



"A Temple of Friends"

# Connections

Fall 2014 — 5774

## Anniversaries

Rabbi Jonathan L. Hecht, Ph. D.

Anniversaries are important. They help us remember. They help us celebrate. They help us commemorate. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of WWI, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

At Temple Chaverim, we are celebrating an anniversary, too. 2014 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "liberation" of our Holocaust Torah. You pass by it each time you enter the sanctuary. It is on the right side as you go in. There is a scroll and some photos. The pictures include one shot of the synagogue in the town of Tabor in what is, today, the Czech Republic. There is a photo of stacks of Torah scrolls, as well. In 1964, 1,564 Torah scrolls were transferred to the Westminster Synagogue in London for safekeeping. These Torah scrolls, along with other Jewish art and synagogue books, had been collected by the Nazis as they rampaged through Czechoslovakia. It is thought that

they intended to create a museum to commemorate their destruction of Jewish life in Europe.

The art and other artifacts were transferred to the State

Museum in Prague, but the Torah scrolls just sat in an unused synagogue. In 1963, a British art dealer arranged for the scrolls to be transferred to Westminster. The synagogue agreed to care for, repair, and distribute the Torah scrolls around the Jewish world. Most of the scrolls were deemed to be beyond repair; those that were either repairable or in usable condition, were loaned to synagogues that needed Torah scrolls. The



rest were loaned to synagogues and other Jewish institutions for permanent memorial displays.

On February 7, 1964, the Torah scrolls arrived at Westminster Synagogue. They were carefully inspected and classified. Efforts were made to find out where the scrolls had been taken from. Many of the original labels attached more than 20 years before had survived and were carefully studied. The work was directed by the Rabbi of Westminster Synagogue, Rabbi Harold Reinhart.

Our Torah scroll is from the synagogue in Tabor. Jewish settlement in this town is documented all the way back to 1594. The community was destroyed by the Nazis in World War II.

What does this anniversary mean to us today? No Jews live in the town of Tabor. We keep the memory of that community alive by preserving its Torah. It reminds us of how precious Jewish life is and how important it is for us to build a lasting Jewish legacy here in our synagogue and our community.

This year, during the High Holy Days, we will take the scroll out of its display case and use it for services. Fifty years after its liberation, we continue to draw inspiration from the timeless messages contained in the Torah scroll's ancient words.

### Learn How to Blow the Shofar for the High Holidays

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm



Michael Schwartz, pictured left, will teach a High Holiday Shofar Blowing Workshop. It will be a real blast! Come join the fun!

Shofars are available for purchase.  
Call Ronnie at (516) 367-6100 ext. 112 to RSVP.



### High Holiday Schedule Preview

**Selichot** - September 20    **Erev Rosh Hashanah** - September 24  
**Rosh Hashanah** - September 25 - 26    **Tashlich** - September 25  
**Kol Nidre** - October 3    **Yom Kippur** - October 4

## President's Message: Do "ONE" Thing



Hello, Temple Chaverim! I am excited to be your new President and invite you all to join me in this journey. As I have said before, my hope is to bring a mix of business acumen, motherly love and a sense of community to my responsibilities and decisions. You will hear a few themes from me over the High Holidays and upcoming months.

### Teach Your Children Well

The most important thing we do as adults is to teach our children. I believe that children live what they learn, so we must set good examples. That can start with our commitments to our community at Temple Chaverim through volunteer work as well as financial contributions.

### Do "ONE" Thing

Our volunteers find their projects personally rewarding. I ask that you look at the many opportunities to volunteer at Temple Chaverim, and try to find time to do just "ONE" thing, may it be a community action project, a fundraising event, or helping at a youth event. If everyone can do just "ONE" thing, Temple Chaverim will stay strong.

### Audacious Hospitality

Relational Judaism, using the power of our relationships to keep our community strong, is an important part of Judaism today. This starts with what is referred to as "audacious hospitality" - an ongoing invitation to be part of community, a two-way street where synagogue and stranger need each other. Only by being inclusive can we be strong.

I look forward to working with you and helping to make Temple Chaverim the best congregation it can be.

**Karen Bressner, President**

*Welcome to our newest temple members!*  
**Shalom, Chaverim!**

Madeline Budiansky

Mark, Michele, Jared, Dylan and Felyn Feirman

Michael, Jennifer, Charlie and Aaron Getz

Scott, Naomi, Brooke and Blake Glazer

Brad, Lara, Dylan and Aidan Levin

Bruce, Kareen, Alexa and Maximillian Makowsky

Lisa Perlstein, Evan Krakauer, Lexi and Dani

Daniel, Dana, Benjamin and Brooke Selmer

Eric, April, Samantha and Gabriel Sontag

David, Alyse, Sawyer and Peyton Wayne

Peter, Heather, Ava and Taylor Weinstock

David, Jaime, Ryan and Austin Wolff

## Cantor's Corner: Life After B'nei Mitzvah



I certainly hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and is looking forward to a successful new year. The beginning of school is filled with nervous energy and excitement for parents and children alike. It is always uncertain which activities and interests our kids will ultimately settle on; but until that moment comes, hopefully we will be supportive. To this end, I want to remind our congregation of a few very important opportunities I hope you are aware of for your teens.

After our children have become B'nei Mitzvah, there is a great deal of Jewish learning -- formal, informal and all fun -- to engage in. It is not enough to send our kids out into the world with a 13-year-old perspective on God and Judaism. How will they respond to the difficult questions about their beliefs and culture if they do not have an adequate understanding?

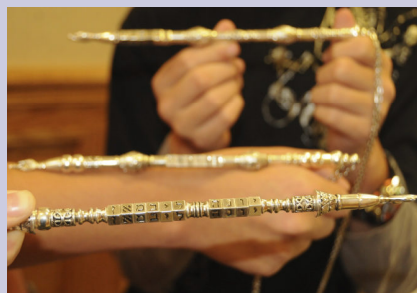
Our own **Tuesday Night Live** program builds on their religious school experience. They help each other navigate the challenges of living as young, developing Reform Jewish youth. Under the leadership of Rabbi Deborah Bennet, our team of clergy and instructors are dedicated to preparing our teens for their adult Jewish lives.

**Tuesday Night Live** includes **CHATY** or **Chaverim Temple Youth**, our Temple senior youth group that is part of **NFTY**, **National Federation of Temple Youth** that also includes a regional and national component. All of these are wonderful ways for our high school kids to be appropriately involved in a unique combination of leadership building, social action, religious expression, current events, a connection to Israel and the ever-important interaction with other Jewish youth from both our own and the larger Jewish community.

As a parent I encourage you to send your child to **Tuesday Night Live**. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask Rabbi Bennet or me.

**Cantor Bradley Hyman**

## Point yourself in the Cantor's direction! **DESIGN YOUR OWN YAD**



**Sunday,  
November 9  
@ 12:15 pm**

**Learn the Yad's  
history &  
traditions**

### Must order in advance by November 2.

Only pre-orders can participate; minimum 12 students needed.

\$50 payable to Temple Chaverim

For details: [cantorbrad@templechaverim.org](mailto:cantorbrad@templechaverim.org)

or 516-367-6100 ext 105.



## Religious School: "ShalomLearning"

"The times they are a changing," sang Bob Dylan, and so is Hebrew School!!

Computers and tablets and smart phones have revolutionized our lives. They have changed how we access information and they have certainly changed how our children interact. No longer do we run to the library to find an encyclopedia when we want to do research. We ask Google; and in an instant the information we want is at our fingertips.

These technologies are here to stay, and so we want to try to harness their power to teach Judaism's ageless truths. We are very excited to pilot a new, high tech, innovative learning program this fall called **ShalomLearning**. Two fifth grade classes have been invited to become our chaltzim (pioneers) to see if we might be able to completely change the way we "do" Hebrew School.

**ShalomLearning** is a values-based curriculum, teaching Jewish values using both computer and face-to-face learning. The traditions and values of Judaism are preserved, but the delivery method -- how we get the information to the learners -- makes this program engaging, relevant and accessible.

Participating students will have Religious School two days each week. On Tuesday afternoons, they will meet with their teacher, Mrs. Sigal Rashti, on site at Temple Chaverim. On Sunday mornings, class will be broadcast to the students on the Internet.

This effort is part of a larger initiative to introduce cutting-edge technology to our school program. You may recall that we introduced a smart board last year; and this year, we are excited to experiment with the "virtual" classrooms! Temple Chaverim's Religious School is committed to introducing an innovative and enjoyable Jewish education for our students. If you want to find out more about what we are doing, contact me, **Debbie Brandell** at 516-367-6100 ext. 109 or join our Religious School Committee.



*Mary Beth Ruthen, fifth grade parent, enrolls daughter Leah in ShalomLearning program.*

## Mazel Tov on becoming Bar & Bat Mitzvah!

9/6	Tyler Burd	Allan & Michele Burd
9/13	Zoelle Korogdsky	Brandi Sadacca
	Julia Sprung	Marc & Randi Sprung
9/20	Madison Kramer	Larry & Vicky Kramer
	Rachel Mahler	Lyle & Stephanie Mahler
9/27	Benjamin & Danielle Pollard	Jonathan Pollard & Karen Jason
10/11	Maxwell Shackman	Michael & Lisa Shackman
	Joseph Sica	Pasquale & Allison Sica
10/18	Samantha Newman	Eric & Randy Newman
	Skylar Hertz	Michael Hertz
10/25	Luke Banner	Stacey Banner
	Jake Cohen	Arnold & Pamela Cohen
	Abigail Blick	Jeffrey & Alyssa B lick
11/1	Tyler Behar	Mark & Shari Behar
11/8	Carli & Evan Shapiro	Gary & Bonnie Shapiro
	Elizabeth Liebman	Glenn Liebman
11/15	Michael Biscardi	Lisa Bernstein
	Isabelle Raskin	Lloyd & Andrea Raskin
11/29	Danielle Weiner	Michael & Michele Weiner
12/6	Alexa Schwartz	Eric & Laurie Schwartz
	Jason Birns	David & Ronit Birns
12/13	Jacob Lewis	Rick & Ariann Lewis
	Jessica & Matthew Rosenfeld	James & Beth Rosenfeld

## Stay, Play and Pray

We are happy to continue **Stay, Play and Pray**, an exciting series of creative workshops designed to introduce our **youngest students (ages 4 and 5) and their parents** to the Jewish holidays, Shabbat and Israel.



Join us as we discover the Jewish year through projects, stories, songs, food and fun!!

**Sundays at 9:30 - 11:00 am**

**September 28, October 12,  
November 16, December 14**

Open to Temple members  
& the community at no charge  
Contact Louise at 516-367-6100 ext. 128.

## Tie the Knot with Rabbi Hecht!

### TALLIT WORKSHOP

**Design your own tallit!**

**You choose the designs & colors.**

**Learn about the tallit & tzitzit and how to tie them.**

**Sunday,  
October 19  
@ 12:15 pm**

Preference given to  
earlier B'nei Mitzvah  
dates, \$60 fee

Call Ronnie to reserve:  
516-367-6100 ext. 112



## Tot Shabbat PJs & Prayer

Pray, sing, snack, and enjoy  
Shabbat with Rabbi Hecht,  
Rabbi Bennet, and Cantor  
Hyman.

For children through age 6;  
older siblings welcome.  
FREE to Temple members & the  
community.  
Start making Jewish memories  
together that will last a lifetime.

**Friday, October 24 at 6 pm**

RSVP to Ronnie at 516-367-6100, ext. 112

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



**Debra Bennet**  
Assistant  
Rabbi

Our youth programs involve our young people in meaningful, innovative, and fun experiences that will enhance their Jewish identity and encourage a lifelong connection to Judaism. We seek to help our youth acquire the tools to make decisions throughout life based on Jewish values and to further strengthen their connections to the Jewish community and to each other.

**Questions? Please contact Rabbi Bennet at (516) 367-6100 ext. 121 or [rabbibennet@templechaverim.org](mailto:rabbibennet@templechaverim.org).**

**For registration forms, visit us at <http://www.templechaverim.org/education/religious-school>**

## TNL Dates to Remember

Tues, September 30	<b>Opening Night</b>
Sunday, October 26	<b>Trip to Adventure Park (Wheatley Hts.)</b>
Tues, November 11	<b>Cooking for Needy Families</b>
November 14-16	<b>NFTY Fall Kallah</b>

## Junior Youth Groups

**JCHATY for boys and girls grades 5-7**

**JGirls for girls ONLY grades 5-7**

*Events are mostly on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 8pm*

### JCHATY Meetings

Tuesday, October 7 **Opening Night Ice Cream Social**  
Tuesday, November 18 **Sandwich Making**

### JGIRLS Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 **Fall Baking**

**Adult volunteers are needed** to chaperone and assist at events.



## Confirmation Class with Rabbi Hecht

**All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders** are invited to meet with Rabbi Hecht. Together you will debate, challenge, clarify what you think about important issues from a Jewish perspective. This is life changing and like nothing you have done before—at **Tuesday Night Live!**

## An Exciting Jewish Teen Experience for Grades 8-12

# TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE

## Teens at CHAVERIM

**6:15-8:00 pm**  
**Pizza Served**



**Opening Night Kick-Off & Pizza & Ice Cream Party**

**Tuesday, September 30**  
**6:15 to 8:00 pm**

*Awesome electives! Jews in Sports & The Arts, Jewish Cooking, Hot Topics Discussions, Movies, and leadership opportunities.*

**Joining Tuesday Night Live!** includes membership in our senior youth group, CHATY and NFTY.

## CHATY Elects New Board 2014-2015



*CHATY Co-Presidents Jacob Orgel & Jen Pantell*

**CHATY (CHAvrim Temple Youth)**, the Temple Chaverim Senior Youth Group, invites all 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to the **Tuesday Night Live Kickoff** on **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:15** for pizza, ice cream and a chance to meet the newly elected CHATY Board. The new CHATY Board is determined to make this year exceptional. Join them and help make CHATY the best youth group ever!

Co-Presidents

**Jacob Orgel & Jen Pantell**

Programming Co-VPs  
Tuesday Night Live

**Simon Walter-Warner & Brandon Kurnit**

Programming VP Non-TNL Events

**Sydney Kurnit**

Social Action VP

**Bailey Bravin**

Religious/Cultural VP

**Emily Blank**

Membership Co-VPs

**Tal Moriah & Ali Schear**

Communications VP

**Matthew Klausner**

Treasurer

**Steven Klausner**

Secretary

**Emma Gold**

NFTY Rep

**Jordan Schechter**

10th Grade Rep

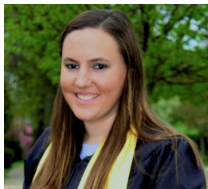
**Justin Max**

9th Grade Rep

**Jessica Birns**



## Lindsay Gladstone, Youth Advisor



We welcome Lindsay Gladstone as the new Youth Advisor at Temple Chaverim. She will be working with TNL, JCHATY and JGirls. She and her family have been members of the Temple for years and she became a Bat Mitzvah at our Temple. She has worked in the Religious School since her own Bat Mitzvah and knows many of the kids in the program. She majored in education and is a recent college graduate. Lindsay is extremely committed to Temple Chaverim and looks forward to working with the youth groups and has lots of ideas for the upcoming year.

## Emily Gergen, URJ Service Corps Fellow



This year, our youth programs are fortunate to also welcome Emily Gergen, as our URJ Service Corps Fellow. The URJ Fellowship Program is designed to bring URJ Camp and NFTY magic into Jewish communities throughout North America. Each Fellow is a member of the camping community. Emily has just completed her third summer as Waterfront Director at URJ Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA. She has a Masters Degree and certification in special education and also teaches Religious School at Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook. Emily is excited to bring her enthusiasm, knowledge and the spirit of camp and NFTY to the Chaverim community this year.

## AZA & BBG—great Jewish organizations for Teens!

Want to get your child involved in something Jewish that is social, fun and meaningful? How about Bnai Brith Youth Organization? The local boys' chapter is led by Max Bedell (maxyb@optonline.net) and the local girls' chapter is led by Dawn Edelman (dawn\_edelman@aol.com). The best way to reach them is to message them on Facebook. Rabbi Hecht is the advisor for the boys group and we have many young people from Plainview involved in both groups.



*Pictured at the BBYO June installation, temple members Max Bedell, Sofi Solomon, Ben Green and Matt Klausner with Rabbi Hecht.*



## Summer Fun at Eisner & Crane Lake Camps





## Community Action



Thank you so much to everyone who donated school supplies for the **Supplies for Success Campaign** this summer.

Starting in **September**, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the **Annual High Holy Days Food Drive to Pack-the-Pantry at FECS, Hatzilu and The INN**. For your convenience, large brown grocery bags will be available for you to take as you leave Rosh Hashanah services. We are asking you to return the bags on Yom Kippur filled with non-perishable food. Please make sure the food is usable, with no expired dates. This food drive will run through the High Holy Days with the **last drop off date October 8**. We are doing this in conjunction with TANS -- a collaborative effort of twelve synagogues and two Jewish Community Centers of the North Shore -- formed to address issues affecting our world today. Our focus is *on tikkun olam*, repairing the world, which includes tackling problems such as hunger, poverty and the environment.



In **November**, we continue with our **Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Campaign**. THIS is our biggest outreach event of the year. Participants are asked to donate, sort and distribute clothing, bedding and winter gear. Sorting will take place at Temple Chaverim on Thursday, November 6, in the evening. Distribution will be on the afternoon of Sunday, November 9, at the Wyandanch Resource Center. The exact details will be available closer to the event date. Donations can be brought to Temple Chaverim starting October 9. For this event, we are collaborating with Midway Jewish Center and the Mid-Island JCC.

In **December**, we once again conduct our **Adopt a Child for the Holiday** (M'Yad L'Yad) Service Project. Congregants who would like to participate will get a list of items to purchase, box up and then take to a participating UPS store where it will be shipped for free to the family. The families will not know who you are.

For additional details about participating in these programs, please contact **Mindy Brown**, chairperson, at [mindy.f.brown@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.f.brown@gmail.com) or **Lisa Frenkel** at [frenkels@mac.com](mailto:frenkels@mac.com).

## Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

My family and I are new members of Temple Chaverim. We are looking forward to making new friends and getting involved. I want my children to love Temple like I do. Where should I begin?

*Ready to Jump In!*



Dear Ready,

First, welcome to Temple Chaverim; you made a great choice by joining. I will just tell you about things I think are fun but may be easily overlooked. If it is something you haven't done before, I encourage you to give it a try at least once and then make a judgment.

Go to **Tashlich Services (Thursday, September 25, 3-4 pm)** in Wantagh Park. The Rabbis and Cantor lead a few brief prayers and then we "cast off" our sins by throwing bread into the water. It is glorious. People of all ages participate, and lots of seagulls, too. Bring your kids, dogs, picnics, balls, or Frisbees for a lovely afternoon that can be as brief or long as you like.

During Yom Kippur there are a few opportunities to distract you from your fast. Early afternoon, you can attend **study sessions with the Rabbis, and Meditation and Music with Donna Bloom and Cantor Hyman**. At the concluding service, bring your ticket stub for **Rabbi Hecht's Annual High Holiday Raffle** of Jewish books and lulavs and etrogs.

On Sukkot, there are several fun things. **Sunday morning October 5 at 9:30, Build the Sukkah**, then make sure your kids are there at 11:30 for **Pizza in the Hut**. They eat pizza, and decorate the Sukkah with their own creations.

Bring everyone to the **Sukkot BBQ on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm**. Then shake one of our dozen lulavs at **Sukkot Services** at 7:30 pm. Everyone takes a turn.

Join us for dining and dancing at the **Sukkot Social on Saturday, October 11 at 6:30 pm** -- no cost to new Temple members. It is a potluck; just bring a meat-free dish and your dancing shoes!

Finally, **Simchat Torah** on Wednesday night, October 15 at 7:30 pm is amazing. All the new children in Religious School will receive a special **Consecration** blessing and their own small Torahs. Then we parade around the sanctuary carrying the Torahs. Finally, we unroll the entire Torah around the children. We need lots of adults to help hold the unrolled Torah; it's an amazing thing to witness. Then we reroll it to read from the beginning. I hope you enjoy making these your new traditions.

**Your Yenta**

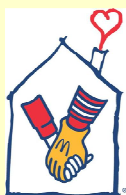
**Cook dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park.**

**Sunday, September 7**

3:30 pm — tour the facilities,

4:00 - 6:30 pm — cook & serve dinner

Please note: All "chefs" must be at least 16 years of age; Volunteers will meet at the Ronald McDonald House at 3:20. Respond ASAP to Emily Willens [emilywillens@gmail.com](mailto:emilywillens@gmail.com).



**CALLING ALL CHEFS!**

## Noteworthy News in Our Temple Family

For the noteworthy news section of Connections, please send us what you would like to share with your fellow chaverim -- births, engagements and marriages; special awards at school and work; promotions, honors and awards; college acceptances, graduations and degrees conferred; book signings, gallery shows and other special accomplishments.

Email to Sheila Schroeder, editor of Connections, at [sweetsheila624@aol.com](mailto:sweetsheila624@aol.com) by October 20 to appear in the winter issue this December.

## Mazel Tov to...



Wurtzel and Chad families on the marriage of Josh and Amanda on July 4, 2014. Matthew is the son of Elan and Gail Wurtzel. Elan just became President of the POB Chamber of Commerce.

Corey and Lori Fieland on the engagement of their son, Brandon, to Raina Hirschhorn.



Temple Chaverim 2014 Confirmation class.



Julie Baron married Robbie Feldman on August 10, 2014. He is the son of congregants Elaine and Michael Feldman.



Stuart Burton on the July 31 opening of his art show at the Agora Gallery in New York City. He is a Past President of Temple Chaverim and husband of Abby Burton.



Debbie Wells on becoming Chair of the Board of Directors of the Art League of Long Island.



Brett Pinsky on passing the EMT test.

Grandparents Linda and Allen Greenbaum and parents Adena Greenbaum and Karthik Suresh on the birth of Dev Thage Suresh on June 25, 2014.





## Mitzvah Makers: Lone Soldiers

There are nearly 6,000 Lone Soldiers serving in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). They are Mitzvah Makers. These young heroes need our support especially during difficult times such as Operation Protective Edge.

A Lone Soldier is a soldier in the IDF with no family in Israel to support him or her. Most often, this soldier is a new immigrant or a volunteer from abroad. About 45% of these Lone Soldiers are new immigrants, coming from Jewish communities all over the world.

In Israel, almost all the young people serve for 2-3 years in the IDF immediately following high school. In the army, camaraderie is a very essential part of daily life. Israelis go home on weekends to their homes all across Israel and enjoy their time with their families and friends.

Lone soldiers are not as lucky. They go home to an empty apartment with an empty fridge and must take care of the daily chores of running a home, cleaning, doing laundry, cooking and paying bills. Then, if their friends from their units do not live close by, they are stuck alone without anyone to talk to or

spend time with. Loneliness is a major problem for many Lone Soldiers.

Our very own Lone Soldier, Rachel Bressner, has been in Israel for just over a year. She recently took on a new assignment working with and training horses for the Israeli Mounted Police Unit. She is thrilled to have found a way to combine her two passions: her love for Israel and her love for horses, which are needed by the police when entering crowds or riots.



Rabbi Hecht with Rachel Bressner and Asaf, her IDF Martial Arts trainer, this past July in Tel Aviv.

Please help support Lone Soldiers, such as Rachel, through a special organization created to help these courageous young people: The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Center. They provide a broad range of services for the Lone Soldier from very basic needs to helping them in the field throughout Operation Protective

Edge. In addition, they are the liaisons for families of killed and wounded Lone Soldiers.

For more information or to make a donation, go to <http://www.LoneSoldierCenter.com>. Be a partner in defending and building Israel and the Jewish people. Support these young Mitzvah Makers.

## Israel Rally for Peace in NYC



Rabbi Hecht and members of Temple Chaverim joined 10,000 people on July 28th at the United Nations to show support for Israel and the ordeal they are facing. It is critical that the world know that Israel has our support especially at a time when anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric is being heard from around the world.



## Our Chaverim in Israel this Summer



Rabbi Hecht and Dani Schear in Haifa, one of her stops with NFTY Mitzvah Corps, which included volunteer work.



Simon Walter Warner (r) and a Camp Eisner friend visited Jewish historical sites in Poland and Czech Republic before touring Israel with NFTY.



Rabbi Hecht with Marc and Vivien Brier in Tel Aviv.



Phil and Lisa Schrank in Jerusalem outside the Old City in Jerusalem.



## Our Sister Congregation in Israel, Darchei Noam

Rabbi Jonathan L. Hecht

This summer, Gladys and I had the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat at our sister synagogue, Congregation Darchei Noam in Ramat haSharon, just outside Tel Aviv. Temple Chaverim has a special connection to the members of this synagogue. Not only are they a Reform Synagogue, but they host us for Shabbat dinner and worship each time we take a Temple trip to Israel. Their rabbi has visited us here in Plainview, and we have contributed to their building fund.



Ilana Dothan, Temple President and Rabbi Hecht in front of the new ark at Darchei

Since Temple Chaverim was just recently built, we feel a special connection to the members of this synagogue and their building project. Ironically, Israel is the one place where Reform Jews are discriminated against! It took 20 years for Darchei Noam to get the land to build its building. Unlike Orthodox synagogues, Darchei Noam receives no money from the government, and, in addition, faces discrimination.

Even today, with the building complete, the congregation is permitted to only hold services in the building; they have not yet received a permit to do anything else there. Why? Because the fire inspector, a member of the Orthodox Political Party, called Shas, has made it clear that he will keep giving the synagogue a hard time and prevent them from meeting in the building as long as he can.

What is happening at Darchei Noam? First of all, you can see from the beautiful photos that a magnificent Ark was installed to hold the synagogue's Torah scrolls. Soon the real sanctuary chairs will be delivered.

While we were at services, a "wedding" celebration took place. The couple, shown in the picture, got married abroad and then came to their Reform Synagogue in Israel to celebrate. This is the way it has to be. Only Orthodox rabbis are permitted to



officiate at weddings. If a Reform or a Conservative rabbi officiates at a wedding, there is an automatic two year prison term. However, if the couple is already married, they can have a "celebration" of their wedding, after the fact.

It is truly amazing to see how difficult life is for our Reform brothers and sisters in Israel, and equally amazing to see how they have adapted. Celebrations continue despite Orthodox interference. Our support of Darchei Noam and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism helps Reform Jews in Israel to win the recognition they deserve. Our motto in Israel is this: "There is more than one way to be Jewish."

If you want to help, go to [www.wupjis@wupj.org.il](http://www.wupjis@wupj.org.il) and click on "donate." (WUPJ stands for World Union for Progressive Judaism, our world-wide network of Reform Judaism; the .org.il suffix is a website in Israel).

## Free Jewish Books from PJ Library

## JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES & SONGS FOR FAMILIES

PJ Library is an award winning Jewish family engagement program implemented on a local level throughout North America. The funders for our initiative include the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ).

Beginning this fall, and throughout the year, Rabbi Hecht and Rabbi Bennet will be leading various programs for children involving Jewish books and music.

The FREE program will be open to all young Jewish children in the community not just Temple members. Each child signed up will receive a free Jewish book every month.

How timely this new program is for our young children! The American Academy of Pediatrics has a new policy recommending the promotion of reading books aloud to children which

confirms what PJ Library has known for a long time — that early literacy begins with family reading. Apparently "reading regularly with young children stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens parent-child relationships at a critical time in child development, which, in turn, builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime."

The PJ Library Program at Temple Chaverim will also foster love and knowledge of Judaism. It is an opportunity for young Jewish children to begin their lifelong love and quest for Judaism and its traditions.

For more information contact Rabbi Hecht at **516-367-6100 ext. 112** or [rabbi@templechaverim.org](mailto:rabbi@templechaverim.org).



## LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

### Adult Education



Shalom! I'm Nirit Weiser, and I'm thrilled to be the newly elected Adult Education Chair for Temple Chaverim!

Please join us at our first committee meeting on **Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 pm**. Committee meetings will continue throughout the calendar year, the second Wednesday of each month. Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm.

This fall the Adult Education committee features two outstanding lecture series presented by Rabbi Jonathan Hecht. On **Monday evenings (7:45 – 8:45 pm)** Rabbi Hecht will speak on **Moses Maimonides: His Life and Thought**, through the AJIS (Adult Jewish Studies Institute) at North Shore Synagogue. Learn about Moses Maimonides, the greatest Jewish philosopher and legal scholar of the medieval period. The class will examine his life and some key passages from his main works: the Commentary on the Mishnah, the Mishnah Torah, and the Guide of the Perplexed.

Come learn about one of the greatest Jewish personalities of all time. The 8 sessions are **October 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15**. Members of Temple Chaverim pay \$25 to the Institute to participate, non-members \$35.

Beginning **October 7, on Tuesday evenings (8:00-9:00 pm)** at Temple Chaverim, Rabbi Hecht introduces a new course entitled **iEngage: Engaging Israel Foundations for a New Relationship** (developed by the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem).

Going deeper than politics or advocacy, this series reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for American Jews. It elevates the conversation about Israel by rooting it in Jewish values and ideas and not just the details of the establishment of the State of Israel or the wars Israel has fought for survival. The class will examine key questions such as: What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty? How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically? Can Israel be both a Jewish State and a democracy? What values should the state embody? Why should American Jews care about Israel?

Each class will include a video lecture by Donniel Hartman and interviews with experts. Texts will be read together; and Rabbi Hecht will lead the discussion. The 18 sessions are **October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 18, 25; December 2, 9; January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 24**. The cost is \$50 for members of Temple Chaverim, non-members \$75. Call Ronnie at **516-367-6100 ext. 112** at Temple Chaverim for more information and to register.

### Sociable Seniors

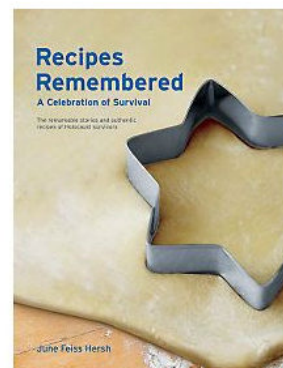
**Sociable Seniors** kicks off the new year with programs you will definitely want to attend! Pick up the phone right now and get your name on the mandatory reservation list. You won't want to miss any of these and they do sell out.

**September 4, 2014 — Bud Abbott: the Forgotten Funnyman**, presented by noted writer and director Sal St. George. In their quarter century together, the popular comedy team of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello successfully conquered the Broadway stage, radio, movies and television. Learn why even today Abbott and Costello continue to be one of America's most beloved comedy teams.



**October 2014 No program**

**November 6, 2014 — June Feiss Hersh, author of: Recipes Remembered, a Celebration of Survival.** Ms. Hersh is a former teacher, passionate home cook, culinary consultant, inventor and author. Join us as she presents the remarkable stories and authentic recipes of Holocaust survivors from Poland, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Greece. A moving compilation of stories about food and families, memories and survival await you.



**December 4, 2014 — Frank Lorenzo, former White House Floral Designer.** Join Mr. Lorenzo for a seminar and photographic tour of his original floral designs that graced the dinner tables at auspicious State dinners and holiday celebrations of three United States presidents -- Ford, Carter and Reagan. You will feel like you are at the dinners after viewing his photographs from his 20 years at the White House. The lecture culminates with Frank creating the "Centerpiece of the Season" which will be given away to a lucky member of the audience.

A light lunch will be served at 11:45 am. Be early if you want a good parking spot. Cost: \$11 per person for Temple members, \$14 per person for non-members.

**RSVP ABSOLUTELY A MUST!!!** These events sell out, so don't be disappointed; make a reservation with your name and the names of each of your guests. Please call to RSVP: **516-367-6100, ext. 103**, and leave the names for the reservation.

### Cooking with the Cantor

Our fall offerings continue when we bring back by popular demand, three sessions of "Cooking with the Cantor."



Cantor Brad Hyman will lead us on delectable culinary ventures **October 20, 27 & November 3, Mondays at 7:30 pm**.

Call Ronnie at 516-367-6100 ext. 112 to reserve a space in the class.

### Institute for Adult Jewish Studies

For a complete listing of courses & lectures go to **www.iajs.org**.

Click on **Brochure** for the 2014-15 courses. Then click on **Registration**.



## Sisterhood

**September** – Hurry!! **Rosh Hashanah Honey Gift Bag** orders are due by **September 3** for the Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale! Send some sweetness to family and friends. Cost is just \$7 per bag for the first ten bags, then \$6 each for additional bags.

Each festively wrapped gift bag includes two honey packets, apple chips, apple tea and honey dipper. Volunteers are needed on **September 21, 8:30 am-12:30 pm** to pack and deliver bags. It's a great way to meet new people, and for b'nai mitzvah students to earn mitzvah points!



Contact Amy-Jo Willig at [ak756@aol.com](mailto:ak756@aol.com) or Rhonda Green at [kov64@hotmail.com](mailto:kov64@hotmail.com).

**October 11 - Sukkot Social** - Building on the success of last year's celebration, all Temple members are invited to our annual Temple Chaverim Sukkot Social. The fun starts at 6:30 pm. It promises to be an exciting evening of food fun, with dancing to the great sounds of our very own Chai Lounge Band. Bring a cocktail-style food (dairy or pareve only) for 8-10 people to go with our Pot Luck evening. The cost is \$18 per person and is **free for all new Temple members**.



**October 19 - Welcome Back Breakfast**, 10 am - 1 pm  
Please join us as we give a heartfelt thank you to Alyssa Feller for all her years as Sisterhood President. There will also be plenty of opportunities to learn about Sisterhood plans for the upcoming year and how you can get involved.

**November 16 - Shop-n-Schmooze**, 10 am – 3 pm  
We will be bringing in some new exciting vendors to join us this year for a fun-filled day of shopping. Our Judaica Shop will be open as well for your shopping pleasure. It's a great opportunity to get those holiday gifts for your family and friends!

**December 11 - Latkes-n-Vodka**, 7- 9:30 pm  
Another year of celebrating Chanukah with your Chaverim as we play Hanukah Hannah and taste latkes washed down with some yummy vodka creations.

**Sisterhood Stitch & Schmooze**, every Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm — Dust off those old knitting, crocheting, or whatever projects you have been meaning to finish or start, and join a lovely group of women to relax and get your project moving along towards completion. It's a really great way to take some time for yourself.



*We invite all women congregants to join us at these events.*

For additional information, contact Sisterhood President Rhonda Green at [kov64@hotmail.com](mailto:kov64@hotmail.com).

## Men's Club

### **BUILD THE TEMPLE SUKKAH**

**Sunday, October 5  
@ 9:30 am**

Calling All Men!!  
Put on Your Tool Belts!  
Dust Off Your Hammers!  
Help Build the Most Beautiful Sukkah ever!!  
Just think how proud you will feel when you walk by the Sukkah and say: "I helped build that!"  
Priceless memories!



### **MEN'S CLUB**

#### **CARD & GAME NIGHTS**

**Last Wednesday of each month  
at 7:30 pm**

RSVP to Jamie Ortsman at [ortzman96@gmail.com](mailto:ortzman96@gmail.com)

\$20 per person includes dinner

## Jewish Meditation and Spirituality



*Donna Bloom,*  
Instructor and  
Temple member

### **Strategies for Relaxation and Inner Peace**

This fall we begin a new path of self-discovery. We will connect with an inner sense of true peace as we begin a personal journey to the happiness within our hearts. Our classes incorporate breathing techniques, guided imagery meditation and Jewish spiritual discussions.

**Class Topics:** *Happiness in Your Heart, The Steps to True Happiness, The Shekhinah, Loving With An Open Heart, Perceptions and Perspective Peace Through Stillness, Divine Balance*

**Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 pm**

**September 11, 18; October 30; November 6, 13; December 4, 11**

Please bring a mat, pillow, blanket and a writing journal.

Registration is required. **FREE** for Temple members, non-members \$60 for fall 2014 classes. Kindly make checks payable to Temple Chaverim.

RSVP: Rosemary at 516-367-6100 ext. 101 or [rosemary@templechaverim.org](mailto:rosemary@templechaverim.org)

### **Yom Kippur Meditation** **Saturday, October 4 at 3 pm**

Join us on for a special meditation led by Donna Bloom.

Cantor Hyman will accompany with soft guitar music.

Give yourself some personal time during this sacred day. It will be a spiritual time for self-reflection.



**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION....**

*Thank you to our members for their generous donations May 1—July 23, 2014*

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In loving tribute, the following names have been inscribed on our memorial wall.

**Stephen Bloom**, August 11, 2010

**Samuel Isaacson**, May 9, 1990

*To make a donation, purchase a brick or plaque in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Temple office at 516-367-6100.*



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**A HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK LEGACY**



When we come together on the Holy Days, we see friends and family, we hear the beautiful music of the High Holy Days, and we read the ancient words of the *Machzor*, the High Holy Day prayer book. As time goes by, we grow and change, and so must our worship. Though the Hebrew words are ancient, the English readings and translations are adapted and updated for each new generation of Jews. As our lives have evolved, our praying, too, has changed. We need words that speak to us today and help us to reach the greatest depths of spirituality.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis is creating a new two-volume High Holy Day Prayer book that we will begin using at Rosh Hashanah in 2015!

We are counting on you to help us reach our goal of raising the money to purchase 1,000 prayer books in time for the High Holy Days next year. That is how many we need so that each congregant can have a copy of the prayer book to use.

You can help by donating to the **Temple Chaverim Prayer Book Fund**. Next time you want to honor a friend or relative, or memorialize a loved one, or celebrate someone's wedding, or Bar or Bat Mitzvah, why not make a donation to this fund? Any amount is significant, and if you donate \$40, which is the cost of one set, a bookplate with a special inscription will be applied inside the front cover. For years to come, everyone who uses these books will see your name and the people you have honored.

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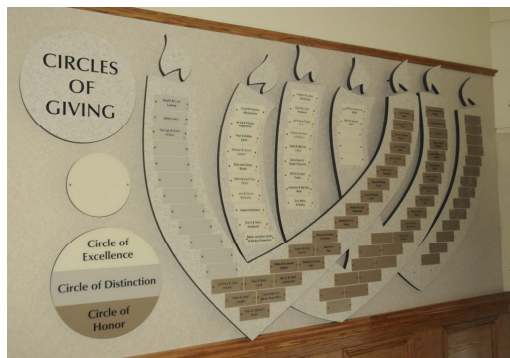
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**Circles of Giving** is a vital pledge program whereby congregants voluntarily increase their annual support to Temple Chaverim by a minimum of \$500. While our dues are in line with other local Reform synagogues, they do not completely cover the 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 ensures that all children and adults in our congregation will continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership, in addition to providing scholarships 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. Contact Fundraising Chair, **Jill Schwartz** at (516) 364-8650.

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A donation of \$1,500 or more above the basic dues:

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- Two non-transferable tickets to our annual fundraiser

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- Listing on Circles plaque in the Temple lobby
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- A Certificate of Appreciation presented at the Circles donors wine & cheese reception

*Join or renew your participation in Circles today!*

## HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

Temple Chaverim plays an important role for the Jewish people. It is here for our families, our children and our friends. The Temple provides what synagogues have given our people for centuries — a place to come together, to be amongst like-minded folks who believe that the continuity of the Jewish people is important and must be tended to like a precious flower.

My husband and I love Temple Chaverim. We have been members for years. Our children both became a Bar Mitzvah here. We volunteer our time here, we pray here, we believe that by being members and by doing more than the minimum we will make sure there is a strong Jewish community for future generations. We want to make sure that today's children will grow up to become tomorrow's adults and find a spiritual "home", as we have at Temple Chaverim.

People often wonder why we appeal for money above the dues we pay to Temple Chaverim. Simply, our dues do not cover the amazing and wonderful resources that are available to us at Temple Chaverim. In addition, we have families that are experiencing financial difficulties, and they need us to help them to be able to remain members of Temple Chaverim and keep their children in Religious School..

The High Holy Day donations and the Circles of Giving are opportunities to start the Jewish New Year the way our religion teaches us – with generosity and love for our community.

I urge you to be generous. Last year a synagogue in our community was forced to close. Every time I drive by the empty synagogue building I am reminded that we must be vigilant. We must join together and make sure the resources are available to maintain the excellence we have at Temple Chaverim. Let's have 100% participation in the High Holy Day fundraising drive; and if you can, join the Circles of Giving Campaign so together we can keep our community strong.

**Jill Schwartz, Fundraising Chair**  
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Founding Temple member, Eric Weiss, is honored by Rabbi Hecht, Past-President Bruce Steifman and President Karen Bressner for his participation in the Circles campaign.



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Enter our  
Fundraiser

## "Dine-The-Year-Thru" RAFFLES

**Two Different Raffles — Your choice or do both!**

**Win twelve \$100 gift certificates to local restaurants. Tickets are \$50 each.**

**or**

**Win twelve \$50 gift certificates to local restaurants. Tickets are \$25 each.**

All money raised goes to support important initiatives at Temple Chaverim.  
For more information please contact Alyssa Feller at fellup@aol.com.





Sisterhood and the Fundraising committee's July Mah Jongg fundraising event was hugely successful with 125 attendees, bringing in over \$4,000 for the Religious School Scholarship Fund. Participants won fabulous prizes and raffles donated by local businesses.

Pictured is the event's committee, chaired by Aimee Reifer.



Chaverim gathered for a spiritual Shabbat service at TOBAY Beach on August 1st.

## Sukkot BBQ

**Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm**  
Sukkot Services follow at 7:30 pm

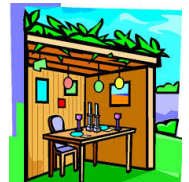
Great fun and food enjoyed right under our own Sukkah!

**\$6 pp by 10/3**

**\$12 pp after 10/3**

(We cannot accommodate walk-ins.)

Please RSVP by 10/3 to Ronnie  
at 516-367-6100 ext. 112 or  
Ronnie@templechaverim.org.



## BLOOD DRIVE

**Donate Blood & Help Save Lives!**

**Sunday, December 14**

**8:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Free breakfast courtesy of Men's Club & Hasson Caterers

Free pint Ben's chicken soup

For details, call **Steve Lefkowitz** at 516-507-9992



## JEWISH FILM SERIES

Begins Sunday, December 7  
@ 2 pm

Free to one and all!  
Bring your friends

Yoav Shamir's documentary  
film

**10% What Makes a Hero**



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