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Hanukkah 2024

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From our Clergy



Meeting the Highest Standard

Fulfilling *halakha*/Jewish law is hard, full stop. The standards for religious practices can be tough to get right and are even tougher to consistently maintain. I imagine that even the most pious and punctilious among us can rarely honestly say “I’m doing this Jewish practice to the highest standard possible.” When there’s so many practices and so many steps to getting things right, it’s hard to get it perfectly right every time. Even *tzedakah*/charitable giving, such a basic foundation of Jewish living, is so complicated that Rambam gives us a ‘ladder’ of 8 different ways to give *tzedakah* in descending order of value and preference (MT Gifts to the Poor, 10:7-14). If it’s that hard to give *tzedakah* in the optimal manner, how can we reasonably expect to hit the highest level for any other mitzvah?

Yet I’m fairly confident that there is at least one mitzvah that probably everyone who practices it gets an +A in. That mitzvah is lighting Hanukkah candles. It turns out the way most of us do it, adding a new candle each day of the holiday is actually the highest level of fulfilling the mitzvah. The Talmud (Shabbat 21b) records that the most basic way to fulfill the mitzvah is for **just** one candle per night per household, with only one light on the first night and one night on the last night.

The next level up is one candle per person per night. It’s only at the highest level when we light one candle on the first night and add another candle each subsequent night. Which is probably how you do it.

The Talmud calls this level *mehadrin min hamehadrin*, which might mean “the strictest of the strict” because they hold to the highest standard, but it might also mean “the most beautiful of the beautiful” because there is something beautiful about going all for this mitzvah. When it comes to lighting Hanukkah candles, the practice of adding a candle each night, the standard of *mehadrin min hamehadrin*, creates powerful spiritual meaning as we achieve a mitzvah at its highest level. Even more so, following this standard also creates a profoundly beautiful aesthetic experience, as the branches of the menorah fill up with candles and our eyes quickly fill up with more and more light.

Perhaps then this is one of the great hidden lessons of Hanukkah revealed to us in the soft glow of candlelight: it’s possible to achieve the highest level of the mitzvot. Maybe not every mitzvah, maybe not every time. But each time we light the menorah can be a reminder that we can always do more, reaching for and meeting that highest standard, like the flames of the menorah, ascending ever upward in holiness and beauty.

~Rabbi Jeremy Fineberg



Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights. We mark this by lighting candles for each of the eight nights of the holiday. Our rabbis taught that the reason we light the Hanukkah menorah is in order to publicize the miracle of Hanukkah. Interestingly, the light of the candles is not to be used for any other purpose (like illuminating a room in order to see). But the original reason for marking the holiday specifically with light is uncertain.

The well-known story of the miraculous cruse of oil does not appear in the books of Maccabees nor in the Mishnah, but only in the Talmud. We do read about the Maccabees burning incense on the altar and lighting the lamps on the menorah when they rededicated the Temple (*I Maccabees 4:50*). And although many theorize that Hanukkah is a Jewish winter solstice holiday (as many cultures have), this has been discounted by many scholars. As Rabbi Yitz Greenberg points out in his book *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, the purification and rededication of the Temple was an actual historical event, which we know from many accounts. The anniversary of that event is marked

each year on the 25th of Kislev, which often falls well before the winter solstice (as it did last year at the beginning of December).

So why do we celebrate Hanukkah with light? Rabbi Yosei, in the Talmud (*Megillah 24b*), says, “All of my life I was troubled by this verse, which I did not understand: ‘And you shall grope at noon as the blind gropes in the darkness [Deut. 28:29].’ I was perplexed: What does it matter to a blind person whether it is dark or light? I was once walking on a pitch-black night when I saw a blind man walking with a torch in his hands. I asked him: ‘Why do you carry the torch if you are blind?’ He replied: ‘As long as the torch is in my hand, people can see me and save me from the pits and the thorns and the thistles.’”

We are all in desperate need of light. Since last year on October 7, we have suffered great losses and extreme darkness. And as we continue to grapple with this darkness, I keep coming back to light. When we reach out to those who are in anguish, we are giving them light. Light is what rescues us from the darkness and helps us continue to move forward.

Hanukkah is a relatively simple holiday, and yet it holds profound meaning. The candles that we light do not simply remind us of

what happened 2000 years ago in the Temple. They represent the light of the human spirit and the light of the Divine presence in our lives. The Hanukkah menorah reminds us that no matter how dark life may be, there always remains a source of light inside all of us. This year, let us all remember that by lighting

the Hanukkah menorah, we ignite the flame within ourselves, and we can use that spark to light up the lives of each other. Happy Hanukkah!

~Cantor Jamie Gloth

From our President



*Mah tov u ohalecha Yaakov,
mishk'notecha Yisrael*

How lovely are your tents [people of] Jacob; your sanctuaries [people of] Israel.

There are many interpretations about the deeper meaning of this statement that we recite upon entering our sanctuary at the

start of the morning service. I'll focus on its broader meaning as I marvel at all the ways we strive to make Temple Israel the vital center for traditional egalitarian Jewish living and learning.

Our אהל (*ohel*: shelter) is only as strong as the people who care for it, and TI is blessed with dedicated community made up of inspirational clergy, energized staff, motivated lay leaders, and a supportive and generous membership.

Here are but a few examples of how we are making improvements to our tent:

- Our new website and TI logo enhance our positioning and our communication effectiveness! Prospective members can explore opportunities at TI to satisfy their religious, educational, and social needs.
- Our successful multi-year efforts by our search teams (lay leadership and staff) resulted in hiring people to complement our beloved Rabbi Jeremy Fineberg. We are enriching our musical, spiritual, educational and youth programming with the additions of Cantor Jamie Gloth, Abby Newman Wallach, Marilyn Rabinovitz, and Jackie Mindlin.

There are many activities going on behind-the-scenes that deserve our recognition and gratitude. I'll name a few here:

- TI Board of Trustees and Executive Committee: overseeing the vision and mission of our shul with integrity, care, and respect.
- Our Financial team (office staff and lay volunteers): working to improve management of our financial operations and protection of our valuable assets.
- Our dedicated administrative and custodial staff: caring for the various needs of our congregation.
- Our House committee: recommending and advising repairs and improvements to our building interior and exterior.

- Our Streaming Task Force: working to improve our video streaming and internal audio capabilities.
- Our Membership team: engaging with new members and coordinating with local real estate agents and businesses.
- Our Event planning teams: organizing our holiday events and enabling us to celebrate and have fun together!
- Our TI Kiddush team: working to provide "The best kiddush in town," all made possible by our hard-working volunteers under the direction of Marty Grandberg, and the financial support of members like you!
- Our Strategic planning teams (lay leadership, member volunteers, and professional staff): surveying, analyzing, and planning for our strong future for Temple Israel.
- Our Youth education and programming (professionals and volunteers): promoting exciting learning opportunities, Jewish pride, and community bonding, (TIRS, Hertz Nursery School, USY).
- Our Safety and Security committee: analyzing our safety needs, making recommendations, applying and executing on awarded federal and state grants.
- Our many other active arms of the shul: collaborating to foster relationships, engagement, support, and respect for and within our sacred community.

And many more....

Throughout the year, let us appreciate the many things that make our tent so lovely. And, remember that your contributions (time, talent and treasure) will greatly enable our אהל (*ohel*: shelter) to continue to thrive today and in the future.

How good and lovely is our TI tent and all who congregate within.

With gratitude and pride,

~Debra Getz, President





Hertz Highlights

The school year is well underway and the energy and excitement each day brings is EXACTLY what you want to see and feel in a preschool! Full classrooms, nearly full staffing and an amazing team of educators committed to providing each child with what they need to succeed!

Hertz Nursery School is like a hive full of honeybees buzzing around with joy and purpose, each day filled with fun activities. From our weekly Havdallah program to Israeli Dancing, music class, classroom learning, playground fun and Shabbat Community time every Friday morning, each classroom strives to fill every child's day with experience, knowledge and a lifelong love of learning.

Our Bunnies classroom is spending this month learning about their five senses and exploring various sensory play. We will also be celebrating some holidays these next couple months like Thanksgiving and Hanukkah where we will talk and read about our families, do some mitzvahs by making gifts for our loved ones, and practice saying "thank you" or "toda" to our friends and grown ups!

Our Chipmunks class have been exploring the season of autumn. We are learning about leaves, acorns, pumpkins, and woodland animals. We will also be focusing on Thanksgiving; the children will be creating something special to take home.

Our Cubs class welcomed in cooler temperatures and in the upcoming winter season we'll be introducing our weather chart to circle time and doing some cold weather art. We may even have time for a cozy pajama day and some special homemade snacks.



We are delighted to welcome Marilyn Rabinovitz to the Hertz family!

Our Teddy Bears class has been learning all about shapes, colors and numbers this week through a variety of hands-on activities. In the next couple of weeks, we will be discussing Thanksgiving and who/what we are thankful for. Our lessons will focus on how we can express gratitude to those we love. We plan on exploring these themes through several classroom experiences and projects.

Our Busy Bees class, with fall all around us we have been exploring and learning about the various aspects of a Farm and where many of our food items (like eggs) come from before landing on our table. As the month moves along, we will move into Thanksgiving, gratitude and being thankful.

And our Transitional Kindergarten classroom, the Dinosaurs class focused their curriculum during November to learn all about fall and exploring the season through STEAM. We will also incorporate themes of thankfulness and kindness as we enter the Thanksgiving season within our classroom community. Fun with leaves turkeys and acorns! The dinosaurs have been working hard on their writing skills and understanding of letter sounds.

Registration for the 2025/2026 school year will begin in the coming month, and we encourage everyone in the community to reach out soon if they are interested in learning more about enrolling their child in our great school!

Marilyn Rabinovitz
Director of Hertz Nursery School



Youth Education & Programming

As we approach the Festival of Lights, the story of Hanukkah offers us an opportunity to reflect on how we engage with tradition and approach growth. One of the most well-known debates in Jewish history is the disagreement between the great sages, Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai, over how to light the Hanukkah candles.

Rabbi Shammai proposed beginning with all eight candles on the first night and decreasing the number each night, lighting just one candle on the final evening of Hanukkah. Life often mirrors this idea during certain times of the year when we find ourselves counting down the days — to vacations, simchas (joyous celebrations), summer camp, reunions, warm weather, or birthdays. While this anticipation can bring excitement, it can also distract us from appreciating the sanctity of each moment. Decreasing the light, both physically and metaphorically, can limit our ability to see clearly and cherish the present moment that we are in. As the days grow shorter and darkness settles earlier, it can become more challenging to navigate the world with such limited light, both practically and emotionally.

In contrast, Rabbi Hillel taught that we should start with one candle and increase the number each night, adding more light as the holiday progresses and deepening the holiness of the holiday. This practice of increasing light aligns with our mission at Temple Israel. As we begin a new year, our education team is committed to creating opportunities to spread light through events, outings, and programs for youth of all ages through social events, social action and service, and learning programs. When faced with darkness, our response is to share light. We've witnessed this in the joy and excitement of our youth during events like the Sukkah Hop, in the pride of students as they read their first words in Hebrew, and in the warm greetings exchanged amongst peers upon arrival to Temple Israel.

This debate between Shammai and Hillel is not only a debate about lighting the menorah, it reflects our values and our

approach to the world. While Shammai's method emphasizes starting with fullness, Hillel's approach teaches us to increase the light gradually, making the world brighter day by day. It can take effort to spread joy especially when we may be experiencing our own challenges. Sometimes it's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. However, by taking small steps to fill ourselves with joy, we can also spread the light as well, even with a simple smile and "hello". This principle of increasing light — of growth, expansion, and improvement — is at the heart of our work regarding Temple Israel youth. Together, we aim to create meaningful connections and foster learning and joy, spreading light even amidst the darkness.

~ Abby Newman Wallach



We are thrilled to welcome Jackie Mindlin to the Temple Israel community as our new Youth Advisor! Jackie will be working full-time to enhance our youth programming, with a focus on youth groups and teen engagement beyond the religious school experience.

Jackie joins us from New Bedford, where she served as both the USY Advisor and a religious school teacher. During her time there, she successfully grew the USY chapter through her dynamic programming, strong communication, and relationship-building skills. She is passionate about Jewish communal work and creating community amongst youth and teens. We are excited for Jackie to bring her creativity, experience working with teens, and passion for Judaism to Temple Israel.

We look forward to the new and innovative programs she will help bring to our youth and teen communities through her leadership and collaboration. Please join us in welcoming Jackie to Temple Israel!

Midot and Community Learning Gila Yudewitz

Shalom Kehillah Kedosha! (Hello to our holy community). Students at Hertz and Temple Israel Religious School have been spending each Hebrew month focusing on a different Midah (value). This year we have learned about Derech Eretz (behaving appropriately), Teshuva (fixing our problems and always working to be better), and Hakarat Hatov (recognizing and acknowledging the good in life). As we enter the month of Kislev and get excited for Hanukkah we will also be learning the Mitzvah (commandment from God) of Tzedakah (charity). Students will be making tzedakah boxes for their classrooms and will begin collecting for a charity that the teens in TIRS will be choosing and then advocating for.

In this time of giving and getting, thank you for helping us spread light to those feeling in the dark due to food insecurity. Family Table is always looking for tuna and pasta, and we always appreciate those who think of others and are able to give Tzedakah during this joyous time.

B.Mitzvah Institute

Our Bnai Mitzvah Institute families kicked off the year with field trips to Touro Synagogue and Mayyim Hayyim. Thank you Cantor Gloth!



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Hertz Parent Committee

The Hertz Parent Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who work closely with the Hertz and TI staff and families in order to fundraise and create meaningful and fun programming for our community. So far this year, we have had many successful happenings including a parent mingle and visit to the fire station. With donations, our Sunshine Fund has been able to provide multiple gifts and assistance for teachers and Hertz families going through life cycle events such as, moving, new siblings, disaster relief, and health related circumstances. We continue to have a successful weekly challah drive where Hertz and TI families can support our Sunshine Fund.

Upcoming events: Camp Maplewood Playdate, Havdalah/ musician night and a Hanukkah and T-shirt fundraiser.

We are looking forward to the second half of the year!

FAMILY HANUKKAH ZIMRIYAH

(SONG FEST)

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE MORNING
TO GET READY FOR HANUKKAH!

SUNDAY

15

DECEMBER

9:00AM-11:30AM

PERFORMANCES BY
HERTZ & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

HANUKKAH TREATS
CHANUKKIAH MUSEUM



MISHMAR: SHABBAT PRE-GAME

Prepare for Shabbat with a night of
COMMUNAL SINGING, LEARNING, CHOLENT & L'CHAYIMS!



What is Cholent?
A Jewish Shabbat dish of slowly baked meat and vegetables, typically prepared on a Friday and cooked overnight.

MONTHLY BEGINNING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7:45PM



This Hanukkah, Commit to Vote for MERCAZ USA!



The 2025 World Zionist Congress elections are around the corner and it's time to get ready to vote for

the MERCAZ USA slate. The World Zionist Congress and its affiliates provide millions of dollars in funding and support the programs that enrich our community and Jewish life in the U.S. Voting for MERCAZ USA is an investment in the future of the Jewish institutions at the heart of our communities. This funding includes programming at our congregation, Israel education at Ramah summer camps, and critical philanthropy objectives supporting hostage families, the global diaspora, and more.

Commit to vote by visiting mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025 and filling out the form! We challenge you to share this form with (at least) one friend, family member, or neighbor each night of Hanukkah. Together, we can realize the Zionist vision of a safe,

secure, Jewish, and democratic Israel that serves as a home for every Jew.

The voting period begins on March 10, 2025, and no preregistration or organizational membership is required beforehand. Any Jewish adult over 18 who lives permanently in the U.S. and didn't vote in the last Knesset election can vote for MERCAZ USA in the World Zionist Congress elections.

When you vote for the Conservative/Masorti Judaism's official party, MERCAZ USA, in online to the Zionist Congress, you are voting to help Israel heal and rebuild after October 7th, protect democracy in Israel, support Masorti/Conservative communities in Israel and worldwide, and promote religious pluralism in Israel.

Please direct any questions to mercaz@westendstrategy.com or to Jeff Lipton, jeffreylipton@gmail.com, Temple Israel's MERCAZ captain.





**FREE
and open
to the
public!**

**Monday, December 30th
5:30pm**

Temple Israel Sharon | 125 Pond Street

- latke bar
- olive oil tasting
- sufganiyot
- signature drinks
(\$5/drink, cash only)
- kids crafts & activities
- community menorah lighting
- and more!

RSVP HERE



Temple Israel Gift Shop & Hertz Nursery School

Hanukkah Candle Fundraiser

Stop by the TI Gift Shop to buy your Hanukkah candles! A portion of the proceeds from each order will help support Hertz Nursery School's sunshine fund!

The Gift Shop will be open:

12/8 9-11:30am

12/11 9am-12pm, 4-5:30pm

12/15 9-11:30am

12/16 9am-12pm

12/18 10:30am-12pm, 4-5:30pm

or by appointment (Walterfamilyjudaica@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting our school!



**CANTOR GLOTH
MEET & GREET**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 3PM
At the home of Aaron & Ellen Kischel



**SPACE IS LIMITED!
SCAN FOR DETAILS & RSVP**

Walter Family Judaica Shop

HANUKKAH SHOPPING!

Sunday, 12/15: 9-11:30am

Monday, 12/16: 10:30am-12pm

**Wednesdays, 12/11 & 12/18: 10:30am-12pm
4-5:30pm**

Ellen 781-801-0691 Arlene 781-784-3423 Lisa 781-784-4281

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Brotherhood

Once again, the Brotherhood has been very busy!

Just before the holidays started, we held our annual Paid-Up Supper. Alex Barth of 98.5 the Sports Hub was our guest speaker. Alex grew up in Sharon and was a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. He shared with us his journey of turning his passion for sports into a career. Alex then engaged with the audience in a sports talk radio like segment, handling questions and giving hot takes on a wide range of topics.

Even before the holidays ended, the busy Brotherhood 2024-25 calendar kicked into high gear! Howard Rothberg and crew readied the Taubenfeld Cohen Sukkah in the Brotherhood Pavilion for all to enjoy. Our annual Burgers and Beer event (combined with the Sisterhood) was held on an unseasonably warm October evening. Over 80 people gathered. Special thanks to Alan Kritz and Beth Lappen for coordinating.

On the Shabbat before Veteran's Day, we joined 'forces' with Sisterhood and Hazak for a special service honoring those who have served on behalf of the United States and Israel. Marty Grandberg prepared a sumptuous Kiddush. Thank you to Harold Waisel for leading us once again in making sure we honored the Veterans in our community on this important day.

The following day, we joined the other men's clubs in the region at Temple Emanuel in Newton for the annual Keeper of the Flame ceremony. We celebrated as Steve Rafsky received the honor as Temple Israel Brotherhood's Keeper for 2024. Steve contributes to our Temple and greater community in so many ways. He is Treasurer of both the Temple and the Brotherhood, assistant Treasurer for the New England region of Men's Clubs, lead usher at Shabbat services, star in the annual Purim Shpiel, and Treasurer, New England Friends March of the Living. Aside from that, he is a really good guy who is always available to lend a hand or give a friendly word of advice. *Mazal Tov* Steve!

The following weekend, our Brotherhood Speaker Breakfast series began for this year. We were honored to welcome Rabbi

Aaron Fine, Executive Director of Hillel at UMass Amherst. The program included a short presentation by the Rabbi detailing Hillel's response to antisemitism on college campuses. Rabbi Fine was joined by several college students who described their experiences and the current climate in and around the schools in this area. Special thanks to Mark Popovsky for arranging this important program.

Our award-winning Hearing Men's Voices program started up once again. This year's theme reflects upon the core values of our Temple as recently developed through the strategic planning initiative. The first session is centered upon "Community". How do we serve our community and one another? Art Newman facilitated. Thank you to Norm Tabroff and Matt Zinno for once again developing a wonderful program! HVM will meet again on 12/11, 1/23, 2/6, 3/5, and 4/8.

On the day before Thanksgiving, our Brotherhood Mitzvah Men were in action delivering meals throughout the area to those in need in conjunction with HESSCO. Thank you to Josh Olshin for once again coordinating this worthwhile effort. Over 200 meals were delivered before Thanksgiving, and we will be poised and ready to do it all over again right before Christmas. *Yasher koach* Josh!

And it does not stop...

As this article goes to press, we are making plans with Rabbi Fineberg for another set of "Jewish Routes" breakfast discussions. Watch for registration with the first session for this season coming on Sunday, December 8th.

Then, as we turn the page to 2025, we look forward to Brotherhood Weekend, Jan. 11-12, Lift Your Spirits on 2/8, World Wide Wrap on 2/16, and our online auction 2/16-3/9. Thank you to Stephen Shrago and Jimmy Slovin for chairing this year's auction!

And last but not least, we were privileged once again to be recognized by the FJMC as a 'Quality Club' for 2023-24. Our plaque in the Lang Galleria showcase has been updated.

B'shalom,

Gary Keimach,
Brotherhood President

HAZAK

We are now approaching the cold, snowy months of winter and with that in mind, the programs at Hazak in January and February will be on Sundays. We will return to our evening programming in March. In November, many Hazak members supported the Boston Jewish Film Festival by attending the screening of the film "Avenue of the Giants" held at Orchard Cove. And at Temple Israel our Sharon neighbors Steven Gilman and Dr. Mark Popovsky talked about cancer, one of the most important medical issues facing many of us. Steven In December, Laura Rosenspan displayed several of her landscape

quilts and explained the meaning behind them. We also celebrated Hanukkah with traditional food including latkes!

On Sunday, January 5, at 11:30am our program will include a lunch and a movie.

Hazak welcomes all to join us at all of our programs. For more information email: hazak.susan@gmail.com

Wishing all of you a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year in 2025!

Kol Tov! Gloria, Harriet and Sue





Israeli Dancing

Israeli Dancing got off to a great start this year at Temple Israel. One of my new favorite dances we have been enjoying is “Mami Bali” choreographed by Sagi Azran in 2019. We are grateful to our very own congregant Lauren Schneider, an experienced Israeli dancer and teacher, who shared some of her time with us to introduce this crowd-pleaser. This high energy dance contains traditional Israeli folk dance elements such as Mayim and Debka steps, but also incorporates a few Indian dance moves straight out of Bollywood.

Scan the QR code to check out the dance at home!



Temple Israel holds open Israeli Folk Dancing sessions from 8:00-9:30 PM on most Thursday evenings throughout the year. All ages and levels of experience are welcome, whether you don't know a single step, or have been dancing for years. Typically, we do easier dances and have some teaching in the first half of the evening, and do intermediate/advanced dancing during the latter half. No partners are required, as the dances are circle and line dances. Wear (or bring) dry, comfortable shoes. Suggested donation \$5 per session.

Contact Eric Pomerantz at ericpomer82@gmail.com to be added to our email list for weekly announcements or for any other questions about Israeli Folk Dancing at Temple Israel.

Mishpacha Minyan

Upcoming Dates: January 10th & February 28th

Mishpacha Minyan is a lay-led, spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service for the entire community. Full of melody and song, the service is both intimate and engaging at any level of Hebrew or musical ability. Not just for young families, everyone is welcome; all types of families, singles, empty nesters, seniors, new members, veteran members – you get it- everyone! Dinner and services are held several times during the year.

We also welcome your participation in the service, or for dinner, if you would like (you don't need to). You are welcome to lead a part of the service, give a 3 minute d'var, help with the dinner (lots of ways to help). If you would like to be involved in any of these ways, please reach out to Liz at eaweiner0@gmail.com, or indicate it on your rsvp if you are staying for dinner.

Following the brief service, all are welcome to join us for a community dinner. Please RSVP online for the dinner. No fee or RSVP needed for attending only the service.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet *May their memories be a blessing*

SHIRLEY KAYE, beloved mother of Brenda (Josh)Klein

MARIAN PUTNAM, beloved husband of Brian Putnam

EVELYN "EVY" LANG, beloved wife of Ron Lang

CYNTHIA ENGEL, beloved mother of Sheryl (Joshua) Olshin

BERNICE & LENNY COHEN, beloved parents of Marcia (Elliot) Feldman

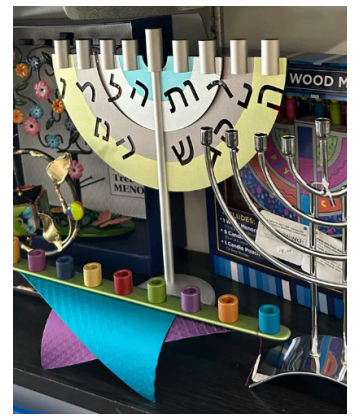
EDGAR LEWIS, beloved father of Ronde (Jeffrey) Gassman

ESTELLE SUTTON, beloved mother of Susan (Mark) Tinianow

MARILYN LAVENDER, beloved mother of Andrea Lavender (Mark Popovsky)

JEAN ZELMAN PERKINS, beloved father of Gary (Marlene) Perkins and beloved grandfather of Heidi (Jon) Kassner

Sisterhood



Sisterhood is pleased to have once again joined Brotherhood in sponsoring Burgers and Beer in the Sukkah this year. This annual event is an opportunity to socialize with other members of the TI community. We also co-sponsored Veteran's Shabbat in November.

Our fabulous Walter Family Judaica Shop is at TI for all of your Judaica needs, either for yourself or for a gift. We are always available to make an appointment at your convenience.

We are re-energizing our Sunday morning "Bagels and Schmooze" this year. The first one was on December 8th with a book signing and presentation by Sharon author, Melody

Howard Ritt, whose book titled *Charley and Seymour's Hanukkah Miracle* is sure to be a hit in many homes this year. Melody shared her journey to becoming a children's book author.

Other upcoming events are joining with the Temple Israel Hanukkah party, shopping excursion to Designer's Circus (a fashion boutique with discounted pricing), sponsoring Kiddush with the TI Membership committee on Shabbat Shira, and flower arranging before Passover so we can all bring home a centerpiece for seder.

Stay tuned for more exciting plans! For more information about Sisterhood please contact Ellen Michelson: ebmich@gmail.com.

MAZAL TOV!

NEIL & SANDY ARONSON on the wedding of their son, Ben Aronson to Lindsey Itzkowitz.

KAREN & NORM TABROFF on the birth of their granddaughter, Lila Esti Stone.

LARRY LENCZ on the 60th anniversary of his bar mitzvah.

AARON KISCHEL, AIMEE CLOSE, and REBECCA CORKE on being named our 2024 Simchat Torah Honorees.

ED & KATHY HERSHFIELD on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Blake Cooperman.

GARY OSTROW on the engagement of his son, Matthew Ostrow to Danielle Davidson.

MARION GRIBETZ & ROB RUBIN on the birth of their grandson, Harel Avraham Rubin.

NEIL & SANDY ARONSON on the wedding of Ben and Lindsay.

ALYSSA & MATTHEW STEINBERG on the birth of their daughter, Juliana Madison Steinberg and to big sister Brooke.

DIANE MODEST on the birth of her granddaughter, Juliana Madison Steinberg.

JONATHAN & ANNA MODEST on the birth of her niece, Juliana Madison Steinberg.

BRENDA & JOSH KLEIN on the engagement of their son Korei to Becca Kasdan.

DAVIDA & EREZ HAAS on the birth of their grandson, Alon Herman.

Our members who performed in the Sharon High School musical, Newsies.

We would like to celebrate your life's celebrations & achievements! If you'd like to share or sponsor a kiddush, please email: templeoffice@tisharon.org.

We Welcome New Members!

BEN, EMILY, JERICHO & NAVA LUPATKIN
ETHAN AND NATHAN SCHWARTZ

**We greatly appreciate your contributions to our High Holiday Appeal.
Temple Israel is stronger because of your commitment.**

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Rita Rabb

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Ellen Kaplan, Hesed Chair
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**\$10/PERSON
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Cultural Arts

On Sunday, November 17th, our community gathered for an inspiring afternoon of music by the renowned Zamir Chorale of Boston, under the direction of Artistic Director Josh Jacobson. With approximately 250 attendees in the audience, Berger Hall was filled with the extraordinary spirit that only live music can bring.

One of the concert's highlights was a stirring performance of Sim Shalom by composer Max Janowski, which featured the beautiful voice of our own Cantor Jamie Gloth as soloist.

This event was sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee, with financial support from the Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund,

which generously funded the concert in memory of their beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

We are deeply grateful to Larry Sandberg for managing the sound and other logistical details, ensuring the evening ran seamlessly. A special thanks also goes to the temple staff, whose dedication and hard work behind the scenes helped make the event such a success.

If you would like to be a part of the Cultural Arts Committee or have a great programming idea, please contact Irene Stoller at culturalarts@tisharon.org.

It's All a Balance

A PROGRAM ABOUT GROWING UP FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 5-7
SELECT WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING 12/18 FROM 5:30PM-7:00PM



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1 Cheshvan 30 No Religious School 10am: Brotherhood Board Meeting | 2 Kislev 1 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 3 Kislev 2 | 4 Kislev 3 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Hertz Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:30pm Executive Committee/ House Meeting, 7:45pm | 5 Kislev 4 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 6 Kislev 5 Candle lighting, 3:54pm Mishpacha Minyan, 6:15pm | 7 Kislev 6 Shabbat Services/Yizhar Hess visit, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Family Shabbat Service, 10am Mincha, 3:44pm Ma'ariv, 5pm |
| 8 Kislev 7 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7 9am Hanukkah Book Author Visit, 9:30am Brotherhood Routes, 10am Madrichim Training, 11:30am | 9 Kislev 8 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 10 Kislev 9 TI Reads, 7:45pm | 11 Kislev 10 Hertz Closed Religious School Early Release program (5-7), 11:30am Religious School Early Release program (1-4), 12:30pm Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 5:30pm 7:45pm: Hearing Men's Voices | 12 Kislev 11 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hazak, 7pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 13 Kislev 12 Candle lighting, 3:55pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 14 Kislev 13 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 3:45pm Maariv, 5:01pm Cultural Arts Coffeeshouse, 7:30pm |
| 15 Kislev 14 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 9:30am Religious School Family Hanukkah Program, 10:30am | 16 Kislev 15 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 17 Kislev 16 | 18 Kislev 17 Religious School: Gr. 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm Board Meeting, 7:45pm | 19 Kislev 18 Religious School: Gr. 1-4, 3:30pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre-Game, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 20 Kislev 19 Candle lighting, 3:57pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm | 21 Kislev 20 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 3:47pm Ma'ariv, 5:04pm |
| 22 Kislev 21 No Religious School | 23 Kislev 22 No Religious School | 24 Kislev 23 Hertz Closed | 25 Kislev 24 Erev Hanukkah Christmas Day Hertz/Office Closed | 26 Kislev 25 Hanukkah Hertz Closed/No Religious School | 27 Kislev 26 Candle Lighting, 4:02pm Hanukkah Hertz Closed | 28 Kislev 27 Hanukkah Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 3:52pm Ma'ariv, 5:08pm |
| 29 Kislev 28 Hanukkah No Religious School | 30 Kislev 29 Hanukkah Hertz Closed/No Religious School Shul-Wide Hanukkah Celebration, 5:30pm | 31 Kislev 30 Hanukkah Hertz Closed | | | | |

Minyan Times*

Sunday: 9am & 7:15pm
Monday through Thursday: 6:45am & 7:15pm

Federal Holidays: 9:00am & 7:15pm
Friday: 6:45am

Shabbat morning: 9am
Shabbat mincha/maariv: In-person only
(see calendar for times)

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:15pm

**Only those present at the Temple are counted for the Minyan, however online attendance fulfills the mitzvah of praying with a minyan.*

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| | | | 1 Tevet 1 Hanukkah New Year's Day No Religious School Hertz/Office Closed | 2 Tevet 2 Hanukkah Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 3 Tevet 3 Candle lighting, 4:07pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 4 Tevet 4 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 3:57pm Ma'ariv, 5:13pm |
| 5 Tevet 5 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Brotherhood Board Meeting, 10am Madrichim Training, 11:30am Hazak, 11:30am | 6 Tevet 6 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 7 Tevet 7 | 8 Tevet 8 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45pm | 9 Tevet 9 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 10 Tevet 10 Candle lighting, 4:14pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm Mishpacha Minyan, 6:15pm | 11 Tevet 11 Shabbat Services/ Brotherhood Shabbat, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:04pm Ma'ariv, 5:20pm Brotherhood Shabbat, 7:30pm |
| 12 Tevet 12 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 9:30am Brotherhood Shabbat, 10am | 13 Tevet 13 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 14 Tevet 14 | 15 Tevet 15 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Israel Engagement Committee Meeting, 8pm | 16 Tevet 16 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre-Game, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 17 Tevet 17 Candle lighting, 4:22pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 18 Tevet 18 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:13pm Maariv, 5:27pm |
| 19 Tevet 19 No Religious School | 20 Tevet 20 MLK Day No Religious School Hertz/Office Closed | 21 Tevet 21 | 22 Tevet 22 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Board Meeting, 7:45pm | 23 Tevet 23 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hearing Men's Voices, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 24 Tevet 24 Candle lighting, 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 25 Tishrei 25 Shabbat Services, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:21pm Ma'ariv, 5:35pm |
| 26 Tevet 26 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Brotherhood Speaker Breakfast, 10am Religious School Youth Group Outing, 12pm | 27 Tevet 27 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 28 Tevet 28 | 29 Tevet 29 Religious School Early Release Program (1-4), 12:30pm Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting, 7:45pm | 30 Shevat 1 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 31 Shevat 2 Candle lighting, 4:39pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | |



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with Ms. Stacey from Small Singers and Shakers

Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 at 6pm

Join our young family community for an interactive musical-filled Havdalah to end Shabbat and welcome the week ahead. This event is open to the community and geared for children 6 and under. Older siblings welcome!

SCAN TO REGISTER



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 Shevat 3 Shabbat Services/ Dissability Awareness Shabbat, 9am Jr. Congregation, 10am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:30pm Ma'ariv, 5:43pm Brotherhood LYS, 6pm |
| 2 Shevat 4 Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7 9am Brotherhood Routes, 10am Madrichim Training, 11:30am | 3 Shevat 5 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 4 Shevat 6 | 5 Shevat 7 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 5:30pm House Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Israel Engagement Committee, 8pm | 6 Shevat 8 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Hearing Men's Voices, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 7 Shevat 9 Candle lighting, 4:48pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 8 Shevat 10 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:39pm Ma'ariv, 5:52pm |
| 9 Shevat 11 World Wide Wrap, 8:30am Religious School: K-4, 9am Youth Group: 5-7, 9am Bnei Mitzvah Institute, 9:30am Family Tu BiShevat Program, 10:30am | 10 Shevat 12 Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm | 11 Shevat 13 | 12 Shevat 14 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Executive Committee, 7:45pm | 13 Shevat 15 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Mishmar: Shabbat Pre-Game, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 14 Shevat 16 Candle lighting, 4:57pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 15 Shevat 17 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:48pm Maariv, 6pm |
| 16 Shevat 18 No Religious School Hazak, 11:30am | 17 Shevat 19 Presidents' Day No Religious School Hertz Closed | 18 Shevat 20 Hertz Closed | 19 Shevat 21 Hertz Closed No Religious School Ritual Committee Meeting, 7:45pm | 20 Shevat 22 Hertz Closed No Religious School Israeli Dance, 8pm | 21 Shevat 23 Hertz Closed Candle lighting, 5:06pm Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm | 22 Shevat 24 Shabbat Services, 9am Torah Tots, 10:30am Mincha, 4:57pm Ma'ariv, 6:08pm |
| 23 Shevat 25 No Religious School Brotherhood Board Meeting, 10am | 24 Shevat 26 EFI: K-5, 3:30pm Religious School Chugim: 3:30pm Religious School: Gr. 5, 3:30pm | 25 Shevat 27 | 26 Shevat 28 Religious School: 6-7, 2:30pm Religious School: 5, 3:30pm Board Meeting, 7:45pm | 27 Shevat 29 Religious School: 1-4, 3:30pm Inclusion Committee Meeting, 7:45pm Israeli Dance, 8pm | 28 Shevat 30 Candle lighting, 5:15pm Mishpacha Minyan, 6:15pm | |

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We deeply regret any errors/omissions.



Temple Israel Brotherhood 14th Annual Robert Zeitsiff Scholar in Residence Weekend

Saturday Jan. 11th and Sunday Jan. 12th, 2025



Our Scholar in Residence Professor Jacob Meskin, PhD.

Academic Advisor and Senior Lecturer in the *Me'ah Program at Hebrew College*. Meskin served for many years as the Academic Director and Teacher Trainer for the Me'ah Program and is co-author of the curriculum for Hebrew College's *Parenting Through A Jewish Lens* program.

Save the Date!

Friday Evening: Mishpacha Minyan & D'var
Saturday Morning: Shabbat Services D'var & Brotherhood Kiddush
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Augments the USY programming budget.
- Hessed Caring Community Fund
Supports assistance to Temple members in times of need
- Lamb/Ellowitz Family Scholar-in-Residence Fund
Endowment to provide guest lecturers.
- Mah Tov Campaign

- Mahzor Lev Shalem
Dedicate a new mahzor for the High Holy Day Service. \$36 each; inscribe the bookplate in honor or memory of a loved one.
- Marion Mayer Katz Holocaust Fund
Supports Holocaust education and programming at Temple Israel.
- Rita & Morris Kesselman Scholarship for Jewish & Holocaust Studies
Supports college students pursuing Jewish and/or Holocaust studies
- Mishpacha Minyan Fund
Offsets the cost of these Friday night dinners, making them more accessible to the community.
- Prayer Book Fund
Supports the repair and purchase of prayer books as needed.
- Rabbi Fineberg's Discretionary Fund
Supports those in the community in need. Contact the rabbi if you, or someone you know, is in need.
- Joseph Rothenstein Scholarship Fund
Provides tuition support for students to attend Jewish day schools and camps, trips to Israel, and other Jewish learning opportunities.
- Safety & Security Fund
Provides for safety & security improvements.
- Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund
Supports annual programs in music and other cultural arts for the benefit of Temple Israel members.
- Tiferet Center Fund
Supports the Center's programs and services for Temple members and the greater Sharon Jewish community.
- Tree of Life
\$360 per leaf; inscribe a leaf for any of life's celebrations.

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