All Rivers Run to the Sea... Remembering Elie Wiesel

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph.D.

While I was studying this summer at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem a Jewish giant passed away. Elie Wiesel died on July 2. His life story touched so many people. He was a survivor whose novel, *Night*, gave the world a way

to remember and to learn what happened during the Holocaust.

Wiesel wrote over 40 books. My favorite one is not Night. It is All Rivers Run to the Sea. While Night is semi-fictional, All Rivers is a true biographical memoir of what actually took place in Wiesel's life before, during, and after the Holocaust. He describes his early years, his family, what happened to them, and how he reconstructed his life, becoming a journalist, Zionist and husband after the war.

The title of this book was taken from the biblical verse, "All rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full..." (Ecclesiastes 1:7). By choosing this title, Wiesel was saying that

his life story was just one of many from the Holocaust. Each individual's Holocaust story flows like a river towards the sea but the sea itself never gets full because there are so many more to tell.

What made Wiesel special wasn't the uniqueness of his tale, but the way he told it. He spoke, not from anger, rage, or hatred, but calmly, thoughtfully, and compellingly. He told the story of inhumanity in order to remove it from the world.

Hatred and zeal, Wiesel taught, remove God's presence from the world.

Looking around today we see that the "sea is never full." There is a rising tide of bitterness and anger that, left unchecked, can overwhelm us. Today, in our own country, we see the flood waters of intolerance rising against those who look different, speak differently, come from different places or believe differently.

It is now up to us to keep Wiesel's message alive! We can speak out, write our elected officials, vote, volun-

teer, and show, through our actions, what our values are. Wiesel's message was clear and consistent: We cannot afford to look the other way. It is not enough to simply say "we care". Our actions will speak louder.



HIGH HOLY DAYS & FALL FESTIVALS



| Saturday | September 24 | Selichot@Temple Beth El |
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| Sunday, | October 2 | Erev Rosh Hashanah |
| Monday | October 3 | Rosh Hashanah |
| | | Tashlich@Wantagh Park |
| Tuesday, | October 4 | Rosh Hashanah |
| Tuesday | October 11 | Kol Nidre |
| Wednesday | October 12 | Yom Kippur & Yizkor* |
| Sunday | October 16 | Sukkot |
| Sunday | October 23 | Simchat Torah |
| Monday | October 24 | Yizkor |
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*Yom Kippur Yizkor is Open to the Community

President's Message



Dear Friends,

Although I have not met all of you yet, I still feel a great sense of camaraderie and friendship with each of you, as we are all members of Temple Chaverim. We all joined for different reasons, but together, we form a beautiful synagogue community.

This summer, as I began my journey as Temple president, I felt comforted and strengthened by that thought. I realized that I was looking forward to the High

Holidays even more than usual. Why?

Throughout the late spring and summer, it seemed that all too often we learned about tragedies, both in our country and abroad, caused by violence and hatred. It made me wonder what I could do as an individual, father and husband to make the world a better place?

For me, Judaism and Temple Chaverim are a big part of the answer to that question. Judaism teaches us about being good people, about helping others and about repairing the world. I am excited about my new role at Temple Chaverim because this synagogue provides the opportunity to make that happen.

Rabbi Hecht wrote about the loss this summer of Elie Wiesel, a man I have admired for many years. He walked away from the horrific experiences of the Holocaust and without anger and bitterness went on to teach people how to be better. One of his most powerful messages, which still resonates in my mind, is that we should always shun INDIFFERENCE! The Holocaust happened because too many good people looked the other way. He taught that we must not look away, nor expect someone else to do the work, but rather, we must care and take action.

Let's continue his good work. There are many problems in this world, but Judaism gives us a path to make things better. Let's take the High Holiday messages from the prayers, the sermons, and the music and put them to good use. Think about Elie Wiesel's plea not to be indifferent.

Then, join me at the Temple. Of course, we have services, and I would love to see you there, but there are many ways for each of us to care, to join in and support our various initiatives, including food drives, clothing collections, and fundraising. Too many things to list here, but with a few hours or more of your time, you can make a difference. That is a powerful message.

Take my High Holiday Pledge! Promise to care. Promise that you will not be indifferent. And please, introduce yourself to me. I look forward to meeting you and your family. Let's work together.

May you and your family have a sweet and healthy New Year.

Gary E. Schreiber

Raise Money While You Shop Online!

The only thing standing in the way of Temple Chaverim raising more than \$10,000 is your computer mouse!

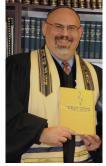


Here's a chance to **Do One Thing!**

Sign up at **iGive** and a percentage of nearly every online purchase becomes a donation to Temple Chaverim!

Go to the **iGive.com** website or download the **iGive** app for phone & tablet, and you're on your way to effortless fundraising.

Cantor's Corner—High Holy Day Music



The music for the High Holy Days is intentionally set apart from many pieces composed for regular Shabbat consumption. There are a few pieces that cross over into our year-round repertoire; but because of the need for music which matches the time sensitive holiday liturgy, we are eager to hear the specialness and uniqueness of High Holy Day music.

Of all the pieces written for the High Holy Days, perhaps it is Max Janowski's *Avinu Malkeinu* that is best known within the Reform practice. This is the melody that comes to mind when many people think about

the wonderment of the High Holy Days. The piece was written for solo voice, choir and organ and has been recorded by many of the great cantors as well as secular singers.

The dialogue between God and creation through music is one of Janowski's strongest features. Through his use of word painting, it is apparent how there are different effective ways of speaking to God. The music itself allows us to petition to God with our whole being; and hopefully God listens. With the beginning solo entrance, a conversation evolves between cantor and God. The music at this point has a spiral effect through the use of triplets. This effect is continued throughout much of the piece and is deliberate, as its effect continues to wind the listeners ever upward.

Janowski has an ascending musical line when he mentions God, and brings the music descending back down when the text mentions whatever we are petitioning from God. The use of proper dynamics also helps paint this image that we are still small when we attempt to approach God. We begin with piano -- "hear our voice" -- and by the end of the piece, we repeat this petition with full voice and full intent. There is also a sense of urgency at the moment when we ask to be "inscribed in the Book of Life," through the use of modulation and the fact that everyone is singing. No one is exempt from the responsibility of asking God for quidance.

Janowski clearly wrote the music with the Reform prayer book in mind, and specifically the text found in the 1967 **Union Prayer Book**. Because of the popularity of this music and to respect the powerful folk appeal, moving forward, the text found in the two *machzurim*, High Holy Day prayer books, **Gates of Repentance** (1978) and the newest **Mishkan HaNefesh** (2015), has not been altered. You can listen to the music of Avinu Malkeinu at this link, https://db.tt/oor0faUO.

This holiday season, when we approach the Ark with this plea for favorable judgment from God, I hope each of us will see these words and hear this music with a great deal of awe, majesty and, of course, new-found respect for the power of its modern appeal.

Cantor Bradley Hyman

Kids: Love to Sing? Sing with Center Hymen!

JUNIOR CHOIR

Fridays Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

5:30 pm - Rehearse!

6:00 pm - Sing! Sing! @ Early Shabbat Services

Grown-ups: Be Proud in the Crowd @ 6:00 pm

Religious School — Our Updated Curriculum Rocks!

Debbye Brandell, Religious School



What will a graduate of the Temple Chaverim Religious School know? Plenty! Over the past year dedicated congregants, experienced Jewish educators and myself have updated our Religious School curriculum.

Our course of study builds on a child's progressive capacity to learn, question and engage with their world. Beginning with kindergarten, each grade has tasks to accomplish.

We want our students to be able to answer important questions related to their Judaism and their Jewish identity in order to find their place in the world of Jewish life. The easiest way for me to present our curriculum is in the form of questions.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 - What makes me Jewish? What is important about Shabbat and each of our Jewish holidays?

Grade 3 - What is the Jewish people's relationship to the Torah? How is Torah relevant to my life today? How can we infuse days, weeks and years with meaning and connection? What is the main idea of each



Jewish holiday? Why is it important to learn Hebrew?

Grade 4 - How do the Prophets serve as role models for us today? How are the Jewish people connected to Israel? How

does Hebrew connect me to the holidays, the Jewish people and Israel? How does learning all the letters and vowels help me become a better Hebrew reader?

Grade 5 - What are the different ways to celebrate being Jewish



throughout our lives? How do lifecycle events connect us to God, to our traditions and history? How does the freedom that we discuss during Passover relate to the ongoing history of the Jewish people? How does knowing Hebrew help us to better understand prayer and Jewish rituals?

Grade 6 - How can Jewish values guide my life and decision-making? What enabled the Jewish people to survive and succeed throughout history? How do *tefillot* (prayers) connect us to God and our com-



Grade 7 - What role does Judaism play in my life today and what would I like it to be in the future? How do the values and rituals support and help me reach my potential as I

munity?

prepare for the transitions ahead? How do the lessons learned from the Holocaust relate to my understanding of what it means to act ethically?



Grades 8 & 9 -Where do I fit in chain the of .lewish history tradition? and What does it mean for me to be a Reform Jew? What does Israel mean to me? How does my engagement in

Jewish art, music and cooking enrich my connection to Jewish life and living? How do I connect to the Jewish world through my acts of *tzedakah*?

Grade 10 - What does Judaism mean to me? How do I make decisions informed by my Jewish values? Who am I as an individual and where do I fit in the larger Jewish community? What is a core value that I believe in which helps guide me in my life?



Grades 11 & 12 - How does

my Judaism encourage me to connect to my best self? In what ways do I contribute to the Jewish world? How can I support Israel even if I disagree with some of Israel's policies? How does Judaism shape the way I engage in deeds of compassion? What

tools do I need to assist me in engaging in Jewish life on campus? How do I continue to be a leader in college?

Religious School begins the week of September 11. I look forward to spending the coming year continuing to learn and grow with the students of Temple Chaverim.



May you and your family be blessed with health, happiness and peace in the coming year. L'Shanah Tovah.

Stay, Play & Pray

For Preschoolers & Older with an Adult

Sundays: Sept 25, Nov 6, Dec 18 9:30 - 11:00am

Jewish Stories, Crafts, Songs & Snacks!





PJ's & Prayer

For Toddlers & Older with an Adult Fridays: Oct 28, Dec 9 at 6:00 pm

Jewish Stories, Crafts, Songs & Challah!

Open to Temple Members & the Community
No Charge but RSVP Required
to Debbye Brandell 516.367.6100 or dbrandell@templechaverim.org

#TNL #JCHATY #miniCHATY

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GHTIVE Grades 8 - 1

Teens at Temple Chaverim

Mostly Tuesdays
6:15-8:00 pm

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

Tuesday Night Live! or TNL as the kids have fondly nicknamed it, is Temple Chaverim's Youth Engagement Program for 8th to 12th graders.

TNL involves our teens in meaningful, innovative and fun experiences that will enhance their Jewish identity, build leadership skills and encourage a lifelong connection to Judaism.

We seek to help our teens acquire the tools to make decisions throughout life based on Jewish values and to further strengthen their connections to each other and to the Jewish community.

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

Questions? Contact Rabbi Bennet 516.367.6100 or rabbibennet@templechaverim.org

TNL Grades 8 - 12

Begins September 13





TNL HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Night & Ice Cream Party NFTY Kickoff TNL Trip Night at the JCC NFTY Fall Kallah @ Kutz Camp Chanukah Celebration Tuesday, September 13 Saturday, September 17 Sunday, September 25 Tuesday, September 27 Fri-Sun, November 11-13 Tuesday, December 20



'NL Begins Sept 13













JCHATY begins September 25

Sunday @ 11:15 Rain Date Sept 27@6:15 Grades 5-6-7

RSVP to Louise 516.367.6100 LSunshine@TempleChaverim.org

miniCHATY begins November 6 Sunday @ 11:15 Grades 3 & 4

RSVP to Louise 516.367.6100 LSunshine@TempleChaverim.org





Confirmation Class 2016



Back Row: Principal Debbye Brandell, Dylan Abramowitz, Lance Lustig, Cantor Brad Hyman, Josh Liebman, Tyler Behar

Front Row: Rabbi Debra Bennet, Rona Moriah, Jessica Birns, Cameron Kelly, Joley Ditchek, Gillian Mintz, Rabbi Jonathan Hecht

Confirmation **Class 2017** @TNL with Rabbi Hecht Begins Tuesday,

September 13 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 life-changing and like nothing you have done before.

Questions? Please call Rabbi Hecht @ 516.367.6100

Our Sister Congregation in Israel: Darchei Noam

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph.D.

This summer Gladys and I visited our sister congregation Darchei Noam in Ramat haSharon, a suburb of Tel Aviv. Those of you who are new to Temple Chaverim may not know that we have built a very special connection to this synagogue over many years.

Darchei Noam is one of a handful of Reform Synagogues in Israel and a member of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ). Orthodox synagogues in Israel receive funding from the government, and, because of the participation of Orthodox Jewish parties in the government, Reform and Conservative Synagogues struggle to build and sustain themselves.

We have visited Darchei Noam on each of our temple trips to Israel, and we will be there once again during our congrega-

tion's trip in July 2017. We have gotten to know Darchei Noam's members and have helped the congregation grow. The first time we visited Darchei Noam, it was just a shell of building sur-



rounded by mud. Now it is a stunning modern facility. Today, through innovative worship and programs, Darchei Noam shows Israelis that there is more than one way to be Jewish!

During our visit this summer, two boys who were becoming Bar Mitzvah put on Tefillin with the aid of Rabbi Eli Levin, an Israeli graduate of Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

Later, at the Shabbat service, they led the congregation in several prayers



Oneg Shabbat. As I watched them and their parents, I saw the same glow of pride on their faces that I see each week here at Temple Chaverim!

Sadly, Ilana Dothan, Darchei Noam's President, was not present. Happily, she was in the US, celebrating in Buffalo, NY, the birth of her daughter's first child, giving Ilana her newest and greatest title yet: Savta, grandmother!

Darchei Noam's future is very important to us. It has taken vision, years of determination, and money, to get to this moment. If you would like to help, go to www.wupj.org.il and click on the "Contribute" tab at the top. Then click on "Donate Now" to a specific program (the middle button), choose your amount, and in the drop down box, designate to an Israeli Congregation, then write "Darchei Noam" in the comment box.

If you have any questions about Darchei Noam or our congregational trip to Israel in 2017 call me at the Temple.

Women of the Wall Celebrate Rosh Chodesh & the First Bat Mitzvah @ the Wall!





The fight continues to get the Israeli government to live up to the promises they made to create a section of the Wall for egalitarian prayer. In July, Anat Hoffman and the Women of the Wall celebrated Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of the new month, with a service (above left) and the first Bat Mitzvah at the Wall (above right). Immediately following, a Protest Prayer Vigil was celebrated on the Western Wall Plaza by more than 200 Conservative and Reform Rabbis, women and men, including Rabbi Hecht.

Visiting Beit Ruth Educational Village in Israel





Beit Ruth, a unique residential program for at-risk adolescent girls in Israel, welcomed Rabbi Hecht and Gladys with a tour, details about their planned expansion and a visit with residents and staff. Beit Ruth is transforming the lives of girls facing tremendous obstacles by providing love, attention and a path to achieving their dreams. Founded by congregants Michael and Susan Ashner, supporting Beit Ruth is a great Tzedakah and Bar and Bat Mitzvah project. Speak to Rabbi Hecht for more information about how to help this great program.

Donna Bloom

Instructor & Temple Member

September 8, September 29

October 6, October 27

Jewish Meditation

Strategies for Relaxation & Inner Peace

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.

Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

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

Temple members—No charge Non-members—\$60

Kindly make checks payable to

November 3, November 17 December 1, December 15 Temple Chaverim

To register, contact Rosemary at 516.367.6100 or rosemary@templechaverim.org

For more information, contact Donna@wisemindhypnosis.com.

YOM KIPPUR MEDITATION

Wednesday, October 12 @ 3:00 pm

Led by Donna Bloom

A Unique Spiritual Time for Self-Reflection

Set Up & Sell Merchandise at Sociable Seniors Programs

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Choose a Thursday from 11 am - 2 pm September 1, November 3, December 1

Help Sisterhood Raise Money for our Religious School

Contact eileen@templechaverim.org

Something New!

Rabbi Debra Bennet

The Plan

Meet. Read. Talk.

A Bride for One Night

By Israeli Author Ruth Calderon

Seduction! Adultery! Passion! Determination!

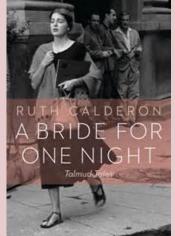
Talmudic Tales with a New Spin

The When:

Monday, November 14 @ 7:00 pm

A Glorious Evening Together. All Readings Provided.

RSVP to Ronnie@templechaverim.org or 516.367.6100



Sociable Seniors

Be prepared to laugh your kishkas, Yiddish for guts, out on Thursday, September 1 when Dr. Ira Epstein talks about two comedy legends, Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner, and their incredibly hilarious The 2,000 Year Old Man -the result of their 1950 collaboration on Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows. Dr. Epstein was a professor and chairperson at the Communication Skills De-



partment of LaGuardia Community College and an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Brooklyn College.

In October, there will not be any Sociable Seniors programming, but lots of High Holiday things to attend!

On Thursday, November 3, be ready to enjoy the music of your childhood when Richard Knox presents A Tribute to Rodgers & Hammerstein. You will be humming along to -- you can't possibly know the words to all their songs because there were just so many of them! -- Oklahoma!, South Pacific, The King and I, Flower Drum Song and Carousel.

On Thursday, December 1, you will be delighted by Marc Courtade's presentation Paul Newman - The Most Famous Blue Eyes in the Movies! Mr. Courtade, Executive Director of the Huntington Arts Council, will give a splendid talk covering the 50 year career of Paul Newman -- actor, director and philanthropic entrepreneur.

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 Rosemary at 516.367.6100.

Ashkenazic Jewry History with Rabbi Hecht

Rabbi Hecht will teach a series of seven classes on Ashkenazic Jewish history at the Adult Institute for Jewish Learning beginning Monday evening, November 7 from 7:45 to 8:45 pm.

The course starts with the beginning of the 10th century when Northern Europe experienced a rapid revitalization that continued for a number of centuries.

Discussion will focus on the Jewish community that was created and the various forces that led to its emergence as the foundation for much of modern Jewry.



Among the topics to be covered are the causes of the Crusades and how they affected the Jewish community, the economic activities open to Jews and where the idea of "Shylock" (the Jewish money lender) came from, and an examination of some of the great figures of Ashkenazic Jewry.

Registration for the Institute for Adult Jewish Studies Fall 2016 Courses takes place Monday, October 31 from 7:45-8:45 pm at the Plainview Jewish Center. That same evening there will be an opening lecture at 9:00 pm.

For more information contact rabbi@templechaverim.org.

Community Action in Action!

This fall the Community Action Committee has two important opportunities for your family to help Long Island families in need. First, there is Temple Chaverim's Annual High Holiday Food Drive. It may seem unlikely that there are hungry people on Long Island, but sadly, there are. According to a national study, Hunger in America, there are approximately 300,000 people on Long Island who receive emergency food each



HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

year; 39 percent of them are children under 18 years old.

Donate non-perishable food items, personal, cleaning and household products. Please, NO GLASS, and please make sure the food has not expired. Bring the bag to Temple Chaverim any



TANS WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

time through Everything Kippur. collected will be donated to the phenomenal Jewish Communal Fund Food Pantry located and run by the Mid-Island Y JCC.

It may be hard to imagine needing a winter coat right now while we are still using the air conditioning, but we will be collecting and distrib-

uting winter clothing through our annual Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore (TANS) Outreach Initiative on November 6. Please donate gently used clean winter clothing -- including coats, sweaters, shoes, boots, hats, scarves, gloves, as well as warm bedding -- by November 3, the day we sort the donations. Sorting is a fun family project and even elementary school-age children can help.

Then on Sunday, November 6, we distribute these donations at

the Wyandanch Resource Center. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help sort, set up and distribute on both days. It is important that children under 16 years old come with an adult.

This project is a truly wonderful way for our children to help fulfill a great need in a neigh-



boring community. It can also be a very meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah project; but first, discuss it with Rabbi Hecht.

Two great family projects -- choose one or do both! Together, shop for the food, gather winter clothing and use this opportunity to discuss how fortunate most of us are and how important it is to help others that are not so lucky. Everyone can participate.

For additional information on these Community Action Programs and how you can help, including joining the committee, contact mindy.f.brown@gmail.com or Lisa Frenkel frenkels@mac.com.

Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

I am trying to decide where to make donations this year. The list of worthwhile causes seems endless, but my money isn't. What is a good system for deciding how to distribute my limited resources?



Big Heart With Limited Wallet

Dear Big Heart,

Your big heart is to be commended. For me, Your Yenta, I always start with Jewish charities. Other charities have many people to support them, whereas, our Jewish charities count on the generosity of the Jewish people. It is not to say that only Jewish people donate to Jewish charities, because that is not true; and it is important to support a range of causes. However, supporting Jewish charities has additional benefits.

The Jewish community is small comparative to the rest of the world. The world's core Jewish population in early 2014 was estimated at 14.2 million people (around 0.2% of the world's population) of the 7.2 billion people in the world.

First, decide how much you feel comfortable giving. choose a few general causes that are especially meaningful to you. Right here at Temple Chaverim, we have numerous funds that you can donate to that have a great impact on our synagogue.

There are also Jewish charities that support major initiatives around the world. Why give to them? It ensures that the Jewish people get recognized instead of grouped in with everyone else. For instance, are you concerned about world poverty and Human Rights? Then consider giving to the American World Jewish Service, AWJS, which has distributed over \$270 million to promote human rights in the developing world.

Giving to Israel is vital, especially in today's anti-Israel environment. There are a wide variety of charities in Israel to support just about any topic you can think of.

If you would like some ideas, please call Rabbi Hecht and he will be happy to suggest Jewish charities that match your goals. Happy giving!

Sincerely,

Your Yenta

Pot Luck Shabbat Italian Dinner*

Sponsored by the Religious Practices Committee

Friday, September 16 @6:15 pm

Tell us you are coming & What you are bringing! Please RSVP to Meryl Wittenberg at merylwitt@gmail.com or

Ronnie@templechaverim.org by Monday, September 12

*Hold the cheese please!



MEN'S CLUB

Help Build Our Sukkah & LOTS More!

Men's Club had a great summer — a fantastic trip to Mohegan Sun and a family fishing adventure — and all that is on top of the ever-growing monthly card games held on the last Wednesday night of each month at the Temple.

In September we will host a day at a Ducks game. Watch your email for the date and details.

The fall is always really busy and holds lots of opportunities for congregants to join in. Our Men's Club provides all the ushering for the High Holidays. No easy task when we are trying to seat 800 people efficiently and comfortably. If you would like to help usher, please contact me, Jeff Willig at jwillig@aol.com.

In addition to the ushering, we build the Temple Chaverim Sukkah! Join us on Sunday morning, October 16 at 9:30 to build our unique and always special Sukkah. This is a great mitzvah because every Religious School student gets to go in the Sukkah. Come early and enjoy bagels and schmooze with our members. It only takes a couple of hours.

Then, put down your hammer and put on your chef's hat and apron as we take charge of the BBQ grill for the annual Temple Chaverim Sukkot BBQ. We invite everyone to first join us for dinner and then stay to shake your lulav at the Sukkot Services that always follow our BBQ. An especially great night if you have kids! You won't have to make dinner but you will

make great Jewish memories

with your family.

All men card players are invited to join the fun and camaraderie on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm for Card Night. which, of course, always includes dinner. Play cards on Wednesdays: September 28, October 26, November 30

We are looking forward to spending time with you, playing cards, ushering, and building on this summer's success. Have ideas for Men's Club?

Want to volunteer or attend our events? Please contact me, Jeff Willig, at jwillig@aol.com.



SISTERHOOD

FALL CALENDAR PREVIEW!

Sisterhood Sunday @ 9:30 ger-Fun Food Art & Design Breakfast September 25

Sukkot Saturday,

Social October 22 Eat & Learn the Art of Garde Man-**RSVP: Jan Kreckel 516.528.1113** or jangclubz@aol.com

Mystery Meet-Ups! Drinks, Food, Music & Friends! All this for \$18

RSVP: Ronnie 516-367-6100

Shop & Sunday. November 20 Schmooze

Latkes & Wednesday, Vodka December 14 The perfect opportunity to get those holiday gifts for friends and family.

Enjoy latkes & vodkas while playing the hilarious "Hanukah Hannah" grab bag game.

FALL WORKSHOPS

SHOFAR WORKSHOP

Sunday, September 25 11:00 am

Learn How to Blow the Shofar for our High Holiday Services!

Shofars are available for purchase or bring your own.

RSVP: Ronnie 516.367.6100



Point yourself in the Cantor's direction!

DESIGN YOUR OWN YAD

Sunday, November 6 11:15 am

Learn the Yad's history & traditions

Must order in advance by October 30 \$50 payable to Temple Chaverim

For details & online code, contact: cantorbrad@templechaverim.org



Tie the Knot with Rabbi Hecht!

TALLIT WORKSHOP Sunday, November 13 1:00 pm

You choose the designs & colors. Learn about the tallit & tzizit and how to tie the tzizit.

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

RSVP: Ronnie 516.367.6100





















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 by November 1st for the winter issue, to be published in early December.



Congregant Susan
Hirschstein was honored
by the Nassau County Chapter of the NY State National
Association of Social Workers
as the 2016 Public Citizen of
the Year.

Congregant **Susan Stewart** was elected as a
Trustee of the PlainviewOld Bethpage School
Board.





Jeffrey Bank married Courtney Armour in Lisbon, Portugal. Jeffrey is the son of congregants Marsha & David Bank Samantha Schwartz & Adam Cole are engaged. Samantha is the daughter of congregants Carolyn Gilbert-Schwartz & Paul Schwartz.





Congregant Judy Weiss became a Great-Aunt. Welcome to Noah Matthew, born July 27. Proud parents are Alyssa & Corey Sieven.



Raquel Weiss married Ryan Fusco on August 4. Raquel is the daughter of congregants Eric & Sharon Weiss.



Jaclyn Levy Pack passed the Global Professional in Human Resources Certification exam on her first attempt. She is a Global Human Resources Specialist at Skaden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in NYC and the daughter of congregants Marilyn & Hank Levy.

Congrats to Our College Grads

Becca Breier graduated from Indiana University, Kelly School of Business. She is the daughter of congregants **Vivian & Marc Breier**.

Jayson Brenner became a third generation graduate from Syracuse University. He is the son of congregants Bonnie & Steve Brenner.

Daniel Borko graduated from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is the son of congregants **Susan & Alan Borko**.

Allie Cohen graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of congregants **Jodie & Bruce Cohen**.

Will Gladstone graduated from SUNY Geneseo. He is the son of congregants Lori & Fred Gladstone.

Daniel Goldbaum graduated from Tulane University and moved to Houston, Texas. He is the son of congregants **Linda & Andy Goldbaum**.

Rebecca Salmon graduated from NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development and will continue her art studies at NYU Graduate School. She is the daughter of congregants **Adria & Mitch Salmon.**

Derek Shear graduated from NYU Stern School of Business. He is the son of congregant **Larry Schear &** the late **Andrea Schear.**

Ryan Tucker graduated from The Ohio State University. He is the son of congregants **Carolyn & Bill Tucker**.

Holden Walter-Warner graduated from Muhlenberg College. He is the son of congregant **Abra Walter-Warner**.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Temple

Thank you to our members and friends for their generous donations for the period April 20, 2016 through July 15, 2016. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

Evelyn Herenstein

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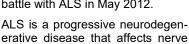
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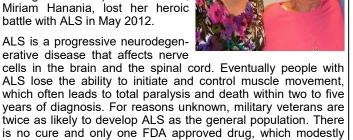
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HELP DEFEAT ALS

ALS.

Congregant Gail Wurtzel knows all too well the pain of having a loved one diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's Disease.) Her mother, Miriam Hanania, lost her heroic battle with ALS in May 2012.





Gail has a team, Memories of Miriam, participating in the NY Walk to Defeat ALS on September 17 at 10 am in Eisenhower Park. Remember all those Ice Bucket Challenges for ALS? They were very successful andt raised an enormous amount of awareness and money for ALS research.

extends survival. However, with your help, the ALS Association works tirelessly to fulfill its mission to create a world without

Let's keep the momentum going to find a cure and prevention for this disease. Join Gail's team: Memories of Miriam.

http://webgny.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/GreaterNewYork? px=3862909&pg=personal&fr_id=12005#.V7cqrJMrJdD

HONORING A FAVORITE AUNT

Rachel Brenner organized her first team for SunriseWalks, in memory of her beloved Aunt Jodi Modell, who died of cancer.

She recruited over 40 walkers and raised over \$3,000 for Sunrise Day Camp, where children with cancer attend free.

Rachel, a rising Senior at POBJFK High School, is the daughter of congregants Bonnie and Steve Brenner.



MEMORIAL LIST

Michael Rokito

Father of Steven Rokito May 1, 2016

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Evelvn Herenstein

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Sister-in-law of Michelle Cowit May 12, 2016

Walter Reinholt

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Paula Epstein

Mother of Michele Ditchek June 30, 2016

Jerome Gilbert

Father of Carolyn Gilbert-Schwartz July 10, 2016

Mazel Tov Bar & Bat Mitzvah!

| 9/3 | Jordan Herman | Harris & Carrie Herman |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 9/3 | Madison Intrater | Howard & Nicole Intrater |
| 9/3 | Jacob Reamer | Richard & Jennifer Reamer |
| 9/10 | Gavin Kessler | Alec & Melissa Kessler |
| 9/10 | Jesse Weber | Ron & Sherri Weber |
| 9/10 | Gavin Weinstock | Debbie Weinstock |
| 9/24 | Andrew Becker | Lance Becker |
| 9/24 | Samantha Commike | Lance & Mindy Commike |
| 10/1 | Jesse Wigler | Harry & Elysa Wigler |
| 10/1 | Rachel Lennett | Scott & Julianne Lennett |
| 10/8 | Jake Barber | Jeffrey & Dianne Barber |
| 10/15 | Justin Feiner | Michael & Galit Feiner |
| 10/15 | Morgan Victor | Marc & Rebecca Victor |
| 10/15 | Drew Victor | Marc & Rebecca Victor |
| 10/22 | Steven Katz | Philip & Adrienne Katz |
| 10/22 | Alexa Plotkin | Allen & Marisa Plotkin |
| 10/29 | Jared Klein | Jonathan & Barbara Klein |
| 10/29 | Amy Brickel | Kenny & Stacy Brickel |
| 10/29 | Chris Brickel | Kenny & Stacy Brickel |
| 11/5 | Nicholas Gany | Glenn & Bonnie Gany |
| 11/12 | Dylan Ferney | Joseph & Jill Ferney |
| 11/19 | Aaron Perchekly | Alexander & Sabina Perchekly |
| 11/19 | Tyler Radisch | David & Meredith Radisch |
| 11/19 | Jack Paley | Russell & Ronni Paley |
| 11/26 | Josh Rokito | Steven & Jodi Rokito |
| 12/3 | James Kramer | Larry & Vicki Kramer |
| 12/10 | Alexa Miller | Neil & Susan Miller |
| 12/10 | Alexandra Rosenberg | Michael & Rachel Rosenberg |
| 12/17 | Reese Kutin | Matthew & Lori Kutin |
| | | |

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Brian Rush

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

William J. Greenberg June 3, 2015

12/17

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Curt & Linda Rush

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Call Steve Lefkowitz 516.507.9992



Circles of Giving



Join or renew your participation in Circles today for 5777

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 Eileen Schneyman at 516.367.6100 or Karen Bressner at 917.836.2207 for information or to make a pledge for 5777.

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

Join or renew your participation in Circles today!

Have Fun FUNdraising!



My past two years as Temple President were incredible, but I must confess that my real passion is making money!

What nobler a cause to make money for than our very own Temple Chaverim! I have another passion, and that is having fun! So here I am, your new/old Fundraising Chairperson and I am so ready to get started!

Therefore, I invite you to join the FUNdraising Committee and me to raise money for important Temple initiatives and have an incredible amount of fun doing it!

Our first projects will be the Annual High Holidays Appeal, the Circles Campaign and, of course, our beloved Blue & White Pages -- you know, the book you turn to when you need someone to carpool with!



Our **Annual Comedy Night** has become incredibly successful and we want to make it even better this year. And we are exploring the possibility of doing a **Murder Mystery Night!** What a hoot that would be!

Join the FUNdraising Committee and share a fantastic year together. One important point here is that we welcome any level of participation on this committee because when all is said and done, everyone's efforts collectively add up to one BIG SUCCESS.

In other words, if you are good at getting ads for the Blue & White Pages...excellent! If you are more comfortable wrapping raffle baskets... terrific! If you have ideas, bring them!

Be part of our team. You will enjoy it so much that you will beg me to do more projects! LOL.

The committee meets at the Temple the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

For more information or to tell me "I'm With Her [Karen]," contact me, **Karen Bressner**, at **917.836.2207**.

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as of 8/18/16

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The Congregations of the Plainview Interfaith Council Invite You To Give Thanks Together For All Our Blessings



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SUKKOT BBQ

Sunday, October 16 @ 6:00 pm

Shake Your Lulavs @ Sukkot Services at 7:00 pm

Good Food Lovely People Beautiful Sukkah Fun Services

BBQ: \$7 per person for the BBQ if you RSVP Oct. 12

\$12 per person for RSVP after October 12

You Must RSVP for the BBQ Please! RSVP: Ronnie@templechaverim.org or 516 367.6100

HIGH HOLY DAYS—Children's & Youth Services

Monday, October 3 - Rosh Hashanah

Junior Congregation@10:30 for grades 3-4-5 Young Children's Service* @1:30 pm

Wednesday, October 12 - Yom Kippur
Junior Congregation@10:30 for grades 3-4-5
Young Children's Service* @1:30 pm

Sunday, October 23 - Simchat Torah

New Student Consecration Dinner @6 pm New Student Consecration at Simchat Torah Service @7:00 pm

*For FREE tickets call Eileen Schneyman @ 516.367.6100



SUKKOTSOCIAL

Saturday, October 22

7-11pm

\$18 per person \$20 non-members

All New Temple Members Invited as Honored Guests of Rabbi Hecht & Gladys

First

Enjoy Food & Friends @ Two Mystery Meet-Ups!

And Then

Everyone Goes Back to Temple! Homemade Sweets, Friends & Mellow Music by Our Talented Cantor Hyman

RSVP: Ronnie 516-367-6100 for the Meet-up Info!