



"A Temple of Friends"

# Connections

Fall 2015 5775—5776

For One And All

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph. D.

Fall is here. Summer vacations are behind us. Yellow school buses are appearing on the roads, and bumper stickers remind us: "School's Open, Drive Carefully." The kids are back at college. And, Jewishly, a new year, 5776, has begun! For thousands of years, Jews have flocked to the synagogue in the fall in great numbers to reconnect.

What compels us to return, year after year? The holiday experience is intensely personal. We come as unique individuals to Temple to consider the direction our lives have taken, to ask forgiveness for our own mistakes, and to promise to change. During *Tashlich* we throw our sins, like breadcrumbs, into the ocean. At *Yizkor*, we remember our loved ones.

Yet, at the same time, these holidays are profoundly communal. In its great wisdom, Judaism insists that each person express his or her individuality in the context of the community. You need a *minyan* (a quorum of 10 Jews) to have a Jewish worship service. We might approach God as individuals, but we do it next to other Jews doing the same thing at the same time. Through community, through synagogue, through the Jewish people, we express ourselves. We don't do it alone; we do it with others. That is what compels us to come back, year after year, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

*Mishkan haNefesh*, the new High Holy Day prayer book for the Reform Movement, is written with these goals in mind. There is something in it for each of us: soaring poetry, Jewish philosophy, feminist theology, gender sensitivity, exquisite translations, traditional Hebrew with transliterations so each of us can participate as individuals. At the same time, it unites us as a community. It is a book written for one and for all.

In the Talmud there is a book called "Ethics of the Fathers," *Pirkei Avot*. In it we are told that 10 miracles took place in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. People didn't get sick; the offerings were never spoiled; no bugs landed on the food; the High Priest never became impure; the rain never put out the fire burning on the altar; the wind never blew the fire's smoke; the donations were always pure; the building never became overcrowded; no one was ever bitten by a snake or scorpion; and the tenth, and final miracle was this: no one ever said to his or her companion, "There is no place for me to stay in Jerusalem."

That last and final miracle still applies to our synagogue today—there is always a place for each of us. Temple Chaverim is a place for one and all. I look forward to sharing the New Year together with you.

*Shanah Tovah, Rabbi Hecht*



## HIGH HOLIDAYS & FALL FESTIVALS

**Selichot: Saturday, September 5**  
at Temple Beth El of Huntington

**Rosh Hashanah:**  
Erev, **Sunday, September 13**  
1st day, **Monday, September 14**  
Young Children's Service\* in afternoon  
followed by Tashlich at Wantagh Park  
2nd day, **Tuesday, September 15**



**Yom Kippur:**  
Kol Nidre, **Tuesday, September 22**  
Yom Kippur, **Wednesday, September 23**  
Yizkor (open to community)  
Young Children's Service\* in afternoon

**Sukkot:**  
BBQ & Service, **Sunday, September 27**  
**Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:**  
Consecration, **Sunday, October 4**  
Yizkor, **Monday, October 5**

\* Free tickets; call Eileen Schneyman @ 516.367.6100

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## President's Message



Last year at this time, I was at the beginning of my journey as Temple President. I was filled with the excitement that comes at that moment in time when first starting something new. One year later I feel not only excited but in awe of our synagogue.

We have a precious gem. Yes, the building is beautiful and sparkles clean. And you will see it looks even better with the new floor tiles and wallpaper in the hallways. The hand-carved ark in our sanctuary is a historic treasure, and we are fortunate to be its guardian.

We have two Rabbis and a Cantor who love and are passionate about Judaism. They use creativity, patience and countless opportunities to kindle that love in us and in our children. They help each of us find and follow our own path to being Jewish.

Our Religious School is no longer the "Sunday" or "Hebrew School" that many of us attended as children. Today our children are developing their Jewish souls through drama, art, music and special educational projects. We balance old and new ways with learning through live online study sessions.

We have babies on the bima receiving their Hebrew names; we have tots enjoying Shabbat in pjs with our Rabbis and Cantor. There are teens leading younger students in programs they designed. We have Jewish meditation, classes examining prayer or debating the challenges faced by Israel today. The list of opportunities to be Jewish at Temple Chaverim is long, with diverse offerings that span all ages.

What I do know for sure is that you – yes, each and every one of you – and I are important and vital to the continuation of Jewish life and our beloved synagogue as we know it. We are thrilled you are members here, and we need you to stay members. Your membership and commitment to Temple Chaverim is priceless.

During the High Holidays, as you sit and pray, reflect and think, I ask you to envision the Jewish community and our synagogue of future generations. Let's make sure we have done our part to ensure a strong synagogue, and a vibrant Jewish community that will be here for the generations to come.

L'Shanah Tova,  
**Karen Bressner**

## Cantor's Corner — Sound the Shofar

In the Torah (Lev. 23), we are commanded to "sound the *shofar*," and it is deemed a mitzvah to hear it every year. What is this remarkable instrument and what are the sounds?

In ancient Temple times the *shofar* heralded the holidays, the Sabbath, or the start of a war, and eventually became part of the Levite orchestra. The honor of blowing the *shofar* is done by the *Ba'al Tekiah*, literally the Master of the Blast.

A Kosher *shofar* is created from the horn of an animal of the Bovidae family, preferably from rams, sheep, or ibex (kudu), rather than from cows. Some believe the ram's horn is most preferable because it reminds us of Abraham's devotion, and that the ram was sacrificed instead of Isaac.

*Shofar* traditions vary. The Moroccan tradition produces *shofarot* (*shofars*) that are flat,



possessing only the main curve. Created during the Inquisition, it could be carried hidden when Jews were forbidden to use it. The long-curved *shofarot* from the kudu, a type of antelope more common in Yemen, are preferred by Yemenite Jews.

Over time, doubts arose as to the correct sounds to use. A system of three sounds was devised to account for all the possibilities: *Teki'ah*, which means "sticking," describes how all the notes remain constant; it is the simplest, consisting of one distinct tone but may be preceded by a very short tone. *Shevarim*, or "fraction", is the partial sounding of one note followed by two more slightly longer sounds.

*Teru'ah*, or "fanfare," is the most ornate, consisting of nine short blasts. Of course, everyone is waiting for the *teki'ah g'dolah*, the long, grand sounding of the *shofar*. The person blowing the *shofar* takes in a great breath to blow the *shofar* for an extended time until running out of breath, thus maximizing everyone's chance to fulfill the mitzvah.

The *shofar*, one of the oldest instruments, has the holy task -- to call our souls to attention at the turning of the year before the closing of the Gates of Repentance. We must be as attentive as possible to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the sound of the *shofar*. I look forward to fulfilling this mitzvah with you during the High Holidays.

**Cantor Bradley Hyman**

## Shofar Workshop

Thursday, September 3 @ 7:00 pm

Learn How to Blow the Shofar for the High Holidays



Shofars are available for purchase, or bring your own.

RSVP to Ronnie at  
516.367.6100, ext. 112  
[Ronnie@templechaverim.org](mailto:Ronnie@templechaverim.org)

## Extra Special Friday Services

at 8:00 pm

**Band Shabbat**

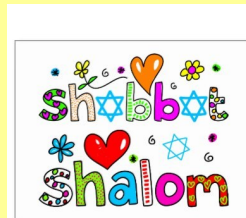
October 2

**Visual Tefilah**

October 23

**Guitar Shabbat**

November 13



## Religious School — New Beginnings



As I look back on the past year, I am amazed at how much we have accomplished and how each student has thrived to the best of his/her ability. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, it represents a new year and a new beginning. I look forward to spending this New Year continuing to learn and grow with the students and families of Temple Chaverim.

I look forward to our **Religious School Orientation** on **Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 pm.** At this orientation, we will have an opportunity to meet the newest members of our Chaverim family, to provide them with an overview of our school policies and programs, and to answer any questions they may have.

The year ahead is certain to be filled with wonderful experiences for all our students. They will combine their classroom sessions with music and T'fillah (our prayer service), trips, speakers, workshops, *tzedakkah* projects, and even a play to enhance our curriculum. And of course, we are proud of **Shalom-Learning**, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade option that combines the traditional classroom experience with an on-line class.

Due to the High Holiday schedule, our first **day of Sunday classes will be September 20, Wednesday classes September 30, and Tuesday classes October 6.**

Join us for **Pizza in the Hut** on Sunday, September 27. **Pizza in the Hut** is our Sukkah decorating party affording creative hands-on fun for all who attend.

I hope you will think about getting involved in our Religious School. It is a rewarding experience.



There are many ways to get involved. Please do not hesitate to contact me to volunteer your time and talents for our school. I am sure you will be glad you joined us in promoting a positive Jewish educational experience.

This time of the year reminds me of the Hebrew word *Beresheit* which means "in the beginning." This is the moment when both the school year and the Jewish New Year begin. When we read the beginning of the Torah on Simchat Torah, we read the first parshah entitled *Beresheit* which tells the story of Creation. In *Beresheit*, after each day of Creation, God saw that it was good -- *Ki Tov*.

My wish for everyone this Rosh Hashanah and new school year is that we make each day *Ki Tov* – a good day. May you learn something new, do a mitzvah, and have much joy with your family and friends. Wishing you and your family a year filled with good health, happiness and peace -- *L'Shanah Tovah*,

**Debbie Brandell, Principal**

## Mazel Tov Bar & Bat Mitzvah

9/12	Jessie Kirschner	Gerald & Jodi Kirschner
9/19	Noah Lederer	Edward & Jodi Lederer
9/19	Amy Lederer	Edward & Jodi Lederer
9/26	Joshua Cohen	Jonathan & Jennifer Cohen
10/3	Ethan Lander	Richard & Mindy Lander
10/3	Andrew Zutler	Michael & Jacqueline Zutler
10/10	Maxwell Cohen	David & Heather Cohen
10/10	Zach Pikser	Roy & Debi Pikser
10/17	Andrew Albertelli	Robert & Randi Albertelli
10/17	Jillian Max	Benjamin & Amy Max
10/24	Brian Lustig	Todd & Meredith Lustig
10/24	Ariel Schulsinger	David and Kari Schulsinger
10/31	Chloe Wolfson	Craig and Susan Wolfson
10/31	Emma Lesser	Jeffrey & Lori Lesser
11/14	Matthew Applebaum	Dana Applebaum
11/14	Sivan Plotkin	Gary & Orit Plotkin
11/14	Sierra Miles	Bruce & Melanie Miles
11/28	Joshua Kurtz	Scott & Laura Kurtz
11/28	Joshua Klein	Richard & Amy Klein
12/5	Rebecca Prisand	Jayson & Lori Prisand
12/12	Evan Hitsky	David & Stacy Hitsky
12/12	Amanda Futterman	Roy & Francine Futterman
12/12	Hannah Futterman	Roy & Francine Futterman
12/19	Eric Treihaft	Leonard & Stacey Treihaft

## STAY, PLAY & 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**

**October 18, November 1, December 13**

Open to Temple members & the community at no charge  
Contact Louise at 516.367.6100 ext. 128.



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

# Calendar of Fall Highlights

## TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE

**Teens at Temple Chaverim**  
Mostly Tuesdays  
6:15-8:00 pm

- 6:15 pm Pizza
- 6:45 pm Electives
- 7:30 pm TNL Projects

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

Questions? Contact Rabbi Bennet at 516.367.6100 x 121 or [rabbibennet@templechaverim.org](mailto:rabbibennet@templechaverim.org). Open to all Temple Chaverim teens.

**Tuesday Night Live!** involves our teens in meaningful, innovative, and fun experiences that will enhance their Jewish identity and encourage a life-long connection to Judaism.

### Confirmation Class @ TNL with Rabbi Hecht

All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to meet weekly 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!

**JCHATY**  
begins @ 6:15  
Tuesday, October 6  
Grades 5, 6, 7

New Program  
**miniCHATY**  
Grades 3 & 4  
Sunday, November 22  
11:00 am

### Opening Night—Sushi in the Sukkah

October 6, Tuesday  
Make sushi with old & new friends.  
*#rollsushiwithfriends*

### Annual Fall TNL Day Trip

October 25, Sunday  
*#guaranteedfun*

### TNL Takes Over the Mid-Island Y JCC

November 3, Tuesday  
Games, sports & food.  
*#amazingfun*

### Fall Kallah @ URJ Kutz Camp

November 13-15, Friday – Sunday  
A camp-like weekend with like-minded Jewish Teens from the Tri-State.  
*#pricelessmemories*

### Confirmation Class @ the RAC in DC

December 4 – 7, Friday – Monday  
You & Jewish teens from around the country explore politics @ the Religious Action Center (RAC) & lobby Congressional reps.  
*#lobbylikeapro*

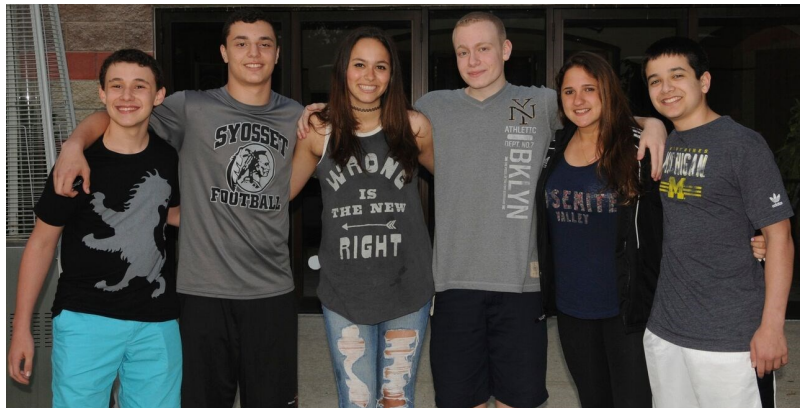


*The newly elected CHATY Board with Rabbi Bennet*

## Confirmation Class of 2015-5775



*Benjamin Berg, Emily Blank, Ethan Cohen, Evan Epstein, Sarah Giliof, Liora Hyman  
Justin Max, Amanda Newman, Alexandra Shear, Jordan Schechter  
Pictured here with Rabbi Hecht, Rabbi Bennet,  
Cantor Hyman and Principal Debbie Brandell*



## TNL End of Year Party





### Our Chaverim at our URJ Summer Camps



**Visit [www.urjyouth.org/camps](http://www.urjyouth.org/camps) for further information.**



## LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

### Adult Education

This fall the Adult Education Committee is offering a number of learning opportunities; do one or do them all! On Monday evenings, beginning on October 12, Rabbi Hecht will be teaching a series of classes on **Sephardic Jewish History** at the Adult Institute for Jewish Learning. Sephardic Jewry originated in Spain and then spread throughout the world. Sephardic Jewry created a great cultural legacy in many areas: Jewish philosophy, kabbalah, biblical studies, halakhic studies, and poetry. The course will cover the history of Sepharad from its origins, through its Golden Age, and into its period of decline and exile in 1492.

Become an **Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah!** Every few years, the Temple offers a unique opportunity for adults to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The first year is basic Hebrew reading, and the second year a more intense preparation. Students learn about the worship service, the Torah, and the Haftarah. The class culminates with a Friday evening worship experience. The current group of students is entering the second year, but if you know some basic Hebrew, you can still join. Call Rabbi Hecht for more details. The class begins Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm.

Rabbi Hecht will also be teaching the second level of **iEngage** (Israel Engagement). Last year, **iEngage 1** explored Zionism. It was a phenomenal class; the debates and discussions, the videos from Shalom Hartman Institute, and the material the class examined were excellent. The second year of **iEngage** covers "The Tribes of Israel, its People & Culture." The focus will be on the many different groups or communities that make up modern Israel: Orthodox and Secular, Zionist and Nationalist, Druze, Bedouin, Israeli Arab, Non-Jewish, and Ultra Orthodox. These communities are sometimes in conflict and sometimes work together. Find out what makes Israel such a special place! Beginning on Tuesday, October 6 the class runs from 8:00-9:30 pm.

For a complete listing of courses & lectures go to [www.iajs.org](http://www.iajs.org).

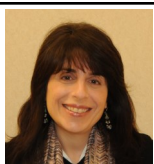
Click on **Brochure** for the 2015-16 courses. Then click on **Registration**.



### JEWISH MEDITATION

#### Strategies for Relaxation & Inner Peace

Join us on our 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.



Donna Bloom,  
Instructor and  
Temple member

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

September 10, 17, 24, October 8, 22,  
November 5, 19, December 10, 17

Please bring a mat, pillow, blanket and a writing journal. Registration is required. FREE for Temple members, non-members \$60 for fall classes. Kindly make checks payable to Temple Chaverim. RSVP: **Rosemary at 516.367.6100 ext. 101**

### Sociable Seniors

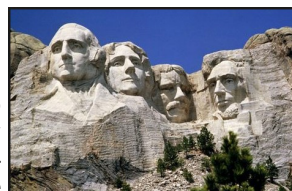
Sociable Seniors has great programs for you to enjoy before the masses pack their bags and journey south for the winter. Begin the fall season on Thursday, September 3, with a marvelous presentation by Sal St. George, entitled **Jack Benny vs. Bob Hope: It's all in the Timing**.



Enjoy stories of two of America's most beloved comedy legends. Each adapted seamlessly to new opportunities, technologies, and challenges, from burlesque to vaudeville to radio to television to movies. Both were very funny and mas-

ters of comedic timing. Come prepared to laugh.

On October 1, Lou Del Bianco will fascinate one and all with **In the Shadow of the Mountain, the Making of Mount Rushmore**. Learn the little-known story of his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, an Italian immigrant and the chief carver at Mount Rushmore.



On November 5, Olivia Mattis shares the amazing story of the moral courage that **Aristides de Sousa Mendes, Portuguese Consul General**, displayed while stationed in Bordeaux during World War II. Defying the direct orders of his government and at his own peril, he issued visas to anyone trying to escape France, including thousands of Jews and the Mattis family. He was finally honored decades later by his own government and in Israel by **Yad Vashem**.

On December 3, enjoy Lois Morton as she entertains you with **Raisins and Almonds: Jewish Songs from the Heart**, a historical journey of Jewish music from Eastern Europe to New York's Second Avenue. She will entertain you in Yiddish, English, French and Hebrew, taking you from World War I though contemporary times.

A light lunch will be served at 11:45 am. Be early if you want a good parking spot. The cost is \$13 per person for Temple members, and \$16 per person for non-members.

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS 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 RSVP to 516.367.6100, ext. 103, to leave the reservation information.**

### Yom Kippur Meditation

**Wednesday, September 23 at 3 pm**

Join us 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.



## COMMUNITY ACTION



*Community Action is needed all year long. It is easy to think that everyone on Long Island is doing fine, but that is not the case for many residents. Here are some opportunities where you can “do one thing” to make a difference. Stand by your good values; help your children learn to appreciate what they have and what they can do for others.*

The Community Action Committee will be embarking on two important initiatives this fall – the **High Holiday Food Drive** and the **TANS Outreach** initiative. Both these efforts have been very successful in the past few years.

The **High Holiday Food Drive** takes place through Yom Kippur. We are working with Partners in Caring and the Mid Island Y JCC to stock the Y's new food pantry. We are accepting donations of non-perishable food (no glass or expired food). The pantry will provide food to Jewish families in need.



The **TANS Outreach** initiative is scheduled for November 19 to sort clothing donations, and November 22 for distribution. This is a wonderful family project, as well as a great Bar/Bat Mitzvah project (with prior approval from Mrs. Brandell and Rabbi Hecht). We are asking congregants to donate gently used clean winter clothing such as coats, shoes, boots, accessories (hats, scarves, gloves), as well as bedding. As you go through your closets, please set aside suitable items to donate to those in need. Volunteers are very much welcomed and needed. On Sunday, November 22, we meet at the Wyandanch Resource Center where the donations are distributed. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help set up and distribute, however, anyone under the age of 16, will need to be supervised by an adult. This is a truly wonderful way for our children to help fulfill a great need here on Long Island in a neighboring community.

For additional information on these programs and on the Community Action committee, contact Mindy Brown ([mindy.f.brown@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.f.brown@gmail.com)) or Lisa Frenkel ([frenkels@mac.com](mailto:frenkels@mac.com)).

### Mitzvah Opportunity

Join us  
this  
November  
at the  
**TANS  
Outreach  
Event!**



## Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

I love being a member of Temple Chaverim and try to support it in every way I can. I am trying to think of a new way I can show tangible support for everything they do for me and my family and for our Jewish community. I volunteer and donate as much as I can above my dues but really would like to find a way to help even more. Do you have any suggestions?

*Devoted Member of Temple Chaverim*



Dear Devoted,

Thank you so much for your support of our wonderful Temple. There is something you can do to help raise money for Temple Chaverim, and it will not cost you one penny extra.

Sign up for the **iGive** program. Temple members who join can support Temple Chaverim through donations generated by shopping at any of over 1,600 stores, or by simply using the built-in **iGive** search engine. There is no cost, obligation, or hidden fees. **iGive** always has been and always will be a free service to causes and their members.

You get discounts and bonuses as well. **iGive** will send you information about special opportunities to save money and get bonus donations. Everyone in your household can register, as well as your friends and family.



**iGive.com**  
Change online shopping for good.

Just go to <http://www.igive.com>. Sign up, and choose Temple Chaverim as your charity. You will get an icon that you click when you want to shop online. You will be given an option to list your favorite stores and online vendors such as Amazon, Expedia and Hertz, to mention a few. Just think, by shopping for office supplies, for holiday gifts or making reservations online for your next vacation, you will generate money for our synagogue programs. A real win-win!!

*Your Yenta*

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, December 13**

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

For details, call Steve Lefkowitz 516.507.9992



## SISTERHOOD



### SISTERHOOD FALL CALENDAR

<b>Sukkot Social</b>	Saturday evening, October 3	Socialize with your fellow Chaverim while enjoying cocktails & delicious food.
<b>Sisterhood Brunch</b>	Sunday morning, October 4	Meet your sisters over a yummy brunch and learn all that Sisterhood has to offer for the coming year.
<b>Shop &amp; Schmooze</b>	Sunday morning, November 15	This is the perfect opportunity to get those holiday gifts for friends & family.
<b>Latkes &amp; Vodka</b>	Thursday, December 3	Enjoy a selection of latkes & vodkas while playing the always hilarious "Hanukah Hannah" grab bag game.

Details on these events will be coming to your email inbox by mid September. Sisterhood welcomes all women congregants. For additional information and to volunteer, contact Sisterhood President Rhonda Green at [kov64@hotmail.com](mailto:kov64@hotmail.com).

### SISTERHOOD STITCH & SCHMOOZE

Thursdays 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.

Contact Randi Gertler at [gertler@aol.com](mailto:gertler@aol.com) or call 516.381.1755

## MEN'S CLUB

### CARD & GAME NIGHTS

Last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

RSVP to Jamie Ortsman at [ortsman96@gmail.com](mailto:ortsman96@gmail.com)  
\$20 per person includes dinner



### BUILD THE TEMPLE SUKKAH

Sunday, September 27 @ 9:30 am

It counts as a mitzvah!

*Find your hammers! Don your tool belts!*

*Afterwards you can walk by the Sukkah and say, "I made that happen." #burstingwithpride*



### A Great Success!

### MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT & FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the efforts of Aimee Reifer (pictured at right) and her committee, July's Mah Jongg tournament and fundraiser packed the ballroom and brought in much needed additional funds for Religious School scholarships.



## Mitzvah Maker — "Do One Thing!"

Congregant **Howard Rubin** has many talents. He is a successful attorney; a very funny stand-up comedian; a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is also a person who can get others to rise to the occasion and really make a difference in the lives of some very determined, hard-working young people who have a number of challenges to overcome in order to reach their dreams.

One of Howard's main inspirations is his wife **Elise Hahn Rubin**, Director of Compass Project at Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA), serving Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Manhattan and White Plains. The Compass Project helps teens and young adults with learning differences, executive functioning and social communication challenges, Autism spectrum disorders, and related disabilities. The project helps these young people make a successful transition from high school, college, or unemployment to the workplace and independent adulthood.



Howard launched the first and incredibly successful **Swing for Independence**, a golf outing supporting both the Compass Project of Jewish Child Care Association and the POINT Program, a comparable opportunity through Westchester Jewish Community Services.

Two hundred people attended this glorious day. This event, which took place early this summer, was so well attended that all the golf spots at the Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison were filled, and additional golfers were accommodated at nearby Apawamis Golf Club in Rye, New York.

The event raised \$210,000 through golf, event sponsorships, journal ads and raffles. There was not a dry eye at the dinner when Compass and POINT Program participants shared how the programs help them reach their dreams.

Thanks to Howard for not only doing his own mitzvah, but also for making sure others did one, too!

## Partners in Caring

Everyone has problems...but sometimes you just need someone to talk with, to sort it out and make a plan!

**Partners in Caring at the Mid Island Y** offers a variety of helpful services including short-term counseling, support groups, information & referral. Free to Temple Chaverim members.

To find out more, please speak with Rabbi Hecht at 516.367.6100.



## 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 18**

**@ 1:00 pm**

Preference given to earlier B'nei Mitzvah dates, \$60 fee  
Deadline to order: October 11.

Call Ronnie to reserve: 516.367.6100 ext. 112



## Point yourself in the Cantor's direction!

### DESIGN

### YOUR OWN YAD

**Sunday, October 25**

**@ 11:30 am**

*Learn the Yad's history & traditions*



**Must order in advance by October 1.**

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

\$50 payable to Temple Chaverim

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



**All smiles after Confirmation ceremony!**

## Our Sister Synagogue in Israel: Darchei Noam

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht

This summer I spent a Shabbat with Congregation Darchei Noam, our sister synagogue, in Ramat haSharon, Israel.

I am happy to report that on this particular Shabbat, Darchei Noam's President, Ilana Dothan, presented the Certificate of Occupancy and Tax Exempt Certification to Rabbi Levin, Darchei Noam's Rabbi. Now Darchei Noam can finally make full use of its facility, and Israelis can make tax-exempt contributions to the synagogue. (Our donations to Darchei Noam go through the World Union for Progressive Judaism and have always been fully tax deductible.)

It has taken years of hard work, lots of money, persistence and patience to get to this moment. Darchei Noam shines as a beacon of hope for people who are looking for another way to practice Judaism in Israel.

If you would like to help Darchei Noam, go to [www.wupj.org.il](http://www.wupj.org.il) and click on "donate." Sign up to follow Darchei Noam on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DarcheiNoam.il](https://www.facebook.com/DarcheiNoam.il).



Ilana Dothan, Temple President, handing Rabbi Levin the Certificate of Occupancy and the Tax Exempt Certificate.

## Elections Show Reform Judaism to be Clear Winner!

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht



World Zionist Congress elections take place every 10 years. These elections are for representatives to the Congress whose next meeting is this October in Jerusalem.

The delegates come from Israel, the United States and the rest of the world, with one third of the delegates from each. The Israeli representatives are chosen through the Knesset election and the United States and the world delegates through special elections. You may remember how many times we urged you to vote this past year, and now here are the results.

The Reform and Reconstructionist movements, running on a joint platform, carried 40% of the votes, giving us 56 out of a possible 145 seats in the U.S. delegation! Because of our great success, we will be able to express our passion and strong commitment to egalitarianism, pluralism, and democratic values in October. Given recent events in Israel, including the fire bombings carried out by Jewish extremists against Palestinian and Christian targets and the stabbing of three people by an ultra orthodox religious zealot at the Gay Pride parade in Jerusalem in July, our victory couldn't have come at a more important time.

Thank you to all who heeded our call to vote. Our strong voice in Jerusalem in October will make a difference.

## Our Chaverim in Israel this Summer

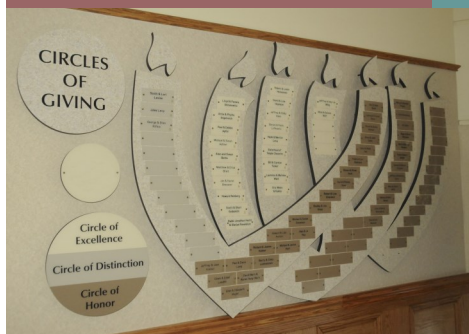


Rabbi Hecht met with our Temple members while in Israel.

1. Rachel Bressner & Ben Pagliaro
2. Tzah family
3. Stacey & Nina Brickel
4. Kim Schecter



## Circles of Giving



*Join or renew your  
participation in  
Circles today  
for 5776*

**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.

### CIRCLE OF LIGHT

A donation of \$5,000 or more above the basic dues:

- All Circle of Excellence recognitions
- After 5 consecutive years of Circle of Light status, a permanent plaque will be dedicated at the \$25,000 level on the Capital Campaign Wall

### CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

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

- All Circle of Distinction recognitions
- A personalized plaque
- Two non-transferable tickets to our annual fundraiser

### CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION

A donation between \$1,000 to \$1,499 above the basic dues:

- All Circle of Honor recognitions
- An honor at a Friday night service

### CIRCLE OF HONOR

A donation between \$500 to \$999 above the basic dues:

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

## FUNDRAISING

This year we raised money for our synagogue through efforts large and small. Many attended Comedy Night, Casino Night, made donations in honor or in memory of a loved one, and contributed to the various funds at Temple Chaverim. We are grateful for your support and generosity which have enabled us to support our synagogue beyond our dues.

Temple Chaverim provides us with so much; yet you may be thinking: "I go to temple only on the High Holidays;" or "I attend services every Friday night, but no longer need Religious School;" and others say, "I just attend adult ed. classes or social events." There are endless variations of how each of us utilizes our synagogue.

In order for Temple Chaverim to be available on an as-need basis, *it must be here all the time!* Temple Chaverim, with our dedicated clergy and staff, is here for us in times of need and in times of celebration; and that takes considerable resources.

We urge you to be generous; please join our Circles program and take part in as many of our wonderful fundraising events as you can.

**Jill Schwartz**, Fundraising Chair

### Prayer Book Fund

**Mishkan HaNefesh**  
מִשְׁכַּן הַנֶּפֶשׁ  
A Machzor for the Days of Awe



Our clergy have begun preparation for the High Holidays with their advance copies of **Mishkan HaNefesh**, the new High Holiday prayer books our congregation will be using this fall.

A significant number of prayer books have been donated, but we really need your help to achieve our final goal of 1,000 prayer books for the 2015 High Holidays. Meeting our goals will enable each congregant to hold and pray from a copy of the new book. Imagine how easily this could be achieved if each family in our congregation would donate at least one prayer book; we would be close to the needed amount.

Please help to make this happen by donating to the **Temple Chaverim Prayer Book Fund**. Although any amount is appreciated, if you donate \$40, the cost of one two-book set, it will contain a special inscribed bookplate. Please call Eileen Schneyman in the Temple office at 516.367.6100 ext. 108 for details.

## IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION...

**Thank you to our members for their generous donations 4/22 through 7/20/15.**  
Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings

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The Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Letter

*Michael & Amy Letter*

The baby naming of Ryan Klipper

*The Klipper Family*

The Bar Mitzvah of Ariel Tzah

*Jo Kay*

Our 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*Edwin & Ethel Lokshin*

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Herbert Cooper

*Amir and Randi Weiss & Family*

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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

**Jacqueline Beth Maiorana**, March 24, 2014

**Adam Ira Klein**, May 29, 2012

**Esther Weiss**, June 26, 2002

**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.**

## MEMORIAL LIST

**Suzanne Novick**, mother of Deborah Novick, May 2

**Rhoda Toben**, mother of Leslie Berezow, May 12

**Donald Simon**, father of Suzanne Kellner, May 16,

**Miriam Smoley**, grandmother of Jamie Korn, May 26

**William Greenberg**, father of Arlene Schechter, June 3

**Jamie Purzak**, daughter of Robert Purzak, July 1

**Martin Lerman**, grandfather of Mark Wells, July 11

**Miriam Schein**, sister of Sigmund Fuhrman, July 23

## Noteworthy News in Our Temple Family

To submit noteworthy news 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 Sheila Schroeder, editor of Connections, at [sweetsheila624@aol.com](mailto:sweetsheila624@aol.com) by October 31 to appear in the winter issue this December.



Our **high school seniors** received a special blessing at Shabbat services before beginning their next life adventure.



**Alex Brickel** graduated in May from the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester. He is the son of congregants **Stacy and Kenny Brickel**.



**Aaron Weiss**, and **Alexa Ross** were married this summer. Aaron is the son of congregant **Eric Weiss**.

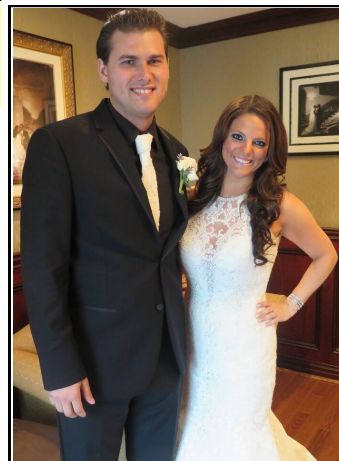


**Isabelle and Harley Weiss**, daughters of **Randi and Amir Weiss** celebrating their Bat Mitzvah in Jerusalem this summer.

## Mazel Tov



**Ariel Tzah**, pictured with his younger brother, **Jacob**, at the new section of the Western Wall in Jerusalem in July, celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah.



**Brandon Fieland** and **Raina Hirschorn** were married in August. Brandon is the son of congregants **Lori and Corey Fieland**.

**Caryn and Ben Tamber-Rosenau** are the proud parents of **Aviva Yael**, born in May. Caryn is the daughter of congregants **Laurie and Steve Tamber**, founding members of Temple Chaverim, of which Steve was President from 1993-1996.

The Tamber-Rosenaus live in Nashville, Tennessee where Caryn recently received her PhD. in Hebrew Bible from Vanderbilt University and will begin teaching undergraduate courses there in Religious and Jewish Studies this fall. The Tambers now reside in Florida.



**Ayden James** was born June 24, to proud parents **Shawna and Ryan Paquette**. Shawna is the daughter of congregants **Elise Hahn Rubin** and **Howard Rubin**.



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# Shalom, Chaverim!

*Welcome to our newest Temple members!*

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# Sukkot BBQ

**Sunday, September 27 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Sukkot services follow @ 7:30 pm**

**Great fun and great food  
enjoyed right under our  
own Sukkah!**  
(hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie options)

\$7 per person paid by September 21  
No walk-ins can be accommodated

RSVP no later than September 21  
to Ronnie at 516.367.6100 ext. 112  
or [Ronnie@templechaverim.org](mailto:Ronnie@templechaverim.org)



# Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner

**Bring your  
favorite dish  
to share!**

Sponsored by the  
Religious Practices  
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Wine graciously  
donated by  
Phyllis Spisto.

**RSVP by  
Friday, October 7  
to Paula Lefkowitz  
at 516.367.6184.**

Please no dairy  
ingredients  
in salads or other  
dishes.



**Friday, October 16 @ 6:15 pm**



## Israeli Film Festival

**November 1 at 1pm**

**Free for members of Temple Chaverim, \$5 for non-members**



**Fill the Void**, 2012, written and directed by Rama Burshtein, focuses on life among the Haredi Jewish community in Tel Aviv. The story follows Shira Mendelman, an 18-year-old girl, who is pressured to marry her deceased older sister's husband following the death of her sister in childbirth.

It offers a sympathetic portrait of an insulated culture by exploring universal themes. Several critics compared the female characters to those in Jane Austen's novels. Burshtein became the first Orthodox Jewish woman to direct a film intended for wide distribution. The movie won seven Israeli Academy Awards.

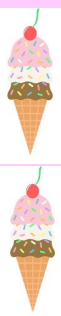
**All Temple Members Invited!**

## Ice Cream Social

**Tuesday, September 1  
@ 7:00 pm**

*Say "good-bye" to summer & "hello"  
to Temple friends—old and new!*

RSVP to Ronnie at 516.367.6100 ext 112



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