



# VOICE of THE SHORE

CONGREGATION TORAT EL ~ JERSEY SHORE JEWISH CENTER  
JANUARY 2025 ~ TEVET/SHEVAT 5785



## Oh What A Night!

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Bingo	Invite	Night	Games	Outstanding
Cards	Your	Out	To Play	Time
and	Friends!	Nothing	and	To Be Had
Markers		Beats a	Gifts	By All
Provided		Nosh	To Win	

Fill a table with your friends  
\$18 per person (receive up to 5 cards)

**Saturday, January 25**

Doors open 6:45pm - Games 7:00pm  
Laughter, Prizes, Tons of Fun, BYOB

RSVP to [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) by January 15

# CONGREGATION TORAT EL CONTACT INFORMATION

## Torat El Professional Staff

<b>Rabbi</b>	Aaron Schonbrun
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<b>Religious School Director</b>	Lisa Arnold
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# January Service Announcements

**Friday, January 3, 2025**                      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**                      **Candles 4:23pm**  
Yahrzeits: Seymour Absatz, Allan Axelrod, Greta Boden, Louis Breslow, Harvey Brown, Ken Curtis, Anna Davis, Rae Donner, Martha Drossman, Gussie Fisher, Esther Fleishman, Berek Frochcwayg, Estera Frochcwayg, Betty Fromer, Norman Gayton, Minnie Ginsburg, Joseph Warren Gold, Rhoda Goldberg, Adelaide Goldstein, Jerry Goldstein, Barbara Farkas Jacob, Harry Kantor, Bernard Karasic, Dr. Lawrence Karasic, Beatrice Kraus, Pearl Krongelb, Max Labaton, Lily Laster, Lawrence Lucisano, Elsie Mannes, Sally Meyer, Phyllis Raab, Zimel Resnick, Ernest F. Rosset, Sheldon Sacks, Simon Samuel, Robert Schneider, Nathan Schulman, Edith Paley Schwaber, Milton Seidman, Alfred Silverstein, Abraham Slovin, Rosalind Stern, Bob Stone, Arthur Tauber, Ruth Wilk

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**                      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Vayiggash 46:28-47:27 (p. 283)**                      **Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28 (p. 291)**

**Friday, January 10, 2025**                      **Family Friday Night Service ~ 5:15pm**                      **Candles 4:30pm**  
**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**  
Yahrzeits: Avram Bercovicz, Samuel Bloom, Fred Boone, Marda Brown, Mae Castello, Morris Cohen, Robert Deitch, David Fields, George Fink, Max Gonski, Amelia Greenfield, Samuel Hipschman, Mortimer Kobb, Robert Krantz, Lois Nelson, Raymond Pannone, Morris Rauch, Ronald Rosen, Lee Rubenstein, Stephanie Silver, Mathilda Simha, Roxie Skoler, Dr. Harry L. Vineburg, Marilyn Weinstein, Chiam Ben Zev

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**                      **Shabbat Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Vayhi 49:27-50:26 (p. 305)**                      **Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12 (p. 313)**  
***Auf Ruf of Richard Rieders & Allison Barofsky***  
***Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by the Barofsky & Rieders Families***  
***in honor of the Auf Ruf of Richard Rieders & Allison Barofsky***

**Friday, January 17, 2025**                      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**                      **Candles 4:37pm**  
Yahrzeits: Shai Lanem Binns, Louis Breslow, David Cooper, Julius Droisen, Rose Frank, Else Graupe, Frida Haber, Simon Klein, Rebecca Kramer, Annette Kurman, Shirley Levine, Michael Maltzman, Gussie Michelson, Stuart Nelson, Dora Osattin, William Potter, Ben Rassas, Sol Reinman, Mildred Richelson, Milton Sabin, Samuel J. Sarch, Sigmund Schreiber, Saul Shapiro, Fannie Tauber, Shari Lynn Woda, Sidney Zislin

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**                      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Shemot 4:18-6:1 (p. 335)**                      **Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 (p. 343)**

**Friday, January 24, 2025**                      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**                      **Candles 4:46pm**  
Yahrzeits: Max Adler, Reuben Blaustein, Rubin Brenner, Belle S. Franks, Dr. Eugene Goldman, Mildred Holub, Harvey Jacob, Sam Kantrowitz, Kenneth Kobb, Barry Kollins, Arnold Levi, Marie Mercogliano, Samuel Miller, Rose Sarah Negnewitzky, Sylvia Nipon, Joseph Pollack, Herman Preiser, Sarah Samuel, Steven Scheer, Jack Shanker, Shirley Shapiro Fein, Alan Sherman, Jerome Sommer, John Stazyn, Bertha Steingart, Dr. Ron Weinberg, Edythe Wisner, Ruth Zimmerman

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**                      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Vaera 8:16-9:35 (p. 362)**                      **Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 (p. 370)**

**Friday, January 31, 2025**                      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**                      **Candles 4:54pm**  
Yahrzeits: Vicki Akel, Burton Alexander, Harris Israel Anderman, Ronald Arnold, Abraham Block, Warren Lewis, Dennis, Ducie Epstein, Chester Stanley Friedman, Doris Tauver Gribin, William Gross, Daniel Hochberg, Edward, Horowitz, Bessie Kirschner, Farha Koreen, Sandra Jacob Lazarus, Maurice Marx, Milton P. Paperth, Norman Scheer, Max Schletter, Sidney Schwaber, Toby Sobel, Harry Steinberg, Samuel Sulkin, Gary Andrew Taylor, Ellen F. Winters, Milton Ziment

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**                      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Bo 12:29-13:16 (p. 387)**                      **Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28 (p. 395)**  
***Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by Martin Fried in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah***

## Join Services In-Person and Online

**Shabbat: Friday, 6:15pm and Saturday, 9:00am**

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Morning Minyan: Monday-Friday, 8:00am, Sunday, 8:30am**

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Evening Minyan: Monday-Thursday, 7:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID 859-0261-9504 - Service held on Zoom only**

# Looking For A 10<sup>th</sup> – The Mitzvah Of Morning Minyan



Many years ago, when I first arrived at Congregation Torat El and we still had evening minyan, I walked in one evening to find that there was an elderly man with his daughter who sat in the back quietly and seemed somewhat uncomfortable. I did not recognize them, but I was still relatively new myself, so it was possible that we had not yet met. After a few moments, I noticed that he was wearing a black *keriah* ribbon, the torn ribbon that is worn during *shiva*, the seven-day period of mourning after the death of an immediate family member. I was sure that he had come in to say the Mourner's Kaddish, and was glad that we just had a minyan of 10 Jews required for him to do so. When I spoke with him after the service I learned that he had suddenly and shockingly lost his mother and had used our cemetery for the burial. And after the funeral he had nowhere to go. He was not a member of Congregation Torat El. He did not seem to be affiliated with the Jewish community in any way. He had no community to go to for support during *shiva*. Thankfully, he found us through our cemetery and came to grieve for his mother and seek comfort in our Jewish community. I am hopeful that, at least for those brief moments, we were able to provide him with just that.

That was many years ago, and I remember leaving thinking to myself, "Thank goodness we had a minyan!" Much has changed since those days. We now have evening minyan on Zoom and options for live stream over Shabbat, but we are struggling to get a regular morning minyan on a daily basis. That's the 'bad news.' The good news is that, thanks in part to the efforts of our Director of Ritual Engagement, Ben Laskowitz (and our *Whatsapp* minyan group), when we have someone that we know needs a minyan for Kaddish, we put out a request and usually get one. On the one hand, it is wonderful that people are "stepping up to the plate" when we know there is a need. But these days I find myself wondering about those times when we don't know there is a need; when we don't know someone has to say Kaddish; when someone wanders in looking for a minyan (member or not).

In the end, we are blessed with a small committed core of people who have dedicated themselves to daily prayer. And while I know they find this personally meaningful, I also know that many of them feel a sense of responsibility to our greater community members to attend on a regular basis. Some of our regulars (who many would recognize because they have been there for you during a time of need), are not getting any younger. Some of them can no longer drive to synagogue in the morning to help make a minyan. This is where you come in. Put quite simply, if we want to be a community that believes in the value of having a daily morning minyan, both as a place for quiet, contemplative prayer, and a place for those who have lost a loved one to grieve and honor their memory, we need to help make it so. We need your help.

I know I have written about this before. But I believe that it is important enough to our core values and identity as a *beit tefilah*, as a house of worship, to write about again. All of us are busy and there are all sorts of reasons that we can each think of for not showing up. The time does not work for us. We have to be home to help with our children, grandchildren. Our favorite class at the gym meets at the exact same time. It is too cold outside; let someone else drive to minyan. Each of these reasons is legitimate. But helping to make a minyan is not about any one of us individually. It is about all of us collectively.

I know that everyone who comes to the minyan, even infrequently, is glad that it exists. They are glad that a small group of people is making sure it happens. The trouble is, we cannot always rely on someone else. If having a minyan is really important to us, we actually have to do something concrete to help support it.

Our morning minyan takes about 30-45 minutes. Can you come once a week? Can you come once a month? Can you come three times this year? (As a bonus, if you can lead, or are interested in brushing up on skills that have become rusty, we would be glad to help you and add you into our rotation of leaders!) Regardless of how often you can make this happen, or the level of commitment you can make, I hope that each of you is willing to join us in sustaining this essential part of our sacred community.

Author Patti Mosovitz once wrote that, "One rabbi cannot make a minyan, but ten shoemakers can." Showing up is something that all of us can do. So look at your calendars, bring your family, pick a date, and please join us. **Morning minyan is Monday-Friday** at 8am, and **Sunday** at 8:30 am. **Evening Zoom minyan** is Monday-Thursday at 7pm, **Friday nights** are currently at 6:15pm, **Shabbat morning** is 9:00am. We are looking forward to praying with you, and having you join us in our daily spiritual home!

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

An Executive Director of a synagogue plays a critical role in the life of the congregation, acting as the central figure responsible for the administration, operations, and overall management of the synagogue. Their role ensures the smooth functioning of the institution, allowing the clergy, staff, and lay leaders to focus on spiritual, educational and community-building efforts.

This only scratches the surface of an Executive Director's job description:

## **Operational Backbone**

- The Executive Director oversees day-to-day operations, including facilities management, finances, staffing, and event logistics. This ensures that services, programs and activities run efficiently.
- They ensure the building is well-maintained and accessible, creating a welcoming and functional space for congregants.

## **Financial Steward**

- They manage budgets, fundraising efforts and membership dues, ensuring the financial health of the synagogue.

## **Community Connector**

- Serving as a liaison between the clergy, staff, board and congregants, the Executive Director fosters collaboration and communication.

## **Vision Enabler**

- The Executive Director collaborates with the board and clergy to align the synagogue's programs and operations with its mission and vision.

## **Problem Solver**

- From logistical challenges to conflict resolution, they often step in to address issues that arise, ensuring the community's needs are met.

Why am I writing about what an Executive Director does? Well, our very own Pam Cardullo just celebrated her 20th anniversary as our Executive Director: What a milestone!

Pam represents stability, reliability, and behind-the-scenes leadership. While she may not be as visible as the clergy, her work profoundly impacts the congregation's experience by ensuring the synagogue functions as a well-oiled machine. Congregants often rely on her leadership to navigate challenges, celebrate milestones, and build a thriving community. We could not do it without her expertise. I have had the pleasure of working with Pam over the last 14 years and I am amazed at how seamless the office and synagogue run under her tutelage. She makes it look easy, but I know firsthand that it is not.

Pam's historic knowledge, professionalism and heartfelt commitment to her position as our Executive Director is a testament to her. Pam's commitment to Torat El and its mission strengthens our community and inspires all of us. I wanted to take a moment to thank Pam for everything she does to make our synagogue a thriving warm, and inclusive space.

Please join me in congratulating Pam on 20 amazing years!

Michelle Winters  
President

*Mazel Tov*  
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# ADULT ED ZOOM SERIES WITH RABBI AND FRIENDS

## Timeless Texts & Tales To Live By:

Every rabbi has a favorite piece of Torah that guides their life. Come join Rabbi Schonbrun, and many of his friends, as they share their favorite Torah with you. With ancient and modern teachings from rabbis across the country and across the denominational spectrum, this class will prove to be a unique opportunity to gain insight and deepen our appreciation for the relevance of ancient wisdom in our daily lives. An opportunity to learn from teachers offering differing and unique perspectives on Jewish life and living, we hope that you will be inspired by their shared connection and commitment to bringing the wisdom of Torah into the modern world. Please note, this is a Zoom series. Link and meeting information will be provided during the first week of January.

Register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

***Wednesdays, January 8-March 5, 7:30pm***

## ADULT ED TRIP TO JTS

We're visiting the Jewish Theological Seminary on ***Wednesday, March 5!***

We invite you to join us on an exciting journey to JTS! We'll begin our visit with a tour of the lovely facility followed by a boxed lunch conversation with a JTS guide. We'll then wrap up our time at the seminary's world-class Rare Book Room for an enriching educational discussion. The Rare Book Room offers a special opportunity to see materials of quality, depth and breadth, including the largest collection of Hebrew manuscripts on earth, the most complete collection of early Hebrew printed books, 43,000 fragments from the Cairo Genizah and much more. Don't miss it!

Please register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) **no later than January 31**. Registration is first come, first served, as this trip can accommodate 20 attendees. **Cost is \$100 per person and includes door-to-door bus transportation and a boxed lunch.**



## OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

### Mazel Tov to:

Warren Epstein on being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year"

Sam Fields on being named CTE Men's Club's "Youth of the Year"

Marc Salem & Shimriya Richard on their marriage

Linda & Paul Mayerowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Alex Brauner

Mike & Gidget Friedman on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Sterling Friedman, son of Josh and Kristen Friedman

Carol & Danny Amrany on the birth of their granddaughter, Mika Yona Thorp, daughter of Shira and Spencer Thorp

### Condolences to:

The family of Lois Barrett

Mark Horowitz on the loss of his mother, Ruth Renee Horowitz

Laurie Salka Kutosh on the loss of her brother, Neil Salka

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

December was filled with Chanukah fun and festivities! Between learning, singing, and dreidel spinning, our students had a great time! Please plan to attend our next Family Friday Night Service on January 10. All of our students will be participating!

Here's a look at January:

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| ◇ Saturday, January 4   | Shabbat School (Return Library Books)   |
| ◇ Wednesday, January 8  | Religious School                        |
| ◇ Friday, January 10    | Family Friday Night Service (5:15pm)    |
| ◇ Wednesday, January 15 | Religious School                        |
| ◇ Saturday, January 18  | NO SHABBAT SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Day Weekend |
| ◇ Wednesday, January 22 | Religious School                        |
| ◇ Saturday, January 25  | Shabbat School                          |
| ◇ Wednesday, January 29 | Religious School                        |

As we enter the winter months, please know I will communicate via email regarding any weather-related school closings. As always, please contact us if you are aware of any upcoming absences.

## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Paul Mayerowitz for leyning Maftir and chanting the Haftarah so beautifully on the occasion of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Shira Meyer for chanting the Haftarah so beautifully on the occasion of the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach and thank you to Mark Engel for sharing an inspiring and meaningful Dvar Torah while Rabbi Schonbrun was away on vacation.

During the month of November, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit and Musaf:

Mark Engel  
Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields  
Cameron Fields  
Jeffrey Klein  
Stuart Koperweis  
Ben Laskowitz

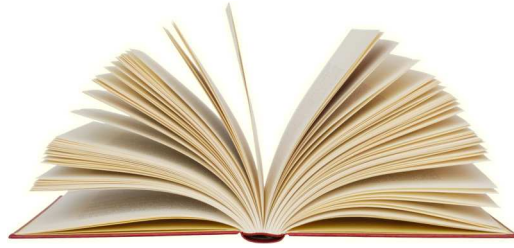
Alana Malek  
Paul Mayerowitz  
Shira Meyer  
Larry Ozarow  
Bonnie Reiss

Andrew Robins  
Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun  
Steven Schwaber  
Neil Weitzenkorn  
Mark Wertlieb

### Yasher Koach To All!!!

If you are interested in chanting your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Haftarah, or if you are interested in learning to become a CTE Leader/Reader, please contact Ben Laskowitz at [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or 732-861-7450.

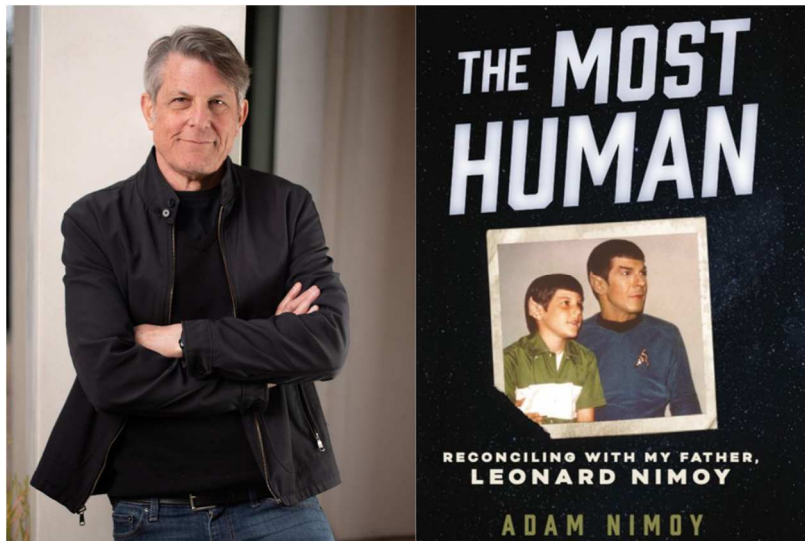
# MEET THE AUTHOR IN PERSON & ZOOM EVENT!!



## CONGREGATION TORAT EL

**Sunday, January 12, 11:00am**

**Meet Adam Nimoy, author of *The Most Human***



Featuring Jewish themes and biblical allusions to the Akedah (Binding of Isaac) and Jonah and the Whale, *The Most Human* describes the ever-changing nature of parent-child relationships — both in and out of the spotlight. The book reminds us that our relationships are always going to be complicated, but that does not negate their significance in our lives. It reminds us that, though we might struggle to admit it, our parents are just as human as we are.

Adam Nimoy takes care to be as fair as possible to his father, Leonard Nimoy, the other important people in his life, and himself. He describes his childhood during the era of Star Trek, his career shifts, his experience starting his own family, and his recovery from addiction.

Discover how the son of Spock learned to navigate this tumultuous relationship -- from Shabbat dinners to basement AA meetings -- and how he was finally able to reconcile with his father, and with himself.

Adam Nimoy is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Loyola Law School. He left the practice of law to pursue a directing career in network television. He directed the critically acclaimed film about his father, *For the Love of Spock*.

Buy your copy of his book from [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) (to support independent bookstores) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

**Pre-Paid \$15 per person/\$20 at the door Zoom \$10 per screen / A lovely brunch will be served**

**Reservations at [www.mta.torat-el.org](http://www.mta.torat-el.org).**

*This ongoing series has been made possible by a grant from the B'nai Sholom/Beth El Foundation.*





**HAZAK  
MOVIE AND POPCORN**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19  
3:00PM**

**MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED  
NO RESERVATION REQUIRED**

CONGREGATION TORAT EL PRESENTS

MARCH 1, 2025

**COMEDY NIGHT**

FEATURING



TALIA REESE



JOEY VEGA



RICH ARONOVICH

ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER  
BYOB  
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM  
DINNER 7:15PM  
SHOW 8:30PM  
\$65 PER PERSON

SEATING REQUESTS TAKEN AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Reservations at [comedy.torat-el.org](https://comedy.torat-el.org)  
by February 20

# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

A hearty Todah Rabah to all who supported Sisterhood's Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project collecting apples and yams which were donated to Jewish Family & Children's Service of Monmouth County for their holiday food distribution to families in need. In total we collected and delivered 12 bags/40 lbs of apples and 15 bags/55 lbs of yams, along with one generous donation of money. Thank you all again for this successful and meaningful effort!

Thank you to Eva Weiner and Lynn Zimmerman for chairing our annual Torah Fund Event. Rabbi Margie Cella was our guest speaker for this very informative evening.

A big thank you to Laurie Gross for the fabulous Shabbat service and dinner that was well received by all those that attended.

**Sisterhood Luncheon:** An evite invitation was sent to all Sisterhood members. Our very own Theresa Karron will teach us about Pilates. Bring your own mat and/or a chair will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing; no prior pilates experience necessary. Price for the program is \$18 per person. Advanced paid registration is required to the temple with checks made payable to CTE Sisterhood and brought in or mailed to the office by January 2nd. Please include name, phone number, email with your reservation. For more information, please contact Ellen Taylor at kumquatsandolives@gmail.com. **Thursday, January 9, 12:00 Noon**

**Min Pincow Raffle:** The letters to join the raffle for the year have been mailed. Please renew your number or choose a new number or get in the game for the first time by yourself or with a small group of friends. This has become one of our major sources of funding for Sisterhood and the temple. Tickets are \$100 for 10 chances to win throughout the year. Thanks to everyone in advance for your participation.

**2025 Mah Jongg Cards:** Standard Cards -\$14, Large-\$15. Please make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood and mail them to Ellen Shuzman, 17 Whistling Straits Drive, Monroe, NJ 08831 by January 10. Please provide your name, telephone number, email and home address. If you want the card sent to a different address, provide that with your order. If you are ordering several cards, state how many cards of each size you are requesting.

**Birthday Buddies:** An email was sent to all Sisterhood members with instructions on how to participate. Each listing is \$2. Any questions can be directed to Jackie Rosenheck at jackierosenheck@gmail.com.

**Knitting Circle:** Members and friends are gathering at the Temple to knit blankets, hats and other items that are donated to Israel and local hospitals. This program is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (January 8 and 22). Yarn and materials are provided. New members are always welcome. Contact Judy Cohen at 732-567-7200 to let her know of your interest or for more information.

**Scholarship:** Sisterhood is proud to offer a Scholarship for the 4th year. This scholarship is a monetary award for a congregation member's child who is continuing their Jewish education in Israel. The student will be asked to provide the community services that they have participated in such as leading services, helping with younger students in our Religious School and helping with Sisterhood projects such as baking Hamantashen and Chanukah party. The award-winning student will be asked to provide one program to a Sisterhood meeting on their Israeli experience. The application is available in the Temple office. The maximum award will be \$1000. Please refer any questions to Janet Attner at djattner@verizon.net.

**Upcoming Programs: "SAVE THE DATES"**

**February 13-Night Program - more information forthcoming in next bulletin**

**February 23-Hamantashen Baking**

**March 30-Annual Mah Jongg Tournament**

**May 18-Book Club**

**Soup-er-Bowl Fundraiser!    Homemade by: CTE Sisterhood**

**Date: Super Bowl Sunday, February 9    Pick Up Time: 12:00-2:00 PM**

Pick Up Location: Congregation Torat El , 301 Monmouth Rd Oakhurst, NJ.

**Warm Up for the Big Game with a Quart of Homemade Soup!**

Proceeds go to support CTE Sisterhood initiatives.



Choice:

- Mushroom Barley Soup
- Lentil Soup (gluten free)
- Vegetable Soup (gluten free)

**All soups parve.    Price: \$12 per quart    Pre-order by January 24**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mushroom Barley \_\_\_\_\_ quarts

Vegetable Soup \_\_\_\_\_ quarts

Lentil Soup \_\_\_\_\_ quarts

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_    **Make checks payable to CTE Sisterhood**



## Sisterhood's Annual Hamantashen Bake-A-Thon

Sunday, February 23 ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Wanted: Kneaders, pinchers, fillers, bakers, counters and your smiles!**  
Please, no children under the age of 13

*Our delicious cookies are provided to our college students, our Shalach Manot recipients, our staff and schools and at the Purim celebrations!*

**1 dozen \$10 - 2 dozen \$15**

To place a hamantashen order or to **volunteer your time contact:**

Lynn Zimmerman 848-208-9130 or elzee4@hotmail.com. Orders must be placed by February 12.

## Shalach Manot Purim Baskets

Fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim by ordering Purim baskets for Congregation Torat El members, staff, teachers, family and friends. Send a basket for only **\$6.00!** Recipients receive one basket with a card listing the names of all who sent it to that home. The basket of **homemade** hamantashen, candy and other goodies will be delivered by Purim.

**\$6.00** per BASKET or **\$15.00** per BASKET for NON-Temple Members *\*within delivery area only*

**ORDER FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME**

**For questions or to volunteer to drive, call/email:**

**Marian Warshauer at marianwar9@gmail.com or 732-241-7279**

# MEN'S CLUB CHAI LITES

## THE MEN'S CLUB PAID UP BOWLING AND PIZZA

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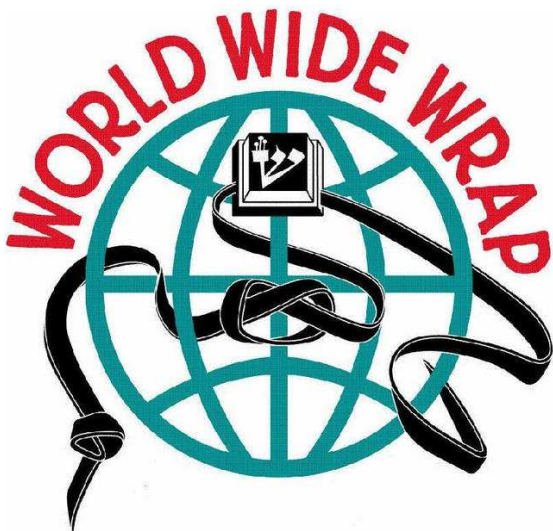
### DATE: FEBRUARY 2

### TIME: 12:30PM

### RSVP TO NEEL BECOURTNEY

Email: [nedzelnz@yahoo.com](mailto:nedzelnz@yahoo.com)

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# Mah-Jongg Madness 2025



6 Rounds of play (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon with lunch in the middle)

\$\$ Cash Prizes will be Awarded \$\$

**Sunday, March 30th**

Congregation Torat El

301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

**9:00-4:00**

Play begins at 9:30a.m. SHARP

**Register by March 14th**

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

**Registration Fee:** \$47.00 CTE Sisterhood Members \$52.00 for Non-Members

*Fee includes entrance, light breakfast nosh & lunch*

\*\*\*\*\*Remember to bring your 2024 card\*\*\*\*\*

Questions? Contact Carol Klein at:

**732-213-7434** or [carolklein725@gmail.com](mailto:carolklein725@gmail.com)

Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form (Return this portion of flyer only)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Current CTE Sisterhood Member? **Yes or No (please circle one)**

I want to be an East\* - **YES NO "Only if Desperate" (circle one)**

\*Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring.

Mail completed form along with check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood

Mail To: CTE Sisterhood, c/o Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

***No Refunds will be given for cancels within 2 weeks of Tournament***

# DONATIONS

## Congregation Torat El General Fund

### **In Honor of:**

Pam & Anthony Cardullo's son Kenny's engagement to Lai by **Jay-Ann & Harvey Shooman**  
Marcia Weitzenkorn's speedy recovery by **Margo Gelfman**

### **In Memory of:**

Norman Landis – brother of Al Landis by **Terry & Irv Zimmerman, Ken & Linda Ganz, Jane Grabelle**  
Lois Barrett – **Lyn Rosenstein & Colleen Decoste, Gertrude Cowan**  
Rabbi Robert E. Fine by **Rachael Goldman**

## Rabbi Schonbrun's Discretionary Fund

### **In Honor of:**

Warren Epstein being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year" by **Cindy & Lewis Fisher & Family**  
Rabbi Jonathan Waxman's retirement by **Harriet & Max Colby**

### **In Memory of:**

Dorothy Markowitz – mother of Barbara Saint John by **Barbara & David Saint John**

## Garden Fund

### **In Honor of:**

Paul & Linda Mayerowitz's grandson Alex Brauner's Bar Mitzvah by **Marjorie & Stanley Cotler**

### **In Memory of:**

Victor Auerbach – uncle of Laurie Gross by **Phyllis Jacobs, Susan & Craig Sprung**  
Norman Landis – brother of Al Landis by **Sheryl Kaplan**

## Rabbi Jacob Friedman Fund

### **In Memory of:**

Rabbi Jacob Friedman – husband of Ali Friedman by **Ali Friedman & Family**

## Paul & Sheila Morris Liturgical Music Fund

### **In Memory of:**

Ernest Rosset – father of Meryl Morris by **Alan & Meryl Morris**  
Marilyn Rosset – mother of Meryl Morris by **Alan & Meryl Morris**

## Helayne Berger Fund

### **In Memory of:**

Lois Barrett by **Harriet Popok**

## High Holy Days Mahzor Lev Shalem

A mahzor has been dedicated in memory of Lois Barrett by **Ellen & Larry Hirshfield**

## Tree of Life

A leaf has been hung in honor of Amalia Jacob becoming a Bat Mitzvah by **Sharon Jacob & Family**  
A leaf has been hung in honor of Dr. Lisa Hanna receiving her Doctorate in Education by **Sandy & Fred Singer**

## JNF Trees

A tree has been planted in memory of Amy Pierson by **Pam Hirsh & Family**  
A tree planted by in memory of Joan Aboff by **Florie Bunin**

## Adie Gordon Fund

### **In Memory of:**

Fanny Osher – grandmother of Michael Gordon by **Michael Gordon**  
Samuel Osher – grandfather of Michael Gordon by **Michael Gordon**

## Contribution Cards

To Dr. Lisa Hanna in honor of receiving her Doctorate in Education from **Ellie & Michael Breslow**  
To Sam Fields in honor of being named CTE Men's Club's "Youth of the Year" from **Beverle Richelson**  
To Laurie Gross in memory of her uncle Victor Auerbach from **Beverle Richelson**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Temple Office Closed</p> <p><i>Wishing you a happy and healthy 2025!</i></p>	<p>2 Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p>3 Candle Lighting 4:23pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>4 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am</p>
5	6	<p>7 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed with Rabbi 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 Sisterhood Luncheon 12:00pm</p>	<p>10 Candle Lighting 4:30pm Religious School Shabbat Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>11 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch</p>
<p>12 Meet the Author 11:00am</p>	13	<p>14 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed with Rabbi 7:30pm</p>	16	<p>17 Candle Lighting 4:37pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>18 Shabbat Service 9:00am</p>
<p>19 Men's Club Mtg 9:15am Hazak Movie 3:00pm</p>	<p>20 Temple Office Closed</p>	<p>21 Exec Board Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed with Rabbi 7:30pm</p>	23	<p>24 Candle Lighting 4:46pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	<p>25 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am BINGO 7:00pm</p>
26	27	28	<p>29 Lunch &amp; Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed with Rabbi 7:30pm</p>	30	<p>31 Candle Lighting 4:54pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm</p>	