

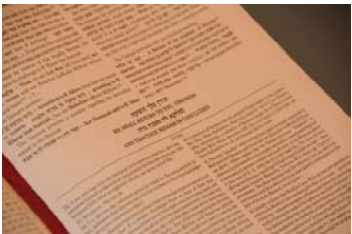


**A Message from Rabbi Hecht—
Seven and a Half Years and 3,000 Pages Later**



Dear Friends,

In August there was a major event at Meadowlands Stadium. Thousands of Jews -- 90,000 by some counts -- got together to celebrate the 13th cycle of reading the Talmud. The Talmud contains nearly 3000 pages and, at one page per day, you can complete the entire cycle in 7 1/2 years. I, too, began that journey 7 1/2 years ago, and, although I didn't go to the Meadowlands, I celebrated the completion of reading the entire Talmud this summer.



It is time for me to reflect: what did I learn from all these years of study? The Talmud is referred to as a "sea." There is so much in it: civil and religious law; instructions for the

operation of the Temple that existed in ancient times; morals and ethics; agreements and disagreements. It is "two Jews, three opinions" taken to the extreme, for the Talmud not only quotes the result of each discussion -- the final law -- it also gives you all the views that it rejects. It contains the hope that there is an answer to be had and the optimism to believe, that if only we try hard enough, we can resolve every contradiction.

In one soaring passage, which presents a disagreement between two famous schools of rabbinic thought, Hillel and Shammai, the Talmud reports that the decision came down in a voice from heaven. The Divine Voice uttered: "Both (Hillel's and Shammai's) teachings are the words of the Living God, yet the law follows Hillel."

After 7 1/2 years of reading the Talmud, the greatest lesson I learned is that there isn't a monopoly on truth. In fact, the Talmud teaches that the true "word of God" is not one or the other, it is both. The word of the living God is a combination of opposing views. The Talmud's 3000 pages teach that bringing those views together and letting them live side by side is the way to bring God's word into this world. In fact, the minute someone begins acting as if he or she has the monopoly on truth, you can be sure that is not so.

Just imagine how different our lives would be if everyone lived this Talmudic principle!

Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Jonathan Hecht

TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE
at CHAVERIM
A NEW JEWISH EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS

See story on page 5

Temple Chaverim
For a complete & updated listing of services, events, programs & more, check the monthly calendar at www.templechaverim.org

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President's Message— Make Temple Chaverim Your Home



I am delighted to introduce myself to you as president of Temple Chaverim and encourage you to read about my own very personal connection to Judaism and to Temple Chaverim, posted in the [last edition of Connections](#) which we received in our homes:

- ◆ I became a member of Temple Chaverim.
- ◆ I joined the Long Range Planning Committee.
- ◆ I became a member of the Board.
- ◆ Twelve years later, I was elected President.

When you enter the building, you are entering my home and I want all to feel the warmth and comfort as if you are a guest in my home.

The deal is that this is also YOUR home. Make it your home by getting involved.

- ◆ Join a club or committee that interests you.
- ◆ Then become the chair of that committee.
- ◆ Become a member of the Board of Trustees.

Your heart will be connected to Temple Chaverim, Judaism and this building. Most importantly, your children's hearts will develop a connection and their busy lives will be rooted in Temple Chaverim; Judaism and this building will become their home.

Temple Chaverim is here for you and your children in many ways: to provide Jewish education; to celebrate births, baby naming, b'nei mitzvah, confirmation, weddings; and to provide comfort in times of illness and loss of a loved one.

Join our Chaverim family for Friday night services and get to know the clergy and the Board of Trustees. I look forward to greeting you at the upcoming High Holy Days.

Shalom,
Bruce Steifman, Board President

Board News

This summer was an exciting time of transition for the Temple Chaverim Board. Bruce Steifman, our new president, has been busy planning and putting his "mark" on the new board. We are excitedly looking forward to the year ahead, with all the hopes and challenges it will bring.

The board began the summer with a BBQ graciously hosted by Karen and Jon Bressner. All board members, new and returning, had the opportunity to mix and mingle and get to know each other a little bit better. The board looks forward to working cohesively to bring the Temple Chaverim community to new heights. We would like to get to know all temple members better. You can help us to accomplish this important goal by joining a committee, attending an event or joining us for services.

One of the major goals for the coming years is to improve youth engagement. We will be offering a variety of different experiences for our children. If our youth connect to our temple in a positive way when they are young, they will more likely stay connected as older youth and adults. Please encourage your children to get acquainted with our new offerings. Let's make being more connected to temple Chaverim a family goal.

If you have not already met our new Assistant Rabbi, Debra Bennet, please introduce yourself to her. She will be very involved in youth engagement, as well as bima responsibilities. Rabbi Hecht and Cantor Hyman will be bringing some new and exciting additions to our services. In August, we had our first Visual Tefillah service, where images and prayers were projected on 'the big screen' rather than reading them from the prayer book.

Meryl Wittenberg, Board Secretary

Wanted:
MITZVAH MAKERS!

Can you say "Shabbat Shalom?"

**Be a greeter at
Friday Night Services!**
*For info, please contact
Lise Mayer (516 931-0639)*



Temple Chaverim Goes Green

Temple Chaverim is currently applying for a grant to participate in the next Jewish Greening Fellowship (February 2013) which is generously funded by the UJA. This fellowship will allow us the opportunity to receive guidance, training and grants towards becoming a more environmentally responsible synagogue. This will entail an 18 month leadership program which will work towards educating and engaging our synagogue community in various efforts.



We are looking to reduce waste and pollution. Temple Chaverim will begin a process of change that will involve energy audits and implement energy-saving upgrades. This fellowship will also help us to develop environmental education programs to educate and engage our congregants and community. This will help us to all contribute towards a safe and healthy environment - both locally and globally!

Anyone interested in contributing their skills and talents, please contact Rhonda Green kov64@hotmail.com or Mindy Brown mindy.f.brown@gmail.com.

Meet Our Executive Board



Debbie Wells, Brian Friedman, Elise Hahn Rubin, Rick Lewis, Meryl Wittenberg, Bruce Steifman

Bruce Steifman, President, has been in love with Temple Chaverim for twelve years and is fond of saying, "Welcome to my home."

Elise Hahn Rubin, First Vice President, a licensed clinical social worker and Director of Transition Services for Jewish Child Care Association, is also in private practice in Huntington. Married to Howard for 15 years, they have 3 daughters and a granddaughter, and have been temple members for the past 10 years. Elise was chair of Religious Practices for 4 years before joining the Executive Board.

Rick Lewis, Second Vice President, chose to get involved and join the Board at Temple Chaverim to ensure that our temple is a place that meets the needs of the entire community. "My family and I enjoy attending events, spending time with friends and strengthening our commitment to Judaism at the temple. It is my pleasure to serve as second vice president where I will focus my attention on invigorating Men's Club, expanding our youth engagement activities and supporting our religious school," says Rick.

Debbie Wells, Third Vice President, after several years on the Board as Communications Chair, which entailed designing the Connections newsletter, publicity, web site and social media, is honored to have this new leadership position and looks forward to working with the various committees and staff to help the Temple Chaverim community grow and prosper. "My family and I have been proud members of the temple since 2001," says Debbie.

Brian Friedman, Treasurer, his wife Darlene and their children Michelle and Evan have enjoyed over 18 fulfilling years as members of Temple Chaverim. As a founding family, they have been involved in many activities, programs and committees. Brian is a licensed NYS Certified Public Accountant with a practice in Plainview.

Meryl Wittenberg, Secretary, affirms, "connections are very meaningful to me -- connections to beliefs, values, family, friendships and spirituality. As an officer of Temple Chaverim, I hope to see that more members find the types of connections that I have found at Temple Chaverim." She and her husband Elliot and children joined Temple Chaverim in 1999 when they moved from Queens.

Welcome to Our New Members

Shalom, Chaverim!

Joined 6/1/2012 – 8/3/2012

- Ian, Paula, Aaron, Jami and Abigail Gilman*
- Joe, Robin, Jack and Samuel Warren*
- Eric, Randi and Abigail Milgrim*
- Larry, Robin, Joshua and Danielle Wicker*
- Scott, Erica, Sydney and Hannah Mathis*
- Scott, Elena and Alexis Marchesano*
- Norm and Nirit Weiser*
- Carol Goldklang*

WELCOME & WELCOME BACK SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th

Join us as we welcome all our members (new & old) with a special **SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER**



RSVP to Caryn in the temple office at (516) 367-6100 x112

Help Spread the Word About Temple Chaverim

Simply clip this coupon and pass along to a friend or family member who might be interested in joining our congregation.

FRIEND OF A FRIEND



I am interested in joining Temple Chaverim and was referred by _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Present this coupon when you join Temple Chaverim and your friend will receive a special thank you!

CHAVERIM COUPON



Fond Food Memories

Debbye Brandell, Principal Religious School

For all of the wonderful meals I ate at my grandmother's table, I don't remember her ever consulting a cookbook or a recipe. It still amazes me that delicious stuffed cabbage, fluffy matza balls, and melt in your mouth brisket were prepared from memory each time. When I got older and it was too late to ask, I realized that none of these recipes were written down. Try as I might, I cannot create these dishes the way she did, though I can still remember the aromas that filled her home and the

memories associated with them.

Now I am making sure to pass on my favorite recipes to my children in the hope that they will want to use them and bring many memorable Jewish traditions we have shared as a family into their own homes. I hope that they will use these recipes and memories and incorporate them into a life of Jewish living for generations to come.

The honey cake recipe was brought home proudly from pre-school, and my mom as a newlywed got the apple cake recipe from one of her aunts, and has been baking it ever since. They conjure up memories of Rosh Hashanah, fall, and family. I hope that your family will enjoy them, too.

Honey Cake

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup strong coffee
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¾ cup honey
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 325. Grease loaf pan very well. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Slowly add sugar, honey and oil to eggs. Mix well. Add half of the flour mixture and half of the coffee to the eggs and mix. Add the rest of the coffee and flour. Pour into loaf pan and bake for 55 minutes.



Apple Cake

- For apples:*
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 5 tbs. sugar
 - 3 or 4 sliced apples (*peeled and cored*)
- For batter:*
- 2 cups flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 3 tsp. baking powder
 - 4 eggs
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 ½ tsp. vanilla extract
 - ¼ cup orange juice

Mix batter for 5 minutes. Pour a layer of batter into greased and floured tube pan. Top with a layer of apples. Repeat 2 or 3 times ending with a layer of batter on top. Bake at 350 for 1 hour or until a toothpick comes out clean.



Bar Mitzvahs & Bat Mitzvahs September—November

Jake	Brandwein	9/1/2012
Cassandra	Resnick	9/8/2012
Jake	Lesser	9/8/2012
Jordana	Lewis	9/8/2012
Ethan	Cohen	9/15/2012
Jyllian	Solomon	9/15/2012
Emily	Blank	9/29/2012
Zachary	Korowitz	9/29/2012
Hannah	Goldberg	10/6/2012
Samuel	Goldberg	10/6/2012
Tyler	Cohen	10/6/2012
Erica	Kam	10/6/2012
Madison	Bass	10/7/2012
David	Weissman	10/13/2012
Julia	Cohen	10/20/2012
Danielle	Stein	10/20/2012
Justin	Max	10/20/2012
Jordan	Applebaum	10/27/2012
Bailey	Klein	10/27/2012
Samantha	Shapiro	10/27/2012
Dylan	Diamond	11/3/2012
Eitan	Raitses	11/3/2012
Marissa	Peters	11/10/2012
Alexander	Wright	11/10/2012
Jason	Cohen	11/17/2012
Joshua	Lester	11/24/2012
Adam	Tucker	11/24/2012

*Enjoying camp:
(L to R)*

*Alicia Glick at Eisner,
Nathan Blank at Crane Lake,
Simon Walter Warner at Eisner,
Jennifer Pantell at Crane Lake*



Jewish Camping Fun

A New Jewish Experience for TEENS



Debra Bennet, Assistant Rabbi

Watching our children grow up is both inspiring and challenging. At times, it leaves us awestruck. It seems like just a moment ago they were infants and we were waiting for first words. Now, they are teens with endless opinions, growing up too fast, in a rapidly changing world. Our job is to give them the tools necessary to navigate it successfully.

Temple Chaverim is here to partner with you in that endeavor and that is why we have developed **Tuesday Night Live!** -- our new teen initiative.

High school is the time when we define who we are, our values, and how we fit into our community. **Tuesday Night Live!** is a safe, nurturing environment where our children can explore and discover the answers to these questions -- questions that are central to their lives -- in a Jewish context.

How do we make positive choices? What role does ethical decision making play in friendships, dating, school and work? How do we speak up for what we believe in? **Tuesday Night Live!** gives our youth the chance to understand how the teachings of Judaism can offer life long guidance.

Do you want your child to refine his or her identity and develop into a competent Jewish adult with all the skills necessary to successfully navigate college and beyond? If the answer is "yes," then **Tuesday Night Live!** is for you.

Beginning on October 9th from 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM all Temple Chaverim students from the 8th to 12th grades are invited to join Rabbi Hecht, Rabbi Bennet, Cantor Hyman, Debbye Brandell, Robyn Smith and Hilary Kolb for **Tuesday Night Live!**



at CHAVERIM



Every week we start with pizza dinner and schmoozing with friends. Then these talented teen thinkers will explore areas of leadership, service, civic engagement, Israel and Jewish values. We will not just talk; we will do!

Tenth graders will meet with Rabbi Hecht and will have the opportunity to travel to the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC, and meet with legislators. Eighth through twelfth graders will explore their Judaism in new and exciting ways.

Joining **Tuesday Night Live!** includes membership in our youth group and NFTY! Got questions? **Call Rabbi Bennet at 516-367-6100, ext 121.**

Youth Group Activities



*Michelle Chalfen & Beth Tabak
Youth Committee Chairs*

Temple Chaverim's youth group (CHATY) provides our youth with opportunities to engage in interesting and meaningful activities with their Jewish peers.



CHATY is proud to be part of NFTY, The North American Federation of Temple Youth. Our calendar consists of an array of fun-filled events, social action projects and holiday celebrations that will strengthen Jewish connections. Rabbi Debra Bennet, the congregation's Assistant Rabbi, will oversee all youth programs, along with Robyn Smith, our enthusiastic Youth Engagement Coordinator. Rabbi Bennet and Robyn will be working with a committee of adult volunteers under our leadership. The bonds formed in youth group often last a lifetime!

Some of the upcoming events include:

- October -- Torah Spectacular & Welcome Back Ice Cream Social**
- November -- Social Action Program**
- December -- Chanukah Festivities**

For information about CHATY and opportunities in the Youth Committee, contact Beth Tabak at Bethjon@optonline.net and Michelle Chalfen at Michntodd@verizon.net.



LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

Ready to Relax?



Donna Bloom,
Instructor and temple member

The **Jewish Meditation Program** (aka Jewish Spirituality & Relaxation) enters its third year at Temple Chaverim in September. It has been my privilege and absolute joy to teach this course. During each class we discuss a different aspect of Jewish spirituality and how it relates to our lives. The discussion is followed by a guided meditation for relaxation. For example, during Tishrei we explore the topic of Yom Kippur and forgiveness and how self-forgiveness is a key to our general happiness.

Collectively we have created a safe place to share experiences, concerns and challenges. Each member who regularly attends class has had his or her own "Ah-Ha Moment." Many find the breathing techniques helpful; others enjoy the spiritual toolbox tips for stressful situations; and everyone loves the blissful relaxation during the meditation. If you are ready for spiritual growth, this course is for you.

Please feel free to join us for a unique class with an exceptional group of loving chaverim/friends. Classes meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM and every other Thursday evening at 7:30 PM. Check the temple's online calendar for specific dates. There will be new material for the fall of 2012 with a mini-class series on: God is Within Us, Jewish Healing, Prayer and Faith, Creating your Own Authentic Life. Contact Donna for more information at (516) 933-3669.

Sociable Seniors — So Inviting

Florence Halperin, Chair

Please invite friends and family -- especially parents. It's a wonderful way to introduce the community to Temple Chaverim.

On the first Thursday of most months, Sociable Seniors offers a delicious luncheon and a wonderful speaker in a sociable setting. Florence Halperin and Phyllis Spisto are the new chair and vice chair of Sociable Seniors. They are continuing the excellent work done by the outgoing chair, Rochelle Potash, and first chair Joan Schein who did much to enhance and expand the program, participants and the committee.

We have an interesting panel of speakers for the upcoming year, and a welcoming committee composed of members and non-members. We welcome all newcomers and encourage them to attend our programs. We are always interested in the names of good speakers and topics, so please keep in touch, and pass on their names.

Flyers for our programs are always in the lobby. Please take a few and give them to any senior person in your family or community who might like to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and friendship. It's a great way to introduce members of the community to our temple, and you don't have to be a senior adult to attend!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming programs. Contact: **Florence Halperin**, dfhalperin@aol.com, 516-781-9438 or **Phyllis Spisto**, PhyllisSpisto@gmail.com, 516-547-0497



A Sampling of ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS for the Fall

Medieval Jewish Poetry, Food and Wine: What Could Be Bad?

with Cantor Hyman --
Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
October 25, November 1

Writing with a Jewish Twist

with Marsha Bank & Debbye Brandell --
Wednesdays
October 15, November 19,
December 3, February 25, March 18



Learn to Read Hebrew

with Debbye Brandell --
Tuesdays
beginning Dec. 4

SOCIABLE SENIORS UPCOMING PROGRAMS



October 4: Elizabeth Rowe
-- **Love Stories...**
*as portrayed in folk tales,
literature, myths, poems and song.*

November 1: Mira Rosenfeld Sennett --
**Learn and Laugh, Jewish Authors
from Bible to Bellow.**

December 6: Lois Morton --
Edith Piaf Remembered in Songs and Story

March 7: Prof. Christopher Williams --
**Seven Jewish Judges Who Have Shaped Our
Government and Law**

April 4: *exciting program being planned*

May 2: Martha Kolodkin --
The Presidents' Mothers

June 6: Prof. Marc Courtade --
The Music of Barbara Streisand

Social Action Actions

Rhonda Green, Social Action Chair



Food Donations—From Our Tables to Others:

Do you have extra food from a celebration or untouched food from a house of mourning? Join TANS in donating food to people in need. This is a perishable food recovery program.

Donations are made to local shelters and group homes. There is nothing in Jewish law that prohibits food from being taken out of a shiva home. Rabbis will agree that it is a mitzvah to donate food to others in need. The following is a sampling of locations that accept perishable food donations: Glen Cove Emergency Pantry 516-676-4041, Island Harvest 516-294-8528 and The Ronald McDonald house 516-775-5683.

Computer Donations: www.comp4kids.org

Comp4kids collects, refurbishes and distributes XP computers - FOR FREE - to low income families across Long Island, NYC and lower Westchester. Last year Comp4kids was able to distribute over 1500 computers to needy families.

Eyeglasses: www.neweyesforthe needy.org

Their focus is on improving the vision of poor children and adults by purchasing new eyeglasses in the US. They also recycle donated glasses for distribution in developing nations worldwide.

Sisterhood Sukkot Social - October 6



Have you ever attended a progressive dinner? No, it's not a political perspective on dining; it's Temple Chaverim's annual Sukkot Social. When we first joined the temple about 5 years ago, we didn't know anyone and were reluctant to attend the dinner. Who would we speak to? Would people be friendly? How would I manage my food allergies? But we gave it a try and now look forward to participating each year, first going to one home for cocktails and appetizers, and to another for dinner, and finally joining everyone back at the temple for desserts and socializing.

We've enjoyed delicious tapas with wine at the home of the Kleins, yummy brisket at the Rubins, creative appetizers at the Samuel's home, healthful quinoa pilaf at the Ballins, and everywhere delightful conversation and laughter. It's been one of the most enjoyable ways to get to know our chaverim and we always have a delightful evening sampling interesting cuisine as well as Jewish comfort food, all in pleasant company.

Sisterhood sponsors this event, coordinated by Debbie Apfel and Linda Goldbaum. They are always in need of people to act as hosts and hostesses for both the cocktail hour and the dinner. It's a great way for all members new and old to socialize and feel a part of a warm and welcoming temple community.

Sheila Schroeder, Sisterhood member



SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR 2012-2013

September 2012 – FECS Food Collection

October 2012 -- Cancer Awareness Initiative

November 2012 -- Campaign Against Hunger –

TANS event, Nov. 4, 12pm-4pm @ Wyandanch Community Center — Join with Tikkun Alliance of the

North Shore for our annual winter clothing collection and food collection. Come on **Thursday, Nov. 1** at

6:30pm to sort donations at the temple. Contact Jodie Cohen for more info at jodiecohen@mac.com.

NOTE: only those who help sort on Nov. 1 may attend the event in Wyandanch on Nov. 4.

December 2012 -- Snowflake Campaign --

collecting holiday gifts for Jewish Foster Care Assoc.

To contribute your skills and talents, please contact

Rhonda Green kov64@hotmail.com or

Mindy Brown mindy.f.brown@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD EVENTS

Saturday, October 6

Annual Sukkot Social Progressive Dinner

RSVP a must to

Debbie Apfel at (516) 692-8030

Sunday, November 18

Shop 'n' Schmooze

Tuesday, December 4

*Hanukkah Hannah—
Latkes & Vodka*



Alyssa Feller,
Sisterhood
President

Be sure to visit Sisterhood's Judaica Shop inside the temple lobby.

Stop in any time you see it open or call Alyssa Feller (516-650-2828), Sisterhood president, to shop by appointment.

Your Donations Make A Difference in Our Temple Community



When is being a member of Temple Chaverim most important to you -- on the High Holy Days; at your daughter or granddaughter's baby naming; for your child's bar or bat mitzvah; or for a wedding, a funeral, a yahrzeit? Our life cycle events bring us closer to our synagogue community and remind us how

important Temple Chaverim is in our lives.

Imagine, as so many do, that your family is having financial hard times and you have to choose which parts of your budget to eliminate? Do you deny your child a bar mitzvah? Do you lose the connection with clergy who will help in the passing of a loved one?

At Temple Chaverim we do not turn away anyone who wants to remain a member of our community, even if they cannot afford their dues. We believe that maintaining strong ties with the Chaverim community offers important benefits, not the least of which is celebrating and commemorating life cycle events in a respectful and meaningful way.

This is why the Circles of Giving program is so important. The extra money contributed by Circles members helps to support those families who have fallen on difficult financial times. It allows everyone to remain a member of this important community, to share in each other's life cycle events. Finances raised by the Circles of Giving program also help fund other areas of our temple which need additional support, such as the school program or events held for the entire congregation.



During the High Holy Days, when we are focusing on peace, forgiveness and a better new year, please consider joining the Circles of Giving program. You will be helping your neighbor, friend, or family member who needs you now more than ever.

If you would like information about the Circles of Giving, please refer to the available brochures, call Sue Gold in the temple office, or contact Karen Bressner, Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

L'Shana Tova,
Karen Bressner
Chair, Fundraising Committee



More Jewish Camping Fun

1. Rabbi Hecht, Sara Wittenberg at Eisner
2. Cantor Hyman & Rabbi Hecht with Hannah Hyman, Jennifer Pantell, Ari Berg, Emily & Nathan Blank at Crane Lake
3. Rabbi Hecht telling a story to campers at Eisner
4. Holden Walter Warner at Eisner
5. Ben Pagliaro on left, leading songs at Eisner
6. Israeli Dancing at Eisner with Rabbi Hecht
7. Liora Hyman at Eisner
8. Ari Berg at Crane Lake



IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION....

Thank you to our members for their generous donations for the period June 1, 2012 through August 3, 2012. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

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Maurice and Millie Apfel
James and Nancy Sherman, Glenn and Libby Rochlen,
Mark and Midge Speciner, Marla and Howie Cooper

RABBI HECHT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Wishing Maxwell Teich a speedy recovery
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Glenn Liebman
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Edwin and Ethel Lokshin
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Welcome and we love you!
Steven and Paula Lefkowitz

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Alan and Carol Goldklang

Memorial Plaque List



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

Jacqueline Greengarten—April 20, 2012

Miriam Hanania—May 23, 2012

Ruth Bellask—August 16, 2011

Memorial List June 1 through August 15, 2012

Millicent Apfel, mother of *Paul Apfel*, passed away on June 11, 2012
Maurice Apfel, father of *Paul Apfel*, passed away on June 11, 2012
Albert Pasik, stepfather of *Melissa Horenstein*, passed away on June 11, 2012
Adele Hecht, mother of *Edward Hecht*, passed away on June 19, 2012
Robert Orr, father of *Vicky Diamond*, passed away on June 19, 2012
Lola Richter, mother of *Elise Derris*, passed away on July 18, 2012
Ruth Bier, grandmother of Robert Bier, passed away on July 25, 2012
Henrietta Terowsky, mother of *Renee Richter*, passed away on August 15, 2012

Look Who Is Making a Difference!

Every day you will find members of Temple Chaverim volunteering to make our synagogue the amazing place it is. People serve on the Board of Directors and committees; they help with Religious School dismissal and ushering at services. The list is long.

What you might not be aware of are the members of our congregation who go beyond supporting our Temple and give to the community in various ways. This column is devoted to these people who raise money for important causes and give their time and effort to make a difference in this world. They raise money for Juvenile Diabetes, Breast Cancer, Autism, and Special Needs Children, to name a few. In each issue of Connections, we will focus on these people and their efforts.

We hope you will celebrate their hard work and achievement. Mostly, we hope you will find ways to support their efforts: join their walks; ride in their bike rides; play in their golf outings; contribute to the causes they are assisting. Is your child looking for a great mitzvah project? These are wonderful opportunities to teach your children about giving and the power of joining together to make a difference.

Breast cancer has been a part of Shari Goldsmith's life since she was a teenager. That was when her Mom lost the battle to this disease. When something like this happens in your family, you live with the additional fear and burden that it can happen to you, too. That's how Shari felt. When she tested negative for the BRCA gene she hoped she might have a better chance to skip cancer, but in June 2007, she, too, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thankfully, it was caught early.

Shari took her anger and frustration with this disease and put it into starting a not-for-profit called Women Together Fighting Cancer. She has raised tens of thousands of dollars that the organization has donated to stellar breast cancer research centers including NYU, Johns Hopkins University, Washington University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, North Shore-LIJ Health Systems, and the City of Hope. This fall was the fifth year Shari's organization participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, raising over \$85,000 for this cause throughout the years. Shari has helped to fund important discoveries in the fight against this disease and raise awareness so others can be vigilant with their own breast health.



Today Shari honors her mother's memory and her own survival by making a difference for others who have faced this disease and for those who hopefully will never have to because she and her supporters join together to fight breast cancer.

The WTFCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donating 100% of the proceeds to breast cancer research foundations.

Last year, high school students raised over \$300 for Shari's organization through a volleyball game at their high school, and this fall there was a car wash held by Evan Epstein as his mitzvah project. You can reach Shari at thewtfc@aol.com to see how you can join her efforts.

If you know someone whose tzedakah efforts should be showcased in a future Connections article, please contact connections@templechaverim.org.

ASK DEAR YENTA



Submit your question to DEAR YENTA at connections@templechaverim.org with "Dear Yenta" in the subject line.

What is Schmaltz?

According to Wikipedia, *schmaltz* is chicken or goose fat used for frying or as a spread on bread in Ashkenazi Jewish cuisine. Jews who were forbidden by kashrut dietary laws to fry their meats in butter or lard used *schmaltz* as a substitute.

I want to join the Circles of Giving at Temple Chaverim. Can I pay over time?

Yes, contact Karen.bressner@gmail.com to make arrangements on any of the Circle levels:
CIRCLE OF HONOR
 dues + \$500 or above
CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION
 dues + \$1000 or above
CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE
 dues + \$1500 or above

I want to volunteer at the temple.

Whom can I speak to?

Contact a Vice President or committee chair listed on page 11 of this newsletter.



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COLLEGE CONNECTION

Are you a college student or do you have a student in your family who would like to keep up with Temple Chaverim news? College students receive regular e-blasts as well as items of special interest from the temple.

Ask for an application form from Louise Sunshine in the Religious School office

lsunshine@templechaverim.org.



*To reach anyone on the temple board,
please call the office at (516) 367-6100 x 101
or refer to the temple's Blue & White Directory.*

*Interested in serving on the temple board?
Contact Bruce Steifman for more information.*

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- * Campfire and S'mores *

OUR CHAVERIM VISIT ISRAEL



L to R:

Michael & Alicia Steger & Rabbi Hecht enjoy ice cream on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem.

Marsha & David Bank share a Shabbat evening with Rabbi Hecht in Tel Aviv.

Sam Hecht & Madison Kelly had an amazing NFTY trip to Prague and Israel.



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