

# Bulletin



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## Shabbat Services:

<b>Friday, July 7</b>	
Erev Shabbat Services.....	6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, July 8</b> <i>Balak</i>	
Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	
Erev Shabbat/Dinner in the Park.....	6:00 PM
Dinner.....	5:30 PM
<b>Saturday, July 15</b> <i>Pinchas</i>	
Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
<b>Friday, July 21</b>	
Erev Shabbat Services.....	6:00 PM
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Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
<b>Friday, July 28</b>	
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Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
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Erev Shabbat Services.....	6:00 PM
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Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
<b>Friday, August 11</b>	
Erev Shabbat/Dinner in the Park .....	6:00 PM
Dinner.....	5:30 PM
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Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
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Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM
<b>Friday, August 25</b>	
Erev Shabbat Services.....	6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, August 26</b> <i>Shoftim</i>	
Shabbat Minyan.....	9:30 AM

## Minyan Services

Monday-Thursday.....7:00 PM  
Upon request. Call Beth Scher at ext. 117.

## From the Desk of Rabbi Sagal

### Tisha B'Av is a Zionist Holiday - and we should be celebrating it!

One of the first things that the early Reform Jewish community did was to eliminate the observance of Tisha B'Av - the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av. This was a mistake.

Why was it eliminated? Simple. Tisha B'Av marks the destruction of the first Temple in 586 BCE and the Second Temple in 70 CE. Because the early Reformers wished to demonstrate their loyalty to their home country (in this case Germany), they sought to minimize the suggestion that the Jewish people yearned for another homeland. Since Tisha B'Av mourns the destruction of the Temples and the beginning of exile, it was (correctly) seen as expressing a desire to return to the Jewish Homeland. Similarly, the early Reformers called their places of worship "temples" to suggest that they did not desire the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem as traditional Jews did, and they were notably anti-Zionist, again, for the same reason.

The anti-Zionist fervor of the early Reform Jews came to an end beginning in the early part of the 20th century and died almost completely in the ashes of Auschwitz. Since then, Reform Judaism has emerged as a staunchly Zionist movement devoted to Israel and, indeed, establishing significant communities within Israel itself.

Therefore, it is time for Reform Judaism to unequivocally call for Tisha B'Av to be a significant observance. We do not have to embrace the rebuilding of a Temple in Jerusalem and the reinstatement of animal sacrifice to understand that this holiday has expressed a yearning for a Jewish Homeland for 2000 years. Witness the famous poem of Yehudah HaLevy, written in the middle ages, and often read on the ninth of Av:

### My heart is in the east, and I in the uttermost west –

The yearning for Israel is an essential - maybe the essential part of our very being, and Tisha B'Av helps remind us of that component of our heritage. This summer a record number of Temple Emanu-El members, young and old, are visiting Israel, and in December we will be visiting as a congregation. This shows the importance of Israel to our members, our community, and our souls.

Please join us on Monday, July 31 at 7:30 PM for a beautiful candlelight service to observe Tisha B'Av.

L'shalom,

*Douglas B Sagal*  
Rabbi Doug Sagal

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## Wandering Jews - Shabbat Hikes

**Saturday, July 8 and August 5 at 9:30 AM**

Watchung Reservation (Park at Trailside Nature & Science Center)

Rejoice in God's creation by celebrating Shabbat in the great outdoors! Join Rabbi Prosnit for a hike at the Watchung Reservation and enjoy the beauty of Shabbat by combining a hike and Shabbat reflections. The (easy) hike will be about 1.5-2 miles. All ages are welcome. Please bring your own water, sunblock, and bug spray. If you plan on joining us for this Shabbat experience, please contact Carol Jassin at [Cjassin@tewnj.org](mailto:Cjassin@tewnj.org) or 908-232-6770 x120.

### Join Temple Emanu-El this summer as we celebrate Shabbat in the Park!

Perfect for the entire family!  
Bring your own picnic, blanket or chairs.

Mark your calendar!

**Friday, July 14, 2017**  
**at Brookside Park, Scotch Plains**

and

**Friday, August 11, 2017**  
**at Nomahegan Park, Cranford**

**Start picnicking at 5:30 PM; Services at 6:00 PM**

**There will be no services at the Temple on those days.  
Mourner's Kaddish will be recited at each service.**

## Tisha B'Av Services

**Monday, July 31 at 7:30 PM**

Join us for our hauntingly beautiful, candlelit service commemorating the destruction of the two Temples and the other misfortunes of the 9th day of the month of Av. The Biblical Book of Lamentations will be chanted and our clergy will lead us in prayer and readings for the day.

## Simchat Shabbat

**Saturdays, in July and August, at 9:00 AM dates TBD**

An intimate, informal, intergenerational service with guitar music, fellowship, and bagels. Come experience the joy of Simchat Shabbat Services from 9:00-10:15 AM, followed by bagels and coffee.

## As You Grow, Shabbat Grows With You!

### Tiny Tot Shabbat Ages 2-6 + family

Singing, dancing, snacks, a special craft activity, and lots of fun!

**Saturdays, 9:30 AM**  
**Starting in September**

### Shabbat B'Yachad Grades K-2 + family

Pre-oneg Shabbat reception, followed by a service, filled with song, prayers, and stories.

**Fridays, 6:00 PM**  
**Starting in September**

### Kehillah Tefillah Grades 3 and up

Themed Shabbat with dinner, activities, and interactive, creative services. For kids only!

**Fridays, 6:00 PM**  
**Starting in September**



# B'Mishpachah במשפחה Within the Family

Listings on this page are based on information received through June 15.

## B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following *b'nai mitzvah*:

### July 31

Theo Shapiro  
Son of Kenneth and Farah Shapiro  
In Israel

## Congratulations

**Shepard Federgreen and Helene Federgreen** on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren, to Matthew Warkentin;

**Martin and Dianne Gorbaty** on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Rose Myers. The proud parents are Lisa and Chris Myers;

**Henriann Robins** on the birth of her great-grandson, Tamir Aviv Liben. The proud parents are Nessa and Noah Liben. The proud grandparents are Fran and Rabbi Daniel Liben;

**Sidney and Ruby Glassel** on the birth of their great-grandson, Miles Alexander Zalk. The proud parents are Andrew and Allison Zalk;

**Phyllis Buchsbaum** on the marriage of her granddaughter, Hannah Arwe to Kevin Yamashita;

**Eric and Gail Friedman** on the engagement of their son, Nicholas to Stacey Lynn Becchio;

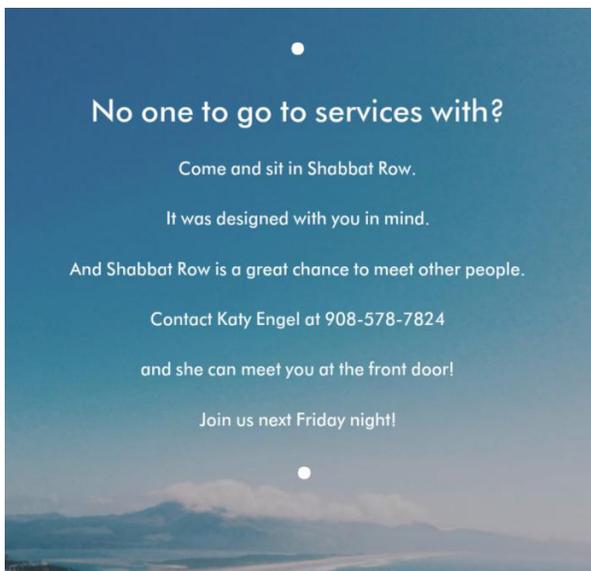
**Darren and Harriet Schulman** on the birth of their grandson, Evan Randy Schulman. The proud parents are Rory and Alexandra Schulman, and the proud great-grandmothers are Sandy Schulman and Lily Sillman;

**Steven Sacks and Elyse Weber-Sacks** on the marriage of their daughter, Perry to Stephen Kleinberg.

## Tell and Kvell

**Andi and Howard Wiener** are proud to say that their son, Scott Wiener, has released a documentary "Scott's Pizza Tours – The Documentary" on iTunes and Amazon.

If you have a "kvell"-worthy item to share with your Temple Community, please contact Beth Scher at 908-232-6770, ext. 117 or BScher@tewnj.org.



## In Memoriam

**We remember those from our Temple family:**

**Burton (Burt) Cohen**  
Husband of Cheryl Cohen

**Naomi Diener**

**Laura Silkowitz**  
Mother of Andrea Silkowitz

**We remember those from our extended Temple family:**

**Frederick Cohen**  
Father of Marion Cohen Schwartz

**Arnold Greebel**  
Father of Steven Greebel

**Laura Hecker**  
Mother of Gail Erlich

**Leo Lazar**  
Father of Scott Lazar

**Jesse Ellman**  
Father of Laurie Garfinkel

**Helene Berg**  
Mother of Steven Berg

**Pearl Kofman**  
Mother of Ellen Tepper

**Donald Hoffman**  
Father of Jeffrey Hoffman

**Evelyn Bauer**  
Mother of Cheryl Cohen

**Norman Reitman**  
Grandfather of Michelle Stein

**Harold Chenven**  
Companion of Joan Cohen

## 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.

## Exploring Israel Tour with Rabbi Doug Sagal and Cantor Novick

Join Rabbi Sagal and Cantor Novick for the Israel trip of a lifetime. Mark your calendars and secure your spot!

Start with a non-stop, overnight El Al flight from Newark to Tel Aviv. (That's right. Non-stop.) After landing in Israel, you will start your journey in the dynamic city of Tel Aviv and culminate in exploring the incredible beauty and history of Jerusalem.

Here are some highlights of what to expect on your days in between!

**Experience Old Jaffa, Galilee and Golan Heights (by Jeep, of course)**  
**See the picturesque alleys in the mystical city of Tzfat**  
**Walk in the lush nature reserve of Tel Dan on the same day as you visit a chocolate-making workshop**  
**Dine (BBQ!) with Israeli soldiers**  
**Spend the night on a beautiful kibbutz**  
**Tour the ruins of Herod's palace by cable car**  
**Swim in the Dead Sea**  
**Stay in a panorama hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast**  
**Watch a spectacular nighttime sounds & light show at the Tower of David**  
**Visit the national Holocaust memorial and museum**  
**Experience Havdalah with Rabbi Sagal**

We designed the trip for you as families or as individuals, and will include a bar and bat mitzvah ceremony at the Western Wall led by a professional guide and our clergy. For more information and to download forms, visit [www.israeltour.com/rsagal](http://www.israeltour.com/rsagal)

## President Susan Dickstein's Installation Speech - June 16, 2017



My name is Susan Dickstein, and I have been a member of Temple Emanu-El for over 30 years. I am honored to be standing here for the beginning of my second year as President of this wonderful congregation. Last year when I stood here for the first time, I told you briefly about myself, my background and my family. I told you that I was excited about serving you, meeting you, and learning about the programs and services provided in our congregation.

Now, after one year behind me and looking back, I can tell you with absolute confidence and pride that we here at Temple Emanu-El are a truly remarkable congregation, blessed with outstanding clergy and staff. We have a dedicated team of volunteer lay leaders, with a diverse and dynamic group of congregants of all ages and backgrounds.

Please, take a look around you. Our sanctuary is filled with people, joining in worship together, connecting with each other, celebrating in happiness of Jewish life cycle events like B'nai Mitzvahs and weddings. And together we recognize the dedication of all of these people who have volunteered to help lead our congregation. What a glorious evening! The walls are alive with the sounds of songs, life, and joy. If that is not fantastic, then what is?

Now, I would like to briefly summarize what we have accomplished over the past twelve months and our plans for the next twelve months. First, we successfully brought in a new Executive Director. Brian Chartock joined us almost a year ago, on July 1, 2016. We had a very smooth transition. Brian made sure that all our congregational services and programs continued with the highest quality.

To welcome members, newcomers, and visitors to our congregation for Friday night services, our Membership Committee created a Shabbat Row, which is special seating in a designated row to sit with Board members. Fourth Friday Shabbat services and dinner in the Lavy House were introduced and held at an earlier time of 6:00 p.m., enabling easier attendance for families with young children, and for adults and families who would like to have dinner with the Rabbi after services. And we began to heavily use the newest addition to Temple Emanu-El's facilities, the Lavy House. The Lavy House continues to be used for many congregational events, including the Shabbat Morning Minyan, special meetings and special dinners.

Additionally, enrollment of our students beyond B'nai Mitzvah continues to grow. We have many students completing Confirmation, and more high school students working as Madrachim with younger religious school students. This is a direct result of the dedication of our clergy and religious school and youth group management and staff, under the leadership of Rabbi Sagal.

Just this past spring we honored Rabbi Charles and Dr. Terry Kroloff for 50 years of dedication to our synagogue. This celebration, with special entertainment by a well-known group called the Capitol Steps, had almost 400 guests. Not only did this demonstrate our congregation's strong commitment to these types of events: it was our most successful fundraiser, at least during the past ten years, that I could remember.

And what is our vision for the future? We will continue to address the changing times and challenges that are ahead for the Jewish people. We will continue our efforts to engage our members, educate our youth, and provide spiritual guidance to our congregants for all life cycle events, from birth to the end of life. We do this with a commitment to listening to the voices of our congregants.

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## Phyllis Buchsbaum: Why I Created a Jewish Legacy

Temple membership has always been very important in my life as a child and an adult. As a teenager, I was active in my Temple's NFTY group so many years ago. Temple membership served us well during Sol's career when we were transferred three times around the country, to cities where we had no family and no friends.

Three times it was Temple membership that enabled us to make a Jewish home for our family, to make friends in our new community, and to make Jewish holidays beautiful and meaningful.

Temple Emanu-El, the clergy, and its members were here for us in 1966 when we moved to Westfield with 3 small children and throughout the years as my family grew up. The Temple community kvelled with us during the happy times and grieved with us during the sad times. And now, as a single senior, I get great pleasure and intellectual stimulation from Temple Emanu-El: beautiful services, adult education, and warm friends!



Because of my Temple membership, I never feel alone.

I am pleased and proud to be able to leave a legacy to Temple Emanu-El so that others, new to the area, can find a home here when they are young and continue feeling at home as they age.

-Phyllis Buchsbaum



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 contact Brian Chartock, our Executive Director, at 908-232-6770 x114.

Create a Jewish Legacy is part of a nation-wide 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.

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I am interested in learning more about how I can assure Jewish tomorrows through the Create a Jewish Legacy program at Temple Emanu-El.

Please contact me!

The best time to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone/email address)

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print 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.

***Did you know we have new stock transfer info?***

***Please contact Kathleen Stovall to get the instructions. [kstovall@tewnj.org](mailto:kstovall@tewnj.org) or 908-232-6770 x113.***

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## New Emergency Number

We have a new 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.



## Honoring our Seniors

### Religious School Save the Dates

Please save these dates for the opening of Religious School. A complete calendar will be available for download or subscription as we near the beginning of the school year.

#### Consecration of NEW students Sunday, October 15, 10:15 AM

Parents are invited to join us as we officially welcome new students into our Religious School. Students will be called to the bima to receive a blessing from our clergy and a special gift to celebrate this milestone. Refreshments will follow at 10:45 AM.

#### OPENING DAYS

**Kgn-5th Grade and Ma'ayan**  
Sunday, Sept 17, 8:45-10:45 AM  
for students and parents

**6th grade Nisayon**  
Wednesday, Sept 27, 5:45-7:45 PM

**HaMakom (7th - 12th grade)**  
Tuesday, Oct 3, 7:00-9:00 PM

**Mitzvah Corps (8th and 9th grade)**  
Sunday, Sept 17, 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

**FIRST MADRICHIM SEMINARS  
For NEW Madrichim only**  
Thursday, Sept 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

**For ALL Madrichim**  
Sunday, Sept 10, 9:00-11:30 AM

Cafe Torah and Mitzvah Corps schedule will be emailed to participants as we get closer to opening day.

This spring, Temple Emanu-El was proud to honor our graduating seniors and their commitment to their continued Jewish education. Through involvement in HaMakom, Cafe Torah, and our Madrichim Leadership program, students have explored their Judaism in personal and meaningful ways with their Temple family. High School seniors were invited by Rabbi Smiley to share some reflections on their experience. Please enjoy a selection of these reflections from our High School Seniors:

*Being at this temple has given me friends that I know will last a lifetime. Going to college in a few months is really exciting and something I've been looking forward to for a long time, but leaving these people behind is something I've been dreading for even longer. The people I've met at this temple have helped me grow up and allowed me to break out of a once thick shell. I'm so grateful for everyone here who has knowingly, and unknowingly, impacted my life and I will take lessons I've learned about life and Judaism as I continue to college. (Maddie Jacobs)*

*For the last 15 years, Temple Emanu-El has played a super important role in my life. Having a place where I am surrounded by familiar people that I have been close with my whole life has been a constant comfort when other things can be stressful and always changing. Many people are shocked or don't understand why I choose to spend at least 7 hours a week here, but I wouldn't change a thing. I've gained best friends, role models and a group of people bigger than I realize who would be there to support me in good times and bad. I am extremely grateful for this and will really miss it all next year. (Brooke Tepper)*

*I began coming to Temple Emanu-El before I was even born. I received my official Hebrew name here, attended preschool, and began my formal religious education in kindergarten. I think of Temple Emanu-El as my second home. After I left the Westfield school system, I was able to retain many of my friendships by going to classes in preparation for my Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation. I chose to continue my Jewish education even though there were no more ceremonies or certificates to receive for it. During the hardest years of High School it has grounded me and provided a low pressure place to learn, where I was driven by curiosity rather than test scores. As I continue to grow in my Jewish education I know that I will look back at this as a strong foundation. (Charlotte Seltzer)*

*Temple Emanu-El has given me so much these past 16 years. In addition to the everlasting friendships that 500+ miles cannot break and amazing teachers and mentors (some of which have turned into co-workers), Temple Emanu-El has helped me find my true passion for helping others. Starting when I was two with the Mandy Reichman Feeding Program, continuing with Bridges Runs and finally journeying to New Orleans, one of the most amazing adventures of my life. Without these experiences that Temple Emanu-El had to offer me, I would not be the same person that I am today. (Emma Levenson)*

*Most people look forward to the weekend; a time to relax away from the stresses of work with those you love. I look forward to Tuesdays; a time to relax away from the stresses of life with those I love. Five years ago this community welcomed me with open arms and over the years our times together have taken us from delivering meals to the poor with the High Rollaz, to working until 1 AM on a speech for our Senators, to cleaning rehab centers in New Orleans. Attending class on Tuesday nights has helped to shape not only my Jewish identity but my morals and personal identity. I have never laughed so hard or felt more like a part of a community. I will miss sneaking candy from the Cantor's office and pouring two cups of iced tea when I come in. I'll miss my teachers who guided my Jewish journey and I'll miss eating pizza every Tuesday night without fail. But most of all I'll miss those with whom I shared these experiences. (Eli Burk)*

*Being a member of the Temple has made me into the man I am today. Many of my friends are people who I went to religious school with for many years. The Temple also gave me the opportunity to use my ability to play the guitar in a professional setting for the first time as a song leader. I plan on being a member of the Jewish community at University and beyond. (Gabriel A. Diamond)*



Off to College!

# Education

## Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award

*Shadow of a Doubt* by Emma Levitt

Bri smiled and reached up to touch her Star of David necklace. The little blue star had been a gift from her grandmother for her Bat Mitzvah. She hadn't taken it off since it was given to her, and had developed a nervous habit of holding the pendant between her thumb and fingers. But she was not nervous at all. In fact, she was happier than usual. She sat on her bed, admiring her boyfriend Danny's handsome face. Bri had never realized how sexy eating an apple could be. Of all the fruits in the world to be considered sexual, she never would have thought of the plain, demure apple. Maybe a banana, or grapes, but not an apple. And yet, there was Danny. He was the picture of attractiveness, sitting on her bed and trying not to get apple juice all over his face. She stared dreamily at him, wanting to remember this; the perfect end to the perfect day.

Danny had picked her up from her house at a quarter past two. He had been late, as usual, but she had come to expect that. Bri had rolled her window down and let herself relax and feel the beautiful May air against her face. It was crisp and warm and smelled of summer and freedom. She and Danny would be graduating from high school in two short months. They had driven up to the Leaf-Point hiking trail, where they had clumsily hiked and laughed their way along the path. Although they had only walked one mile, Bri felt like she had shared a lifetime with him up there.

Bri was so busy reminiscing on their date that she barely noticed when Danny finished his apple and lay down beside her. "I could stay here forever," said Danny, his voice bringing her back to the reality of her daydream. She let out a sigh, this should have made her happy. In truth, she really would have liked to lay on her bed, watching the sun filter through her curtains and listening to Danny breathe. But Bri had given Danny plenty of opportunities to kiss her on their hike and he hadn't given her a single peck. Maybe he didn't notice, she thought. He could be quite imperceptive. She tried to get his attention by making eyes at him, but he wasn't looking.

"Are you sure all you want to do is lay here?" she said flirtatiously, batting her lashes to give him one final chance.

"Yep," he said without opening his eyes. He laced his fingers behind his head. "I can't think of anything better than being here with you. I just want to stay right here and not move."

"Or," she said timidly. "You could kiss me."

She regretted saying it the second the words left her mouth. She had never said anything like that before. Blushing dark red, she tried to turn away but found her face suddenly caught in Danny's strong hands. They locked eyes, and suddenly his mouth was on hers. The room spun as he kissed her. She grabbed at the back of his shirt to anchor herself so that her hands wouldn't stray too far. She relished the familiar warmth as his lips drifted to her chin and made their way down her neck. She swooned as he began to kiss across her collarbone. Suddenly he stopped.

"Would it be bad if I kissed your star?" he asked. Bri's eyes opened slowly, not quite sure what she had done to make him stop.

"What?" she said groggily, still coming to her senses after being taken abruptly out of the kiss. Confused, she reached up with her right hand and grabbed at the small charm.

"Yeah. I mean, I know if you were to kiss the cross a nun would probably drop dead or something," he laughed. Danny was anything but religious.

"Um, no?" she said back. She would have never thought to ask that. Danny was so sweet, she thought to herself. What did I do to get a boyfriend so considerate? She shook off the thought and continued their kiss.

Over the next week, something felt off to Bri.

Danny usually walked her home after school. Usually it was something Bri looked forward to throughout her day, but that Monday the conversation felt strained and unnatural. She couldn't think of anything she wanted to say to him. She shrugged off the feeling, thinking to herself that she was happy with Danny, she must just be having a bad day. She smiled and grabbed Danny's hand and together they walked the last few blocks to her house. When they reached her front yard, Danny moved to pull her in for a goodbye kiss but she turned and walked inside without noticing. Bri didn't realize she hadn't kissed him goodbye until much later that night. She felt awful about it.

A few weeks later, Bri was beginning to really feel discomfort around Danny. She did not know why, but whenever he touched her it felt wrong. It felt as if, with every touch, he might accidentally ruin her. It wasn't like he was pressuring her, they'd had sex a few times before, something just felt off to Bri. Now when he kissed her, she did not feel the original rush of excitement at his touch, she felt trapped by it. Slowly, the things that annoyed her about Danny began to manifest themselves in her mind, until that was all she could see about him. Her annoyance was like a snake wrapped around her heart, shielding her from seeing all the good that was still in him. She was the most nervous every time Danny kissed her neck, for fear that he might touch her star. Even thinking about his hands on her felt like sacrilege. Bri wanted to tell someone about what was happening, but she still didn't know why it was happening. She decided to pray on it.

Usually Bri didn't go with her family to Shabbat services on Friday nights, she wasn't even religious, but this week she did. She sat in the pews and thought long and hard about what she wanted. She finally realized the problem; Danny, sweet, simple Danny who she had loved so deeply, had made her question her faith. She hadn't known the answer to his simple question of whether or not it was okay to regard her Star of David, her Judaism, in a sexual way. By shrugging it off as no big deal, she had internalized her distaste at the suggestion until she could simply no longer bear to hold it in. Tears sprang to her eyes the second she realized what this meant. Bri knew that this innocent question would always blur her vision of Danny. She had allowed herself to drift away from Judaism, even though she hadn't wanted to. The tears continued to fall silently as she tried to wipe them away. She still loved him. But she knew what she had to do.

The next day she wrote Danny a letter explaining everything. That she loved him, that she needed to find herself. That it wasn't his fault. That she was so sorry. That the relationship just couldn't work until she could find what she really wanted.

Bri never knew what happened to Danny after that. They graduated less than three weeks later. Bri went off to college, excited to have rekindled her faith and nervous to make new friends who shared her religion. She had never had Jewish friends before. With their help, Bri became more certain and secure in her own faith. She finally realized that what she loved most was herself, and her Judaism was a big part of that.



# Social Action

## Tikkun Olam

Be a part of the Tikkun Olam Committee and plan for the future!

We meet the **2nd Wednesday of every month from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.**

For more information please contact Rabbi Ethan Prosnit.

## Social Action Text Alerts

We have created a text system to alert you of 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.

## Mitzvah Garden

Summer is here and we welcome new volunteers to assist our active gardeners with planting, harvesting and providing fresh vegetables and herbs for the Westfield Food Pantry. We will continue to plant in the Courtyard as well as the Lavy House Garden.

Our next season has already started. If you're interested, please email elperis@aol.com or janet.kurtter@gmail.com.

## Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

**Tuesdays, 5:10 PM**

Join us in the Temple kitchen on Tuesday afternoons to prepare lunches for the less fortunate and hungry in our area. We welcome anyone; aged 2 to 102. Teach your children to do a good deed by volunteering. Meets every Tuesday, unless there is a holiday.

## Volunteer for Housing the Homeless

**August 6 -20th**

For one week in December, Temple Emanu-El hosted several homeless families at our synagogue. It was wonderful opportunity for Temple members to volunteer, make meals, sleep over and hang out with our guests. We want to thank everyone who volunteered and donated items that ensured a memorable week for these families.

**We will be hosting families again August 6th-August 20th. Sign Up to Volunteer.** As always, the success of our housing the homeless program depends on dedicated volunteers from our Temple community. We need people just like you to sign up and help make a difference. We are looking for volunteers to:

- Make meals
- Hang out with our guests
- Sleep over at the temple
- Set up before guests arrive
- Dismantle and clean up after guests leave

We are always looking for new volunteers. (It is a great experience for kids too!) To volunteer, please contact us at: [Housing4homelesstewnj@gmail.com](mailto:Housing4homelesstewnj@gmail.com). Visit [www.tewnj.org/getting-involved](http://www.tewnj.org/getting-involved) for the sign up form.

Thank you for helping with this incredible mitzvah,  
TEE Housing the Homeless coordinators,  
-Lauren Gottlieb & Lynda Wald

## Job Bank for Refugees

We have a special opportunity to enrich our lives by helping members of our community. As you know, our congregation participates in a coalition to assist Syrian refugees. One of our primary missions is to help them become self-sufficient. Our Syrian families would benefit from gainful employment.

Do you know of a job opportunity? The abilities of our Syrian job-seekers range from drivers to professionals with advanced degrees, and they are eager for work. Possible jobs would be working in restaurants, factories, warehouses, limousine drivers, delivery drivers, etc.

All of the applicants are authorized to work in the United States. The International Rescue Committee in Elizabeth will be banking the jobs and screening and interviewing all of the applicants. If you know of a position, please contact Naomi Gelfand at [naomigelfand@gmail.com](mailto:naomigelfand@gmail.com). All possibilities are welcome. The coalition and the IRC will coordinate the rest of the process. Thank you for your consideration.

## 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, check-lists 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](mailto:Marcifisher601@gmail.com)  
908-230-7452

Leslie Dickstein  
[Ldickstein@verizon.net](mailto:Ldickstein@verizon.net)  
908-596-0079

# Adult Education

## Summer Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit

Wednesdays, 7/12, 7/19/ 7/26 & 8/2 at 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Short Stories: The American-Jewish Encounter in the 20th Century

Join Rabbi Ethan Prosnit as we focus on influential writers in the American canon, each of whom bring a unique Jewish perspective to their writing. Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert and drinks as we discuss a new short story each week.

Attend some or all of the sessions.

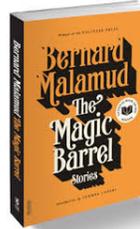
Participants are asked to read the story ahead of time; stories can be picked up at the Temple office, and are also available in pdf by emailing Carol Jassin. We ask you to RSVP by emailing [cjassin@tewnj.org](mailto:cjassin@tewnj.org) or calling 908-232-6770 x120

July 12: "Gimpel the Fool" by I.B. Singer

July 19: "Looking for Mr. Green" by Saul Bellows

July 26: "The Magic Barrel" by Bernard Malamud

August 2: "The Shawl" by Cynthia Ozick and "Shtetl World" by Dara Horn



## Holy Scrollers Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:15 AM

Every Shabbat this discussion focuses on the Torah Portion of the week, Jewish ideas, and values and the task of living a life of meaning with Rabbi Sagal at the Lavy House. The summer sessions (July & August) will be led by Rabbi Chuck Lightner and Razi Haimi-Cohen.

## Thank you!

The Religious School gratefully acknowledges the following families for their donation to the Religious School fund:

The Altersohn Family

The Ackerman Family

The Bauer Family

The Beckerman Family

The Bennett Family

The Blom Family

The Borak Family

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The Dymbort Family

The Edelman Family

The Everett Family

The Fischer Family

The Gelfand Family

The Glasofer Family

The Glenn Family

The Greenwood Family

The Haar Family

The Horowitz Family

The Ives Family

The Karaban Family

The Kofsky Family

The Lenner Family

The Levenson Family

The Maizel Family

The Marcus Family

The Martin Family

The Morano Family

The Peskin Family

The Roitman Family

The Rollins Family

The Rothfleisch Family

The Saxon Family

The Schwartz Family

The Shapiro Family

The Siegel Family

The Sigmund Family

The Snyder Family

The Tepper Family

The Trynin Family

The Wagenheim Family

The Weinstein Family

The White Family



Clergy with Anat Hoffman

## Caring Community

Sign up to be a member of the Caring Community.

Can you give a ride to a Temple member in need to either 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 at [pamelaclarke@achievementfirst.org](mailto:pamelaclarke@achievementfirst.org) or Lynda Wald at [Lynda.wald99@gmail.com](mailto:Lynda.wald99@gmail.com).

## We're Here for You

If you or someone you know is ill, has suffered any recent loss, or desires any extra support at this time, please contact Rabbi Sagal, ext. 117, or Cantor Novick, ext. 116, at 908-232-6770.

## Get Involved

Participate in our 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](mailto:TikkunOlam@tewnj.org).

## Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month,  
9:15 - 11:15 AM

Volunteer for one of the shifts at the Westfield Food Pantry on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of each month.

To volunteer to sign up contact Alice Fertig at [Asfertig@gmail.com](mailto:Asfertig@gmail.com).

## New volunteer webpage

[www.tewnj.org/getting-involved.html](http://www.tewnj.org/getting-involved.html)

# High Holydays 5778

## High Holyday Services

5778/2017

### Selichot

**Saturday evening, September 16**

Havdalah Service .....	7:30 PM
Program.....	7:45 PM
Desserts .....	9:00 PM
Selichot Service.....	9:30 PM

### Rosh Hashanah

**Wednesday, September 20**

Erev Rosh Hashanah .....	8:00 PM
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**Thursday, September 21**

Rosh Hashanah Morning (full service) ...	8:30 AM
Rosh Hashanah Children's Service .....	8:30 AM
Parallel programs for grades K – 5*	
Rosh Hashanah Kol Haneshamah service at FCC** .....	9:45 AM
Rosh Hashanah Morning (full service) ..	11:30 AM
Family Service .....	3:00 PM

**Friday, September 22**

Morning service, Second Day.....	10:00 AM
Tashlich at Mindwaskin Park at the conclusion of this service	

### Yom Kippur

**Friday, September 29**

Kol Nidre Service.....	8:00 PM
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**Saturday, September 30**

Yom Kippur Morning (full service) .....	8:30 AM
Yom Kippur Children's service .....	8:30 AM
Parallel programs for grades K – 5*	
Yom Kippur Kol Haneshamah service at FCC** .....	9:45 AM
Yom Kippur Morning (full service) .....	11:30 AM
Parallel Discussions (Part I) .....	
Immediately after early morning service	
Parallel Discussions (Part II) .....	
Immediately after late morning service	
Family service.....	2:00 PM
Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah Services.....	3:15 PM

#### Admission by Ticket and Photo ID Only

\* Grade 6 students and older teens are invited to join their parents in the Sanctuary at either morning service or at the Kol Haneshamah service at FCC.

## High Holydays will be here before you know it!

You should be receiving your High Holyday forms shortly!  
Please fill out your High Holyday forms and send them right back!  
**The deadline is August 11.**



## Shofar Blowers

**Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM**

Cantor Novick will hold her annual Shofar Blowing Class for any young person who is interested in learning how to blow the shofar or brushing up on his or her skills. You must bring your own shofar to the class. Contact Susan Schuman at 908-578-4856, if you need to purchase one from the Sisterhood Gift Shop. If you would like to attend, please contact Carol Jassin at the Temple, 908-232-6770, ext. 120.

## Help Usher In the New Year!

During High Holyday services, the ushers who assist congregants at each service are volunteers. We are looking for additional volunteer ushers this year.

Start 5778 with a mitzvah! If you are able to assist us, please contact Bob Kendler at 908-232-1893 or bobkendler@gmail.com.

## Help Feed the Hungry

*Is this not the fast I look for: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry? - Isaiah*

Each year during the High Holydays, our Temple family collects hundreds of pounds of food for donation to the Westfield Food Pantry. Please join us again this year as we continue our efforts to help feed hungry families in our larger community.

As in the past, empty grocery bags will be distributed to congregants after Rosh Hashanah services. We ask that you return the bags filled with non-perishable food items on Yom Kippur morning, September 30. Volunteers from the Westfield Food Pantry will be stationed in both parking lots (at Temple Emanu-El and the First Congregational Church) to assist with the collection. The following items are greatly needed: canned foods such as tuna, beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, chili, and nutritional supplements for the elderly; boxed foods such as rice, pasta, cereal, pancake mix, and instant potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly.

*Todah rabah* for your continued generosity.

## Assisted Listening Device System

The Temple provides an assisted listening device system for the hearing impaired in the sanctuary. The system allows hearing aid users to utilize a t-coil induction loop to amplify our High Holyday and other services directly through the user's hearing aids (provided they have a t-coil switch/capability). For those who may need amplification without hearing aids, the system also utilizes standard headphones for amplification. There are a limited number of receivers and induction loops available, so please inform the Temple as soon as possible if you wish to use the system. You may contact Mike Kenny at 908-232-6770, ext. 129 or David Hoffman at 908-377-4977 for more details.

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## High Holyday Ticket Information

Please note the following policies concerning High Holyday tickets:

- ☆ At Temple Emanu-El services, everyone grade 6 through adult will be required to present a ticket. Everyone High school aged through adult needs a photo ID with their ticket.
- ☆ At Kol Haneshamah services, every attendee, including children of any age (infant through college), will need a ticket. Everyone high school aged through adult needs a photo ID with their ticket.
- ☆ It's here! **Electronic ticketing! Your tickets will be delivered via email this year. You can print out the email to show at the door, or you can show the ticket (email) on your smartphone.** If you do not have an email address you may come into the Temple and pick up your ticket or it will be held for you at the door.
- ☆ Please have your tickets and ID available prior to reaching the door to save time.
- ☆ Congregants with tickets and photo ID in hand may enter as directed by the ushers.
- ☆ Congregants without tickets or without a photo ID will be directed to a table where their membership can be confirmed.



### Please note the following information:

- ☆ Tickets will be issued at no cost to members who are current with their Temple financial obligations and who have sent in their ticket order form. Order forms for your ticket(s) and additional guest tickets were mailed the end of June and can be found on our website.
- ☆ Guest tickets for adult children attending either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services, but not both, cost \$75 per ticket.
- ☆ Guest tickets for adult children attending both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and all other guests, whether attending services for Rosh Hashanah only, or Yom Kippur only, or both cost \$150 per ticket. You can mail your check with your form or pay online through Chaverweb!
- ☆ There is no charge for anyone 26 and under. Tickets are required for Grade 6 and above in the Sanctuary. Tickets are required for all attendees at Kol Haneshamah services.
- ☆ Please remember that Temple Emanu-El participates in the URJ reciprocity program. All members in good standing at another congregation may receive tickets for free. Simply have their temple let us know that they will be attending! Still include them on your Guest Ticket order form and jot down "recip" next to their name(s).
- ☆ Please do not ask for exceptions to these rules.
- ☆ Tickets will be **emailed** approximately 2 weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah. **Do not delete the email that contains your electronic ticket.**

### Photo ID required with ticket.

If you or any family member or guest do not carry items on the Holydays, call the Temple Emanu-El office and let us know.

## Kol Haneshamah:

### *A Contemporary Alternative Worship Experience for the High Holydays*

Temple Emanu-El will offer Kol Haneshamah, our alternative High Holyday worship service, held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Kol Haneshamah aims to provide a worship experience that is participatory, contemplative, and informal. "Kol Haneshamah" means "every soul," and it comes from a phrase found in Psalm 150:

כל הנשמה תהלל יה הללויה!  
*Kol han'shamah t'hallel yah, Halleluya!*  
"Let every soul praise God, Halleluyah!"

Kol Haneshamah will be led by Rabbi Ethan Prosnit, Cantor Michelle Rubel and song leader/guitar player Rick Calvert. Rick is one of the premier song leaders of the Reform Movement, and many of you know him as one of the leaders of our popular Simchat Shabbat service.

Kol Haneshamah is adult-oriented but accessible to children approximately five years old and up. During the service we will follow the matbe'a (outline) of the Reform machzor (prayer book) and read from the Torah. Rabbi Prosnit will offer a sermon on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Kol Haneshamah will take place on the mornings of the first day of Rosh Hashanah (September 21, 2017) and on Yom Kippur (September 30, 2017). Services will begin at 9:45 AM and will last approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Temple Office at 908-232-6770.

## First Congregational Church

### The Perfect Place for Kol Haneshamah

Temple Emanu-El and the First Congregational Church have a long-standing relationship of warmth and cooperation; in fact, when Temple Emanu-El was first founded, we held worship services at this church! The church has once again been very welcoming to us and we are very excited to hold Kol Haneshamah in its beautiful sanctuary.

# High Holydays 5778

## High Holyday Experiences for Youth

**Rosh Hashanah morning - Thursday, September 21, 2017, 8:30 AM**

**Yom Kippur morning - Saturday, September 30, 2017, 8:30 AM**

Please drop your children off at 8:15 AM; services begin at 8:30 AM.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to participate in all programs listed below.**

### Babysitting for 2-4 Year Olds

at Temple Emanu-El only

Babysitting is available for ~~toilet-trained children~~ ages 2-4. There is a charge of \$15 per child, per morning. Please note, we only accept checks. In order to participate in babysitting, children must be registered by September 15, 2017.

### Youth Programming for K-5th Grade

Each year we provide meaningful High Holyday experiences for K-5th grade students, including an age-appropriate service. In order to participate in the Youth Programming, children must be registered by September 15, 2017.

### High School Volunteers

Teens in grades 9-12 (as of September 2017) can volunteer in our Babysitting and Youth Programming. Volunteers are accepted on a first-received basis with **priority given to teens who currently participate in our *Madrachim* program, are enrolled in our Religious School, and/or participate in our youth groups.** In order to volunteer, teens must be registered by September 15, 2017.

**Students in the 6th grade and older are encouraged to attend services with their parents.**

Teens and families may worship together in the main sanctuary or at the Kol Haneshamah service.

**Registration for these programs is completely online on our Temple website - [www.tewnj.org](http://www.tewnj.org).**

**Look for the High Holyday Activities link on the home page.**

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the potential for upgrade and renovation. In order to do this, we may conduct a feasibility study to determine what we could do and how much money we could raise for this purpose.

Additionally, we will soon unveil an Extended-Day Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, with an anticipated opening in Fall 2018. This exciting expansion enables parents to allow their young children to be in a nurturing Jewish environment from early morning through late in the day.

The broad range of programs and services offered by our Temple and the expansions planned over the next year cannot be done in a vacuum, or just by a select few. In fact, I want to make sure everyone is aware that the creation, continuation and expansion of all of these programs for our congregants is due to the hard work of our amazing and talented team of clergy and staff, plus the unselfish determination from volunteers on our executive committee, on our larger Board and from the greater congregation I say a mighty thanks to the clergy, the Temple management and the Temple staff. I say a mighty thanks to all Temple volunteers. And to those of you in the congregation who have not yet been directly involved with our efforts: well, thank you for being here. It is not too late to volunteer. We welcome help from everyone.

The next twelve months should prove to be very exciting, and even fun! Last year I talked about our large congregation, and the importance of overcoming its size by making connections with each other. That remains true today. We at Temple Emanu-El are here for each other. Together we have a most remarkable congregation. Thank you again for the privilege to serve as your President. I hope to make you as proud of me, as much as you make me proud of our temple family.

*Susan Dickstein*

## The Shofar

The shofar, made from the horn of a ram, is sounded throughout the High Holyday period, beginning during the preparatory days of Elul. It also is sounded during the Rosh Hashana service and at the end of Yom Kippur. The shofar is always curved or bent, symbolizing our humility as we stand before God and confront our actions. The celebration that ultimately evolved into Rosh Hashanah was originally called Yom T'ruah (Day of Sounding the Shofar).

One of the world's oldest wind instruments, the shofar played an important role in Jewish history long before it became associated with Rosh Hashanah. It is mentioned throughout the Bible as a central element in ritual observance. For example, the shofar was sounded at the new moon and at solemn feasts. The Book of Exodus (19:16; 20:15) describes how the shofar was blown at Mt. Sinai to prepare the people for the giving of the Torah. The Book of Joshua (6:1-20) details the blowing of the shofar as part of the conquest of Jericho.

There are four different shofar "calls," each with a unique name, used during the High Holydays: *t'kiah* (one long blast), *sh'varim* (three short blasts), *t'ruah* (nine quick blasts) and *t'kia g'dolah* (one very long blast). Today, these sounds suggest different approaches to our annual *cheshbon hanefesh* (accounting of our activities of the past year), which we review during this season. The shofar blasts echo different rhythms and patterns in our daily lives. Various explanations surround the custom of blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. The link with Yom T'ruah (Day of Sounding the Shofar) was an early one, but there are many others. The great Jewish philosopher Maimonides viewed the sounding of the shofar as a call to repentance.

The most common explanation for blowing the shofar during the Rosh Hashanah service, however, derives from the story of the Akeidah (the binding of Isaac) in Genesis 22, which we read on the same day. The sacrifice of Isaac was averted when Abraham substituted a ram for the boy. Although the key message focuses on Abraham's faith and against human sacrifice, the story also became a basis for use of a ram's horn on Rosh Hashanah.

- From [www.reformjudaism.org](http://www.reformjudaism.org)

# Our Temple Community

## Sisterhood News

We concluded our annual programming at our general membership meeting in May with our Chai Mitzvah program where attendees engaged in a discussion regarding the Shavuot theme of Gratitude. Thank you to those who came to share their experiences and insights on expressing gratitude.

Thank you to the 63 participants who came to the Temple in April to take part in our Intergenerational Women's Seder. Friends, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and grandchildren enjoyed a lovely evening of singing and eating while we read from a beautiful customized hagaddah. Not only did we celebrate Passover but our collection bins were overflowing with donations for our charity "Distributing Dignity". Thank you to the wonderful committee for putting on such an inspiring event: Debra Weinstein, Maralyn Lieberman, Natalie Straus, Susan Klein, Janice Kessler and Nancy Katz.



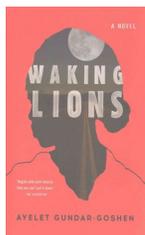
## Get Fit with Dance!

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 pm, Greifer Sacks Hall, \$5 weekly. **No class scheduled for July 3rd or July 10th.**

## Sisterhood Book Club

**Wednesdays at 7:30 PM**

Looking for a good book to read? Come join one of our lively book club discussions. Our Sisterhood Book Club is a great way to meet other people and discuss fantastic literature. Below are some of our upcoming meetings and titles:



The Book Club has chosen *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen for a Tuesday, July 18 book discussion at 7:30 PM. Meeting to take place in the home of Leonore Argen who can be reached by email at [argenhouse@msm.com](mailto:argenhouse@msm.com)

Future book selections include *Jaffa Beach* by Fedora Horowitz, *A Walk Across the Sun* by Corban Addison and *Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff.

We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in participating in Book Club, please reach out to Roni Epstein at [roniepstein114@gmail.com](mailto:roniepstein114@gmail.com).

## Library News

This might be a good time of year to check out the library at Temple Emanu-El. Take a look around and browse the new book section or some recent DVD's and periodicals. Lots of new children's books, too! It's easy to checkout any material - simply follow the directions next to the box on the counter.

Now find some time and enjoy reading a good book! Library hours are posted on the library door and on the Temple website.

You can leave a message at 908-232-6770, ext. 131, or email us: Brett Harris: [bharris@wilentz.com](mailto:bharris@wilentz.com); Janice Kessler: [128beans@comcast.net](mailto:128beans@comcast.net); Bettye Barcan: [bgb43@verizon.net](mailto:bgb43@verizon.net)

## B'nai Mitzvah Video Service

The Men's Club has arranged with A Train Productions to offer recording of all Sanctuary and Brody Chapel B'nai Mitzvah services. Preserve your family memories of this joyous life cycle event on Blu-ray, Flash Drive, or DVD. A Train can also provide live internet streaming of the service to family members unable to attend this important occasion. All equipment is state of the art and produces a superior product. Proceeds from this service are used by the Men's Club to fund its charitable work for the Temple, including the support of Religious School and ECE activities. You will find A Train's information in your B'nai Mitzvah packet, at [www.atrainproductions.com/tewnj](http://www.atrainproductions.com/tewnj), and also in this Bulletin. Please contact Mike Kenny to order.

## 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](mailto:nkreutzer@jfscentralnj.org), or call 908-352-8375, to schedule an appointment.

# Calendar At a Glance: July/August

For up to date information or changes visit [www.tewnj.org](http://www.tewnj.org)

Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 3 for this information.

In addition, the Early Childhood Education and Religious School calendar can be found on our website at [www.tewnj.org](http://www.tewnj.org).

## Saturday, July 1

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan

## Tuesday, July 4

Temple Offices Closed

## Friday, July 7

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, July 8

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan  
9:30 AM Shabbat Walk with Rabbi Prosnit

## Tuesday, July 11

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Wednesday, July 12

12:00 PM Summer Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit

## Friday, July 14

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Dinner in the Park (Brookside Park)

## Saturday, July 15

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan

## Monday, July 17

4:00 PM Dance Fitness (prev named Zumba)

## Tuesday, July 18

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Wednesday, July 19

12:00 PM Summer Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit

## Friday, July 21

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, July 22

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan

## Tuesday, July 25

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Wednesday, July 26

12:00 PM Summer Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit

## Friday, July 28

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, July 29

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan

## Monday, July 31

4:00 PM Dance Fitness (prev named Zumba)  
7:30 PM Erev Tisha B'Av Service

## Tuesday, August 1

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Wednesday, August 2

12:00 PM Summer Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit

## Friday, August 4

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, August 5

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan  
9:30 AM Shabbat Walk with Rabbi Prosnit

## Monday, August 7

4:00 PM Dance Fitness (prev named Zumba)

## Tuesday, August 8

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Friday, August 11

6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner in the Park (Nomahegan Park)

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8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
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4:00 PM Dance Fitness (prev named Zumba)

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## Friday, August 18

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, August 19

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
9:30 AM Morning Minyan

## Monday, August 21

4:00 PM Dance Fitness (prev named Zumba)

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5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

## Friday, August 25

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, August 26

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers  
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## Monday, August 28

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