



**Make Some Noise!**

*Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph.D.*

On **Purim**, we read the **Scroll of Esther**. It tells the story of how the evil Haman cast "lots" or, in Hebrew, Purim to determine the day on which the Jews of Shushan, the ancient capital of Persia, would be killed. Through the courage and cleverness of Esther and her Uncle Mordecai, the heroes of the story, a reversal took place and it was Haman who was defeated instead!

The word "Purim" appears five times in the Scroll of Esther. This corresponds to the five things we do on this day: we read the Scroll of Esther, send gifts of food to friends, send gifts to the poor, party like royalty, and avoid fasting.

Reading the Scroll of Esther is not a passive experience! Many people come dressed in costume and, of course, cheer for Esther and Mordecai. But the most important part of our observance is that everyone in attendance makes lots of noise when Haman's name is read aloud.

We use a grogger to drown out Haman. Grogger is a Yiddish word meaning "rattle." The traditional grogger, which dates back to the 13th century, is a percussion instrument known as a Ratchet. It has a gear wheel and a flat board attached to a handle, like the one I am holding in the picture. The player holds the handle and swings the instrument around so that the flat board clicks against the gear wheel making a rattling noise.



Today there are various types of groggers, from simple plastic to ornate metal. At our synagogue, we encourage Purim celebrants to bring a box of pasta or dried beans to use as noise makers. We will be collecting these "groggers" and donating them to the Jewish Communal Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC. In this way, we fulfill **two mitzvot: hearing the Scroll of Esther and sending gifts to the poor.**

Using a grogger is one of the most profound parts of Purim and also something that we can relate to in our lives today. Haman was an enemy from ancient times, but today there are still Hamans in our world! Throughout the ages we have encountered evil many times. When we come together on Purim as one community and drown out Haman's name, we are saying that **good can be louder than evil.** We are acknowledging that there is always some-

thing we can do to overcome evil. We can be "louder and stronger."

It is so easy to become discouraged and cynical today. Purim reminds us that, working together, we can make the world a better place. We can be like Esther and Mordecai—relentless and determined to fight against evil. We can work together to be louder. So, make some noise" this Purim!

**See you March 12. Come wearing a costume!**

**All 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Are Welcome & Urged to Attend**

**Leading On the College Campus  
Facing Anti-Israel & Jewish Sentiment**

**Tuesday, March 28  
6—8pm**

**Be Prepared & Empowered  
For Your College Experience**

- ◆ Gain a framework & find out what actions you can take
- ◆ Learn how to connect with campus Jewish organizations
- ◆ Learn simple & effective messaging
- ◆ Learn where to find information from many perspectives

Pizza Dinner Served — Tell Us if You Need Gluten Free

NO FEE but RSVP: [Louise@Templechaverim.org](mailto:Louise@Templechaverim.org)

**Yom HaShoah Service**  
**Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
**Sunday, April 23 @ 10am**

Learn the Incredible Story of  
Courage, Love & Survival

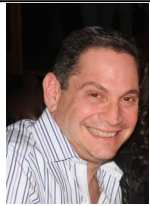
Helen Mermelstein & her Sister  
Esther Mermelstein Weiss

**The Beloved Aunt & Mother of Congregant Judy Weiss**




**President's Message**

**Gary E. Schreiber**



I am so proud and happy. In my last President's message to you, I asked you to please join me at our Comedy Night—and more than 220 people attended! I looked around the room and felt so honored to be the president of a Temple where people can come together, support our Temple and have a fabulous time doing it. Thank you so much for making this event an incredible success, and thank you to our Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee, made up of congregant volunteers, is determined to raise money for our synagogue. I know you are thinking to yourself that you pay dues, so why do we still need to raise funds for our Temple? The answer is simple; dues do not cover the total operating costs for our synagogue. We are not a for-profit organization, and although we do have limited reserves, we do not have endowments, similar to those of universities, which would provide additional income from interest. (However, we could make arrangements to create an endowment if any of you are feeling exceptionally generous!)

Raising a family today is expensive, especially on Long Island. I know, I live here, too! Together, you and I, along with our friends, are such a great team. Our membership at Temple Chaverim is critical to the future of Judaism. We are creating a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

We are counting on your donations, on you attending our fundraisers and volunteering to help make the things that we love about our Temple happen. Everyone has something they can do and it all adds up. Remember, I'm an accountant, so I know about things adding up!

On **April 29**, we will be hosting our very first, and I guarantee you, the very best, **Murder Mystery Night** you have ever been to or wished you had gone to! Let's make this a sell-out event. It is Temple Chaverim's biggest fundraising event of the year. We are going to have raffle baskets galore, the Temple Band and a lot of fun!

At the event, we will be honoring our very own **Debbye Brandell for her 18 years as Religious School Principal, AND we will be celebrating Cantor Brad Hyman's 13 musical years at our synagogue.**

Earlier in April, we will all be dealing with the great mystery of filing our federal and state taxes. We will need and enjoy the fun of solving the murder mystery and honoring these two people. Your presence will make this a glorious event.

**Cantor's Corner**

**Cantor Bradley Hyman**

It is springtime, and we are commanded: "*Nich'nas Adar!*" or rejoice in the month of Adar! Certainly we can easily follow the suggestion and be happy that very soon the warmer weather will yield fresh growth and ease along the impending barley harvest at Passover time. However, because Purim occurs following the death of Haman, someone who would do us harm, it has always raised the question of how we can celebrate a death.



There are other issues with the holiday of Purim stemming from the lateness in which the Scroll of Esther was canonized into the Bible and the abrupt way that Esther's story fades away once Mordechai's status is strengthened. Additionally, the name of God is never mentioned in the scroll, so it

increases the mystery surrounding the reason this became a part of our Bible.

One of the responses to "Where is God in Purim," and where are we able to find and make joy, is in the use of music. Following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., there was a prohibition against playing instruments or enjoying music in the worship service. There were two exceptions to this ruling -- Simchat Torah and Purim. By adding music, we are able to bring in a stronger presence of God.

There are two prevailing traditions when chanting the Megillah. One is to chant in a hurried fashion, with several allusions to other holidays at key points throughout the chanting. An example of this would be to switch to the melody for the chanting of Eicha or "Lamentations" -- usually reserved for the holiday of Tisha B'Av -- at key verses where there is great suffering.

The other tradition is to interject humorous melodies at lighter moments in the text, such as making fun of the Hebrew for *Shushan*, the Capital City, which is '*Shushan Ha'bira*' (sounds like "Shushan Beer") and to chant pretending that one is drunk.

Many of the melodies are Israeli authored; and in some strange twist of fate, the Israelis have taken modern American popular melodies and created Purim parodies.

Here are a few examples of some modern songs for you to enjoy: <https://youtu.be/A9HbULd67sE>, <https://youtu.be/9i5gHVLInul> <https://youtu.be/4HqgwB6kOEA>, <https://youtu.be/NdnhdzEhhbM>

**Bicycles, Brachot & Breakfast**

Saturday, April 15



**Bikers of All Ages**  
Meet @ Temple by 9:45am &  
Bike to Bethpage Park

**And Everyone Else**  
Meet @ Bethpage Picnic Area

10:30 for a Little Praying &  
A Little Breakfast

If You are Biking With Us RSVP to [Ronnie@templechaverim.org](mailto:Ronnie@templechaverim.org)

Kids: Love to Sing? Sing with Cantor Hyman!

**JUNIOR CHOIR**

Fridays: March 3, April 7, May 5  
5:30pm - Rehearse!

6:00pm - Sing! Sing! Sing! @ Early Shabbat Services  
Grown-ups: Be Proud in the Crowd @ 6:00pm

**Extra Special Friday Services**

@ 8 pm

**Visual Tefillah**

March 31, April 28, May 12



Our New Kindergarten & First Grade Class

Debbie Brandell, Religious School Principal



Several years ago, we started a new program for preschoolers: Stay, Play and Pray. It was so successful that last year, as some of the children would be entering kindergarten in the fall, parents asked what we had for the post-preschool students. Out of that was born our very first kindergarten and first-grade class which meets every Sunday!

Together with their teacher Lindsay Gladstone, a product of Temple Chaverim's Religious School, our kindergartners and first graders have been exploring Judaism in a creative, engaging and fun-filled class. Because the class meets every week instead of once a month, our students can build on each week's lessons and develop their Jewish identities through experiential learning.



rahs and developed various techniques for spinning a dreidel. You can watch our little dreidellers spinning their hearts in a video posted on our Temple Chaverim Facebook page!

Music is also an important part of our kindergarten and first-grade class! Every week Cantor Hyman sings with the class. They love it! Thanks to the fun songs the Cantor chooses, our students are quite often laughing and giggling as they sing along with him.



If you know anyone who might be interested in joining next year's class, please let them know we have this wonderful program. Any questions, please have them call me.

This has been a great experience for our young students. There are still many more wonderful things they will be learning.



Look who made fantastic masks for Purim!



September began with feeling comfortable with each other, getting to know their teacher and, of course, the exciting fall holiday schedule.

What better way to start than a Rosh Hashanah apple tasting where everyone voted on their favorite apple! They learned how the sweetness of the apple is an important symbol of our New Year at Rosh

Hashanah. They also did apple art projects; and in some cases, they became a part of the apple art!

Sukkot was especially fun. They made edible sukkahs and decorations for our Temple sukkah that they got to hang up in the sukkah. They got a close-up look at the etrog and a chance to shake the lulav. They learned about Shabbat by creating their own challah covers for their Shabbat kits that they took home to use with their families.

Just when they finished up the fall holidays and Shabbat, it was time to learn about Chanukah! Everyone made hand-print meno-

Stay, Play & Pray

For Preschoolers & Older with an Adult
Sundays, 9:30—11am
Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7



Jewish Stories, Crafts & Songs!

Temple Members & the Community Are Welcome
No Charge but RSVP Required to Debbie Brandell
516.367.6100 or dbrandell@templechaverim.org

DJ's & Prayer

For Toddlers & Older with an Adult
Fridays @ 6pm
Mar 24, Apr 21



Youth Engagement

#TNL Grades 8-12

# TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE

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

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

Tuesday Night Live or TNL as the kids have fondly nicknamed it, is Temple Chaverim's Youth Engagement Program for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

TNL helps our teens acquire the tools to make decisions throughout life based on Jewish values. It involves our teens in meaningful, innovative & fun experiences that enhances their Jewish identity, builds leadership skills & a lifelong connection to Judaism.

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

Contact Rabbi Bennet 516.367.6100  
rabbibennet@templechaverim.org

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017**  
Tuesdays@TNL with Rabbi Hecht

6:15 We Eat With TNL  
6:45 Then We Meet

All 10th graders are invited to meet weekly with Rabbi Hecht. Together we will debate, challenge & clarify what you think about important issues from a Jewish perspective. This is like nothing you have done before & life-changing.

Call Rabbi Hecht @ 516.367.6100

**TNL UPCOMING EVENTS**

- |                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| NIFTY Albany Advocacy Day             | Sun-Mon, Mar 5-6   |
| Purim Carnival                        | Sun, Mar 12        |
| Hebrew Union College Soup Kitchen NYC | Mon, March 13      |
| No TNL                                | Tues, March 14     |
| Leading on Campus Grades 11 & 12      | Tues, March 28     |
| NIFTY Spring Kallah @ Eisner          | Fri-Sun, Apr 21-23 |
| TNL Board Elections                   | Tues, May 2        |
| Trip to NYC                           | Sun, May 7         |
| TNL End of the Year Event             | Tues, May 16       |
| NIFTY Leadership Summit NYC           | Sat, May 20        |



Youth Engagement

#TNL



Please Join Us  
Tuesday, May 23@7pm  
as the  
**Confirmation**  
**Class of 2017**  
Becomes Confirmed



Youth Engagement

#JCHATY #miniCHATY

**JCHATY** Grades 5 & 6 & 7  
mostly Tuesdays @ 6:15pm

Purim Carnival Sunday @ 9:15  
March 12

Chocolate Seder April 4

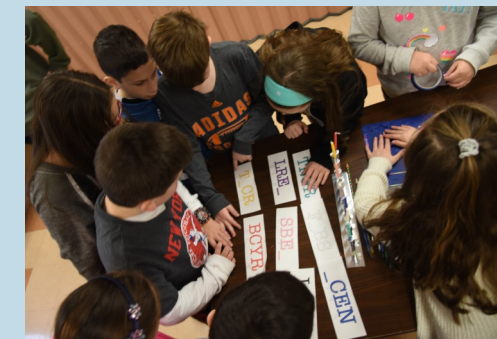
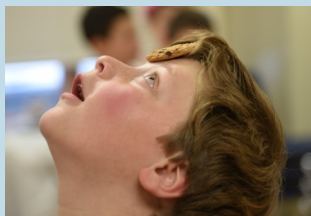
Yom Ha'atzmaut May 2

A Surprise! May 9

RSVP to Louise 516.367.6100 or  
LSunshine@TempleChaverim.org



Chanukah Challenge



Escape the Shul

**miniCHATY** Grades 3 & 4  
Sunday 11:15am—12:30pm

Purim Carnival Sunday @ 9:15  
March 12

Chocolate Seder April 2

A Surprise! May 7

RSVP to Louise 516.367.6100 or  
LSunshine@TempleChaverim.org



**Jewish Meditation**

**Strategies for Relaxation**

Join us on a path of self-discovery and connect with a sense of inner peace.

Enjoy a personal journey to the happiness within your heart through guided imagery, breathing techniques, meditation and Jewish spiritual discussions.

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

Temple Members—No Charge  
Non-members—\$60

Kindly Make Checks Payable to Temple Chaverim

RSVP to Rosemary at 516.367.6100 or rosemary@templechaverim.org

For more information, contact Donna@wisemindhypnosis.com.



**Donna Bloom**  
Instructor & Temple Member

**Thursdays**  
7:30 to 9:00pm

**March 9, 23**  
**April 6, 27**  
**May 11, 25**  
**June 8, 22**

**Men's Club**



The yearly winners for 2016 were announced: **1st Place, Jamie Ortsman; 2nd, Jeffrey Willig; and 3rd, Boris Faiguenbaum.**

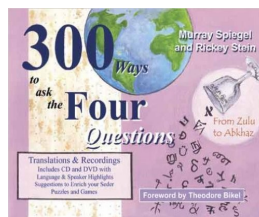
Join the new tournament! The word is out that the best place to be on the **last Wednesday night of the month** is at Temple Chaverim at the **Men's Club Card Night with these fun guys.** Join them for dinner and a grand old time with friends and some soon to be new friends. Be there at 7:30 pm. Any questions or suggestions, please contact **Jeff Willig at jwillig@aol.com.**

**Sociable Seniors**

Spring brings warm weather and our snow birds back north just in time to enjoy the first program of the season on **March 2**, as Sociable Seniors resumes when Ms. Marilyn Carminio, delivers the poignant story about one of the most beloved and tragic of the **British Royals: Princess Diana.** Hear about her devotion to her children and her charities.



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**May 4** will be a fabulous time with Marty Schneit when he speaks about the **Ziegfeld Follies**, the legendary ladies of beauty, elegance and glamour, including iconic Broadway star Fanny Brice.



On **June 1**, you will be enchanted when John Kenrick shares **stories about "Yip" Harburg**, the fellow who followed the dream! Born in



1896, he wrote the lyrics to the standards: *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?*; *April in Paris*; as well as all of the songs for *The Wizard of Oz*.

A light lunch will be served at 11:45am. 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 Rosemary at 516.367.6100.**

**We Are Going to Israel!**

**Join Rabbi Hecht**  
**July 12-23, 2017**  
**Totally Memorable!**

Contact Rabbi Hecht for details 516.367.6100



The Who:

**Rabbi Debra Bennet**

The Plan:

**Meet. Read. Talk.**

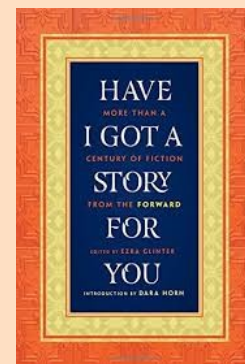
The Book:

**Have I Got A Story For You**

The Mondays @ 7pm

**March 20, April 24, May 22**

**Glorious Evenings Together**  
**All Readings Provided**



RSVP to Ronnie@templechaverim.org or 516.367.6100

## Community Action Volunteer Opportunities!

Be a Fairy Godmother!  
Help a girl feel like Cinderella for her prom!



Temple Chaverim is Supporting the  
Long Island Volunteer Center's 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL Prom Boutique

## PROM DRESS Collection

Monday, March 6– Sunday, April 23

All dresses and accessories will be distributed free of charge to needy teens across Long Island who cannot afford the expense of prom, graduation, end of year dances & ceremonies. Nearly 2,000 girls are helped each year.

On Hangers & Clean:

**Dressy Dresses & Gowns**

In Plastic Bags to Keep Pairs Together:

**Dressy Shoes & Elegant Sandals, Shawls  
Costume Jewelry, Evening Bags**

Please Bring Donations to Our Religious School.

Volunteers needed to sort & deliver dresses on April 23 AND at the Prom Boutique on Saturday, April 29 at Nassau Community College

For more information please contact:

Mindy Brown – [mindy.f.brown@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.f.brown@gmail.com)  
or Lisa Frenkel – [frenkels@mac.com](mailto:frenkels@mac.com)

## Our Community Action Committee Leads by Example



On Christmas morning, these congregants and their friends, cooked up a special holiday brunch for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House because their children are in the hospital. Pictured starting at the left are: the **Wrights—Alex, Brian, Michael and Barbara; Nathan Epler, Hilary and Gary Schreiber** (our Temple President), **Ellen Epler, Jay Cotler and Carol Pressman**.

If you would like to be “in this picture” in the future, get your name on the waiting list. Contact Mindy Brown at [mindy.f.brown@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.f.brown@gmail.com).

Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore—TANS\*

## Pack It Up For Purim

Sunday, March 5 1pm – 2:30pm  
Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center  
FREE Limited Spots! Register at:

<https://onlineedge.sjjcc.org/OnlineEdge/event28.html>

Join members of our Jewish community as we assemble Purim packages for the Hatzilu Rescue Organization, a non-profit organization that offers support to Jewish people in need in Nassau County and sends volunteers directly to the homes of clients to bring them food.

\*Participating TANS Synagogues

Community Synagogue Sands Point, Congregation Tifereth Israel, Midway Jewish Center, North Shore Synagogue, Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation, Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore, Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Temple Beth El of Great Neck, Temple Beth Israel Port Washington, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Chaverim, Temple Israel of Great Neck, Temple Judea of Manhasset, Temple Sinai of Roslyn.



## Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

I made a promise to myself that I would find a way to celebrate Jewish holidays that would include doing something charitable. With Purim, I am not sure what to do. I always go to our Temple to hear the Scroll of Esther, or in Hebrew, the Megillah Esther. I love it; and, of course, I especially love eating *hamantaschen*. But I want to keep my promise to do something charitable in a uniquely Purim way. What can I do?

Sincerely,  
**Very Purim Perplexed**



Dear **Perplexed**,

Purim is the perfect holiday to do something charitable. You are correct that this is a very jubilant holiday that has lots of fun traditions from dressing up in costumes to waving noisemakers at key moments of hearing the Megillah read. We also exchange gifts of food—in Hebrew, *mishloach manot*—with friends.

There is a lesser known but important Purim tradition called *matanot l'evyonim*, in Hebrew, meaning gifts to the poor. These are gifts given at this season to those in need so that they, too, can celebrate Purim with a special meal. Many families have committed to participating in this important social justice aspect of the holiday.

Throughout the year, members of Temple Chaverim contribute food to the Mid-Island Y JCC Food Pantry. You and your family can make a donation to the food pantry in celebration of Purim. Enjoy feasting, merrymaking and eating as many *hamantaschen* as you can. But remember the needy. Help them celebrate, too!

Sincerely,  
**Your Yenta**



**Sisterhood**

Our Sisterhood's 14th Annual  
**Intergenerational  
Women's Seder**



Led by Rabbi Debra Bennet  
**Thursday, March 30 @ 6:30pm**

**\$36 Sisterhood Members    \$42 Non-Members**  
**\$25 Children 12 & Younger**  
Advanced Reservations Required by March 24

For More Info or to Volunteer  
Contact Joan Kimmel at [joankimmel@aol.com](mailto:joankimmel@aol.com)

**Bring a Kosher for Passover Canned Food Donation**



**Sisterhood Fun!**



**FUNdraising**

**Spring Fair**

**Sunday, June 4**  
**10am—4pm**

Food, Music, Lots of Great Vendors  
Kids Activities

**Vendors Welcome!**

Special Vendor Rates for Temple Members  
Contact Eileen@templechaverim.org

**Mah Jongg Lessons**

Starting this Spring

Two Great Teachers!  
4 Beginner Classes!  
Only \$60



RSVP by March 15 to Rhonda Green at [kov64@aol.com](mailto:kov64@aol.com)

Religious Practices Committee Invites You to a  
**POT LUCK SHABBAT DINNER**

Please, No Dairy Ingredients  
**Friday, March 17 @ 6:15pm**

RSVP by Monday, March 13 to  
Meryl Wittenberg at [merylwitt@gmail.com](mailto:merylwitt@gmail.com)

Wine Graciously Donated by Phyllis Spisto



**See You Next Year!**  
**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**Comedy Night Success!**

What an incredible evening! Thanks to all the volunteers, staff and clergy that helped to make Comedy Night a HUGE SUCCESS! We had over 220 people who laughed & shared a great evening together to support Temple Chaverim!

We have another amazing event planned for you: a **Murder Mystery on April 29!** Bring your family & friends for extra help solving the murder! There will be tons of fabulous raffle baskets including golf outings, and tickets to various teams.



# Torah Scribe



# Challah Bake



# MAZEL TOV

## Noteworthy News in Our Temple Family

We love sharing good news! Send us the details for births, engagements and marriages; special awards at school and work; promotions and honors; graduations and degrees conferred; gallery shows and other special accomplishments. Please email the information to Sheila Schroeder, editor of Connections, at [sweetsheila624@aol.com](mailto:sweetsheila624@aol.com) by May 1 for the summer issue to be published in early June.



**Ryan Wool & Jacky Blecher-Wool** welcomed their first child, **Dylan Lloyd Wool**. Ryan is the son of congregants **Shelly & Fred Wool**. Shelly was President of Temple Chaverim from 2000-2002.



The winner of Temple Chaverim's Pot Luck Shabbat first Brisket Throw Down was congregant **Leslie Herenstein**. The four runners-up, who also made delicious briskets, were congregants **Florence Halperin, Hilary Schreiber, Sheila Schroeder and Judy Weiss**.

**Jaclyn & Dan Pack** welcomed their first child, **Sadie Rose Pack**. Jaclyn is the daughter of congregants **Marilyn & Hank Levy**. **Jaclyn & Dan** live in New Jersey.



### Mazel Tov Bar & Bat Mitzvah!



**Jason Davidman** married **Lindsay Smith**. He is the grandson of congregant **Fran Tutshen** & the nephew of congregant **Ruth Labensky**. Jason became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Chaverim. Rabbi Hecht had the joy of presiding over both ceremonies. Fran is a founding member of Temple Chaverim and helped to write our Mission Statement.



**Brooke Kargman** was admitted into the Virginia State Bar and is currently a Law Clerk at the Henrico Circuit Court in Richmond, Virginia. Brooke, the daughter of congregant **Robin Pearl**, graduated last May from the University of Richmond School of Law and plans to pursue a career in criminal law.

1/28*	<b>Gillian Will</b>	Andrea & Theodore Will
1/28*	<b>Spencer Will</b>	Andrea & Theodore Will
3/4	<b>Jordan Slade</b>	Jodi & Howard Slade
3/4	<b>Chloe Goldberg</b>	Sharon & Adam Goldberg
3/18	<b>Dylan Mitas</b>	Bari & Ronald Klein
4/1	<b>Brianna Steiner</b>	Jodi & Gary Steiner
4/1	<b>Jenna Rabin</b>	Suzanne Rabin & Paul Rabin
4/1	<b>Brooke Erlich</b>	Merri & Glenn Erlich
4/8	<b>Rachel Pasternack</b>	Heidi & Eric Pasternack
4/8	<b>Emma Sprung</b>	Randi & Marc Sprung
4/22	<b>Abigail Ruthen</b>	Mary Beth & Kevin Ruthen
4/22	<b>Amy Cantor</b>	Lisa & Matt Cantor
4/29	<b>Jordan Yagaloff</b>	Dana & Jeffrey Yagaloff
4/29	<b>Sarah Carella</b>	Ellen & Lawrence Carella
5/6	<b>Brody Girsky</b>	Eileen & Jeffrey Girsky
5/6	<b>Olivia Schmidt</b>	Rachel & Corey Schmidt
5/13	<b>Dylan Banner</b>	Stacey Banner
5/13	<b>Dylan Levine</b>	Judi & Marc Levine
5/13	<b>Jack Levine</b>	Judi & Marc Levine
5/20	<b>Hannah Lieberman</b>	Lisa & Andy Lieberman
5/20	<b>Mitchell Meyer</b>	Sharon & Howard Meyer
5/20	<b>Gabrielle Sorgie</b>	Lisa & Dan Sorgie
6/3	<b>Jeremy Rangell</b>	Deborah & Bradley Rangell
6/3	<b>Isabel Lagnado</b>	Jessica & Stephen Lagnado
6/3	<b>Zachary Blick</b>	Alyssa & Jeffrey Blick
6/10	<b>Jake Erlich</b>	Margot & Brian Erlich
6/17	<b>Ryan Bornstein</b>	Lori & Brett Bornstein
6/17	<b>Zachary Ritholtz</b>	Wendy & Richard Ritholtz

\* Correction from Winter Issue



**Adena Greenbaum & Karthik Suresh** welcomed their second child, a daughter, **Meira Rani**. Big brother **Dev** is ready to teach her all he knows. Adena is the daughter of congregants **Linda & Allen Greenbaum**. Adena and Karthik, both physicians, live in Maryland. Allen was our Temple President from 1996-1998 and again from 2011-2012.

**IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION**

Thank you to our members and friends for their generous donations for the period October 15, 2016 - January 9, 2017. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

**RABBI HECHT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*Richard & Rhoda Gould  
Gloria & Marvin Berenson  
Temple Chaverim Sisterhood  
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*Burton & Carol Minov*

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*Burton & Carol Minov*

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Amy Shebes & the Bar Mitzvah of Nicolas Gany  
*Glenn & Bonnie Gany*

Engagement of Robyn Borko, daughter of Susan & Alan Borko  
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Birth of Mira Rani Suresh, granddaughter of Linda & Allen Greenbaum  
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**In Memory Of**

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*Eric Schneider*  
Brother of Lauren Waxman  
October 18, 2016

*Phyllis DeCastros*  
Mother of Greg DeCastros  
October 19, 2016

*Glenda Guttentag*  
Mother of Marci Settle  
November 1, 2016

*Clarice Stein*  
Grandmother of Lisa Cantor  
November 22, 2016

*David Greengarten*  
Father of Maxine Steckler  
November 28, 2016

*Arline Green*  
Mother of David Green  
December 4, 2016

*Gloria Picus*  
Sister of Al Schein  
December 13, 2016

*Ronald Bloom*  
Father of Mark Bloom  
December 27, 2016

*Joseph Gany*  
Father of Glenn Gany  
January 4, 2017

**To make donations, 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 PLAQUES**

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

*Stephen Michael Bass*  
November 12, 2012

*Gerald Bykofsky*  
April 5, 2016

*Stella Becker*  
September 4, 2014

*Harriet Steckler*  
May 8, 2016

*Lena Bergman*  
October 13, 2016



**Shavuot**  
**Worship & Study**  
Tuesday, May 30 @7pm  
**Pray, Eat, Study**  
*Tikkun Leil Shavuot*

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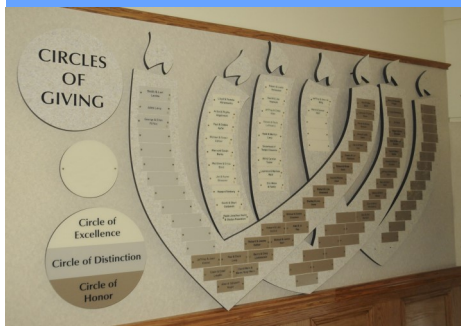
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**Circles of Giving** is a vital pledge program whereby congregants voluntarily increase their annual support to Temple Chaverim by a minimum of \$500. While our dues are in line with other local Reform synagogues, they do not completely cover the 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.

For information or to make a pledge for 5777, contact **Eileen Schneyman, 516.367.6100** or **Karen Bressner, 917.836.2207**.

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

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## Mitzvah Maker: Elan Wurtzel

Our congregant, Elan Wurtzel, is one of those people who makes you wonder if he has more hours in the day than the rest of us. In addition to running his law practice here in Plainview, Elan also finds the time to give back to our community in so many different ways. In fact, he is passionate about community service and volunteers for many local organizations



Most impressive of all is his volunteer work as president of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce with over 150 members, including Temple Chaverim and a significant number of our congregants! The Chamber works on building community and helping local businesses through networking, training and improvement projects. There are also numerous meetings and events that are happening every month, including the annual Memorial Day Parade and the Fall Fair in October! Plainview-Old Bethpage has approximately 33,000 residents and nearly 5,000 children attending four elementary schools, two junior high schools and one high school! The Chamber of Commerce plays a key role for all the residents of the community.

Elan Wurtzel oversaw a critical process that helped the community finally attain a worthy memorial to the victims of 9/11. On September 11, 2016, fifteen years after the World Trade Center attacks, Elan proudly presided over the dedication of the new 9/11 Memorial Sculpture, designed especially for the community. He is shown here with the memorial's artist.

By the way, volunteering runs high in the Wurtzel family. Gail Wurtzel, Elan's wife, raises money to fight ALS and his son Matt can often be heard playing saxophone with our Temple band.

## Adult Hebrew Class Forming

Beginning in Early March  
Tuesdays, 8-9pm

Taught by Debbye Brandell

Learn to Read Hebrew in a Friendly & Informal Atmosphere  
No Prior Hebrew Knowledge Required

- ◆ You will be able to read the prayers in Hebrew during services
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- ◆ Continue on; become an adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah, if you choose

RSVP to Louise at 516.367.6100 or [lsunshine@templechaverim.org](mailto:lsunshine@templechaverim.org)

# Shalom, Chaverim!

Welcome to Our Newest Temple Members!  
as of January 10, 2017

*Joshua and Arielle Ettinger*

*Louis and Anita Hemmerdinger*

*Lance, Tracey, Isabella, Jake and Samuel Meyer*

*Steve, Laura, Joseph and Rachel Perlmutter*

*Eric, Jennifer, Jaelyn and Emily Weprin*

## Point Yourself in the Cantor's Direction!

# DESIGN YOUR OWN YAD

**Sunday, April 2 @ 11:15am**



**Must Order by March 26**  
\$50 payable to Temple Chaverim  
For details & online code, contact:  
[cantorbrad@templechaverim.org](mailto:cantorbrad@templechaverim.org)

## Tie the Knot with Rabbi Hecht!

# Tallit Workshop

**Sunday, March 26 @ 12:00 noon**

You Choose Designs & Colors  
Learn the Symbolism of the Tallit & the Tzizit!

**Tie Your Own Tzizit!  
Leave With a Treasure!**

\$60 fee

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# PURIM

Sunday, March 12 @ 9:15 am  
Children's Megillah Reading & Carnival  
Wear a Costume!



**PURIM Megillah Reading!**  
**Wine & Chocolate Tasting**

Sunday, March 12 @ 6:30pm

# FAMILY BINGO

Sunday, March 19  
4:30—7:00pm

Pizza! Homemade Desserts!  
Every Child Gets a Prize!  
High Holiday Parking Spot Raffle!!  
50/50 Raffle!

**Early Bird Rates Until March 13**

Members \$9 Others \$13 All Walk-ins \$15  
No Charge for Kids 3 Years & Younger

Prize Donations Appreciated  
Contact Merrie Radisch @ 917.846.4502



# Murder Mystery

**Saturday,  
April 29**

@ 8:00pm  
\$36 Temple Members  
\$40 Non-Members



# Who dunnit?

- ◆ Solve the Murder & Be the Winning Sleuth!
- ◆ Win Amazing Prizes & Raffles
- ◆ Hear Great Music
- ◆ Snack on Noshes
- ◆ Drink Wine, Sangria, Soda or BYOB!
- ◆ Enjoy Desserts & Coffee
- ◆ Volunteer to Be a Part of the Storyline!

Contact [Rosemary@templechaverim.org](mailto:Rosemary@templechaverim.org)



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Cantor Brad Hyman & Principal Debbye Brandell