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RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI JONATHAN L. HECHT, Ph.D.

SO MANY SIMCHAS

By now you know that Rabbi Lobel has accepted a new position as Associate Rabbi of Congregation Shir Chadash in Los Gatos, California. While we will miss Rabbi Lobel, this is a great opportunity for him and his family. Rabbi Lobel has given his heart and soul to Temple Chaverim these past five years. His presence on the Bema, the lessons of Torah that he shared with us on Shabbat, his teaching of adults, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, children and families, and his work on the Youth Committee, the Adult Education Committee, and Men's Club, all added so much to Temple Chaverim. Most of you do not know that Rabbi Lobel's position is part time. That is testimony to the fact that he gave 110% from day one. He never considered this a part time job! Now that he is moving to a full position with all the benefits that go along with it, we should have nothing but joy in our hearts for him and thanks for all that he has given us.

I know that I do: I have been blessed to have Rabbi Lobel as a colleague. Working hand in hand with him has given both of us the chance to grow. I will miss the discussions we have had about Jewish texts and books, and bouncing ideas off each other. I will also miss Liz and Ari. Liz's beautiful voice, and her presence in our congregation, have enriched our worship on Shabbat. And watching Ari grow has been such a pleasure. We will miss them, but we know that, since Ari's grandparents live here in New York, we will get to see them when they come in to visit!

Plans are in the works to honor Rabbi Lobel at a breakfast at Temple Chaverim on Sunday, June 10. Please mark your calendars right now so you do not miss this wonderful opportunity to tell Rabbi Lobel how much we love him!

While our celebration with Rabbi Lobel is tinged with some sadness, we can fully celebrate with Cantor Hyman and Vicki who are now engaged to be married! The two of them are a beautiful couple and we wish them every happiness and all the best for many, many years! So many "simcha"s take place at Temple Chaverim: young people becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah just about every single weekend, lots of weddings and baby namings... and as rabbis and cantor we are blessed to be with you for each and every one. How nice it is for us, when we are the ones who have simchas to celebrate!



CANTOR'S CORNER

CANTOR BRADLEY HYMAN

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSOVER SEDER

When was the last time you thought about why the Passover seder is structured the way it is? The very word 'seder' means order, and yet very few people remember why the order is laid out in such a way. There are many reasons why we choose to keep the seder resembling fairly the same way it was organized in the days when they were organizing the Talmud, and the strongest reason I can offer is the need to maintain some of our core traditions. Many of us will dismiss our traditions for the sake of convenience and modernity, but there are a few traditions that cannot be dismissed so easily. One of these is the traditional order of the Haggadah and seder.



The rabbis of old decided that they would hold a feast to resemble the most lavish feasts of their day, and in that time it was the model of the Greco-Roman symposium. The feast consisted of the 'hero' or servant bringing the offering of wine to be diluted by water, the matzah, the hazeret or lettuce greens (a sign of spring and wealth), the charoset (sometimes used for dessert) and the 'sweetest of entrails' (let's just assume they knew about chopped liver before your grandmother). They would recline as free people do, mix their greens into the wine, sacrifice the paschal lamb and tell stories of conquest. The traditional Hillel sandwich included a bit of the lamb, but somehow we don't do that anymore.

The choice made centuries ago, to hold a festive meal in this fashion, was done to make a conscious display to our community that we are able to take the best of our surrounding secular cultures, namely the appreciation of food rituals and celebratory meals, and make a sacred and lasting event that continues very much the same way until today. Modern additions and individual touches make each of our own homes a special place to be for a family gathering. I would love to know what some of your family traditions or special foods have crept their way into your seders. Feel free to email me at: Cantorbrad@templechaverim.org with your responses. Enjoy your celebrations of freedom, family and springtime and I look forward to sharing some of the best responses.

Dear Temple Chaverim Family,

It is with great joy that I formally announce my engagement to Victoria Eaton, on Monday, February 20.

It is no surprise that Vicki and I have been happily dating each other for a little more than two years,

and it is the natural progression of things that "man should not be alone." (Genesis 2:18)

Our collective families and friends are sharing in our happiness and excitement. Please stay tuned

for future exciting announcements and know that we are grateful for such a positive and overwhelmingly loving response from our temple family.

Warmly, Cantor Brad Hyman



RABBINIC RUMINATIONS

RABBI JOSH LOBEL

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
TO MY CHAVERIM FAMILY**



With mixed emotions, I would like to announce I have accepted an offer from Congregation Shir Hadash, in Los Gatos, California to become their next Associate Rabbi, beginning July 1st, 2012. This vibrant community, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, gives me an opportunity to continue the meaningful work I have started at Temple Chaverim. The position at Shir Hadash brings with it new challenges, but hopefully also new rewards, as I continue my rabbinic journey.

It is impossible to put into words how much I have loved working at Temple Chaverim. We have accomplished so much together; we have so much to be proud of. I think about the growth of our youth program, our spiritual worship services, the new and exciting adult education classes and programs, the development of our Facebook page, and so much more.

However, when I look back at my time at Temple Chaverim, what really stands out are the many wonderful relationships I have developed during the last few years: the many b'nei mitzvah students I have tutored; the lay leaders I have worked with on various committees and projects; the families I have rejoiced with at a simcha or comforted during their time of grief; the congregants I enjoyed great conversation and a black and white cookie with at our Shabbat oneg - and the connections I have made with all of you. I will carry them with me wherever I go.

There are so many people to thank, but, happily, I have a few more months to express my gratitude to all of you who have made my time here at Chaverim such a meaningful and sacred experience. There will be plenty of time for goodbyes, but now, it is back to doing what I love - working hard for the Temple Chaverim community.



HONORING RABBI JOSH LOBEL

Special Shabbat Service and Oneg

Friday, June 8 at 8:00 pm

Oneg Sponsorships can be made by contacting Caryn at caryn@templechaverim.org or online at www.templechaverim.org (just click on the oneg sponsorship link right on the opening page).

Farewell Breakfast

Sunday, June 10th at 10:00 am

Cost: \$18 per person (children under 5 are free)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ALLEN GREENBAUM

TO MY FELLOW MEMBERS...

As you can see from Rabbi Lobel's column, he and his family are making a move to a congregation in California. While we will miss him and deeply value all he has contributed to our Temple, we also wish him our very best and we are certain that this will be a wonderful adventure for him and his family. Please join me at a breakfast on June 10th where we formally recognize his accomplishments at Temple Chaverim.

I am very pleased to announce that Rabbi Debra Bennet will be joining us as our new Assistant Rabbi. Rabbi Bennet, below, is not new to our Temple. She has led the Women's Seder for a number of years and has taught a number of adult education seminars. In addition to leading many of our summer Shabbat services and working with Rabbi Hecht and Cantor Hyman in creating additional Friday evening Shabbat options, her primary function will be strengthening our youth engagement efforts. She brings extensive expertise in this area and this is a wonderful opportunity. I hope you will all join me in welcoming her to our family.



Also, please join me and over 100 other Chaverim members at Casino Night. It is a great opportunity to combine fun and support of our Temple.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DEBBYE BRANDELL

TIPS FOR A KID-FRIENDLY SEDER

When children get nudged, our Seders, this year beginning on April 6th, can sometimes feel longer than the 40 years that our ancestors spent wandering in the desert!! Adding new customs can make the Seder a more engaging, fun, and meaningful experience for all participants. Here are some suggestions:

1. Encourage your children to lead the table in the holiday songs and prayers that they have learned in Hebrew School.
2. Keep the karpas coming! A steady supply of celery sticks and dressing for dipping will keep hungry children satisfied until it's time for dinner. (Don't forget to use the karpas that our students planted during the Tu B'Shevat Spectacular.)
3. Give out "Plagues Bags". Try plastic sunglasses for darkness; toy frogs, rubber insects, for lice or vermin; cotton balls for hail; red dot stickers for boils; and band-aids for blood. Or you can purchase ready-made plagues kits from our Judaica shop.
4. After the ritual of dipping your fingers into the red wine and naming each plague, ask your participants to think of ten modern plagues --poverty or intolerance, for example.
5. In a fun reversal of roles, have the children hide the afikoman for the adults to find.

The true purpose of the Seder is to pass down the Passover from generation to generation. But why stop there? Ask grandparents or any guest to share their most special Passover memories. The faculty and I wish you all a Ziessen Pesach- a Sweet and Happy Passover!



**MAZEL TOV
TO OUR
B'NEI
MITZVAH**

April-May-June 2012

Max Egert	4/21/2012
Jessica Ortsman	4/22/2012
Gregory Soffer	4/26/2012
Max Garbus	4/28/2012
Daniel Gulotta	4/28/2012
Hallie Pankin	4/28/2012
Benjamin Berg	5/5/2012
Samatha Orfinger	5/5/2012
Caitlin Bobis	5/12/2012
Carly Bobis	5/12/2012
Adam Israel	5/12/2012
Jason Rosen	5/12/2012
Jordan Carr-Breen	5/22/2012
Emily Davidson	5/26/2012
Jayne Schrank	5/26/2012
Sarah Giliof	5/27/2012
Matthew Watling	6/2/2012
Sydney Frenkel	6/9/2012
Matt Greenblatt	6/9/2012
Melanie Rattiner	6/16/2012

CONNECTIONS WITH FRIENDS

A REFLECTION ON THE RECENT BIENNIAL,

BY ROBERTA GLICK

There's an addicting game on the Ipad called Words with Friends. It is so addicting that people waste hours playing it. I have to admit, I got hooked on the game for a while. Then, in the middle of separate games, I deleted Words with Friends and upgraded to something much more rewarding during a weekend in December, Connections with Friends. Instead of finding random people to play a virtual word game with, I went to Biennial and connected with people I hadn't seen in days, months, years, and in some cases, decades. And we'd talk - in person about topics that are important to us - Israel, Youth Engagement, Synagogue leadership, parenting, camp and so much more.

When I walked into the conference center in Washington, the Director of Eisner Camp gave me a button that said - "Because of camp, I....." I finished the statement, "I am a happy camper and have a happy camper." I proudly wore my button as did so many other camp board members, camp parents and camp alumni. Throughout the weekend, I saw people from Crane Lake and Eisner Camps, as well as all of the other URJ camps located throughout North America. I also saw people who I am connected to in other ways; friends from college and high school as well as many people that I met at the past two biennials. And I had the pleasure of watching my daughter, who also attended, connect with her camp friends as well as close to 200 NFTY kids. In a venue that held more than 6000 people, I felt like I was back in camp. I was hanging out, staying up late, singing, dancing, and talking to people I haven't seen in years.

These connections are so much more than just a game. At the end of Biennial, there is no place to find out how many points you scored. There is only the feeling you get after listening to the music of Josh Nelson, Julie Silver, Dan Nichols, and Rick Recht. It is the feeling of inspiration after hearing incredible speakers such as Rabbi Eric Yoffe, David Boies, Wendy Mogel, Rep Eric Cantor, Rabbi Rick Jacobs and President Barack Obama. It is the reward of being spiritually renewed, reconnecting to your inner self and interacting with real live people. I much prefer this new upgraded Connections with Friends, it has truly inspired me to continue to work hard for important projects in the synagogue. The only problem is I have to wait two years to do it all over again at the next Biennial in San Diego. Hope to see you there!



Jewish Meditation

Are you looking for ways to manage stress? Do you worry about these challenging economic times? Are you looking to discover your life's purpose? Join us for strategies to relax & simple tools you can use to find inner peace.

The class will help you quiet the mind and listen to your own heart. You'll be amazed with your own guidance system.

Instructor Donna Bloom gives a whole new meaning to Jewish spirituality.

Wednesday morning classes at 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Alternate Thursday evening classes at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The Adult Education Committee has presented some wonderful events this year. Thank you to Rabbi Hecht, Rabbi Lobel and Cantor Hyman for teaching inspiring courses in our Torah Lishma Tuesday program for lifelong learners. "Survey of Contemporary Jewish Music" (April 24-May 22 at 7:30pm) is the next exciting Torah Lishma Tuesday program, taught by Cantor Hyman designed to better understand the current trends in Jewish music by looking at the past 50 years of composition. We will see how music has changed for social, political and spiritual reasons, as well as learn more about the music used in our own congregation.

On Feb. 12th, Rabbi Hecht presented a lecture exploring the history of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The group then visited the exhibit at the Time Square Discovery Center in NYC. Thirty five people enjoyed the day.

The next Current Events Discussion takes place Wed., April 4 at 8pm.

I would like to thank the fabulous Adult Education committee with whom I have the genuine pleasure to work and learn with throughout the year. I look forward to another year of great things ahead and hope to see you at our events. If you are interested in joining our committee please contact me at learning@templechaverim.org.





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Heritage & Heirlooms

Personal Keepsakes of the Temple Chaverim Family

Tell us about YOUR family heirlooms and be a part of our next photography exhibit. We are still accepting submissions of vintage photos or other items of religious, personal or cultural interest. Flyers and forms are available at the Main Office.

Here are some examples of what members of our congregation are sharing....



"I wanted to share this needlepointed Tallit bag made by my late mother, Suzanne Natiss, who passed away January 1, 2012. She made it for my son, Jacob Gordon, who became a Bar Mitzvah here at Chaverim in March. It was made by her, with love, well in advance of the date ... None of us ever expected that she would not be here to see him use it for the first time ... Like the bag says, we hope it will be passed down, in her memory, from generation to generation."

Submitted by Stacey Natiss Gordon

"This photograph was taken long ago of my grandmother's family in 1925 at a seder. Now I have the candlesticks on the table in my own home! Only one person in the picture is still alive- he is now 90!"

Submitted by Gila Shaw



"This photograph is of my grandmother's aunt, Annie Nicholas, who was one of the victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire at age 18. At 98, my grandmother Anne Nicholas (who was named after her) is the oldest living relative of any of the families that were involved in that famous, yet tragic event in American history."

Submitted by Mark Wells



"In 1919 my great grandfather, Sigmund Heineman donated a Torah to his congregation in a small village in Germany called Burgsin. On November 9, 1938, the Nazis took all the prayer books and Torahs from the synagogues, threw them into the streets, burned them and forced the Jews to stand and watch. They also burned some of the synagogues. This was the infamous Kristal Night. As the Jews in Burgsin watched in horror, a little silver bell from the crown of the Torah rolled away and was only seen by my Great Uncle Max. He was able to pick it up without being seen and hid the bell until he came to America. Years later he gave it to my mother and she gave it to me. Some day I will give it to my daughter Amy."

Submitted by Robin Ballin



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SOCIABLE SENIORS

ROCHELLE POTASH



GREAT PROGRAMS FOR OUR SENIORS!

Sociable Seniors continues to bring informative and entertaining speakers to Temple Chaverim the first Thursday of every month. If you missed our recent past programs, please mark your calendars for this spring's offerings.

In November, Mitsue Salador presented the story of Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II, while in December, Jack Schnur presented Judy Garland Part 1. After the winter break, he returned on March 1st with part 2 of Judy Garland, which everyone enjoyed. Martha Kolodkin comes to us with a very interesting program on Presidents' Mothers, the women who shaped them, on May 3rd in time for Mother's Day. We end the season on June 7th with Bobby Ruth's "A Musical Tribute To Peggy Lee".

As always a delicious light lunch will be served. Join us for an entertaining afternoon. Cost is \$9 for temple members, \$12 for non-members. To make a reservation, simply call the Sociable Senior RSVP line at 516-367-6100, ext. 103



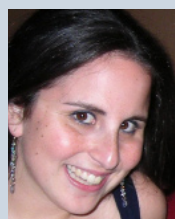
THE LATEST UPDATE ON OUR CHAVERIM TEMPLE YOUTH PROGRAMMING...



MICHELLE
CHALFEN



BETH TABAK



HEATHER
GOMBERG

This has been a very successful year for all CHATY members. The youth committee had the opportunity to work in conjunction with the Hebrew school, under the guidance of Mrs. Brandell, for a Tu B'Shevat program. The students learned hands on about the holiday, foods that are eaten, and ways they could protect the environment. The committee is excited about the new and improved Purim Carnival and hope that you had a chance to enjoy it with your family and temple friends. Don't miss out on these fun events, and let Temple Chaverim be your "Home away from Home." If you have any suggestions for future Programs, please let us know.

CLUB CHATY (GRADES 5-6) AND JCHATY (GRADES 7-8)

March 29: Chocolate Seder
April 29: Fun Craft
May 20: Trip to NYC Wax Museum
& Carmine's Restaurant
June 3: Salute to Israel Parade

CHATY (GRADES 9-12)

March 29: Chocolate Seder
April 22-24: Spring Kallah at Kutz Camp
May 12: NFTY Installations
May 20: Trip to NYC Wax Museum
& Carmine's Restaurant
May 23: CHATY Elections
June 3: Salute to Israel Parade

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Purim carnival such a huge success! A special thank you to Rabbi Lobel and Heather, the Men's Club volunteers -- especially for their generous donation of hamburgers and hotdogs. Thanks, too, to all of the CHATY kids: Ethan Shaw; Aly Kreiner; Chelsea Giller, Rebecca Salmon; Sydney, Brandon and Matthew Kurnit; Emily and Joshua Tabak; Justin and Ethan Chalfen; Zachary Lewis; Ryan Preston; Sam Willens; Simon Walter-Warner. A special thank you to Jon Tabak and Todd Chalfen. We thank everyone who supported the event.

For more information about CHATY and opportunities in the Youth Committee at Temple Chaverim, please contact us anytime!

Rabbi Lobel: rabbilobel@templechaverim.org
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Michelle Chalfen, Youth Co-Chair: Michntodd@verizon.net
Heather Gromberg, Senior Youth Group Advisor: Heather@templechaverim.org.



MEN'S CLUB

DAVID KAUFMAN, VP

Filling in this month for Mel Potash, President

MORE FROM MEN'S CLUB

Hi, All! I wanted to start by thanking our chefs for the Purim Carnival; Jamie and Michael did yeoman work and deserve a thank you. We worked with Rabbi Lobel and the Youth Committee to donate our time and energy into providing a Hamburger and Hot Dog BBQ for them. I was also floored by the Carnival, and they deserve a "way to go !!!"

Some of you missed our Leap Year Card Game; remember it will be some time before another Wed. card game on a leap year !! We had a great time and welcomed the leap year with some libations.

Next up... Join us for our card games on the last Wednesday of every month, and bring your friends. For \$20 you get dinner and spend some time relaxing. See you next month.

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The goal of the Membership and Congregant Relations Committees is to ensure that our temple remains strong by attracting and welcoming new congregants and meeting the needs of established members.

On April 20th at 7:30, "Be Our Guest" and "Teacher Recognition" Shabbat will provide a wonderful opportunity for prospective and current members to meet and speak with the clergy as well as the faculty and staff of the Hebrew school. As always, the service will be followed by our treat-filled oneg. Please come and bring a friend or family member to share the evening and introduce to the temple.

Members are the heart and soul of our temple, and our committees as well; each one is important, bringing his/her own strengths and talents to our community. We would love to have you join the Membership and Congregant Relations Committees. We have a selection of volunteer jobs both big and small. Please contact Lise Mayer (516-931-0639) or Sheila Schroeder (631-691-2095), or email us at: Membership@Templechaverim.org.



RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY FOR "IMPRESSIONS OF ISRAEL"

For the entire month of February 2012, Temple Chaverim presented their award-winning Impressions of Israel exhibit at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library's gallery at 999 Old Country Road.

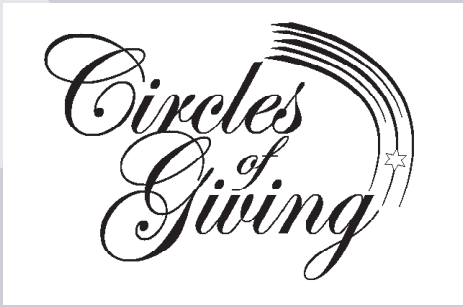
The photo exhibit is a compilation of photos taken by temple members who participated in congregational trips to Israel led by Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, PhD. Temple members were moved and inspired by their experiences while visiting Israel. The temple members decided to put together a photo exhibit of about 100 photographs called Impressions of Israel to share with the community at large back in the United States. Co-curators Alan Borko and Debbie Wells led the group in selecting photos that were artistic and meaningful.

There was a reception in the main gallery of the library on Monday evening, February 13th. Over 50 people attended, including Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, members of Temple Chaverim's staff and congregation, the Art League of Long Island in Dix Hills and the Plainview community.

During the reception, there was a special awards ceremony featuring Barbara Kavadias, Director of Development of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA). She presented Alan Borko, Fred Krellenstein, Paula Lefkowitz and Debbie Wells with top honors. In addition to receiving a URJ music CD and a copy of Tina Wasserman's *Entrée to Judaism: A Culinary Exploration of the Jewish Diaspora*, their winning photographs will be published in a special calendar for the upcoming Jewish New Year that will be distributed nationwide.



L-R: Alan Borko, Paula Lefkowitz, Barbara Kavadias of ARZA, Debbie Wells and Fred Krellenstein.



Circles of Giving is a vital pledge program whereby congregants voluntarily enhance their annual support to Temple Chaverim by a fixed amount. While our dues are in line with other local Reform synagogues, they do not completely cover the cost of running our temple. In fact, temple dues, tuitions and fees cover only 80% of our expense budget. The gap of \$500 per household must be made up through voluntary donations and fundraising efforts.

Temple Chaverim is committed to excellence in religious, educational and social programming and to outstanding professional leadership. Your gift will ensure that all children and adults in our congregation will continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership and to provide scholarship to those in need. To help strengthen our synagogue and secure our future of upholding Jewish values, please make your pledge to the Circles of Giving Program.

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 DECEMBER 5, 2011 TO MARCH 6, 2012

Laika Geller, mother of Avraham Giller, passed away on December 15, 2011

Edmund Jacobson, father of Dianne Barber, passed away on December 24, 2011

Irving Gold, father of Sharon Bluth, passed away on January 1, 2012

Suzanne Natiss, mother of Stacey Gordon, passed away on January 1, 2012

Marilyn Dank, mother of Warren Dank, passed away on January 21, 2012

William Walker, father of Steven Walker, passed away on January 22, 2012

Thelma Levenberg, mother of David Rothstein, passed away on January 29, 2012

Sonya Eisenberg, mother of Terry Sales, passed away on February 25, 2012

Demetria Torres, grandmother of Rabbi Joshua Lobel, passed away on March 15, 2012

David Kovensky, husband of Florence Kovensky and father of Rhonda Green, passed away on March 19, 2012

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DECEMBER 16, 2011 TO MARCH 6, 2012

"In loving tribute, the following names have been inscribed on our Memorial Wall"

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College students will receive regular eblasts as well as periodic items of special interest from the temple. Ask for an application form from Louise Sunshine (lsunshine@templechaverim.org) at the temple's Religious School office and get connected!



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Temple Chaverim Casino Night 2012 is just around the corner, April 21st 8pm-midnight. The evening will include entertainment in the Lucky Chai Lounge with music, comedians and lots of surprises. Our very own Steve Pinsky will emcee. Gaming tables include Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Slot Machines, Texas Hold 'em and a Money Wheel, all run by the professional team at Event Kings.



There will be chances to win thousands of dollars in Chinese Auction prizes for anyone who purchases tickets or wins tickets at the tables. The committee will also be selling raffle tickets all month for 3 fabulous prizes: 1st prize - \$1000 Tech Package including iPad/cover, iWatchz and headphones; 2nd prize - Movado Watch (donated by Solomon Jewelers); 3rd prize - New Adult Membership to the Mid-Island Y/JCC. Cost is \$10 per ticket or a book of 12 tickets for \$100.

Casino Night is the temple's major fundraising event of the year. Entry is only \$75 per person and includes open bar, desserts, gaming table access and casino money. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door and the event is open to the public. We are also producing a Temple Chaverim Blue & White pages which will include a temple member directory, recipes, ads, coupons and boosters. Please show your additional support of Temple Chaverim by purchasing an ad or a booster.

To purchase entry tickets, Chinese Auction tickets, ads, boosters or raffle tickets, visit our website at www.templechaverim.org and click on the Red Casino Night link right at the top of the home page OR call Rosemary Nucci in the temple office, ext. 101. To donate prizes, volunteer for the evening or sponsor the event contact Karen Bressner at Casinonight@templechaverim.org. We hope to see you all at this fun evening!

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Come to our meetings on April 19, May 3 and June 7 at 8pm.

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Our next trip to Israel will be this December and it is filling up fast. The dates are December 20 to December 30, 2012, and the cost is \$3099 (land only), per person. Airline ticket prices fluctuate on a daily basis but are approximately \$1800 pp. There are discounts for children (sharing a room with two adults) and Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. If you are interested, you can find the itinerary, and sign up, online at www.arzaworld.com. To find our trip, fill in the search box with the word "Plainview" and press "go." If you have any questions, call Rabbi Hecht at 516-367-6100.



CELEBRATING PURIM TOGETHER

On Sunday, March 4th, Temple Chaverim held its annual Purim event filled with carnival games, holiday treats and refreshments, a Purim Schpiel performance, memorable Sumo wrestling matches and more all afternoon long! Lots of fun was had by our members of all ages. Special thanks to everyone who participated in the festivities! Visit our Facebook Page for more fantastic photos.

Clockwise L-R: Two girls holding "The Sound of Moshe!" programs; Facepainting was fun for these children; some of the "Sound of Moshe!" cast; Rabbi Sumo Wrestling!; Schpiel Rehearal; Carnival games; three boys at Purim; CHATY's Michelle Chafkin and Beth Tabak; Snow White and her mom; Elizabeth Lobel and Ari

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