



"A Temple of Friends"

Connections

Summer 2014 — 5774

Jewish Summer Adventures

Rabbi Jonathan L. Hecht, Ph. D.



Rabbi Hecht

Dear Chaverim,

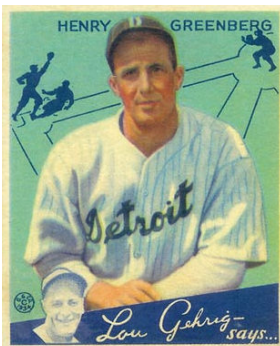
It's summer and time for my annual article suggesting great Jewish adventures for you and your family.

Close to home, the **Center for Jewish History** (www.cjh.org) at 15 West 16th Street in Manhattan (between 5th and 6th Avenues) is presenting **By Dawn's Early Light: Jewish Contributions to American Culture from the Nation's Founding to the Civil War**. Here is a chance to learn about many historical achievements by Jews in America that you won't read about in school textbooks.

Until August 3rd, the Center also has an exhibit called **Modeling the Synagogue: From Dura to Touro**. In 1973, Yeshiva University Museum commissioned ten scale models of historic synagogues from around the world, including ancient synagogues like Dura-Europos (3rd Century Syria) and Beit Alpha (6th Century Galilee), and modern ones like the Touro Synagogue (18th Century Newport) and Tempio Israelitico (19th Century Florence). Seven of the Yeshiva University models in this exhibit are together for the first time in two decades.



A bit further away in Philadelphia, the **National Museum of American Jewish History** (www.nmajh.org) has a wonderful exhibit entitled **Chasing Dreams: Baseball & Becoming American**. The Jewish contribution to baseball history went far beyond batting averages or stolen bases. We didn't just play the game, we changed the game! For generations of American Jews and other minorities, ball players served as athletic, cultural, and ethical role models. This groundbreaking new exhibition highlights these game changers and—just as importantly—the fans, ideals, and culture they inspired. It will be on view through October 26, 2014.



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At the **Yiddish Book Center** a lively world of Jewish culture in Amherst, MA, there are a number of things for you to explore including a wonderful exhibit entitled **Sholem Bayes** ("Peace in the Home"). The American Jewish home is captured in this imaginative installation using sounds and images culled from prose and poetry, autobiography and memoir, song and cinema. If you can go the weekend of July 17-20, you will also be able to enjoy **Yidstock 2014: the Festival of New Yiddish Music**. There will be klezmer band concerts, workshops and lectures. (<http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/visit>).



Very close to home, remember in July and August, Friday Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 PM, followed by oneigs of delicious delicacies baked by congregants. In addition, we will once again be having a few Friday Night Services at TOBAY Beach.

No matter how you choose to spend your summer, may it be enjoyable and safe. Remember, the **High Holidays** begin **Wednesday night, September 24**.

Please Join Us for these Special Summer Services

Bicycles, Brachot & Bagels - Saturday, June 28, 9 AM, meet at Temple Chaverim, and bike to Bethpage State Park for a Shabbat Service and bagels. If you prefer to drive, meet at the picnic area at 10:15 AM.

Shabbat at the Beach - Fridays, July 11 (rain date July 18) & August 1 (rain date August 8), 7:30 PM at Tobay Beach. Enter through the middle tunnel, and we will be at the pavilion straight ahead.

Tisha B'av Service - Monday, August 4, 7:30 PM. The 9th of Av is the Hebrew date on which we commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples and remember many other sad events in our history.



Celebrating Cantor Bradley Hyman's 10 years with Temple Chaverim

Friday evening, June 20th Special Oneg following services

To sponsor oneg or send a special message to Cantor Brad, contact Ronnie at (516) 367-6100, ext. 112 or Ronnie@templechaverim.org



Out-going President's Message



It seems like yesterday that I had just returned from the Scheidt Seminar (for incoming temple presidents) in Atlanta and was preparing to take office as president of Temple Chaverim. And yet, the truth is that two years have passed and are rapidly coming to a close.

Being president of Temple Chaverim has forced me to grow personally in ways that I never imagined. It has been challenging, demanding and time-consuming; and for the most part, I have enjoyed the role that I have played in serving our congregation.

I have made many friends and probably have upset others along the way, but the one thing that I can say from my heart is that I was true to myself and always made decisions that I felt were in the best interest of our Temple.

I have been serving in various positions over the past fifteen years, and these last two were just another avenue for me to give of myself, with no ego invested in the process.

I am proud of the changes that have taken place as I have watched new procedures take hold and the implementation of various projects materialize.

Our leaders, the Board of Trustees, have become more cohesive by working together for the betterment of our temple and putting principles before personalities with a feeling of congeniality.

President-Elect's Message



Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of Temple Chaverim. I take this role very seriously, and to be honest, I am nervous about doing a good job. For those who don't know me, let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I live in Plainview with my husband, Jon, who is chair of the Temple Chaverim House Committee. We have two daughters. Rachel is 20 and is currently living in Israel and serving with the Israeli Defense Force. Amanda is 18 and will be a freshman in college this school year. I was raised on Long Island in a traditional, although not very religious, Jewish home. I am in the advertising industry where I have worked for over 30 years. In May of this year, I was able to cross something important off my bucket list; I became a Bat Mitzvah.

As President of Temple Chaverim, I will bring a combination of **Relational Judaism**, tough business acumen, and a mother's soft touch to the role. I hope to get to know as many members of the congregation as I can in the upcoming months. If I don't know you already, please introduce yourself and let me know how we can make Temple Chaverim a bigger and better part of your life.

Karen Bressner

Our clergy and administrative staff have a clearly defined focus and order in their relationships with each other, which has proven to be more harmonious and has enhanced mutual respect.

The important education of our children, the nucleus of our Temple, our Religious School, has turned itself 'inside out' to seek new state of the art modalities that will enlighten our children's experience and give them a strong sense of what it means to be Jewish which they can carry into their adult years.

And lastly, our clergy, staff and lay leaders have been intentionally moving in the direction of what is known as **Relational Judaism**, in a book written by Dr. Ron Wolfson, "using the power of relationships to transform our Jewish community while offering meaning and purpose." Simply stated, Relational Judaism strives to create a connection to your heart from our Temple of friends -- Chaverim.

As I leave the office of president, I am happy to say that Karen Bressner has been elected to succeed me. I know she will make a great president, and I am totally comfortable handing her the baton so that she may lead our Temple into the future.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as president of Temple Chaverim.

Bruce Steifman

Shalom, Chaverim!

Welcome to our newest temple members!

(as of 5/5/14)

Daniel Berthault & June Minsley

Martin & Maxine Blumberg

Marc & Vivian Breier, Rebecca, Jason and Mitchell

Evan & Jennifer Feldman, Samantha & Jacob

Susan Niedenthal

Jay Kaplan & Marla Peckman, Logan, Bailey & Alexa

Eric & April Sontag, Samantha & Gabriel

Marc & Lainie Tendler, Drew & Trey

Mazel Tov on becoming Bar & Bat Mitzvah!

3/2	Amanda Schwartzberg	Jay & Barbi Schwartzberg
6/7	Avery Girsky	Jeffrey & Eileen Girsky
	Jenna Robinson	David & Amy Robinson
6/14	Lauren Lennett	Scott & Julianne Lennett
6/21	Ryan Berman	Marc & Tracy Berman
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



Learn How to Blow the Shofar for the High Holidays

Attend workshop

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm

RSVP to Ronnie@templechaverim.org

Shofars available for purchase.

Not The Perfect Mom....

I don't want to be the perfect mom. I know it sounds ridiculous. Why wouldn't I want to have it all together? Life perfectly balanced, kids happily eating their organic vegetables while recognizing their numbers and letters by the age of 2 1/2. I am a woman who demands perfection in myself, but even more, expects it. While over-analyzing my less than stellar moments, the focus cannot be upon perfection.



Rabbi Debra Bennet with son Eytan at Stay, Play & Pray program

I'll admit it, I was the high school girl who had to get A's, who knew what I wanted to do at the age of 13 and made that a reality — including nine years of higher education — without a moment's pause. This does not mean that I have it all together. Hardly. Yet, the voice I hear in my head is too often the voice telling me when I am wrong and constantly reminding me when I can do better.

I do not want that to be the only voice my children hear.

One of the questions I am rarely asked as a rabbi, but I should be asked all of the time is, "What is your view of God?" My answer to this question is intricately bound up in my greater view of parenting. God is the divine spark in each of us that makes us unique, that makes us who we are. We all have godly gifts; and when we bring those gifts out into the world, we are bringing God into the world. As a parent, each of our children is clearly unique. Our role is to help our kids find those divine sparks within them and assist them in nurturing those strengths, so that they too can share their sparks with the world.

When I am obsessing about the activities my child does or does not do, what I have or have not taught him yet, what he should be doing at a certain age or by a certain time, I can only hear that voice of perfection. I worry that in these moments that is all my children can hear as well.

And so, I strive not to be perfect in all that I do as a mom or expect my children to be perfect in all that they are. Instead, I strive to continue to see within them the divine sparks that make them exactly who they should be.

But, I guess that is perfection after all.

Rabbi Debra Bennet

Cantor's Corner

If I haven't said it enough, or recently out loud in your presence, I love my work. I am so lucky to be able to make a living by combining all of the various things I appreciate in life -- Judaism, history, music, language and community. The strength of spirit cannot be underestimated, particularly in times of great need, but also in times of great joy when we would burst from being full of love and awe.

As your cantor, I am able to give teaching and guidance by using music as an effective and emotive tool. It is with a great deal of respect and consideration that I am able to take thousands of years of tradition and bring a meaningful worship service to you on a weekly basis. Along with our rabbinic leadership, we work really hard at being effective and affective. If you don't feel something, you should let us know.

Lately, the idea is being put out to many Reform congregations that we need to be ministers of "**Audacious Hospitality.**" According to the concept laid out by Rabbi Rick Jacobs at the URJ Biennial this past December, we need to be places of warmth and welcome. We need to go out of our way to help others know this about our congregation, as well as remind those who are already an integral part that their efforts are appreciated and worth maintaining. This is not the sole responsibility of clergy, but rather this is a mission for all of us. It is my personal and constant challenge: What have you done to make others feel welcome?

The successful programs of the past year will continue because there is a general feeling that people who participate are enjoying them. **Yad Workshops, Sermons in Song** and family education offerings such as **Cooking with the Cantor**, are all making anticipated returns. In addition, the next year will hopefully bring us closer to the realization of a **congregational CD** and other musical offerings, making us feel more connected. We will once again offer a **Shofar Workshop (Tuesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm)** which we hope encourages more people to learn how to blow the shofar and participate in our High Holy Day services. It is so powerful to have so many shofar blowers thereby enabling the mitzvah of hearing the sound of the shofar. I look forward to working with all of you in carrying out the goal of bringing "**Audacious Hospitality**" into all of our homes.

Cantor Bradley Hyman



Cantor Hyman's Passover Cooking Class was deliciously inspiring!

Religious School: "Some of My Favorite Things"

Debbie Brandell, Principal



By the time you reach a certain age, you know that you are not supposed to love things. You can admire a beautiful painting or sculpture or piece of jewelry. We know that love should be reserved for the important people in our lives and not our belongings. However, there are some things that I do love. In my home I love the club chair that was my grandmother's. Her uncle, an upholsterer, built it, and every time I sit in it, I feel as if she is giving me a great big hug. I also love the stained glass Chanukah menorah that I bought in Venice. It reminds me of our amazing trip to beautiful Venice, and the warmth of the lights that the menorah brings at my family's yearly Chanukah party.

I have some favorite things right here in my office and I'd like to tell you about a few of them.

I love the siddur that our 5th graders created in their project based learning unit. During the months of January and February, our 5th graders examined the prayer card that we had been using at our monthly Shabbat Experiences, and decided that we needed something better. They learned about how a siddur is organized and the meaning of our prayers, and with their teachers' guidance, wrote their own prayers, drew illustrations, and even composed a Shabbat song. Their siddur is amazing; it is colorful and easy to use. They did an outstanding job.

I love the illustrations from our art exploration. Our own Debbie Wells taught us about several Jewish artists who work in different fields of art and their life stories. Each child had an opportunity to create art in an artist's style. All of our students participated, and they created the most incredible logos a la Milton Glaser, superheroes like Stan Lee, and fashion designs to rival Ralph Lauren. Our students are so creative and have so many fabulous ideas. I have binders filled with their creations that I can share with you.

There are two photographs on my desk that I love. One is of my family taken at my son's wedding, and we look marvelous!! Gladys Rosenblum took the other photo -- a group picture of our 7th graders. Rabbi Hecht and I are in the picture, too. They are an energetic, friendly, smart, creative, sensitive, chatty bunch. The picture reminds me of all of them (and their teachers, too), but it also reminds me of our wonderful community and how lucky I am to be a part of it. Our congregation is filled with warm, wonderful individuals, many of whom I consider friends, and this photo reminds me of all of you!!

So these are some of my favorite things. Each one is special because of the memories I associate with it. I invite you to stop in and tell me about your favorites.

Best wishes for a relaxing, safe and fun-filled summer.



Shabbat Fun

Cantor Hyman leads the 1st and 2nd Grades and the 5th Grade Shabbat Experiences in song.



Spring Tallit Workshop



B'nei Mitzvah students and parents enjoyed creating personalized tallit.

Seventh Grade Moving Up Ceremony



Rising Mitzvah Makers



Fight Against Childhood Cancer

This past March, many of our young people and even some of their parents, participated in the **St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser** by shaving their heads. This important event organized by Mattlin Middle School, raised \$10,000 for childhood cancer research, which is very underfunded. It was extremely poignant this year because one of the teams, comprised of many Temple Chaverim students, participated in memory of Renz, their friend and classmate.



Baking for a Cause

A group of Religious School students, inspired by teacher Mrs. Sara Warmbrand, have been baking and raising money for **Yad LeBayim**.

The organization works with **Families of Fallen Soldiers in Israel**. The students learned that their teacher's brother died when he was a young soldier and how difficult it is for the families of fallen soldiers.



Upcoming Mitzvah Opportunities

"T Off 4 Autism" Golf Outing Thursday, July 10



Join Keri and Michael Just on **July 10th** at their Annual **"T Off 4 Autism" Golf Outing** at Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

Play golf with wonderful people, and feel really good about it, because you are helping to find the cause and cure for autism. Even if you don't play, there are sponsorships and you can join everyone for cocktails and dinner in the evening.

For details, go to <http://toff4autism.org>. They have raised over \$600,000.

Women Together Fighting Cancer Sunday, September 7



Join Shari Goldsmith's team **The WTFc** at the **Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure"** on **Sunday, September 7th** at 9 am in **Central Park**.

Last year Shari's team raised \$36,064, the second highest amount of the community teams.

Let's join her team and make it "number one" this year. You don't have to walk; you can be a sponsor.

Contact Shari at info@thewtfc.org.

TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE

Teens at Chaverim

Get Ready...Tuesday Night Live 2014 - 2015 Kick-off Sept. 30!
More Fun, Learning, Friends and Adventures!
Joining **Tuesday Night Live!** includes membership
in our **CHATY** youth group & **NFTY**.

Questions?

Please contact Rabbi Bennet at
(516) 367-6100 ext. 121 or
rabbibennet@templechaverim.org.

TNL (CHATY & JCHATY) staff the Purim Carnival. It was an amazing success.



Join us in September for more great programs!



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Tuesday Nights Come Alive at Chaverim!



Temple Chaverim & North Shore Synagogue Teens meet for collaborative program.



CHATY
CHAvrim Temple Youth



Teens Participate in Spring Interfaith Gathering



LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

Sociable Seniors



In April, more than 225 Sociable Seniors watched a spectacular version of **Pirates of Penzance** in Yiddish! You had to see it to believe it! Our dedicated Co-Chairs, **Phyllis Spisto** and **Florence Halperin** are pictured here with the cast.

After a bit of a summer break, the Sociable Seniors will begin their fall programming with a hilarious presentation by Sal St. George on **Bud Abbott: the Forgotten Funnyman**. Mr. St. George actually had the good fortune to meet Bud and his wife Betty.

Join us on **Thursday, September 4th** for a trip down memory lane -- guaranteed to be filled with stories and anecdotes about one of the all-time great American comedy stars!

A light lunch will be served at 11:45. Be early if you want a good parking spot. The cost is \$11 per person for Temple members and \$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. To RSVP, please call **516-367-6100, ext. 103**.

Jewish Meditation and Spirituality



Donna Bloom,
Instructor and
Temple member

Strategies for Relaxation and Inner Peace

This summer our class has a new dimension. Cantor Hyman has recorded special Jewish meditation music just for us. His softguitar music adds a warm ambiance to the meditation experience. Come join us and experience this for yourself. We extend a big thank you to Cantor Hyman for this gift.

We will continue our introspective journey as we look into our own lives and stories for a personal awakening. We use Jewish practices, culture and holidays as road maps for spiritual guidance. As you tap into your own special heart light, you will cultivate a unique sense of wisdom and compassion.

A typical meditation class starts off with a Jewish spiritual discussion, followed by a guided, visual imagery meditation, then a closing discussion. We welcome new participants to join at any time!

Upcoming Thursday evening class dates:

June 5, 19; July 3, 17, 31; August 14, 28; September 11, 18.

The class runs from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

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

Contact Donna for more information at **516-933-3669**.

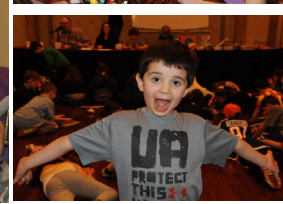
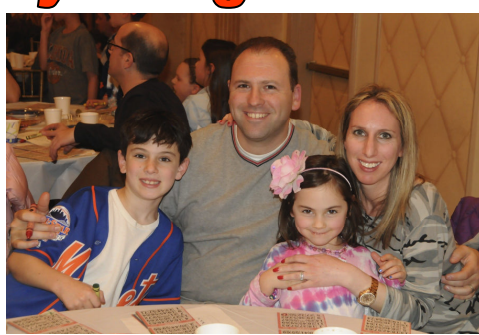
Please check out Donna's monthly blog at
www.LIJewishMeditation.Wordpress.com

Walking is the Best Exercise

Walking is the best exercise and laughter is the best medicine. So why not do both? Every **Sunday morning at 10** your friends at Temple Chaverim will be walking about 3-5 miles in the beautiful trails and parks around the Plainview area. Check out the Temple Facebook page or weekly email bulletin for the locations we will walk that week.



For more information contact **Vicki Hyman 631-697-2023** or toriaeaton@gmail.com.



Family Bingo Fun!

Sisterhood



Women's Seder



Game Night



MAH JONGG Tournament Fundraiser

(co-sponsored by Sisterhood & Fundraising Committee)

to support Temple Chaverim's Scholarship Fund

Tuesday, July 29 @ 7:30 PM

Reserve by July 13

\$36 per person

Questions? Aimee Reifer (516) 662-6491
or areifer@optonline.net

RSVP to Rosemary (516) 367-6100 ext. 101
or rosemary@templechaverim.org



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

For additional information, contact Sisterhood President Rhonda Green at kov64@hotmail.com.



Community Action



Summer is a great time for getting involved in Community Action. We have some very important initiatives which together we can make successful. These are great opportunities for Bar/Bat Mitzvah projects or community service for school.



First, we are again collecting school supplies for the UJA Federation - Long Island **Supplies for Success**. Simply purchase new backpacks and school supplies: binders, filler and graph paper, spiral and marble notebooks, pocket folders, index cards, book covers, pencil cases, pens, pencils and colored pencils, crayons, markers and high-lighters, rulers and protractors, scissors, glue sticks, calculators.

Basically, simply buy duplicates of whatever is on your child's supply list to donate and ensure that every child on Long Island starts school with what is needed to succeed. If you have no time to shop but would like to help, for \$18 you can purchase a filled backpack online at UJA Federation. Here is the link: <http://www.ujafedny.org/event/view/supplies-for-success>.

Drop off the backpacks and school supplies at Temple Chaverim by **Wednesday, August 13**. Last year more than 5000, filled backpacks were distributed. Let's help them do even better this year.

You can also participate with your kids at the actual **annual backpack assembly** that will be held from Monday, August 18 to Wednesday, August 20, at Solomon Schechter School of Long Island in Williston Park. For details and to register, contact Orna Sheena at sheena@ujafedny.org or **516-677-1832**.



If you see any great sales for non-perishable food items over the next few months, please take advantage of them for the **Annual High Holiday Food Drive**, to pack the pantry at FECS.



Our new initiative this year will be supporting the **American Jewish World Service (AJWS)** efforts on behalf of the **International Violence Against Women Act** and advocating with them to realize human rights and to bring an end to poverty in the developing world. Rabbi Hecht will be guiding us.

If you are interested in helping out on this cause, please contact Mindy Brown (mindy.f.brown@gmail.com), or Lisa Frenkel (frenkels@mac.com).

Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

I heard that I can reduce my Temple dues for the 2014-2015 year and at the same time help Temple Chaverim. Can you tell me if this is true?

Seriously Wondering



Dear Seriously,

One special way we foster community at Temple Chaverim is through our Temple Chaverim Directory known as **The Blue & White Pages**, to be distributed in the fall.

Inside the directory, you can find Temple members' contact information (great for those carpool plans and play dates), recipes, boosters, coupons, and community ads.

If anyone would like to include a personal booster message — L'Shana Tova is a popular one — or purchase an ad in the publication — please contact Eileen Schneyman, Temple Chaverim Executive Director.

New this year, is the ability to **reduce your membership dues** by selling advertising for **The Blue & White Pages**. Anyone who sells advertising will be credited 25% of the net cost of the ads to their membership dues. That's right! By selling ads, you can reduce your Temple Chaverim dues -- perhaps even the full amount. Ad materials and full payment are due by September 15.

For official rules and details, please contact Eileen Schneyman, at Eileen@TempleChaverim.org.

Your Yenta

Men's Club



Men's Club sponsored a cooking event at Ronald McDonald House. They prepared an amazing Chinese food menu for the families staying there while their children receive treatment at the Cohen's Children Hospital.



MEN'S CLUB CARD & GAME NIGHTS

Last Wednesday of each month
at 7:30 pm

RSVP to Jamie Ortsman at ortsman96@gmail.com
\$20 per person includes dinner

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 by July 20 to appear in the fall issue this September.



Mazel Tov to our Temple Members for completing two years of study and on becoming Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Pictured here with their teachers Rabbi Hecht and Debbye Brandell are Shelly Wool, Jodi Birns, Karen Bressner, Ben Max, Jenny Jackson, and Jackie Zutler.

Congratulations to the newly elected Temple Officers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

President — Karen Bressner
1st Vice President — Elise Hahn Rubin
2nd Vice President — Russell Willens
3rd Vice President — Anissa Wilensky
Secretary — Eric Horowitz
Treasurer — Lloyd Abramowitz
Trustees — Brian Friedman, Darlene Friedman, Gary Schreiber, Larry Wald, Meryl Wittenberg, Debbie Wells



New members **Peggy and Shelly Gooler** were married at Temple Chaverim on May 4th.



Dani Schear, Co-Chair of our CHATY Youth Group, was elected as the new NFTY-NAR Vice President of Social Action.



Hannah Stewart, pictured here with her teacher, at the International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) held in California in May. She placed third in the Behavioral and Social Science Category for her paper on Lyme disease and black ticks. In September, she will begin attending Brandeis University.

Temple Chaverim's Lone Soldier, Rachel Bressner



Greetings from Israel! In June 2013, I moved to Israel and made Aliyah, which means I am now a citizen of both the United States and Israel. I spent my first few months in Ulpan where I spent my days learning Hebrew. This was one of the great challenges since I have been here. I can't say I am completely fluent yet, but I passed my Hebrew tests and was accepted into the **IDF, the Israel Defense Forces**. I am now a **Lone Soldier**, a soldier who is in the country without any immediate family.

My first few months of **IDF** service were spent in basic training. It was hard, but I passed and am now in training for my official national service as a police officer for the Israeli Police. My training includes how to handle and shoot my pistol and rifle, learning Israeli laws, and simulation of every-day emergency situations.

When I am not in training, I am on duty and stationed in Hebron. Another challenge has been the transition from being a civilian to being a police officer. As a police officer, I need to be in control and remain calm in all situations. My training will be completed in August. From then on, I will continue as a police officer through my service period which ends December 2015.

I miss my family and friends in the United States, but I am happy to be a part of the protection of Israel. I am grateful to everyone for the letters and packages keeping me connected to home. I will continue to keep you updated on my progress and service.



IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION....

Thank you to our members for their generous donations January 24, 2014—April 30, 2014

Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND**IN HONOR OF**

The birth of Dylan Mayer, grandson of Allen & Lise Mayer

Nirit Weiser

IN MEMORY OF

David Brand

Allen & Linda Greenbaum

RABBI HECHT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Len & Stacey Treihaft

Eran Schreiber

Estelle Rehfield

Robert Tablinsky

IN HONOR OF

Roz & Harvey Eckstein's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Al & Joan Schein

The Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Traub

Russell & Karen Traub

The Bar Mitzvah of Adam Tabak

Jonathan & Beth Tabak

Sara and Michael's Engagement

Robert & Marsha Spiegelman

IN MEMORY OF

Rose Marcus & Morris Eisenberg

Robert & Sharon Dym

Rose Chodorow

Amy E. Levine

Celia Zubasky

Faith & Al Zubasky

Monroe Lokshin

Ed & Ethel Lokshin

Paul Gladstone

Fred & Lori Gladstone

Ruth Schultz-Maltz

Al & Faith Zubasky

Belle Revits & Michael Revits

Robert & Marilyn Scher

Connie Katz

Robert & Jenni Goldwasser

Louis Tablinsky

Robert Tablinsky

George Edlin

Bruce & Jody Steifman

Marlene Nelson

Bruce & Jody Steifman

Arthur Markowitz

James & Miriam Leonard

Leonard Rothman

The Albertelli Family

Howard Rothman

The Albertelli Family

RABBI BENNET'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Len & Stacey Treihaft

IN HONOR OF

The Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Traub

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Jonathan & Beth Tabak

IN MEMORY OF

Rose Dym

Robert & Sharon Dym

Robin Berman

Steven & Paula Lefkowitz

Sam Berman

Steven & Paula Lefkowitz

Betty Lewis

Rick & Ariann Lewis

CAMP EISNER/CRANE LAKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**IN MEMORY OF**

Sylvia Marcus & Lillian Nathanson

David & Leslie Nathanson

CANTOR HYMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Len & Stacey Treihaft

Eran Schreiber

IN HONOR OF

The Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Traub

Russell & Karen Traub

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Jonathan & Beth Tabak

IN MEMORY OF

Robert Cahn

Fred & Lori Gladstone

Hyman Berman

Steven & Paula Lefkowitz

Leonard Klarich, Rose Klarich & Neil Kenduck

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

Henry Rosenberg

February 9, 2014

Jenna Sarah Baron

April 11, 2013

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 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 put into the front cover. For years to come, everyone who uses these books will see your name and the people you have honored.

Donating to the prayer book fund is an opportunity to support Temple Chaverim in a very important, tangible and lasting way.

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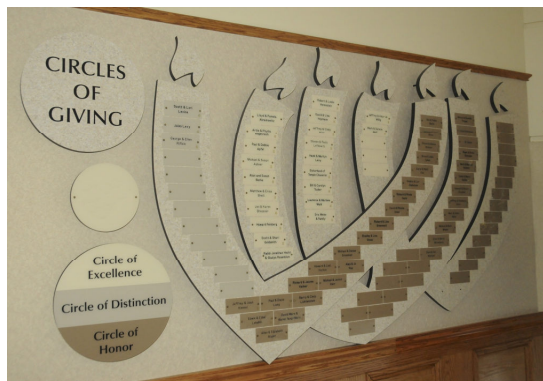
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Temple Chaverim is committed to excellence in religious, educational and social programming, and to outstanding professional leadership. Your gift ensures that all children and adults in our congregation will continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership, 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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- All Circle of Distinction recognitions
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Please contact Rosemary at rosemary@templechaverim.org and be sure to include the date you would like to help us out.

We need bakers for the following Friday nights:

July 4, 25

August 8, 15, 22, 29

For **Shabbat at the Beach** on **July 11 & August 1**, bring your own goodies to share!



Temple office closed on

Fri., July 4, Independence Day (Shabbat service 7:30 pm)
Mon., Sept. 1, Labor Day

Welcome Back/End of Summer Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 26 @ 7:00 pm



Welcome, Ronnie!

We are happy to welcome **Ronnie Diller** to the Temple Chaverim staff as **Clergy Administrative Assistant**.

Ronnie is the person to speak to regarding appointments with the clergy as well as Oneg Sponsorships and Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring. She is excited to be a part of Temple Chaverim.

She can be reached at Ronnie@templechaverim.org.

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Thanks to Jill Schwartz, Karen Bressner and the Fundraising Committee for another successful and fun event!



Keep Russell Smiling!

Reply to your High Holiday Aliyah invitation ASAP.

Contact Ronnie@TempleChaverim.org or call (516) 367-6100 ext. 112.



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