

### Bulletin

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#### **Shabbat Services**

Shabbat Services:
Friday, May 3 Shabbat Hallelu7:45 PM
Saturday, May 4 Saturday Morning Minyan9:30 AM
Friday, May 10 Shabbat B'yachad
Legacy Shabbat7:45 PM
Saturday, May 11 Simchat Shabbat9:00 AM Saturday Morning Minyan9:30 AM
Friday, May 17 Zimrat Shabbat/RS Blessing - Honoring Our Seniors, Shari Rothstein and Emily Halpern/
Kabakow Award/:45 PM
Saturday, May 18 Tiny Tot Shabbat
Friday, May 24           Pre-Oneg
Saturday, May 25 Simchat Shabbat 9:00 AM Saturday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM
Friday, May 31 Erev Shabbat Service/Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award/Blessing Teens in Israel. 7:45 PM
Saturday, June 1 Tiny Tot Shabbat
Friday, June 7           Pre-Oneg
Saturday, June 8 Simchat Shabbat 9:00 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat 9:30 AM Erev Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
Friday, June 14 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir7:45 PM
Saturday, June 15 Saturday Morning Minyan
Friday, June 21 Zimrat Shabbat/Installation Service7:45 PM
Saturday, June 22 Simchat Shabbat 9:00 AM Saturday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM
Friday, June 28 Pre-Oneg
Saturday, June 29
Saturday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM Minyan Services
Monday-Thursday7:00 PM Upon request. Call Laurie Zinberg: 908-232-6770 x 117

#### From the Desk of the Senior Rabbi

#### Iyar/Sivan 5779

One of the issues roiling the American Jewish community is the place of critique of Israeli policies given the growing anti-semitism on the both the Left and the Right. At this juncture of our history, is it even legitimate to voice a critique of Israeli policies, knowing that this might "play into the hands" of those who hate the Jewish state? Anti-semitism is rife in the far Right of this country, and on the far Left, anti-Israel sentiments are increasingly voiced by activists and political figures. Anti-Israel organizations such as Students for Justice for Palestine, Jewish Voice for Peace, and International Solidarity Movement, and movements such as Boycott, Divestiture and Sanctions are increasingly active on campus and vocal in denouncing Israel, and in some cases, Jews and Judaism.

While the issues are complex, I feel that you should know a few important facts:

- 1. The tent of Judaism is wide enough to accommodate many differing views about Israel. One can be a strong Zionist and supporter of Israel and be opposed to the policies of the current Israeli government, or support the establishment of a state for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Holding those views does not make one "anti-Israel". Indeed, many Israelis hold these views. Israel, for all its struggles, is a vibrant healthy democracy that allows for a wide range of views.
- 2. However, if a person does NOT support the right of the Jewish people to self determination in their historical homeland of Israel with safe and secure borders, then one IS anti-Israel and quite possibly anti-semitic. For example the groups listed above all share the view that the State of Israel is illegitimate and must be eliminated.

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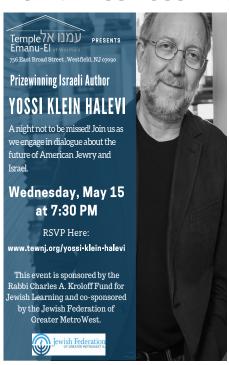
- 3. If a group denounces Israel and refuses to condemn the human rights abuses that occur at the hands of the Palestinian leadership, the persecution of women, gays and lesbians and Christians by Palestinians in Palestinian controlled land, then they are simply being hypocritical and care nothing for human rights.
- 4. If a group denounces Israel and refuses to denounce the human rights abuses in Arab countries, particularly Syria and Saudi Arabia, or in China and Russia, then they are simply being hypocritical and care nothing for human rights.
- 5. If a group denounces Israel and refuses to acknowledge the violence perpetrated by Hamas, particularly the random firing of thousands of missiles into Israel, then they are simply being hypocritical and care nothing for human rights.

The most important thing I can say is this - you, as an American Jew, have the right to hold a variety of opinions concerning Israel and its policies. I hope you will. Israel loving Jews are all over the spectrum, from right to left, when it comes to the Jewish state. Jews love to argue! However, any activist group, left or right, or campus group that denies the right of the Jewish people to a national home, which condemns Israel without regard to facts, which trades in anti-semitic canards, which refuses to denounce the egregious human rights abuses of Arab states, is not pro-justice, but simply anti-Jewish.

Douglas B Sagal

Rabbi Doug Sagal Senior Rabbi

### **Don't miss Yossi Klein Halevi!**



Prizewinning Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi, a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, will discuss the future relationship between American Jews and Israel. In his 2013 book, Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation, Halevi interweaves the stories of a group of 1967 paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem, tracing the history of Israel and the divergent ideologies shaping it from the Six-Day War to the present. His new book, Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor, was published by Harper Collins in June 2018.

Please make sure to RSVP. www.tewnj.org/yossi-klein-halevi

### B'Mishpachah במשפחה Within the Family

### B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following b'nai mitzvah:

May 4

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**Ava Aronowitz** 

Daughter of Miriam and Mark Aronowitz

Jacklyn Kamm

Daughter of Toni and Adam Kamm

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Kayla Fiore

Daughter of Amy and Anthony Fiore

May 5

10:30 AM in the Chapel

**Hannah Gerstel** 

Daughter of Mia Gerstel

May 11

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Samantha Goldberg

Daughter of Dena and Stephen Goldberg

**Jaden Natt** 

Son of Shoshana and Brett Natt

10:45 AM in the Chapel

**Benjamin Ackerman** 

Son of Melissa and Daniel Ackerman

May 18

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**Zachary Korr** 

Son of Stacy and Ian Korr

Jake Kreisberg

Son of Stephanie and Robert Kreisberg

10:30 AM in the Chapel

**Charlotte Bennett** 

Daughter of Lori Bennett and Kenneth Bennett May 25

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**Zachary Epstein** 

Son of Amy and Marc Epstein

**Hannah Malko** 

Daughter of Stacy and Troy Malko

June 1

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Julia Damashek

Daughter of Nicole and Alan Damashek

**Naomi Waller** 

Daughter of Riva and Sean Waller

10:45 AM in the Chapel

**Skyler Lipkind** 

Son of Lani and Eric Lipkind

June 8

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**Lily Peskin** 

Daughter of Lisa and Craig Peskin

4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Sigal Goldstein

Daughter of Jennifer and Stephen

Goldstein

June 15

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Olivia Berger

Daughter of Alissa and Marc Berger

**Rachel Levy** 

Daughter of Meredith and David Levy

10:45 AM in the Chapel

**Emma Jablonka** 

Daughter of Kara and Eliot Jablonka

June 22

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Adam Tukaczynski

Son of Susan and Daniel Tukaczynski

**Congratulations** 

**Maralyn Lieberman and Ed Lerner** on the birth of their granddaughter, Nina Sarge Liebowitz.

Karen and Larry Budnick on the engagement of their daughter, Emily to Jason

**Violet Linder** on the engagement of her granddaughter, Emily to Matthew Reinsel. **Marci and Michael Schoenbach** on the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth to Brandon Baron.

**Roni and Marc Epstein** on the birth of their granddaughter, Josephine Ryan Epstein. **Dina and Daniel Leyden** on the engagement of their son, Eric Leyden to Jessica Cole.

#### In Memoriam

We remember those from our Temple Family:

**Ruth Lerner Smith** 

Wife of William Smith

**Tom Forgash** 

Husband of Bonnie Forgash

**Herb Ehrich** 

We remember those from our extended Temple family: Sylvia Schumacher

Mother of Rhonda Delforte

**Ruth Brachman** 

Mother of Ronald Brachman

**Bobbi Altersohn** 

Mother of Andrew Altersohn

Dr. Jonathan Epstein

Brother of Leslie Glickstein

**Steven Popper** 

**Sanford Lampf** 

Uncle of Naomi Gelfand, great-uncle

of Jonathan Gelfand

**Robert Rader** 

Brother of David Rader

Sylvia Binder

Mother of Gary Binder

Jeanne Kanengiser

Sister of Gerri Gomperts

**Ilse Larkey** 

Mother of Phyllis Kaplan, grandmother of Kathy Bailey

#### We're Here For You

Your clergy are committed to providing attentive, compassionate, and excellent pastoral care. Please call us at 908-232-6770 to let us know of your needs, or to inform us of a pastoral or life cycle emergency. We ask that you avoid the use of e-mail to communicate pastoral or life cycle issues. E-mail cannot be relied upon to provide timely and appropriate responses.

#### A Message From Rabbi Kroloff

Dear Friends,

Shabbat has always been the highlight of my week. It's what Jews do. I look forward to that brilliant creation embraced by our ancestors and enriched by every generation of our people.

And the best hour of that best day? Well, for me it's 9 AM at Simchat Shabbat, when - every other weekwe gather for 75 minutes of song and prayer, led since its inception by Rick Calvert, renowned to us and much of the Jewish world for his *n'shama*, his soul, and for his warmth of musical spirit.

This year we are doubly blessed to have the leadership of our rabbininc intern, Hilly Haber, who brings intellectual heft and spiritual depth to our experience.

We're a small group of all ages and we welcome each of you.

Upcoming dates are May 11 & 25 and June 8 & 22. The 9 AM hour is designed to enable you to do have the rest of the day to do whatever else you desire. I hope to see you at Simchat Shabbat.

4 Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff

# **Shake, Rattle, and Roll at this year's Spring Fundraiser - Dueling Pianos!**



MAY 18 7PM

A big thank you to Felsen Insurance Services Inc. for sponsoring this evening's entertainment.

#### **Ticket Pricing:**

Temple Members and Their Guests \$75

General Community \$90

All tickets include heavy appetizers catered by The Ultimate Caterers, wine, beer.

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### Order your tickets here: www.tewnj.org/spring-fundraiser-2019

Meet your entertainment for the evening - Shake, Rattle, and Roll Dueling Pianos!

Dueling Pianos is two of the top piano entertainers, mixing music, comedy and audience interaction in a singalong, laughalong, dance-along show!

Dueling Pianos is everything from Billy Joel to Bon Jovi, Britney Spears to Bruno Mars. Nothing is off-limits from pop, rock, country, hip-hop, hairbands, disco, punk rock, standards, showtunes — if you can hum it, we can do it! Dueling Pianos is a concert, comedy show and cabaret -all rolled into one!





#### Temple Emanu-El Legacy Circle Legacy Shabbat Friday, May 10 at 7:45 PM

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it.

And as my parents planted for me before I was born,
So do I plant for those who will come after me."

- Talmud

Join us as Temple Emanu-El recognizes and applauds the dedication and confidence of the members of our Legacy Circle. By making a commitment to the Create a Jewish Legacy program they have shown love and respect for their Jewish heritage and for this congregation along with an abiding wish that Temple Emanu-El remains a vibrant center of Jewish life into the future.

### **Create a Jewish Legacy**

Remembering Temple Emanu-El in your will or estate plan ensures that your work and your values will continue when you are no longer here. It also serves as an example of ongoing kindness to your loved ones. It teaches them the value you've placed on supporting Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish community. Legacy giving is for everyone. Make the most meaningful gift you can. Every gift is important.

For more information on how you can create your Jewish Legacy, please contact Brian Chartock, our Executive Director, at 908-232-6770 x114.

Create a Jewish Legacy is part of a nationwide program to sustain the future of Jewish organizations by increasing after-life giving. It is sponsored locally by The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

I am interested in learning more about how I can assure Jewish tomorrows thro	ough
the Create a Jewish Legacy program at Temple Emanu-El. Please contact me	!

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Best way to reach me:(Phone/ema	address)
Sincerely,(Please pri	t your full name)



## Planned Giving Opportunities

Bequests. Codicil. Residuum?

Those words aren't typos, they are real terms used in legacy giving. There's a lot of jargon out there surrounding charitable donations - let us help to demystify it!

Did you know that:

...a bequest is the most common planned gift, but there are other options as well? Some of those options are a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or life insurance policies. Consider giving a gift to Temple Emanu-El that will live on through the years.

Contact Brian Chartock for more information or details on how Planned Giving can fit into your plans. We will try our best to answer all of your planned giving questions.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can still use your IRA for charitable contributions during your lifetime. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) have distinct tax advantages. A QCD is not treated as taxable income; therefore, it has no effect on taxable income. This allows for greater amounts to be transferred to charities tax-free and can help the donor avoid the aforementioned negative financial consequences.

Did you know we have new stock transfer info?

Please contact Kathleen Stovall for instructions. kstovall@tewnj.org or 908-232-6770 x113.



#### Something to celebrate? Remembering a loved one? Feeling grateful?

Making a contribution to a Temple Fund is a great way to honor a loved one's memory, acknowledge a special occasion, or express gratitude.

Please contact Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770 x 120 to make a donation.

To make your tribute online, or see a full list of available funds, please see our website:

www.tewnj.org/tributes.html

#### Do you need help with shiva?

Temple Emanu-El's Shiva Help Committee can provide hands-on assistance and support. Some of the services we offer include:

- Waiting at the mourners' house to accept deliveries while others are at the funeral.
- Setting up food and/or turning on the coffee pot before mourners return.
- Providing shiva resources, checklists and useful contact information.

We want to be there for you and your family. Please call or email to let us know how we can help.

Marci Fisher Marcifisher601@gmail.com 908-230-7452

Leslie Dickstein Ldickstein@verizon.net 908-596-0079



### Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 12 at 8:00 PM

We need your input at the annual Congregational Meeting! This is a good time to come and be counted, to vote for and support our Board Members, and to discuss issues vital to running our Temple.

### Join us for the Service of Installation

Friday, June 21 at 7:45 PM

Join us for Zimrat Shabbat services and the installation of the Officers and Board of Trustees of the Temple, Sisterhood, Men's Club, and TEWTY.

#### **Path of Peace**

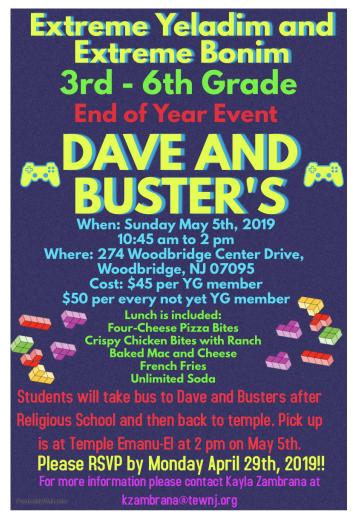
What a wonderful way to honor someone! Have a brick installed in the Temple Path of Peace! DEADLINE: June 7, 2019. Due to the specifications of the company, bricks cannot be ordered and installed on an individual basis. All bricks are ordered and installed in time for the High Holydays. Select either a Standard 4" x 8" brick with your 1-3 line inscription priced at \$180, or a Large 8" x 8" brick with up to five lines at \$360. Each line can be up to 13 characters (letter, space or punctuation) long. You may also choose a "Reserved" brick to secure your space for future use. These bricks are priced at \$25 for a 4" x 8" or \$40 for an 8" x 8." Please see our website for more information: www.tewnj.org/path-of-peace

#### High Holydays 5779 are around the corner

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Erev Rosh Hashanah is on September 29. Ticket order packets will be mailed this June. You will have a choice of filling out your ticket registration online or through the paper form you receive in the mail. You can pay for any guest tickets you purchase by check or online through Chaverweb. In addition, your tickets will be emailed to you! Watch for more information with full details...

### **Extreme Yeladim and Bonim**



#### **TEWTY**

Our Arirang and Shabbat service were a great success! We also enjoyed successful volunteering at The Fun Club at the Temple. We are looking forward to our final shul-in of the school year on May 17-18. For any questions, please reach out to Andrew Steiner or Emily Halpern.





# Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of 5779!

Dylan Berger Aidan Berman Rvan Borak Marcus Brotman Russell Cohen Eli Cohen Andrew Cohen Jake Delforte Benjamin Freedman Cooper Harris Samantha Hoffman Jake Holtzmann Jessica Isser Alex Kaplan Noam Kelner Madeleine Learner Nathan Lechner Maya Levitt Eliza Lox Noah Metz Eric Mordkovich **Emilia Nathan** Sara Perlin Jade Radice Sarah Rappoport Rvan Richter Meredith Rosenthal Lee Rosenthal Rvan Rosenthal Mattie Waller Jesse Weinstein Amanda Wendler Jacob Wendler Amanda White Justin Zucker

Please join us for Confirmation Shavuot services on June 9th at 10:00 AM to celebrate their accomplishments!

## Temple Emanu-El is Proud to Celebrate our Graduating Seniors from our Youth Learning and Engagement Programs!



Samuel Arkin



Ethan Berman



Jacqueline Callahan



Joshua Glenn



Marisa Goldberg



Adam Greebel



Alicia Harris



Emma Herber



Ethan Jaffee



Jesse Katz



Zack Lemberg



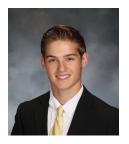
Amanda Radick



Chloe Root



Chloe Sachs



Jacob Saltzer



Jillian Schimer



Rachel Schuman



Maya Schwartzman

Making a contribution to the Temple Emanu-El Religious School Fund is a great way to honor our graduates!

To make a donation, please go to:

www.tewnj.org/tributes

### **Education**

### **Religious School Registration is underway!**

We can hardly believe that our 2018 - 19 school year has come to an end. While the summer months are quickly approaching, we are thinking ahead to the 2019 - 20 school year and have many exciting programs planned for children and families. If you have a child entering kindergarten – 12th grade please be sure to reserve your child's space by completing the online registration form which can be found on the Temple website – www.tewnj.org.

Please be aware of the following information:

- The deadline for registration is Sunday, May 19th. If you have not yet completed your child's registration for next year, we urge you to do so at this time by visiting the Temple website to access the online registration form.
- Please note that we cannot guarantee preference of schedule for 4th and 5th graders once a class or day reaches capacity.
- Late registration will make it difficult to accommodate friend requests for students in Kindergarten – 5th grade once we begin to form our class groups.

Please be reminded, you need to be current with your financial obligations to the Temple, otherwise your registration will remain incomplete and you will not receive class placement until your Temple account is current or you have made arrangements with the business office. If you have questions regarding your account or would like to make payment arrangements please contact, Adele Mambach in the administrative office by phone at 908-232-6770 ext. 112 or email amambach@tewnj.org.

- A detailed calendar will be available later this summer. In the meantime, please save the following dates for the opening of school:
  - Sunday, September 15: Opening Day for Families, Kgn 5th Gr and Ma'ayan
  - Tuesday/Wed/Thursday, September 17th/18th/19th: Midweek classes begin for 4th and 5th grade
  - Wednesday, September 18th First Nisayon Session for 6th grade
  - Tuesday, October 15th: First HaMakom Session for 7th 12th grade
- New this year! If your child was registered in 2018 2019, please use the unique code sent in an email titled "Registration ID for your child." This code will pre-populate your child's registration with some of the basic information which you provided at the time of registration last year. Kindly review this information to verify that it is accurate and up to date. You have the ability to edit the pre-populated data. Please provide any new information and complete the other fields to proceed with enrolling your child for the 2019-2020 year.

Upon approval of the budget at the Annual Meeting, the Religious School tuition and fees for 2019-20 will be published. These fees will appear on your July Temple bill. Please note that Religious School tuition and fees are due by August 19, 2019.

Wishing all our families a safe and happy summer vacation!

Save these dates for upcoming YLE events:

Tuesday, May 7th - Last day for all Tuesday classes: 4th/5th Gr, Learning Lab, HaMakom closing program

Wednesday, May 8th - Last day for Wednesday classes: 4th/5th Gr, Learning Lab, Nisayon

Thursday, May 9th - Last day for Thursday classes: 4th/5th Gr, Learning Lab

Sunday, May 12th Last day of Sunday classes with
Field Day celebration. PARENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please
call the school office if you want to join
in the fun! Closing program for Kgn –
5th Gr and Ma'ayan, Parents invited
and welcome to join at 10:15 AM

Friday, May 17th
7:45 PM - Honoring our High School
Seniors who are graduating from
our programs

Sunday, May 19th - Last Cafe Torah session for 11th & 12th Graders

Tuesday, May 21st -6:00 PM - 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 28th -6:00 PM - 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal

Friday, May 31st -7:45 PM - Blessing for our Students traveling to Israel

Tuesday, June 4th -6:00 PM - 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal

Friday, June 7th -6:00 PM - 10th Grade Confirmation Dinner and Service

### **Congregational Learning**

#### **Blankets of Love**

Blankets of Love is comprised of Temple Emanu-El congregants who meet monthly at Temple to knit and crochet blankets to present to the campers at Camp Happy Times, a free one-week overnight camp for children who have or have had cancer. Each crafter supplies their own yarn and patterns and makes their own blankets in the patterns and colors of their choice. Anyone not local enough to join us for our monthly gatherings is invited to make blankets in the comfort of their home and send them to be included on donation day. For more information about Blankets of Love or to donate any unused yarn, please contact Jane Berlant: jane.berlant@gmail.com.

Our next meetings will be on Wednesday, May 1 and June 5 at 7:00 PM.





#### Rabbi Sagal's Holy Scrollers Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:15 AM at the Lavy House

Every Shabbat this 50-minute discussion and study will focus on the Torah Portion of the week, Jewish ideas and values, and the task of living a life of meaning.

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Class**

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM

How does the Torah fit in my story? Participants study Bible plus the latest events of concern to the Jewish people. Feel free to drop in; you are always welcome!

#### Israeli Brunch and Learn



Sunday, May 5 at 9:00 AM

Our Shlicha, Danielle, brings Israel to New Jersey by sharing current trends, news stories, and hot topics happening in Israel now! Join us for breakfast and an engaging presentation and discussion. This is part of an ongoing 3-part series: The Israeli Elections.

#### Rabbi Kroloff's Lunch and Learn

Join us for a lunch and learn with Rabbi Kroloff! Discussion topics will include contemporary events, films of Jewish and general interest, spiritual issues, aging wisely, family concerns, the rabbi's struggles, Israel, the American Jewish community, and recent developments in Jewish lives. A delicious and complimentary lunch will be offered.



Donations to support this program are welcome. Kindly direct them to the Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff Fund for Jewish Learning.

Monday, May 13 at 11:30 AM

Please join us as we have a dialogue with US Representative Tom Malinowski (NJ 7th CD).

#### **Connie Reiter's Torah Study**

Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 AM

This year's curriculum offers a new pattern for our special study group. During the past 22 years, we have concentrated on a particular book from the Bible, and more recently, a particular topic. This year, we will consider several somewhat shorter topics, such as "The Idea and Unraveling of Jewish Law" and "The Idea of a Deity, a Creative Power" and "Biblical Journeys and Our Own." Discussions are led by Connie Reiter. We welcome you to join us in the Temple Library for these participatory conversations and suggest that you bring a *Tanach* with you.



## Saturday, June 8, 2019

One of the most distinctive customs of the Jewish holiday of *Shavout* is *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, an evening-long study session. The custom originated with the mystics of Safed in the 16th century. Come for a night of learning and choose your own adventure! Stay for the entire night or just part of it! Registration encouraged as some classes are limited. To find more information about the classes and to register visit **www.tewnj.org**.

# Our theme this year for our Tikkun Leil Shavuot:

### Israel and American Jewry

#### Class topics will include:

- Aliyah Stories
- · Israeli Music through the Decades
- Eco-Zionism
- · Mitzvot of the Land of Israel
- Rabbi David Hartman's famous essay Auschwitz or Sinai?

#### Tikkun Leil Shavuot Schedule:

7.00

Havdalah and Erev Shavuot Services

7:30 - 8:15

Class Session #1

8:15 - 8:45

Cheesecake!

8:45 - 9:30

Class Session #2

9:30 - 10:00

More Cheesecake!!!

10:00 - 10:45

Class Session #3

#### **Meet Our New Student Rabbi!**

Rebecca (Becky) Jaye is currently a second year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR. She hails from Brooklyn and is ecstatic to be back in New York with her family and friends. Becky completed her B.A. in American Studies at Yale College and her M.A. in Religion at Yale Divinity School. She loves traveling and has also lived and worked in China as a Yale-China Teaching Fellow. Outside of her studies, Becky loves reading, running, and spending time with her two-month old nephew. She is excited to work with Temple Emanu-El this upcoming year!



#### **Emergency Number**

Lifecycle Emergency Number: 908-301-6890.

The best way to reach a clergy member in the event of an emergency is to call the Temple at 908-232-6770 and listen carefully to the instructions.

If you cannot reach anyone at the Temple during business hours, or if it is after hours, please call: 908-301-6890.

We hope this will allow for even greater assistance for you and your families during a time of life-changing situations.

#### **Social Action Text Alerts**

We have created a text system to alert you to social action volunteer opportunities and action items in our Temple, local, and wider community. Please sign up so you will be quickly informed about these mitzvah opportunities. To sign up, text @teesa to 81010. We hope these text reminders will encourage you to be involved and have your voice heard.

#### **Senior Services at the Lavy House**

Jewish Family Service Social Worker Naomi Kreutzer, MSW, LCSW, provides counseling and consultation services and organizes events geared to seniors and their families at the Lavy House. Naomi is available at the Senior Resource Center at the Lavy House each Tuesday, from 9 AM - 5 PM through a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ. The service is free of charge and open to the entire community. She is available for individual appointments to address individual and family needs. If you would like to address any older adult issue for yourself or for a family member, contact Naomi at: nkreutzer@jfscentralnj.org, or call 908-352-8375, to schedule an appointment.

Our next event will be on Tuesday May 7. The topic will be: "Job Strategies & Volunteer Opportunities for People 55+". A light lunch will be served. Please call 908-352-8375 to RSVP.

### We're Adopting Lenape Park!



## **How to Get Involved with Social Justice Activities at TEE**

Join us for our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Meeting on May 22 at 7:30 PM.

The committee usually meets the second Wednesday of every month to help us plan upcoming Social Action programs and create a vision for the future. Questions? Contact the Tikkun Olam Co-Chairs David Burk and Daniela Shebitz at tikkunolam@tewnj.org.

#### Sign Up to be a member of the Caring Community

Can you give a ride to a Temple member in need of transportation to services or to a doctor's appointment? Can you cook a meal for a homebound senior or a congregant going through a difficult illness? Can you deliver a challah to a congregant celebrating something good or going through a challenging time? Sign up for the Caring Community email list by contacting Pamela Clarke, pamelaclarke@achievementfirst.org or Lynda Wald, Lynda.wald99@gmail.com.

**Volunteer for one of the shifts at the Westfield Food Pantry** on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of each month (9:15 AM – 11:15 AM). To volunteer to sign up contact Alice Fertig, Asfertig@gmail.com.

**Participate** in our Saturday Morning Fun Club for Refugees, Mitzvah Garden, Blankets of Love, Mandy Reichman Feeding Program, or one of the other wonderful events we do at Temple Emanu-El. For more information about any of these programs, contact tikkunolam@tewnj.org.

### **Our Temple Community**

### **Sisterhood**



On March 14, Sisterhood welcomed the executive director of the YWCA of Union County, Janice C. Lillien. We learned about the domestic violence issues within our County. Gloria Brown, who is pictured along with Janice has been an active community service volunteer from Sisterhood providing hand knit bears that are distributed to

children in their programs. Gloria, as well as other Sisterhood gals, utilize patterns from "Knitting Without Borders", an international organization that distributes bears to children across the world. If you are interested in participating please contact; Janice Kessler at: 128beans@comcast.net.





#### **Sisterhood Updates**

- SAVE the date for Sisterhood's May 9th Spring General Membership Meeting!
- As always we are looking for volunteers for our gift shop. We have many
  ways people can help us so anyone who is interested we would love for you
  to volunteer.
- Sisterhood Members enjoyed a lovely afternoon with the residents at Genesis
  Elder Care Center on April 10. Susan Sklar and her volunteers provide a
  model Passover Seder complete with flowers for each participating resident.
  The service is officiated by Cantor Novick with our Sisterhood volunteers
  providing a community of shared warmth & song. A lovely Mitzvah for all!
- Sisterhood Book Club on Wednesday May 8 at 7 30 in Lehr Library is *Letters* to my Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi.

### **Library News....**

"An education is not a thing one gets but a lifelong process" Gloria Steinem.

We have many new books of nonfiction as well as historic fiction that we know you will enjoy reading. Stop by the Lehr Library and continue the process.

Four recently added books:

- Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi
- No Truth Without Ruth, the Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Kathleen Krull
- Bibi: the Turbulent Life and Times of Benjamin Netanyahu by Anshel Pfeffer
- The Cut Out Girl: A Story of War and Family by Bart van Es

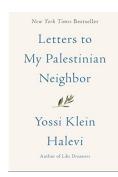
#### Sisterhood News Get Fit with Dance!

Check out our re-named Zumba class as our instructor, Theresa, now includes many styles of music and dance. This is a highly enjoyable, hour-long, low-impact class for both men and women, The class is now known as Dance Fitness. We welcome all to join us Mondays at 4:00 PM, Greifer Sacks Hall, \$7 weekly.

#### **Mostly Music**

The 2018-19 Mostly Music chamber music series will conclude with a special program on Sunday, May 19th at 3:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. The concert will feature the entire Schubert Quintet for Strings in C Major as well as the D'Ambrosio Suite for strings. The musicians will be Ani and Ida Kavafian on violin, Paul Neubauer on viola and Edward Arron and Keith Robinson on cello. At \$35 at the door if you don't have a season subscription and free for those under 21, Mostly Music concerts are still a great bargain!

Mostly Music chamber music concerts are free for those under 21 and cost \$35 at the door. For additional information go to http://mostlymusic.org or call 908-789-8578.



### May/June 2019

For up to date information or changes visit www.tewni.org/events

Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 3 for this information.
 The Early Childhood Education and Religious School calendar can be found on our website at www.tewnj.org.
 Holy Scrollers Torah Study & Saturday Morning Minyan will take place at the Lavy House.

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 PM Blankets of Love

**Thursday. May 2** 

Yom Hashoah

12:00 PM Poetry of the Shoah

Friday, May 3

7:45 PM Shabbat Hallelu

Saturday, May 4

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study 9:30 AM

Saturday Morning Minyan followed by Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Israeli Brunch & Learn 11:00 AM Tikkun Olam Adopt a Park

Monday, May 6

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, May 7

9:30 AM Bible Class

11:00 AM Taste of Memories: Yom Hazikaron

Commemoration

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, May 9

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, May 10

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Hilly

6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad

Erev Shabbat Service with Choir/Legacy 7:45 PM

Shabbat

Saturday, May 11

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

Saturday Morning Minyan followed by 9:30 AM

Light Brunch and Discussion

10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, May 13

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Kroloff 11:30 AM

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, May 14

9:30 AM Bible Class

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 PM Yossi Klein Hal evi

**Thursday, May 16** 

7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting

Friday, May 17

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Hilly

7.45 PM Zimrat Shabbat/RS Blessing - Honoring

Our Seniors/Kabakow Awards

Saturday, May 18

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study 9:30 AM Connie Reiter's Torah Study

9:30 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club 7:00 PM Temple Fundraiser - Dueling Pianos

Monday, May 20

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 AM **Bible Class** 

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, May 22

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn: Reflecting on Yossi Klein

Halevi's Presentation

7:30 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee

Meeting

Thursday, May 23

7:00 PM Men's Club Scotch & Steak BBQ

Friday, May 24

5:00 PM Pre-Onea

5:00 PM Pre Shabbat Learning with Student Rabbi

Hilly Haber

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 25

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day -- Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28

9:30 AM Bible Class

Wednesday, May 29

7:30 PM Social Action: Facing Fear/Movie

Friday, May 31

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service/Donald M. Weill

Creative Writing Award/Blessing of Teens

Going to Israel

Saturday, June 1

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers 9:30 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat

Saturday Morning Minyan followed by 9:30 AM

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, June 3

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, June 4

Bible Class 9:30 AM

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 PM Blankets of Love Friday, June 7

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 8

Erev Shavuot

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:30 AM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Erev Shavuot Service/Havdallah, Classes, and Dessert

Sunday, June 9

Shavuot

7:00 PM

10:00 AM Shavuot Service with Confirmation and

Yizkor followed by Kiddush

Monday, June 10

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, June 11

3:00 PM **Blood Drive** 

Wednesday, June 12

8:00 PM Congregational Meeting

Thursday, June 13

7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Friday, June 14

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir

Saturday, June 15

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study Connie Reiter's Torah Study 9:30 AM

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, June 17

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Friday, June 21

7:45 PM Zimrat Shabbat/Installation Service

Saturday, June 22 8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

> Saturday Morning Minyan followed by Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, June 24

9:30 AM

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Friday, June 28

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 29

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

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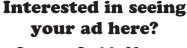
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