



Temple Chaverim 2020: The Survey Results Are In!

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph. D.

In 1964, **Look Magazine** published an article, “The Vanishing American Jew,” which predicted that American Jews would assimilate and disappear within 3 generations.

What happened? We are still here. **Look Magazine** is gone!

Back in the 60s, the world was changing rapidly and that led to anxiety, especially when those changes impacted Jewish life. Today, on Long Island, rapid change is once again significantly impacting Jewish life, leading to anxiety. What can we do? We can either fret about it, or do something.

That is what led Temple Chaverim (TC) to participate in **LI 2020**. Working with UJA-Federation consultants, a team of TC leaders examined our mission and then, using a Temple-wide survey, studied how well our membership understood our mission.

The survey results are now in! We found that TC members love our worship services, our new prayer books, visual Tefillah, Shabbat dinners and the spiritual uplift we get here.

We love innovative programs like Shalom Learning, Stay Play and Pray, PJ Library, iEngage, Sociable Seniors and Tuesday Night Live. There is a good feeling of connection here.

One of the most impressive findings was our “promoter score.” When asked how willing we are to recommend TC to a friend, 73% strongly agreed, 23% agreed, 4% neither agreed nor disagreed. 96% of our membership would recommend Temple Chaverim to a friend!

In the comments, people wrote: “I love this Shul!!!” “I think it is a wonderful place.” “I thoroughly enjoy my experience here.” When asked to describe TC, the most frequently repeated words were “warm,” “welcoming,” and “friendly.” The next group of significant words were “inviting,” “spiritual,” “inclusive,” and, on the downside, “expensive.” The next group was “engaging,” “family oriented,” “inspirational,” “beautiful,” and “educational.”

Finally, the survey showed that TC members want to know our “mission” well enough that we can articulate it simply and share it with others.

Our mission, briefly stated, is this: *Temple Chaverim exists to make Judaism relevant and to ensure the future of the Jewish people. We do*

that by creating innovative, compelling, and authentic Jewish moments that bring fulfillment!

So spread the good news about our Synagogue! People will thank you!



PURIM Celebration & Carnival



Sunday
March 20
9:15 am

Wear
Costumes!



Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:00 pm
Megillah Reading @ 7:15 pm

President's Message—You Can Make a Difference



The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a volunteer as a person who performs a service willingly and without financial reward. At our synagogue, we have countless members, old and young, who contribute their time and energy to projects and events throughout the year. Why?

Yes, why? What compels some people to give of themselves? I'm sure there are many reasons, but I believe there are some things that unite "us volunteers."

I think volunteering gives each of us an opportunity to make a difference in our world. It gives us a chance to be change-makers, to say: "I believe the world can be a better place, and I can make that happen."

Rabbi Hecht tells a story about a little boy walking on the beach near the water. He stops every time he sees a starfish, picks it up, and throws it back into the water. A man watches for a while and then says to the boy, "Why are you doing this? There are thousands of starfish on the beach; what difference does it make?" The little boy picks up a starfish and throws it back into water, replying, "It made a difference to that one!"

One act, even seemingly small, makes a difference.

An important thing missing from the official definition of volunteering is what we receive from giving. At first glance, being a volunteer appears to be a one-way process. However, what I get back from volunteering at Temple Chaverim is priceless and in many ways far greater than what I give.

Each of you can also feel this sense of accomplishment. We have lots of opportunities for volunteers. Read our want ads and find something that speaks to you. We have something for everyone -- including our children -- to volunteer for.

Please match your time and talents to the needs of the synagogue. Each of us can be like the little boy on the beach; we can make a real difference.

Karen Bressner

Mitzvah Makers—Changing Lives in Israel

On a trip to Israel, congregants Susan and Michael Ashner visited a program serving troubled adolescent boys. It was impressive, but when they inquired about an equivalent program for girls, they were told there wasn't anything. At that moment, the Ashners knew they wanted to change that.

In 2006, with Susan's vision and driving force, the Ashners celebrated their dream come true. Beit Ruth Hostel housing opened as a pilot project serving thirteen at-risk girls between the ages of 14 and 24 years old, in Rishon Letzion, a beautiful suburban community. The girls thrived in an environment that provided academic and therapeutic resources enabling them to re-enter society as educated, independent and empowered women.

Based on the great success of Beit Ruth and learning that there are at least 20,000 at-risk girls in Israel that are in desperate need of this type of service, the Ashners have expanded the program. Their initial idea has now grown



into the new and revolutionary Beit Ruth Educational Village, a joint initiative with the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) of Nir Ha'Emek. Eventually, the program will be able to serve 200 at-risk adolescent girls concurrently.

Susan and Michael are leading a new Matching Gift Campaign to complete the Beit Ruth Educational Village by 2017. They believe that personal love and attention, academic and therapeutic support will turn the fate around for many girls at risk in Israel enabling them to have success and happiness and impact future generations of children in Israel, as well.

The Ashners have raised four children, and now they are looking forward to "raising" hundreds more. Their efforts enable at-risk girls in Israel to dream, and most importantly, acquire the skills to make their dreams come true.

There are lots of ways you, too, can help the work of Beit Ruth. For instance, raising money for this program would be a great Bar or Bat Mitzvah Project. You can visit the program when you travel to Israel and get a chance to see first hand what amazing work is happening there. For more information, please go to their website at www.beittruth.com

DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES
by April 10
Season tickets, professional services,
gift cards, brand-new but un-wanted good "stuff"
Let's Make Lots of \$\$\$ for Our Youth Programs

IT'S A PARTY!
Enjoy the Mentalist—Saturday Evening, April 16

Contact Karen at karen.bressner@gmail.com

CAMP Shabbat Friday, March 11

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM CAMPS

Meet with URJ camp staff! Scholarships available.

**Give 3 hours of your time to our
Sisterhood Shop**

Choose a Thursday or two, 11 am - 2 pm
March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

Set up merchandise at Sociable Seniors programs
FYI: Sisterhood raises money for our Religious School

Contact Rhonda Green at kov64@hotmail.com

Religious School Visits Mid-Island Y Food Pantry



*Debbye Brandell
Religious School
Principal*

When you hear the term “Religious School” you may think of a class sitting in rows in front of a big blackboard. Today we give our young people a variety of ways to learn, including experiences, that we believe will help them become the future leaders of our Jewish community and make the world a better place.

This year, our 7th grade classes focused on the issue of “hunger” and what that means to people, even in our community, who may be facing the challenge of providing enough food to feed their children on a daily basis.

First, they discussed how they thought they could prepare for their visit to The Jewish Communal Fund Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC. They voted to collect food that they would donate when they visited the pantry. Let our students tell you about our visit.

Andrew Menkes described his visit eloquently. *“We went into this room and talked about what it means and feels to be hungry. It made me feel and think about what these families go through just to get a small lunch. Then we were split up into groups, and we were asked to look at a store magazine and buy a full day’s worth of [groceries] -- breakfast, lunch, and dinner -- with a small budget. We had to choose food that we like, not just the cheapest. It was difficult, but we managed just barely to do it. I thought: people have to do this every day? This trip made me think about what it means to be hungry on Long Island.”*

Michael Flood wrote: *“When the speaker started talking, I was shocked. I could not believe how many people on Long Island do not have enough essential goods to support their family. I thought that the information was very interesting. I also loved the activity that I did. It showed me how difficult it [could be] to take care of basic needs. When I walked out of the room with the food pantry, I walked out a different person.”*

Alexa Mogul shared her impressions: *“Going to the food pantry was a great experience...I was able to stock the shelves [and]; I was very surprised because I thought the food pantry was going to be huge, and it wasn’t. I [also] learned that it is important to donate food often.”*

Our 7th graders are 12 and 13 years old, and they have already begun to understand a major issue in the world. Yes, this is Religious School, today!

Mazel Tov Bar & Bat Mitzvah

3/5	Olivia Stearn	Peter Stearn & Caroline Sorokoff
3/5	Jared Haime	Brad & Lisa Haime
3/5	Dawn Dank	Warren & Michelle Dank
3/12	Alexa Mogul	Scott & Jill Mogul
3/12	Jordan Dohrman	Scott & Janice Dohrman
3/19	Allison Levine	Seth & Rachel Levine
3/19	Jason Marx	David Marx & Karen Yang-Marx
3/19	Andrew Menkes	Adam & Julie Menkes
3/26	Hannah Hyman	Bradley & Vicki Hyman; Ilana Plutzer
4/2	Matthew Shore	Stephen & Michelle Shore
4/2	Rachel Fener	Michael & Bari Fener
4/2	Ryan Sheflin	Craig & Jill Sheflin
4/9	Benjamin Sica	Pasquale & Allison Sica
4/9	Matthew Kunz	Gregory Kunz & Jodi Tafarella-Kunz
4/9	Jordan Kupersmith	Lee & Susan Kupersmith
4/16	Brett Lester	Marc & Hilary Lester
4/16	Dylan Rubin	Matthew & Karyn Rubin
5/7	Danielle Wicker	Larry & Robin Wicker
5/7	Brendan Khazzam	David & Hope Khazzam
5/14	Lauryn Kashkin	Steven & Jodi Kashkin
5/14	Adam Rosenblatt	Brett & Shari Rosenblatt
5/21	Kenneth Fischer	Jay & Kara Fischer
6/4	Jacob Cooperman	Ira & Shanna Cooperman
6/4	Benjamin Grondahl	Glen & Lisa Grondahl
6/4	Joshua Feller	Paul & Sharon Feller
6/11	Ethan Epstein	Brian & Lisa Epstein
6/11	Justin Davis	Brian & Melissa Davis
6/12	Ryan Just	Michael & Keri Just
6/18	Jacob Isler	Jonathan & Tara Isler

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday, May 13 @ 8:00 pm

Featuring Music of the Religious School

Stay, Play & Pray

For preschoolers & older with an adult

Jewish stories, crafts
songs, food!

Sundays 9:30am - 11:00am
March 13, April 10



DJ's & Prayer

For toddlers & older with an adult

Fridays 6:00 pm
March 8, April 8



Open to Temple members & the community.
No charge. RSVP required.
Contact Louise at 516.367.6100
or lsunshine@templechaverim.org

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:

#TNL #JCHATY #miniCHATY

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**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

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.

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

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



Rabbi Bennet and TNL with the residents at Atria Senior Living Plainview.



TNL at the MIYJCC food pantry learning about hunger on LI.



TNL
Grades 8-12

March 20 Staff the Purim Carnival
May 15 Sunday Trip to NYC
May 17 End of the Year Party at the Mid-Island Y JCC
May 31 Confirmation Service





JCHATY

Grades 5,6,7
Tuesdays @ 6:15 pm

April 12 Chocolate Seder
May 10 End of the Year Party



miniCHATY

Grades
3 & 4

Sunday, March 6
@ 11:15 am



Tallit Workshop



TNL Teens Stand Up to Gun Violence

Rabbi Debra Bennet

Every week dozens of 8-12th graders join their friends at Tuesday Night Live (TNL). Each session begins with pizza and schmoozing. Then the week's unique program starts, and our teens shine as leaders and thinkers.

Sometimes the student TNL Board leads the program for the entire group. A few weeks ago, these teen leaders created and facilitated a program that dealt with the issue of gun violence in our country. In 2015, there were shootings in 64 schools in the United States.

Our youth debated this issue and discussed what they could do about it. They concretized the number of shootings by making a long chain of paper clips, each one representing one of the schools. They compared gun violence in America to what

occurs in other countries around the world. They examined Jewish texts and explored the insights that Judaism provides concerning this national epidemic.

Finally, they took action by participating in the **Do Not Stand Idly By** campaign. Noting that the largest purchaser of guns in our country is the military and the police, they asked government officials to use this purchasing power to demand that gun companies create safer and smarter weapons. The Torah says, "Do not stand idly by while your neighbor bleeds." Our TNL youth demonstrated that they are not going to be bystanders!



Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

This year the proverbial Passover “afikomen” has been passed to me, in other words, it is now my responsibility to have the family Seder. At first, I felt so excited about doing this, but now I just feel overwhelmed. Please help! I want to have a real Seder, but I also want it to be fun and memorable. Where do I begin?



A Seder Newbie

Dear Newbie,

Take a deep breath! Our people have been leading and enjoying Passover Seders for over 3,000 years. The simplest way of thinking about the Seder, which means order, is that it is an experiential retelling of our exodus from Egypt and oppression to freedom and the Promised Land.

With the help of a Haggadah, which means “telling” you will know the order and more. There are many versions to choose from including making your own. You can find everything about Passover and Seders at our very own Reform Judaism site at www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach. There you will find blessings, songs, recipes, Haggadah options and links to more Passover sources.

Also, you can join Rabbi Hecht on **Monday, April 4, at 7:30 pm** at Temple for his **How to Lead a Fun Seder Workshop**. He will be sharing his very own personal Seder secrets, including funny songs, Passover Bingo, and recipes that will ensure your Seder will be so much fun that your guests will want to come back to your Seders for years to come.

Happy Passover!

Your Yenta

Jewish Meditation

Strategies for Relaxation & Inner Peace

Join us on a path of self-discovery and connect with an inner sense of peace. Enjoy a personal journey to the happiness within our hearts through breathing techniques, guided imagery, meditation and Jewish spiritual discussions.

Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 pm

**March 10, 24,
April 14*, 28
May 5, 26, June 2**

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

FREE for Temple members, non-members \$60. Kindly make checks payable to Temple Chaverim.

Registration is required. **RSVP to Rosemary 516.367.6100 or rosemary@templechaverim.org**

*off-site location—contact Donna for details at donna@wisemindhypnosis.com



Donna Bloom,
Instructor &
Temple member

Sociable Seniors

Our snow birds will be flying back to town just in time to enjoy some stellar programs beginning on March 3, when Professor Thomas Germano will present a fascinating talk on **The Life of Artist Gustave Klimt and Adel Block-Bauer: The Woman in Gold**. By 1900, Klimt emerged as one of Vienna's pre-eminent modern artists, but Adele is the only person Klimt painted twice. The portrait originally hung in the Bloch-Bauer couple's Vienna home before it was confiscated by the Nazi's during World War II. After a long battle, Adele's niece won possession of the portrait. Today it lives in the Neue Galerie in NYC.



You will not need an apron or potholders on April 7, when best-selling author Brenda Janowitz gives you her **Recipe for a Happy Life!** Brenda is the author of four novels and has learned there is more than one path to becoming a published author and more than one recipe for a happy life! A native New Yorker renowned for her flair and all things dramatic, Ms. Janowitz believes where happiness is concerned, you don't have to stick to the recipe!

On May 5, join local historian and author, Orin Z. Finkle, when he shares his passion and knowledge of **The Long Island Great Estates of the Gatsby Era**. Learn about the design and landscape architecture, the original property owners, and those who helped create an extraordinary period in history.



On June 2, Professor Joseph Dorinson presents **Kvetching and Shpritzing, Jewish Humor in American Popular Culture**. Enjoy this informative and humorous journey into Jewish humor, with its rational skepticism and cutting social criticism that permeates American popular culture: the Jewish joke—a defense mechanism against a hostile world and a means of cultural affirmation. Citing examples from scholars, humorists, and comics, Professor Dorinson presents a mother lode of Jewish humor and wit in language, literature, folklore, music and history.

If you have any questions, speaker suggestions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Phyllis Spisto at 516.547.0497 or Phyllisspisto@gmail.com.

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.

Israeli Film Surprise

Sunday, March 6 at 1:00 pm

RSVP to Ronnie @ 516.367.6100

Members: free & priority seating Non-members: \$5 donation



Community Action

Temple Chaverim, in conjunction with the **Long Island Volunteer Center (LIVC)** and the **Nassau Community College Marketing and Fashion students**, will be collecting new and gently-used prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses and accessories (including dressy shoes, evening bags and costume jewelry) for the **22nd Annual Prom Boutique**.

This event is such a fantastic idea. Everyone knows that the high school prom is *THE EVENT* of a girl's Junior and Senior year of high school. For some teens, buying *THE DRESS* and all the accessories is well beyond their families' budgets. The **LIVC Annual Prom Boutique** makes it affordable and possible for each young woman to attend her high school prom if she wants to go. Last year nearly 2,000 girls were helped.

You can be a real Fairy Godmother! Go to your closets; get your teens to do the same, and gather all those gorgeous fancy dresses and accessories that you know you will never wear again. Why? Because you "wore them to too many celebrations, or they don't fit, or you do not like them, or for whatever reason." It is time for all this great but now under-utilized and under-appreciated stuff to do good in someone else's life!

Give all those special dresses to our **Prom Dress Drive** and help make a young lady feel the way she should when she goes to Prom 2016: absolutely gorgeous!



We will start collecting on **Monday, March 21**. We need all the donations by **Sunday, April 10**. Bring clean, gently worn dresses on hangers and place them on the special rack in the religious school hallway. Please pack the accessories and smaller items, such as shoes, handbags and costume jewelry, in plastic bags so they will not become separated.

If you can't make it to Temple to drop off your donations, contact Mindy Brown at mindy.f.brown@gmail.com or Lisa Frenkel at frenkels@mac.com to arrange a pick up.

Christmas Mitzvah at Ronald McDonald House



One of the kindest things Jewish people can do on Christmas is to make sure we fill in at various jobs while our Christian friends celebrate their holiday.

Eight members of Temple Chaverim and a temple member's Mom shopped, cooked and served Christmas Day brunch for the nearly 85 family members staying at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) near Cohen's Children's Hospital.

People come to the RMH from all over the world, The RMH tries to take care of their needs so they can focus on their sick children. Volunteers often cook for the families alleviating this responsibility.



Accolades go to **Hillary and Gary Schreiber, Carolyn and Paul Schwartz, Roberta, Robert** and their daughter **Alicia Glick**, and **Michael Wright** and his mother, **Eleanor Wright**. Michael said, "They left feeling grateful for the opportunity to contribute their time, energy and culinary skills to this worthy cause."

A special thank you goes to **Sisterhood** for underwriting the cost of the brunch and to **Michael Wright** and his wife **Barbara** for organizing it. To participate in or organize future events at the RMH, contact Michael Wright at michaeldwright1@gmail.com.

Temple Chaverim Celebrates 114 Years of

HADASSAH

The Premier Jewish Women's Zionist Organization

SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, April 15, 8 pm

Optional Shabbat dinner
& Israeli wine tasting at 6:30 pm

Dinner \$25

Please make checks payable to Temple Chaverim.
Festive Oneg follows Shabbat services.

For more details, contact Fran Tutshen 516.938.1947.



Raise money while you shop!

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** -- which will become many things!

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

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



Sisterhood

*Bring all the women & girls
you know & love—
your mom, sister, daughter, a
favorite aunt, your husband's
mother & your bestie
to rejoice at the
13th Annual*



Sisterhood Women's Seder

Led by Rabbi Debra Bennet

Thursday, April 7

For details RSVP to Sherri Winick-Pagliaro
winicksherri@gmail.com by March 31



Men's Club— Real Winners!

The Men's Club is excited to announce who "played their cards right" in 2015! **Boris Faiguenbaum** takes top honors with First Place! **Jeffrey Willig** captured Second Place; and **Andy Bernstein** closed in on Third. It sounds like baseball, but it really was the monthly Men's Club Card Night.

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, too.

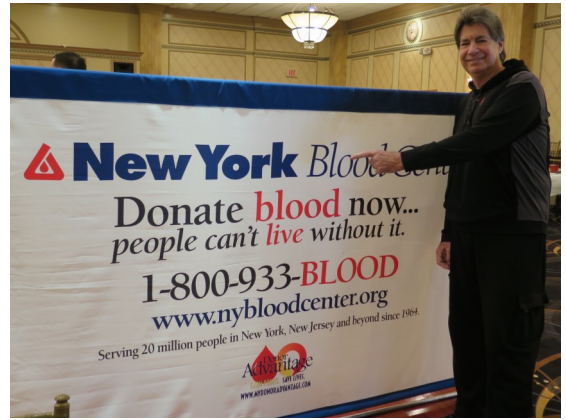
Men's Club is looking forward to adding some new events for the coming year. You can help make that happen by sharing your ideas with Men's Club president **Jeff Willig** at jwillig@aol.com, and let him know what you think would be fun; he would love to hear from you.



The Pancake Breakfast was delicious! Thanks to all who cooked. Everyone who came enjoyed this decadent feast!



Sisterhood Fun!



Chaverim Happenings



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 April 30 for the spring issue, to be published in early June.

MAZEL TOV



Max Shackman starred as the Beast in "Beauty and the Beast" at POB Middle School. He is the son of congregants **Lisa** and **Michael Shackman**.



Jordyn Willens, graduated with a BA in English from the University of Maryland, College Park in December. She is the daughter of congregants **Emily** and **Russell Willens**.

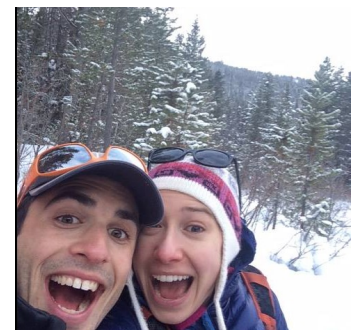
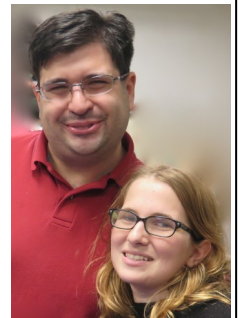


Two pieces of **Rebecca Salmon's** artwork (one shown lower right) were included in a major art show at **80WSE**, an NYU Gallery. The show, entitled *Language of the Birds: Occult and Art*, featured over 60 modern and contemporary artists. Rebecca (pictured far left) is an art major at NYU and the daughter of congregants **Adria** and **Mitch Salmon**.



The Clef Hangers, the all male *a cappella* group from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, performed for **President and Mrs. Obama** in December. **Matt Goldman**, seated second from the right, arranged the song they performed; he is the son of congregants **Andrea** and **Michael Goldman**.

Daniel Richter is engaged to **Fiona Kerin**. Daniel is the son of congregants **Renee** and **Mickey Richter**.



Ken Greenbaum is engaged to **Eliana Hurwich-Reiss**. Ken is the son of congregants **Linda** and **Allen Greenbaum**.



Evan Lander is one of thirty winners of the News 12 Long Island Scholar Athlete Award Program, which recognizes high school seniors with outstanding achievements in athletics, scholarship, leadership and service to others. He is the son of congregants **Mindy** and **Rich Lander** and nephew of **Karen** and **Jon Bressner**.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Thank you to our members and friends for your generous donations for the period October 23, 2015-January 21, 2016
Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

RABBI HECHT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Faith & Al Zubasky
Jules Levy
Walter & Rita Rosenthal

In Honor Of

Ed Lokshin's BIG birthday
Jody, Bruce & Jordyn Steifman
The birth of Evan Parker Wilensky
Jody, Bruce & Jordyn Steifman
The Bar Mitzvah of Eric Treihaft
Leonard & Stacey Treihaft

In Memory Of

David Tolchinsky
Edwin & Ethel Lokshin
Walter Hermann
Elise Hahn Rubin
Temple Chaverim Sisterhood
Lydia Hermann
Henry Landsman
John & Sherri Pagliaro
Edmund Michael & Benjamin Michael
Sheila Michael

RABBI BENNET'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of
Your Sons Asher, Eytan & Micah
Barbara & Jerry Burstein
The Birth of Asher Henry
Roger & Sheila Schroeder
The birth of Asher Henry Bennet
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The birth of Asher
Marvin & Gloria Berenson
The birth of Asher
Jackie & Aaron Lieberman

In Memory Of

Josephine Pagliaro
Howard & Elise Rubin

CANTOR HYMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of
The Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Lefkowitz
Florence & David Halperin
Your Music that Moves Our Souls
Jody, Bruce & Jordyn Steifman
The Bar Mitzvah of Eric Treihaft
Leonard & Stacey Treihaft

In Memory Of

Morris Alpern
Paula & Steven Lefkowitz
Joan Alpern Gross
Paula & Steven Lefkowitz
Bertha Berman
Paula & Steven Lefkowitz
Jean Moss
Paula & Steven Lefkowitz
Leigh Allen
Paul & Debbie Apfel
Allan Green
Ted, Geri & Andrew Green
Cantor's beautiful Service on January 1st
Paula & Steven Lefkowitz

DARCHEI NOAM FUND

In Memory Of
Naomi Cohen
Burton & Carol Minov

GENERAL FUND

Gary Schreiber
Marvin & Gloria Berenson
Michael & Barbara Kalish
Judy Kandel

In Honor Of

The birth of Asher Henry Bennet
Burton & Carol Bennet

In Memory Of

Josephine Pagliaro
Burton & Carol Minov
Walter Hermann
Burton & Carol Minov
Leigh Allen
Burton & Carol Minov
Robert Greenwald
Burton & Carol Minov

HEALING FUND

In Honor Of
Our Wedding Anniversary
Michael & Barbara Wright

SUNSHINE FUND

In Memory Of
Andrea Schear
Karen Bodner

HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYERBOOK FUND

In Honor Of
Asher Henry
Florence & David Halperin
The Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Meyer
Florence & David Halperin
Richard Gertler
Rabbi Hecht & Gladys Rosenblum
Judith Weiss
Rabbi Hecht & Gladys Rosenblum
Our 50th Anniversary
Florence & David Halperin

In Memory Of

My Loving Wife Marilyn
Robert Scher
Abraham Schoenback
Sharman & Michael Lissauer
Rae Schoenback
Sharman & Michael Lissauer
Irving Lissauer
Sharman & Michael Lissauer
Selma Lissauer
Sharman & Michael Lissauer
Josephine Pagliaro
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Linda & Andy Goldbaum & Family
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Michael & Barbara Wright & Family
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Madeline Budiansky
Alan Budiansky
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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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

Edith Merles
October 28, 2015

Sarah Solomon
December 19, 2015

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.

Yom HaShoah Service
at Temple Chaverim
Wednesday, May 4 at 7:15 pm

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In Memory Of (continued)

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- Josephine Pagliaro**,
mother of John Pagliaro
October 26, 2015
- Edith Merles**,
mother of Carol Goldklang
October 28, 2015
- Walter Hermann**,
father of Randi Gertler
November 14, 2015
- Arlene Kulberg**,
daughter of Bill Kulberg
November 15, 2015
- Marvin Rosen**,
father of Adam Rosen
November 16, 2015
- Marvin Gehn**,
father of Robin Wicker
November 24, 2015
- Peggy Ashner**,
mother of Michael Ashner
November 29, 2015
- Leigh Allen**,
sister of Bruce Steifman
December 2, 2015
- Robert Greenwald**,
brother of Richard Greenwald
December 3, 2015
- Molly Rosenfeld**,
grandmother of Lara Levin
December 6, 2015
- Jerome Wallach**,
father of Iris Koplitz
December 9, 2015
- Andrea Schear**,
wife of Larry Schear,
mother of Derek, Dani & Ali
December 10, 2015
- Sarah Solomon**,
mother of Shmulik Solomon
December 19, 2015

Louis Tannenbaum,
uncle of Rochelle Potash,
December 22, 2015

Naomi Cohen,
mother of Judy Kandel,
December 31, 2015

Jerome Buckler,
father of Debra Sorkin,
January 3, 2016

Nat Goldsmith,
father of Scott Goldsmith
January 13, 2016

Torah Stitch by Stitch

Our congregant, Linda Greenbaum, was looking for something special to do when she came across an article in the Hadassah magazine describing a unique international project called **Torah Stitch by Stitch**, a curious mix of folk art and high-tech honoring the Five Books of Moses through the timeless medium of cross-stitch, a basic textile tradition in many cultures.

Torah Stitch by Stitch began in June 2013 in Toronto, at the Holy Blossom Temple. Temma Gentles, an internationally renowned textile artist, created the project after being inspired while she was on sabbatical in Israel. She sees it as a call to action by the morning prayer, "Awake to the Torah."



Interestingly, it was the very article that inspired Linda that launched the project into something well beyond what Ms. Gentles ever imagined; at that point, she said: "it took on a life of its own." To date, more than 900 panels have been assigned to more than 1,000 stitchers in 18 countries.

Participants from numerous national, linguistic and spiritual backgrounds—regardless of gender or skill—are going to stitch a total of 1,463 individual panels of the Torah in Hebrew, four verses at a time. When they complete the project, it will form a massive scroll nine-feet-tall and about 100-yards-long.

Each kit contains everything you need: a 14" x 14" parchment cloth, embroidery thread, a needle, gridded artwork of four verses and instructions. It will take between 40-60 hours and up to six months to complete the panel, but up to four stitchers can share the work. Verses are assigned as people register. Linda did Exodus 12: 33-36. Also, you can honor up to four people with your panel. For this, Linda chose her daughter Adena and her paternal grandmother.

Registration is \$18. Learn more about this incredible project at their website www.torahstitchbystitch.temmagentles.com.

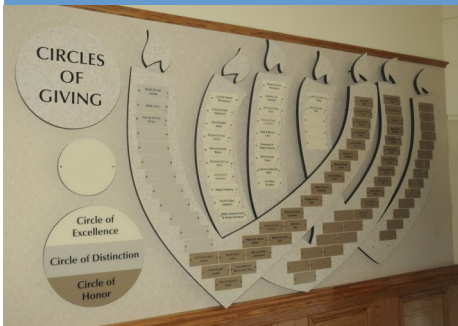
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as of February 11

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Friday, May 20
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