the bonding of the Men's Club members working together trying to remember how it was put up last year. I'm sorry that you won't be able to join us on September 10th, but we hope that you will be able to assist us in taking it down after the holiday.

Shana Tovah to you and your family. Best wishes for 5784. May it be a Sweet Year filled with Good Health, Peace, and Love!

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



September Birthdays

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| 1 Andrew Hutner | 12 Carol Knecht | 23 David Katz |
| 2 Mark Berman | 13 Lynette Birnbaum | 23 Victor Levy |
| 2 Rebecca Perlmutter | 13 Larry Brand | 23 Harris Moore |
| 3 Rachel Rosner | 13 Elizabeth Flax | 24 Marnie Felsen |
| 3 Matthew Weissman | 13 Jocelyn Small | 24 Jason Friedman |
| 4 Eric Brecher | 14 Michael Berman | 24 Joshua Friedman |
| 4 Scott Siegel | 15 Jeremy Horowitz | 24 Reese Kaufman |
| 6 Lauren Dolowich | 15 Shirah Lonshein | 24 Howard Keith Simon |
| 7 Ken Fuller | 15 Andrew Wengrover | 24 Barbara Synnott |
| 7 Linn Weissman | 16 Tamryn Etes | 25 Gary Damast |
| 8 Jeffrey Schwartz | 17 Lisa Kotowitz | 25 Zachary Natelson |
| 8 Casey Streitman | 17 Amanda Meyer | 25 Eleanor Scharf |
| 8 Dean Streitman | 18 Michael Starr | 25 Martin Strell |
| 8 Jason Zichlin | 19 Elizabeth Greenfield | 25 Parker Susser |
| 9 Lily Etes | 19 David Wengrover | 26 Joseph Schmitt |
| 9 Marcie Gottlieb | 20 Julia Fuchs | 27 Jodi Breslin |
| 11 Jessica Klinghoffer | 20 Roseann Kozarsky | 27 Harold Kestenbaum |
| 11 Fredric Oliver | 21 Jonathan Rubin | 28 Cheryl Goldberg |
| 12 Rachelle Blidner | 22 Herbert Schanker | 30 Scott Ethe-Sayers |
| 12 Stuart Kandel | 23 Carly Feldberg | |



September Anniversaries

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| 1 Ken & Linn Weissman | 7 Glenn & Penny Hutner | 18 Edward & Janet Weintraub |
| 2 Barry & Donna Wolff | 8 Jesse & Lindsay Streitman | 19 Jeff & Caryn Fried |
| 2 Richard & Roberta Feinstein | 10 Ron & Stephanie Ethe | 22 Lance & Jackie Singer |
| 3 David & Roslind Vermut | 16 Neil & Stephanie Kaufman | 22 Jonathan & Andrea Smith |
| 5 Ken & Marcine Marcus | 17 Steven & Sally Feldberg | |

September Torah Portions



September 2, Ki Tavo: Deut. 26 – 29:8

The portion describes the end of Moses' review of the law and a brief summary of their history from the time of Abraham's wanderings from country to country, his descendant's slavery in Egypt, God's redemption of his enslaved people, and his bringing them to the Promised Land. The laws of tithing and the written codification of the laws are all specified.

September 9, Nitzavim / Vayeilech: Deut. 29:9 –31:30

The people of Israel are all assembled before Moses and ready to enter a covenant with God. He warns everyone against nourishing evil in their hearts, hoping to escape in the general righteousness of the throng. He describes how sinful individuals will be punished, but adds words of mercy, proclaiming the choice of life over death.

The covenant between God and Israel is binding upon every man, woman and child, for all time - past, present and future, as if every one of us personally received the Torah at Sinai. Moses appoints Joshua to be his successor as the leader of Israel, as age has overtaken him and death is near. He assures the people that they have no need to be afraid, for God will always be with them. Moses then completes the writing of the Torah and entrusts it to the priests and elders, instructing them to study and teach it on a regular basis to the people.

Rosh Hashanah:

God remembers Sarah and gives her and Abraham a son, who is named Isaac (Yitzchak,) meaning "will laugh." Abraham is then one hundred years old and Sarah ninety. Isaac is circumcised at the age of eight days.

Hagar and Ishmael are banished from Abraham's home and wander in the desert. God hears the cry of the dying lad and saves his life by showing his mother a well. The Philistine king, Abimelech, makes a treaty with Abraham at Be'er Sheba. God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son on Mount Moriah (the Temple Mount) in Jerusalem. Isaac is bound and placed on the altar, and Abraham raises the knife to slaughter his son. A voice from heaven calls to stop him, saying that it was a test. A ram, caught in the undergrowth by its horns, is offered in Isaac's place.

September 23, Ha'azinu: Deut. 32:1 – 32:52

Moses ends his service of a lifetime dedicated to God and the people Israel with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in view of the Promised Land.

September 30, Sukkot, Leviticus: 22:26-31

This portion describes the Biblical sacrifices commanded in order to observe Sukkot.

September Yahrzeits

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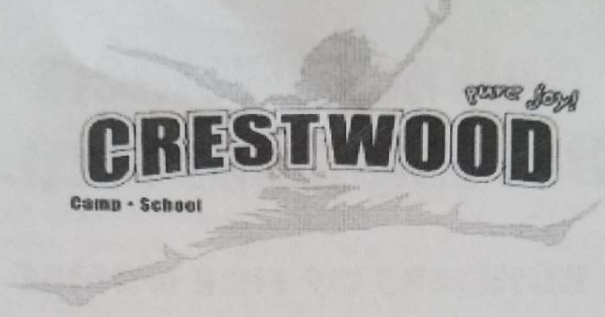
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July 18, 2023, 8:00 pm

Recent Events:

- Our Director of Lifelong Learning, Deborah Tract, received a grant from the Jewish Educational Project to enhance teen engagement regarding antisemitism. Look for exciting educational programming that will also include our Hebrew school alumni, Chase Brodsky.
- Our Torah Restoration Project is ongoing. Thank you to all of our current donors. There is still an opportunity to donate and learn more about Sofir Jill Kaplan's work.
- An Ice Cream Open House was held at the temple on August 3rd.
- Our Security Committee continues to work on increasing the security of our building and parking lot.
- The Concert Against Hate brought more than 280 people to the concert. If you missed it in person, you can still stream all the performances on our website.

Upcoming Events:

- Rabbi Elliot Skiddell will be joining Cantor Katz on the Beema for our High Holiday services.
- Shabbat Under the Stars (SUTS) is scheduled for September 8th. There is still time to sign up to volunteer or enjoy the BBQ.
- Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation would like to celebrate your birthday with you. Look for an email during your birthday month.
- Familyhood is hosting a Winter White Wonderland party on January 20, 2024.

June 15, 2023, 8:00 pm

- Message from Rabbi Judy: "It has been a privilege to serve this congregation along with all the other congregations I have served. Even as I look forward to retiring, I know I will miss the pulpit rabbinate and especially all of you. Treat each other with kindness and respect; you have great responsibilities in leading this congregation forward and if you work in partnership with Cantor Katz and Deborah Tract, you'll surely succeed."
- Cantor's Concert: The Syosset-Jericho Tribune had a cover story about the upcoming Concert Against Hate. A decision about the weather will be made that morning. There will be a food truck selling burgers, hotdogs and other refreshments.
- Another year of successful B'nai Mitzvahs. Some of the recent B'nai Mitzvah students have been invited to join us on the bema for the High Holidays.
- Deborah Tracht, Director of Lifelong Learning, secured a grant from the Jewish Educational project to further educate our teens about Antisemitism and to provide them with concrete guidance on how to address this problem and the importance of this issue. Look out for more information about additional programming with our Hebrew school graduates, BBYO, Familyhood committee, confirmation program and a new Tot Program.

Upcoming Events

- Shabbat Under the Stars is scheduled for September 8.
- Men's Club Comedy Nigh on November 18.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM High Holy Day Liturgy class with Cantor 7PM	6 High Holy Day Music and Liturgy class with Cantor 6:30 PM Strategic Planning 8 PM	7 Choir 7:30 PM	8 Shabbat Under the Stars 6:30 PM	9 Slichot Study Session 8:00 PM
10 Sukkah Build	11 Ritual Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Men's Club meeting in Sukkah High Holy Day Music and Liturgy class with Cantor 7PM	13 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	14 Choir 7:30 PM	15 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 PM	16 Rosh Hashanah service 10:00 AM Children's Service 2:00 PM
17 Rosh Hashanah service 10:00 AM Tashlich 2:00 PM	18 First Day of School N.O.W. meeting in Library and ZOOM 7:30 PM	19 First Day of School	20	21 Choir 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	22 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	23
24 Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 8:00 PM	25 Yom Kippur 10 AM Children's Service 2:00 HHD discussion 2:15 PM Yizkor Service 4:00 PM Concluding Service 4:30	26 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	27	28	29 Pizza in the Hut Erev Sukkot - Service 7:30 PM 4th-5th grade prayerbook ceremony	30 Sukkot Service 10:00 AM

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