



Renewed Connections

Rabbi Elizabeth Zeller




Shalom! I am so thrilled to be writing for the first time for our re-newed *Connections* newsletter. The previous *Connections* was sunsetting just as I was arriving at Temple Chaverim to begin my tenure as your Senior Rabbi. So, it is with great joy that I get to write to you now, in this capacity.

What an interesting few years it has been! I could have never predicted that just a few months into coming here, the world would be turned upside down with an unprecedented pandemic. And yet, it turned not just our world, but also our community on its head. And we had to pivot, quickly. But what I've loved most about our community has been the resiliency and adaptability that has been our most sacred quality during these last few years. We moved quickly and seamlessly into technology to continue to worship and have life-cycle events. We checked in on one another and activated our volunteer network.

We cared for the well-being of one another and made sure that we stayed connected. We truly embraced the words of Rabbi Hillel from Pirke Avot who said, "Do not separate yourself from the community", no matter the barriers to gathering in person.

One of the things I love most about Chaverim is the truly warm and genuine community that we've built. Over the last few years, even as we've weathered change and uncertainty, this community has shown us, time and again, what matters most — being in relationship with one another and building towards a meaningful Jewish community. As we renew our *Connections* newsletter, I hope to continue to connect with each of you on a deeply personal level, as we continue to deepen our connections with one another. That is what true community is made from.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Elizabeth S. Zeller
Senior Rabbi



****Shabbat Honoring Gary Schreiber
March 17 at 7:30 pm***

****Cooking for Comfort March 19th***

****Feed the Need March 21st***

****Sisterhood Women's Seder March 23rd***

WE WANT TO KNOW!

What can we do to accommodate you?

President's Message

Michael Zutler, President



I am proud to wish Temple Chaverim, Mazel Tov! Sure, there are so many reasons to be happy about being part of Temple Chaverim. However, today I say congratulations for being members of a strong and well-respected Jewish Congregation. Why NOW do I

congratulate you? Because NOW, more than ever, being a member of Temple Chaverim gives you something that many other Jews in our world don't have: affiliation to a vibrant, robust and STRONG Jewish family and institution to rely on.

The recent "National Day of Hate" organized by neo-Nazi and white supremacy groups— heavily reported on in the news— proved to be much of a non-event. Why, because Jewish organizations of strength greatly thwarted the organizers' efforts to ignite fear and hatred. From Synagogues to Broadway productions, Jews across America came together to tell those that would hope to instill fear and misinformation, NOT NOW, NOT HERE. Instead, in some circles, that Saturday (2/25/23) became known as a "Shabbat of Peace". Outside the Broadway show, "Parade" the people drew strength and walked right past

Neo-Nazis who were trying to intimidate them. Rather, theatergoers recognized the importance of a show about a Southern couple in 1912 in which the husband was a victim of an anti-Semitic trial and later lynched by a mob and how anti-Semitism can permeate society... So, instead of deterring patrons, the haters emboldened the community to stand up to them. Temples all around the country continued their Shabbat Services as a sign of strength, including Temple Chaverim.

Part of what makes Temple Chaverim so special is our connection to the community at large. Temple Chaverim is an influential member of our local Interfaith Clergy Council – a group of spiritual leaders from many religions that foster the ideas of embracing our similarities and respecting our differences. I am inspired by a comment by a pastor at the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City regarding supporting Shabbat Services at a neighboring temple on 2/25, "I think there is power and beauty in solidarity; on a strange, awful day like this, we need to be here". If we lay the foundation of a vibrant Jewish community, one in which we set good examples of being a supportive member of our greater community, and educate our children and our neighbors, we build strength and promote the theme of Tikkun Olam— repairing the world.

As we cooperate with the Plainview Reform Church on the Feed the Need initiative (providing warm meals for those who are hungry) we help repair the world. When we provide coats or prom dresses for those who need, we are contributing to Tikkun Olam. While being respectful and setting a good example is very important, we must remain vigilant! According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents are at an all-time high. In 2021, there were 2,717 recorded incidents. That's between 7 and 8 incidents every day throughout this country. How do we weaken those that would do us harm? We build our strength. I invite you to be an active participant at keeping Temple Chaverim strong. Come feel the tranquility of Friday Night Services; participate in our educational, social and entertaining programming; join one of our fun "Small Group Initiatives" (I participated in a whisky tasting group) or play cards with the Men's Club or Sisterhood.

Chaverim, each of us is an important brick in the wall that blocks hatred. So again, CONGRATULATIONS on being a brick in the strong foundation that Temple Chaverim provides to all of us. I hope you share the pride that I have in fostering a dynamic pillar of our community! #Chaverim Strong



25 YEARS

Amateau, Steve & Carin
Epstein, Harvey & Susan
Feller, Michael & Alyssa
Fieland, Lori

20 YEARS

Brenner, Steven & Bonnie
Frankle, Brian & Susan
Harris, Wayne & Laurie
Kimmel, Joan
Schein, Joan & Alvin
Warrack, Gail

10 YEARS

Antonucci, Melissa
Gilman, Ian & Paula
Goldberg, Adam & Sharon
Goldklang, Carol
Keschner, Mitchell & Lori
Mathis, Scott & Erica
Milgrim, Eric & Randi
Miller, Neil & Susan
Reifer, Tracy & Aimee
Rosenberg, Michael & Rachel
Sosin, Wayne & Audrey
Wigler, Harry & Elysa
Wolfson, Craig & Susan

5 YEARS

Adler, Mitchell & Lauren
Fischer, Michael & Deborah
Glassman, Adam & Sarah
Haft, Jason & Rachel
Landler, Michael & Carrie
Maultasch, Jayme & Erica
Mergentime, Larry & Melanie
Newman, Jason & Samantha
Pick, Jason & Heather
Ruziecki, Pete & Shari
Samuelson, Adam & Michelle
Spolansky, Matt & Beth
Vine, Aaron & Jaime
Waldman, David & Dana
Weisbach, Evan & Stefanie

Cantor's Corner

Cantor Mariel Ashkenazy



When I've asked what one's favorite Jewish holiday is, "Passover" is a response that I've gotten a lot from people. Even after many years, it continues to surprise me. Pesach doesn't have the pageantry and frivolity of Purim, nor the presents and fried confectioneries of

Chanukah, so I ask myself, "Why?" *Mah nishtanah, ha lilah hazeh?* What is different about this night- this holiday?

I believe it has a lot to do with an ingathering of family members to celebrate the Seder and the special time spent together with recurring family traditions. In my own family, we celebrate holidays like Shabbat, Chanukah and Rosh Hashanah more intimately, with just a few family members gathered around our kitchen table- but on Passover, it's a different story. Every year, we all go to my aunt and uncle's house to celebrate together (barring any pandemics). It may be the one time of the year besides a simcha like a wedding or bat mitzvah, that we will all be in the same room together, and because of that, it takes on even more meaning. The youngest generations act out the story of our Exodus and at some point, we pelt one another with styrofoam hail.

I also wonder if one of the reasons Pesach is such a popular holiday is because it happens at a wonderful time of the year. The days have gotten longer and greener. This is by design; from the Torah we learn that

we "shall keep Chag haMatzot... each spring, for it was then that you left Egypt." Unsurprisingly, Passover is also known as Chag Ha-Aviv, the *Spring Holiday*. The season of spring is all about rebirth; flowers bud through the decaying leaves and grass which give them the nutrients they need to grow forth from the earth and blossom.

The story of Passover— our exodus from Egypt— is a narrative about our origins as Israelites. When the Hebrews escaped, among them were also a mixed multitude of people, an "erev rav." Representing a birth of a nation, the group of Hebrews joined by others, passed through Mitzrayim (Egypt)— from the root tzar— (meaning narrow)— and emerged as a free people. This narrow place was both literal and figurative, representing trials and tribulations, but also the birth canal. The tribe emerges together on the other side connected now as Israelites, having experienced not only God's miracles but saving power. They experience a transition and come out the other side differently. Not only are they free from slavery, but are a changed people. They are reborn.

How will this year's Pesach and spring represent a rebirth for you? It may not be a time for new year's resolutions, but it *is* a time when we can reassess the "chametz" we've collected this year and rid ourselves of it, whether it be spiritually, mentally or physically. We can think of it as spring cleaning from what keeps us in bondage.

May you have a meaningful Passover surrounded by loved ones and delicious food and may you find a way through a narrow place and re-emerge renewed.



**2023
GOLF OUTING**

Monday, July 17th!

Last year's golf outing at Bethpage State Park was a Hole in One!

We had a wonderful turn out and a great time.

This year's outing will take place on Monday, July 17th at Bethpage State Park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep an eye out for further details.



INSTALLATION 2022 – WELCOME CANTOR ASHKENAZY!



Welcome to our newest Temple members!

2023

Baker, Jeri & Edward
 Berfond, Nan & Jeffrey
 Brennan, Eric & Lee-Brennan, Sandy
 Caro, Bartholomew (Barry) & Jessica
 Cohen, Ehud & Gutstein-Cohen, Lauren
 Densky, Jessica & Adam
 Gaffan, Steven & Susan
 Galimidi, Jessica & Daniel
 Goldman, Shanna & Brian
 Goldstein, Beth & Brett
 Gottlieb, Melissa & Matthew

Harris, Alexandra & Michael
 Hollander, Mark & Susan
 Holtz, Fred & Guo, Joanne
 Katz, Michael & Suzanne
 Klein, Richard & Amy
 Levine, Lindsay & Adam
 Limowski, Lisa
 Marks, Jonathan & Alana
 Miller, Nicole & Michael
 Parker, Gayle & Goldstein, Joel
 Perlmutter, Eric & Rachel

Pickus, Robert & Lynn
 Richman, Fred & Shauna
 Rudes, Jamie & Lauren
 Ruthizer, Tyler & Rhea
 Schwartz, Jason & Tara
 Schwartz, Liba & Brett
 Simon, Emanuel & Marissa
 Solarsh, Eva & Andrew
 Stern, Laura & Jason
 Syskrot, Florence
 Wolfson, Donald

Religious School Committee News

Craig Wolfson, Chair and 2nd Vice President

We have had a great start to our Religious School year. The students, teachers and parents are all working well together, and the growth and learning that is happening is beautiful to observe. There are many programs that children of all ages are taking advantage of.

Our very youngest kids experience both PJs and Prayers, and Circle Time. These are free events for children from 2 to 5, and their families. It is a great introduction to our Religious School. The children sing songs, hear stories and of course have snacks. These events are always a fun time, and the smiles and laughter are a joy to see and hear.

Our new Chadash program for 3rd and 4th graders has been a big success. The program focuses on small group Hebrew learning, and an exploration of Judaism through various types of learning such as STEM and the arts. The students are building a strong foundation as they continue their growth into Jewish adults.

Each of the grades have been participating in special Friday night shabbat services. The children sing songs and prayers in the service. It is a wonderful way to bring the students and their families to services, and their teachers are always there leading the cheers.

Another amazing program that we have been doing is the Parents and Children Teacher (PACT) Program. These are grade specific interactive Jewish learning experiences. Recently the 6th grade students and their families explored their Jewish heritage and family history by bringing in a family heirloom and discussed Jewish immigration. This was an incredibly moving and educational experience for all involved.

We thank all of our families, teachers and students for all that you do to make Temple Chaverim's Religious School such a dynamic element of our Temple.



PJ's and Prayers

A special Shabbat filled with songs and stories for our congregation's youngest members (with an adult)

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS!

Friday, April 7
Friday, May 5
Friday, June 2

[Register Here](#)



Chaverim Circle Time

Sunday, April 23
Sunday, May 14

[Register Here](#)

Stories, crafts, activities and songs!
For toddlers and up
(accompanied by an adult)
Meets monthly on Sunday mornings.

Members and Non-Members are welcome!





Religious School Highlights

Rabbi Debra Bennet
Rabbi Educator, Director of Religious School



A New Approach to Jewish Learning

If you were to come upon one of our 3rd and 4th grade classes on any Sunday morning or any Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, you will find something remarkable happening. All of our 3rd and 4th grade students are part of Chadash, our new learning experience at Chaverim. They may be building a tower out of cups to experience the story of the Tower of Babel learning how to build it with and without talking to one another. They may be creating their very own covenant with God after the flood, acting as Noah did to reestablish trust with God. Or, they may be envisioning standing on the bimah on the day of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah and how they might feel. Through art, music, science and more our students are exploring what it means to be Jewish in all sorts of new ways. And, through experiential education, our tradition comes alive!



PACT Programs are Back!

As we began our school year, we were thrilled to announce a return to PACT Programs, Parents and Children Together. All of our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders have an opportunity to explore Judaism with their parents in different ways.

In December, our 3rd and 4th Graders focused on the Jewish heroes of our Torah stories, learning about the incredible things our forefathers and foremothers did. They acted out a dispute between Abraham and Lot and how it was resolved. They explored the action of a patriarch or matriarch that they admired. Additionally, they began to question where our ancestors found God and where we can find God in our lives.

In February, our 6th Graders learned about their families' immigration experience. Through exploring their own family history and traditions, they were able to learn about what it was like for immigrants to come to the United States and begin a new life. Within this program, they were also able to share family recipes and heirlooms. We had an incredible few days of learning.

In March, our 5th Graders will be exploring Jewish Heroes in their own families and beyond. Through the lens of kedushah, or holiness, our families will be examining what it means to be a part of a holy people and to have a relationship with God.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

CHATY

CHAvErIm TeMpLe YouTh

Temple Chaverim’s youth group — CHATY (CHAvErIm Temple Youth) — provides our youth an opportunity to engage in interesting and meaningful activities with their Jewish peers.

CHATY is divided into a senior youth group (for grades 9-12) and a junior youth group JCHATY (for grades 3-7). They have their own programming and activities appropriate for that age group. CHATY is proud to be a part of NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, and is part of the worldwide Reform Jewish youth organization of NetZer.

Our calendar consists of an array of fun-filled events, social action projects, and holiday celebrations that seek to strengthen their

connection to Judaism by building upon past Jewish experiences while creating new ones.

The bonds formed in youth group often last a lifetime! CHATY’s past events have included trips to Broadway shows, a visit to the Carnegie Deli, a NYC Scavenger Hunt, Gaga for Tzedakah, and our amazing Purim Carnival. Rabbi Debra Bennet, the congregation’s Associate Rabbi, oversees all youth programming, joined by Temple Chaverim’s enthusiastic and outgoing youth engagement staff led by Youth Engagement Specialist Dana Holzer. Rabbi Bennet will be working with CHATY, while Dana focuses on JCHATY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28th - JCHATY
Chocolate Seder
(grades 3-6)

Register [HERE](#)

March 29th - JCHATY
Chocolate Seder
(TNL)

TUESDAY NIGHTLIVE

Teens at CHAVERIM

6:15-8:00 pm
Pizza Served



Making Chanukah donuts!



Sorting food and toiletries for the Rudman Family Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC



Board Meeting fun!



Making sandwiches for the Mercy Soup Kitchen



Cooking for the Rudman Family Food Pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC

Teens Lobby Congress

During the last weekend of January, I went on the RAC L'Taken Social Justice Program in Washington D.C. For the four days that we were there, we learned about many social issues such as anti-semitism, gun violence, and economic justice. On Sunday night, we got into our groups and wrote our speeches together. It was very cool because everyone in the program was in pajamas and comfortable clothes sitting in every possible open space writing their speeches. And on Monday, the last day of the trip, we used what we learned to speak to our state and district representatives at Capitol Hill. We met with people from Senator Schumer's and Senator Gillibrand's offices, as well as Representative D'Esposito, and told our speeches to them.

Outside of the political world, we visited many exciting and interesting places throughout the country's capitol. On Saturday we visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. After that, we visited the Holocaust Museum, where we saw many things that occurred during the Holocaust. Then, we visited Georgetown for dinner and shopping. But one of my favorite parts from the trip was the Havdalah service at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Everybody in the program had a candle and was sitting on the steps of the Memorial, singing songs and celebrating Shabbat. On Sunday, we got to visit a Smithsonian museum of our choice. Our group chose the Museum of American History. After, we went to Pentagon Row for dinner.

Throughout the 4 days, we attended seminars teaching us about different problems throughout the world and coming up with ideas to help solve them. For example, we had a lobbying simulation where each person had a job to encourage politicians to support a bill, and at the end, everyone was standing on chairs cheering for their respective side. It was very fun!

All in all, the trip was extremely fun and I encourage anyone who has the chance to go, that they do so because it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Josh Grossfeld, 10th grade



Men's Club

Andrew Bernstein, President

Men's Club meets the last Wednesday of each month for Poker Night from 7:30-11. Dinner, beverages and dessert are included and it is always a fun night so please reach out to Men's Club President Andrew Bernstein at 516-480-6809 to join. Men's Club's other activities include summer barbeques before Friday night services, ushering during the High Holidays, building the Sukkah which is a great family event, and being a major sponsor of the Temple summer golf outing as well as all other Temple Events. Looking forward to having more members join our Men's Club.





CHANUKAH 2022





LATKES AND VODKA

THANK YOU SISTERHOOD FOR AN AWESOME EVENT!



Community Action

Chaverim Heroes



Tikkun Olam

תיקון עולם

Ronald McDonald House

Please join us and help cook a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, which keeps families seeking medical treatment for their sick children near the care they need and the families they love.

Sunday April 9, 2023
9:30 am

267-07 76th Avenue
New Hyde Park

- * Chefs ages 16 and over
- * Brunch ingredients provided

Space is limited

[Click here to register](#)



Feed the Need

Help those who live at the Hicksville train station and a local motel get a warm and delicious meal.

Congregants make and assemble food for about 50 people along with members of a local Church. The Church is responsible for the delivery but the food is up to us.

Three ways to help:

- 1) **Donate** - even \$18 or \$36 goes a long way in helping to feed those with food insecurity. Your donations ensure we have the quality ingredients we need to make their food.
- 2) **Shop** - help shop for those items needed to prepare the delicious menu.
- 3) **Cook** - In our temple's kitchen, help to cook and assemble the meals that will be delivered. Help cook, package and clean up.

Our next event: [Click here to donate or register](#)
March 21

For additional information, contact the temple office: 516-367-6100
Michael Wright, Social Action Committee Chair

Our monthly family volunteering program for children of all ages!

CHILDREN'S BOOK EVENT!



March 26 at 11 am

- Special Guest Readers
- Crafts & Snacks
- Pajamas Welcome
- Raffle Prizes!

Donate a Book!

Donation Bin in lobby

March 13-26

[Click to Register](#)

Our first event was partnering with Cereal4all to bring cereal boxes to food pantries across Long Island. 76 boxes of cereal donated for Island Harvest! Fun was had by all, especially playing dominos with the cereal boxes!



Justice League

Calling all...

8th-12th Graders

An opportunity to come together once a month to plan and participate in community service projects

Sunday, March 19th 11:30-12:30 pm

Sunday, April 23th 11:30-12:30 pm

Sunday, May 14th 11:30-12:30 pm

For any questions, please contact Rabbi Bennet at (516) 367-6100.



Small Groups Initiative

Small Groups are peer-led groups of 6-10 people that come together around a shared interest or topic in an ongoing way, for a specific length of time.

Some groups may meet biweekly for 8 weeks or weekly for 4. The goal is to get together with other members, to interact, connect, have fun and to create a closer-knit community.

This program runs on a first-come/first-served basis. If you are not able to be included in this round of small groups, please let us know and we will include you in the next set of sessions. It is imperative that we keep the groups small but we are always able to add more groups.

Please keep an eye out for future Small Groups this spring.

Small Group Info!

L'dor Vador: The Holocaust Collective

This group is working to create an archive of stories whose families were touched by the Holocaust. The aim is to create a library collection to preserve this history. Our wish is to create something beautiful that helps us to keep these memories alive so we never forget. Our hope is that it will also be a resource for our Hebrew School to help our youngest members remember. It is important to this group that we don't let our past determine the future of our children.

Please share your stories with us so we can begin the task of curating our library.

If you have any questions please reach out to **Judy Weiss** (jw1957@optonline.net), **Sherri Winick** (winicksherri@gmail.com) or **Rabbi Zeller** (rabbi@templechaverim.org)

Join us for what is going to be an evening of learning and discussion with regards to the Holocaust.

April 19th: See Page 20 for further details
Dr. Bernice Lerner -
Educator, Speaker on the Holocaust, and
Author of "The Triumph of Wounded Souls and All the Horrors of War".

Museum Hopping Group

Allen Wood, Leader

We are fifteen members strong, and although we do not need to hop, we do enjoy visiting museums. After an initial zoom meeting at which time we determined a few possible sites for a January visit, we selected the Heckscher Museum of Art. We attended on January 29th, and saw two new exhibits -- "Raise the Roof: The Home in Art," and "Viewfinders: Photographers Frame Nature." Everybody seemed to have a good time, and we had a lot of discussion as we viewed the exhibits. The next visit was on February 26th, at which time we attended the Nassau County Museum of Art, and saw the exhibit "The Big Picture." Future museum possibilities will soon be selected. "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life" Picasso



More Small Groups!

Thank you to all of our facilitators!

Please keep an eye out for future Small Groups this spring!

Backyard Happy Hour

(Cori Cohen and Lauren Malkoff)

Connect and socialize with new friends while enjoying cocktails (weekends).

Chaverim outdoors

(Sherri Winick and John Pagliaro)

Meet at different outdoor locations to hike, ski, bike, or kayak and experience the natural environment.

Gardening Green-thumbs

(Ron Samuel)

Come learn how to garden or improve your skills.

Walking and Wagging

(Aimee Reifer, Rabbi Zeller and Rabbi Bennet)

Bring your dog for a walk in the neighborhood with some Chaverim friends

Holocaust L'dor V'dor

(Judy Weiss)

Are you the (grown) child or grandchild of someone who went through the Holocaust?

Join us as we begin sharing our family stories with the wider community and connecting with one another to learn, teach, and explore with future generations.

Meeting times vary throughout the year.

Museum Hopping

(Allen Wood)

Looking for culture or to try something new? Come tour local and NYC museums with Allen Wood.

Museums will be decided upon once everyone registers!

Quick Conversational Hebrew

(Debbye Brandell)

Start speaking Hebrew today. Learn basic words and phrases for travel or the love of the language. Enjoy tasty Israeli treats and make new friends all

while learning a new language. No previous knowledge required.

Dates and times will be confirmed based on everyone's availability so sign up today!

Spirits and Sampling

(Jon Bressner)

Enjoy Happy Hour whenever this small group gets together to sample different high-end whiskey.



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Classes with the Clergy



Weekly Torah Class

Sunday
Mornings
9:15am-10:30am
See Shabbat Blast for zoom link

Jewish Women in Books

Join Rabbi Zeller in virtual classes exploring various contemporary settings of Jewish women in books. Each month we will be reading a new book on our own and coming together to explore, understand and share ideas on these various works of fiction, nonfiction, and historical fiction.

COMING SOON!

SUMMER 2023

"The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish

More Information to follow.



Chaverim News

To submit your noteworthy news to share with your fellow chaverim -- births, engagements and marriages; special awards at school and work; promotions, honors and awards; college acceptances, graduations and degrees conferred; book signings, gallery shows and other special accomplishments [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#)

Lori Fieland announces the birth of her granddaughter Summer on December 1, 2023. Parents Brandon and Raina Fieland and big brother Jett are thrilled to add to their family.

It's a Girl!



Kaitly Berg and Alex Kam were married on February 19, 2023. Alex is the son of Debra and Paul Kam and the grandson of **Carol and Burton Minov**.



Do you have a program suggestion you would like to share with us?



Click [here](#) to share your suggestion.

We want to hear from you!

DID YOU KNOW? Benefits of donating funds from your IRA account (A message from Lloyd Abramowitz, Immediate Past President)

Dear Temple members:

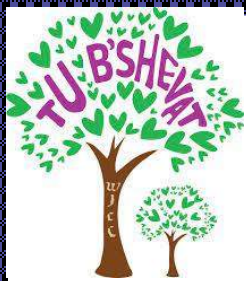
As we approach the end of another fiscal year (June 30th), I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. This time of year is also a time to reflect and make plans for the future. I am writing to you today to discuss a unique opportunity for you to make a meaningful and impactful donation to our temple.

I would like to share with you the benefits of donating funds from your IRA account. By doing so, you can make a charitable contribution without having to pay income tax on the distribution. This is especially advantageous for those who are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA account. Instead of having the RMD increase your taxable income, you can direct that money to a charitable organization, such as Temple Chaverim, and reduce your taxable income while supporting a cause that you care about.

This opportunity is a win-win for both you and Temple Chaverim. Your generosity will provide much-needed support for our temple and its programs, and you will be able to maximize the impact of your donation. I strongly encourage you to consider making a charitable contribution from your IRA account, and if you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. Please make sure to consult your tax advisor as well.

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Chaverim. Wishing you and your loved ones the very best in health and prosperity.

Sincerely, Lloyd Abramowitz, Immediate Past President

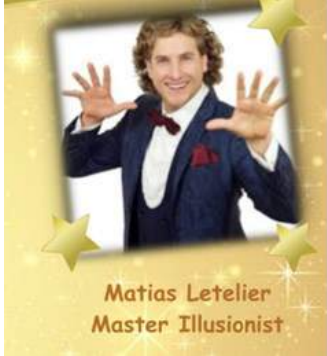


Seder



☆☆ A TRULY MAGICAL EVENING ☆☆

Many thanks to Judy Weiss and our Special Events Committee for planning such a fun night!





Purim Schpiel

*Gaga Pit, Games and Prizes
DJ Music & Dancing
Hamantashen and Mini Bagels
Face Painting and more...*



Special thank you to our sponsors:

- *Temple Chaverim Sisterhood and Men's Club*
- *Crestwood Country Day School and Camp*
- *Driftwood Day Camp*
- *Party Harty*



Meet the
STAFF



JULIE FEINMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I started my journey here at Temple Chaverim in July 2020. I am proud to be a part of our Chaverim family of friends. As your Executive Director, I supervise all day to day temple functions as well as non-clergy staff and so much more. I am here for your membership questions and synagogue needs. My door is always open so please feel free to stop by. I look forward to sharing in your simchas and all life cycle events.

julie@templechaverim.org

L'shalom, Julie

STEPHANIE MIDDENDORF
TEMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Hi my name is Stephanie and I am the Administrative Assistant for the Temple. I will start my second year here in October. I am married to my husband Adam and have three children, Daniela and Nicolette my twins and youngest son Robert (RJ).

stephanie@templechaverim.org

RONNIE DILLER
CLERGY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



My name is Ronnie Diller and I have been the Clergy Administrative Assistant for the past 9 years, here to help you with anything clergy related. I am your guide through the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process, setting up your child's lessons, Rabbi appointments and answering any questions you might have along the way. I have three children of my own who have been through this experience so I am personally familiar with all the joys and angst surrounding this milestone. Welcome!

ronnie@templechaverim.org

VICKY GLADOWSKY
BOOKKEEPER



Hi! My name is Vicky Gladowsky and I have been the bookkeeper at Temple Chaverim for 16 years. Family is a very important part of my life. Barry and I are fortunate to have a wonderful family. My children (Arielle and Josh, Danielle and Nate) and my four grandchildren (Jordyn, Abby, Eli and Ryder) are members of Temple Chaverim. You can usually find me at Temple Chaverim on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays but you can leave me a message or email any time.

vicky@templechaverim.org



Meet the
STAFF CONTINUED

LYNNE KURTZMAN

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ADMIN ASSISTANT,
TEACHER



Hi my name is Lynne Kurtzman. I have worked at Temple Chaverim for 12 years as a Religious school teacher and presently I'm the Religious School administrator. I'm here to help you and your children with questions concerning school. I also teach K1,2 on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is wonderful working with the children and getting to know the Chaverim families.

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DANA HOLZER

ASST DIRECTOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Hi! I'm Dana Holzer, the Assistant Director of Youth Engagement here at Temple Chaverim. I have my masters in art education. I love to work with children and teach them new and creative things. I also enjoy hanging out with my husband, 2 children and 2 dogs.

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MARK TAYLOR, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

My name is Mark Taylor and I have been the Building Maintenance Manager at Temple Chaverim for over 21 years.

I am responsible for maintaining the building's appearance and supervising the maintenance staff.

Sisterhood Women's Seder

Thursday, March 23rd
6:00 PM

Bat Mitzvah age and up are welcome

Dinner and Dessert
provided by Lessing's

*Giveaways and more

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\$55.00 for Members (per person)

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Super Bowl Pool



Mazel Tov to the Winners!

\$50 BOX / \$25 BOX

FIRST QUARTER: Marty Cohen / Michael Marinoff

HALF TIME: Lloyd Abramowitz / Joan Kimmel

THIRD QUARTER: Steve Hershkowitz/Vicky Gladowsky

FINAL SCORE: Eric Horowitz / Mark Stuckhardt

Sponsored by the Men's Club and a special thank you to Andrew Bernstein for making these two pools a huge success!

TEMPLE CHAVERIM WANTS YOU!

All members are welcome to join any committee. List of committees can be found on the last page of this newsletter. For more information, please contact Julie Feinman in the temple office.

Do that "one thing" to help the temple thrive!



A program of L'dor Vador:
The Holocaust Collective

Coming soon on zoom!
APRIL 19
Author Bernice Lerner
Speaks to Chaverim

About the talk!

About the Author: Bernice Lerner is the author of *All the Horrors of War: A Jewish Girl, a British Doctor, and the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen*, and other writings on the Holocaust and on virtue ethics. As director of Boston University's Center for Character and Social Responsibility, Bernice lectured widely, conducted professional development for educators, and taught courses on character education and on the Holocaust. As dean of adult learning at Hebrew College, she created a host of adult learning programs, including the acclaimed *Me'ah*, a two-year journey through Jewish history.



Bernice Lerner will describe how a small group of rescuers went about trying to save lives. She will share astonishing "behind-the-scenes" stories about the unprecedented liberation--from the perspectives of both liberators and survivors, including her mother, then fifteen-year-old Rachel Genuth. Like Rachel, Bernice's aunt and mother of Temple Chaverim member Judy Weiss, Esther Weiss, was among those at death's door in Bergen-Belsen.

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Mazel Tov Bar / Bat Mitzvah



Maya Schiffman	Stuart & Caryn	9/9/2022
Noah Greenblatt	Evan & Shira	9/10/2022
Hayley Maultasch	Jayne & Erica	9/10/2022
Dina Adler	Mitchell & Lauren	9/17/2022
Alex Hemmerdinger	Mark & Jessica	10/8/2022
Sage Rosenberg	Michael & Rachel	10/8/2022
Hayden Charles Sutter	Steven & Erica	10/15/2022
Samuel Holzer	Douglas & Dana	10/22/2022
Hannah Waldman	David & Dana	10/22/2022

Eytan Bennet	Marc & Debra	10/29/2022
Robert Simon	Rhonda	11/5/2022
Serena Novins	Andrew & Jessica	11/5/2022
Ashton Levenstien	Damon & Dina	11/12/2022
Madison Berman	David & Helene	11/12/2022
Alexa Weisbach	Evan & Stefanie	11/19/2022
Hailey Goldberg	Adam & Sharon	11/26/2022
Harper Lax	Josh and Julie	12/10/2022
Zoey Spolansky	Matt & Beth	12/17/2022
Isabella Meyer	Lance & Tracey	12/17/2022

Tyler Walowitz	Neil & Danielle	1/7/2023
Hailey Vine	Aaron & Jaime	1/14/2023
Gabriel Sontag	Eric & April	1/14/2023
Emily Levy	Rob & Leslie	1/21/2023
Eliana Glassman	Adam & Sarah	1/28/2023
Jordan Krilov	Leonard & Barbara	2/4/2023
Ryder Josefsberg	Bobby & Wendy	2/11/2023
Max Levitt	Andrew & Andrea	3/11/2023
Jake Keil	Russell & Jaime	3/25/2023
Ethan Atkin	Brian & Marla	4/1/2023

Jacob Feldman	Evan & Jennifer	4/29/2023
Hayley Bernstein	Eric & Wendy	4/29/2023
Lucy Wilensky	Neil & Robin	5/6/2023
Alexa Silver	Glenn & Ronni	5/13/2023
Dylan Solarsh	Andrew and Eva	5/20/2023
Ava Ormond	Bruce & Adrienne	6/10/2023
Zoe Ormond	Bruce & Adrienne	6/10/2023
Nina Brickel	Kenny & Stacy	6/10/2023
Graydon Brenner	Larry & Betsy	6/17/2023
Brooke Vernick	Jason & Kim	6/17/2023

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 4:15 – 6pm Wednesday
 6:20 – 8pm Wednesday
 9:15 – 11am Sunday

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