



# VOICE of THE SHORE

CONGREGATION TORAT EL ~ JERSEY SHORE JEWISH CENTER  
MARCH 2025 ~ ADAR/NISSAN 5785



## HAPPY PURIM

**ALL THINGS PURIM!!**

**Thursday, March 13**

Religious School Family Megillah Reading - 5:00pm

Purim Carnival - 6:00-7:30pm

Hot Dogs, Carnival Games, DJ, Bounce House,  
Face Painting, Photo Booth

**NO CHARGE!! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!**

Traditional Megillah Reading - 7:00pm

**Friday, March 14**

Traditional Megillah Reading - 8:00am

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# March Service Announcements

**Friday, February 28, 2025**      **Musical Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**      **Candles 5:28pm**  
Yahrzeits: Gail Altschuler, Dina Bercovitz Stauber, Minnie Bromberg, Rita Comer, Minnie Curtis, Paula Gluck, Herman Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Monroe Javerbaum, Ida Kessel, Phyllis Young Krakow, Frances Kurtz, Max Landsman, Leonard Leibowitz, Morris Maltz, Lillian Margulis, Sara Marowitz, Daniel Marx, Joseph Mintzer, Charles Patton, Sylvia Pollak, Saul Poretzky, Anita Resnick, Pauline Retholtz, Ellen Rosen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz, Magdalena Stern, Mary Suskin, Stanley Thomas, Pearl Weinberg, Yetta Weisman, Alan Wertlieb, Sidney Zimmerman

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am**  
**Parsha: Terumah 26:31-27:19** (p. 495)      **Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:1-17** (p. 1277)  
**Grab & Go Kiddush**

**Friday, March 7, 2025**      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**      **Candles 5:36pm**  
Yahrzeits: George Bach, David Wolf Barish, Jacob Benofsky, Frances Bergstein, Molly Davis, Joseph Lewis Dennis, Lillian Drimmer, Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Sylvia Fisher, Samuel Freedman, Roslyn Gaber, Lillian Goldenberg, Sonya Grill, Cynthia Gruber, Flora Gurman, Herman Hirshfield, Leon Horenstein, Rona Kalika, Samuel Kreizman, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Irene Lam, Frances Lefton, David Levine, Maxwell Margulis, Miriam Mayerowitz, Nicholas Mercogliano, Judith Millender, Ada Mintzer, Robert Moss, Kurt Ottenheimer, Kate Poretzky, Harold Rappaport, Fishel Reuven, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, Benjamin Shuzman, Laura Silbereich, Louis Sobel, Rhoda Sokol

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00am**  
**Parsha: Tetsavveh 29:19-30:10** (p. 513)      **Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34** (p. 1281)  
**Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by Madeline & Joel Schulman**  
**in honor of the 70th anniversary of Joel becoming a Bar Mitzvah**

**Friday, March 14, 2025**      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**      **Candles 6:44pm**  
Yahrzeits: Bessie Albert, Abraham Altschuler, Stanley Joel Anderman, Jacob Anshelewitz, Leib Borenstein, Mildred Brasovankin, Esther Brown, Fred Brown, Annette Hock Cook, Ida Dorfman, Bernard Farber, Florence Farber, Isaac Forman, Barbara Gorlin, Garry Grabelle, Joel Gruskin, Kenneth L. Herst, Kenneth E. Kouri, Lawrence Kromprier, Doris Kurtz, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Benjamin Maron, Irwin Rosen, Robert Semel, Lucille Shapiro, Hyman Skora, Esther Skora, Eva Vorchin, Sigmund L. Weinstein, Lottie Wirth

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Ki tissa 33:12-34:35** (p. 538)      **Haftarah: 1 Kings 18:1-39** (p. 548)

**Friday, March 21, 2025**      **Family Friday Night Service ~ 5:15pm**      **Candles 6:51pm**  
**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**  
Yahrzeits: Estelle Bass, Harry Bass, Ann Berkowitz, Marge Cohen, Harry Cowen, Ellen Einhorn, David Epstein, Edward Feldman, Barbara Fisher, Norma Frances, Mamie Friedman, Irwin Gerechoff, Florence Ginsberg, Louis Glantzman, Nathan Goldwasser, Pauline Goodman, Joseph Gurman, Richard Hoenig, Rita Hunter, Jacqueline Hurwitz, David Kaplan, Max Kasson, Annette Klein, Norma Levine, Edith Moses, Rochelle Nagrod, Albert Nierenberg, Philip Ostroff, Monroe Pincus, Marlene Poretzky, Mae Rediker, Myrtle Lee Reiter, Evelyn Rokaw, Gertrude Rosen, Cypora Safier, Beckie Singer Morgenstern, Stanley Spiegel, Etta Sprechman, Bertha Weiner, Milly Weitzenkorn, Fanny Weitzenkorn, David Wiener, Leo Wilk

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**      **Shabbat Service ~ 9:00am**  
**Parsha: Vayakhel 36:20-38:20** (p. 558)      **Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38** (p. 1287)

**Friday, March 28, 2025**      **Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15pm**      **Candles 6:58pm**  
Yahrzeits: Genevieve Breslow, Samuel Elstein, Abraham Fisher, Sylvia Flamendorf, Lillian Fox, Cecile Glasser, Rachel Hock, Bella Kaufman, Gerald Klein, Judy Klotzkin, Andrew J. Knifel, Sherry Kromprier, Samuel Laskowitz, Irving Marlieb, Rebecca Rediker, Barnett Schiff, Stanley Shapiro, Saul Simha, Harriette Solowey, Joseph Valenti, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**      **Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**  
**Parsha: Pekudey 39:22-40:38** (p. 567)      **Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18** (p. 1291)

## 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**

# BLOTTING OUT HAMAN'S NAME



As we head into March, Purim is right around the corner. Complete with a dress-up party, the reading of the Megillah, games, revelry, and our enjoyment of way too many Hamantashen, Purim is considered a light and fun holiday by many. But in truth, Purim has a serious and dark side to it as well. From lessons of what it means to be Jewish in an assimilated society, to the ways in which we mask our identities, to issues of religious extremism and zealotry (including our own killing rampage of the Persians in Shushan [a part of the story that we are happy to skip over each year]), the story of Purim has much to teach us about both the opportunities and the dangers of living in an integrated and multi-cultural society. It has much to teach us about the dangers of senseless hatred, that which is directed towards us, and that which we must strive not to direct towards others. Just listen to the following description of the evil Haman from my colleague Rabbi Mark Greenspan.

**Scene one:** The story begins at a royal party. When Vashti refuses to appear before the king au natural, it is Haman (or someone with a name similar to him [Mahuman]) who suggests that the king banish the queen and pick a new one. What is his reason for this? If the king lets Vashti get away with disrespecting the king, then all the women in Shushan will disrespect their husbands! So the story of Purim begins with misogyny. And the disrespect for women begins with Haman/Mahuman. We learn from this that hatred is hardly ever limited to a single group of people -- people who hate others, for a variety of reasons including gender, race and religion. One leads to another. But no one seems to notice this in Shushan.

**Scene two:** Haman becomes the Prime Minister. And the first thing that he demands is that everyone must bow down to him. Haman has a huge ego and he demands that people show him absolute allegiance. Rather than recognizing that he is a dangerous demagogue, the people of Persia do as he demands. When he speaks they all cheer. When Mordechai refuses to bow down to Haman, they inform the Prime Minister. The second lesson of Purim: who are the real villains in this story Haman or the people who are willing to support a demagogue? Again, no one seems to notice this in Shushan.

**Scene three:** Haman becomes furious with Mordechai when he refuses to acquiesce to him. But rather than aim his wrath at one person he dislikes, he decides to get rid of every Jew in Shushan. Haman is a classic bigot. He says, "I hate you so I must hate all your people. You are all the same."

*The real lesson of Purim then is not that Haman hates the Jews, but that Haman is simply a hateful person. He hates women; he has no respect for his countrymen and he hates anyone who he perceives as different, **A Purim Postscript: Living in a World of Hate – by Mark Greenspan***

The Shabbat just prior to Purim is called *Shabbat Zachor*, the Shabbat of Remembrance. It is called that because our *Maftir Torah* reading on Shabbat is about the biblical tribe of Amalek, an evil and hateful group who sought to attack the Israelites from the rear. The Amalekites were understood to be a group who targeted those that they felt were somehow weak and inferior -- the Israelites at the time -- a people who they saw as deserving to be at the "back of the line." As Haman was understood to be a descendent of Amalek, our Purim story begins by reminding us never to forget those in our history who acted with hate and vengeance towards our way of life. We are reminded of this because of **both** the particulars of anti-Semitism, and the dangers that anti-Semitism represents for a society as a whole. Because while it seems that senseless bigotry and hatred always come back to the Jews, it is not always only about us (even if it can sometimes feel that way).

# BLOTTING OUT HAMAN'S NAME



All of this brings us to today. As this Purim approaches we continue to be in a challenging time as Jews and Americans. Hatred against Jews in particular, in America and abroad, seems to be everywhere and intolerance more generally speaking seems on the rise in our country as well. The challenge is this: How can we remember our obligation to stand up for our people and stand up against anti-Semitism of any kind, while simultaneously speaking out against hatred, bigotry, and intolerance of all kinds. This, I admit, has become more challenging for many, post-October 7<sup>th</sup>, when it often feels like we, as Jews, do not have many people sticking up for us, or speaking out on our behalf. I must admit that there are days when the silence (on any particular anti-Semitic moment) is deafening. And yet, the Purim story is a reminder to all of us that it is only once we are willing to unmask our own biases and confront all voices of intolerance and hatred in our society, that we, like Esther, have a chance at turning the tide of history -- both for the Jews, and indeed for all of humanity, even when this feels hard to do.

When we hear voices filled with hate, intolerance, objectification, and ignorance, how do we respond? Do we simply shrug in despair, roll our eyes, or rant about it on social media? What *productive and meaningful* things are we doing to follow in the footsteps of a Mordechai who refused to tolerate such hatred, or an Esther who was brave enough to stand out against hatred even when it was uncomfortable? These are the questions that we are asked to continue confronting as Purim rolls around.

This year, as you we are noshing on some Hamantashen, or enjoying our Megillah reading and Purim festivities, let us take a few moments to consider the small and large ways that we can stand up for a more loving, tolerant, and accepting society. And if we feel moments of despair, let us remind ourselves that above all, hope is always possible and that we, like Esther, can bravely stand up against the tide of hatred and become someone who makes a difference in the world. May we soon see the day when hate against Jews and intolerance of all kind, is drowned out, not only by groggers, but by shouts of love, laughter, and mutual respect.

*Hag Purim Sameach!* Have a wonderful and joyous Purim!



# Passover Adult Ed with Rabbi Schonbrun

## An In Person Class



### Mining For Meaning In "The *Maggid*"

One of the most significant sections in the Passover Haggadah is "the *Maggid*," or "telling" section. Ironically, this section does not contain the narrative of the Exodus from Egypt. Indeed the "telling" of the story of the Israelites journey from slavery to freedom is nowhere to be found in a traditional Passover Haggadah. Instead, *Maggid* contains some of the most memorable parts of the seder from the four questions, to the four children, to the ten plagues, the singing of *dayenu*, and the food symbols of *Rabban Gamliel* (*Pesach, Matzah, and Maror*). How is all of this related to "the telling" of the Exodus from Egypt and how might we learn to move from "mumbling" the *Maggid* to "finding meaning" in it? Come join Rabbi Schonbrun for a three part series exploring the *Maggid* section of the Haggadah and discover something new for your Seder this year. Register at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org). **In Person Class**

**Wednesdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 7:30pm**

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Some spaces open for current session

Accepting applications for our fun Summer Program and for September



## OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

### Mazel Tov to:

Joan & Irv Edelsberg on the birth of their granddaughter Jade Emry, daughter of Zachary & Barrie Edelsberg  
Sheryl Pearlman on the birth of her grandson, Simon Benjamin Krupnick, son of Harrison & Rachel Krupnick  
Richard & Randye Krupnick on the birth of their grandson, Simon Benjamin Krupnick, son of Harrison & Rachel Krupnick

### Condolences to:

Randye Krupnick on the loss of her mother Bunnye Levi  
Judy Solomon on the loss of her husband Rob Solomon  
Eva Wiener on the loss of her son-in-law Rob Solomon  
Amy Wiener on the loss of her brother-in-law Rob Solomon  
Martin Weinstock on the loss of his father Martin Weinstock  
Sherrie Robinson on the loss of her mother Florie Bunin

### Welcome to:

Kory & Zack Lezmi

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES

The entire school celebrated TuB'Shevat by learning about the holiday, tasting fruits, participating in the Seder, as well as planting parsley seeds (to sprout in time for Passover). Our most recent Family Friday Night was very well attended, and our students are adding more prayers each month... and our next service is March 21. Feel free to invite your friends and family.

This month we will celebrate Purim with lessons, activities and fun!

- ◇ Wednesday, February 26 – Religious School/Hamantashen Baking (**ALL STUDENTS**)
- ◇ Saturday, March 1 – Shabbat School
- ◇ Wednesday, March 5 – Religious School
- ◇ Saturday, March 8 – Shabbat School (Library Day; return borrowed books)
- ◇ Wednesday, March 12 – NO Religious School
- ◇ Thursday, March 13 – Family Megillah Reading/Dinner/Purim Carnival (**5:00pm**)
- ◇ Saturday, March 15 – Shabbat School
- ◇ Wednesday, March 19 – Religious School
- ◇ Friday, March 21 – Family Service (5:15pm)
- ◇ Wednesday, March 26 – Religious School
- ◇ Saturday, March 29 – Shabbat School

## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

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

Mark Engel  
Sam Fields  
Rachael Goldman  
Jeffrey Klein  
Stuart Koperweis

Ben Laskowitz  
Alan Morris  
Larry Ozarow  
Bonnie Reiss  
Andrew Robins

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun  
Steven Schwaber  
Neil Weitzenkorn  
Mark Wertlieb  
Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields

### 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 at [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or 732-861-7450.

# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

**Mah Jongg Cards:** A very big thank you to Ellen Shuzman for putting together the 2025 Mah Jongg Card order. Thanks to all who ordered their card through Sisterhood. This will provide important funding to the Sisterhood and our Congregation so that we can continue to sponsor and participate in many activities.

**Min Pincow Raffle:** Thanks to Laurie Gross for assisting in this important fundraiser and to all the people who bought tickets. This is a big fundraiser for Sisterhood and the temple. Congratulations to the January winner Eva Wiener and the February winner Jackie Rosenheck.

**Soup-er bowl:** Thank you to Jackie Rosenheck for chairing this new fundraiser and to Marica Sacks, Janet Cohen, Laurie Gross and all those that helped prepare the delicious soup. A big thank you to all the congregants who supported this fundraiser and stayed warm enjoying soup while watching the big game.

**Birthday Buddies:** Thanks to Jackie Rosenheck for taking on this new endeavor. Sisterhood members who celebrated birthdays in January, February and March enjoyed receiving a card from their Sisterhood friends. Look for a new email from Jackie to support our Sisterhood members who have a birthday in April, May or June.

**Knitting Club:** Members and friends are gathering at the temple to knit blankets and other items to be donated to hospitals. Join us March 12 and 26 at 2PM. Contact Judy Cohen at 732-567-7200 to let her know of your interest and for more information on the project.

**Shalach Manot:** Thanks to Marian Warshauer, Elaine Schreiber, Linda Gurman and Cara Malek for all their diligence in providing us with delicious Purim Treats. Look for your bags the week of March 10.

**Hamentashen Baking:** Thanks to Carri Silverberg for organizing the baking of over 3,000 hamantashen. Thanks to all those that came out on February 23 to bake, pinch, and fill. A good time was had by all in the busy CTE kitchen.

**Scholarship:** Sisterhood is sponsoring a scholarship for a student in high school or a gap year that is continuing their education in Israel or travelling in Israel as part of a USY program. The deadline for Sisterhood's receipt of the application is April 4. A recipient can only be awarded a scholarship one time. Please obtain an application from the Temple office. Please refer any questions to Janet Attner at [djattner@verizon.net](mailto:djattner@verizon.net).

**Beautiful, the Musical:** Come join Sisterhood to see this play at the Axelrod Theater on Sunday, April 16. Contact Sue Sferas at [suesfer@aol.com](mailto:suesfer@aol.com) with any questions.

**Book Club:** Join us on May 18 at 10:00am. The book we are reading is entitled *Generation to Generation* by Michelle Weinfeld. A portion of the proceeds from book sales will be donated by the author to Holocaust Museum. Please Contact Kathleen Burke at [kathiemb@gmail.com](mailto:kathiemb@gmail.com) for more information.

# SUSTAINING COMMITMENT

Letters were mailed to your homes for the 2025-26 fiscal year's sustaining commitment. Please be sure to fill it out and return it to the office by April 4. If you're able to and haven't raised your commitment in a while, please consider doing so this year.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity.





**CONGREGATION TORAT EL HAZAK**

**PRESENTS...**

**AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT**

**FEATURING BLUEGRASS/CLASSIC ROCK**

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# **CURBSIDE PICKUP**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

**3:00PM**

**Free to paid Hazak members - \$25 non-Hazak members**

**Reservations at**

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

## **PASSOVER WINE TASTING AND CLASS**

Join the CTE Men's Club as we present a special afternoon at



**66 Route 36  
Eatontown**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23 FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 PM.**

Cost is \$35.00 per person and anyone over 21 is welcome, with a maximum of 36 people.

Learn about wine making and where the wines come from.

Class will include samples of Kosher wine and snacks.

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



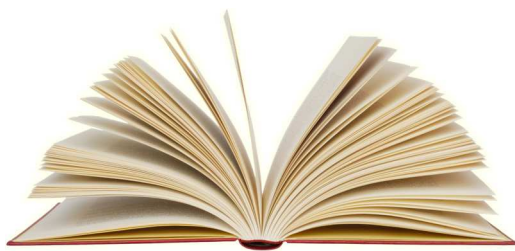
**Congregation Torat El**  
**SECURITY TRAINING and DRILLS**  
**At Congregation Torat El**  
**Thursday, March 20 ~ 7:00pm**

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Join us for a refresher Security Town Hall. We will be running evacuation, lockdown and active shooter drills. Please come prepared to participate. The information learned here is not only helpful to you when you are at the synagogue but the knowledge you will gain can be applied anywhere.

All congregants are encouraged to attend.

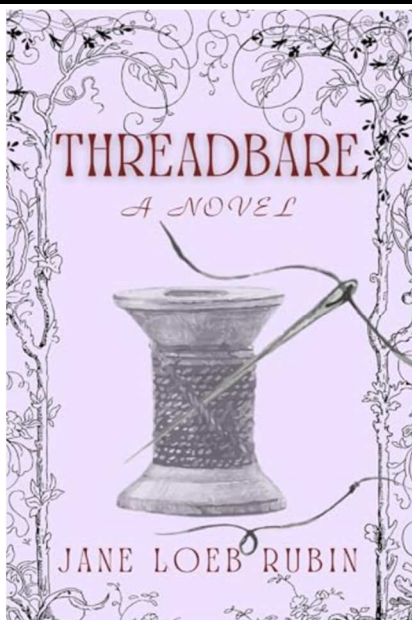
# MEET THE AUTHOR IN PERSON EVENT!!



## CONGREGATION TORAT EL

**Sunday, March 23, 11:00am**

**Meet Jane Loeb Rubin, author of *Threadbare***



*Threadbare*, written by Jane Loeb Rubin, recounts the story of an innocent but tenacious young girl who chooses marriage to Abe, a lonely widower, rather than follow her farming community north as urban development transforms rural Harlem. Convinced Abe will help her attend high school on the Lower East Side, she faces a rude awakening to the filth and disease of the tenements. Through the following decades, Tillie turns her energy and intelligence to partnering with Abe as he builds a thriving button business while she and her neighbor Sadie launch a unique garment company. Pushing back against anti-Semitic Victorian values dominating the time, she acquires wealth only to have her life upended by a devastating, unforeseen challenge.

*Threadbare* is the prequel to the first book of the trilogy, *In the Hands of Women*. Jane's other publications include an essay memoir, *Almost a Princess, My Life as a Two-Time Cancer Survivor* and multiple magazine articles.

Ms. Rubin, a graduate of the University of Michigan (BS, MS) and Washington University (MBA), retired from a 30-year career as a healthcare executive to begin writing full-time. She lives with her husband, David, an attorney, in Northern New Jersey. Between them, they have five adult children and seven grandchildren.

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

**Pre-Paid \$15 per person by March 19/\$20 at the door**  
**A lovely brunch will be served**  
**Reservations at [www.mta.torat-el.org](http://www.mta.torat-el.org) or 732-531-4410**

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## **Passover Dates to Remember**

**Thursday, April 10 by 5:00pm - Sale of Chametz Due**

**Thursday, April 10, 8:00am - Feast of the Firstborn**

**Saturday, April 12 - First Seder**

**Sunday, April 13, 9:00am - Pesach Service**

**Monday, April 14, 9:00am - Pesach Service**

**Saturday, April 19, 9:00am - Shabbat/Pesach Service**

**Sunday, April 20, 9:00am - Pesach/Yizkor Service**

# Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it is tradition to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to ensure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple no later than **Thursday, April 10, 5:00pm.**

Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name) would like to appoint you as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

This sale will be effective Friday, April 11, 2:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature

To complete this form online please visit our website:

<https://www.torat-el.org/worship/celebrating-the-holidays/sale-of-chametz-form/>



If you have room at your Seder table...  
Please contact the temple office to host  
fellow CTE members.

If you find yourself in need of a Seder...  
Please contact the temple office.





# *Yom Hashoah Auschwitz Virtual Tour*

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:00pm**

## **PROGRAM:**

Jerzy Wojcik, Founder of Holocaust Memorial Partnership will join us live from Poland. Our tour will begin with topographies of the town of Auschwitz--Auschwitz I camp, Auschwitz II-Birkenau and the gas chambers. We will visit Auschwitz I building, Block #11 and a wooden barrack. Our guide Jerzy will describe prisoners' living conditions, the Judenrampe and the selection process of Jewish groups based on the Auschwitz Album. The tour will conclude with a walk around the ruins of one of the crematoria.

We will meet in the Social Hall for introductions followed by virtual tour and Q&A.

If you can't join us live, register for the Zoom link.



Live and Zoom registration at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

**Congregation Torat El - 301 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst NJ**



# Coleen DIEKER

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25-SUNDAY, APRIL 27

CONGREGATION TORAT EL  
301 MONMOUTH ROAD, OAKHURST, NJ

**APRIL 25**  
6:00pm

**SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER**

Coleen will join Rabbi Schonbrun in leading our Shabbat evening service, followed by Shabbat dinner with song and teaching.

**APRIL 26**  
9:00am

**SHABBAT SERVICE AND KIDDUSH LUNCH AND LEARN**

Coleen will join Rabbi Schonbrun for Shabbat morning service, followed by Kiddush lunch with song and teaching.

**APRIL 27**  
3:00pm

**CONCERT**

Concert featuring Coleen and friends.

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						1 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Grab & Go Kiddush Comedy Night 7:00pm
2	3	4 Board of Trustees Mtg 7:30pm	5 NO Lunch & Learn Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed Zoom with Rabbi 7:30pm	6 Sisterhood Mtg 7:30pm	7 Candle Lighting 5:36pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	8 Shabbat Service 9:00am Sponsored Kiddush Lunch Shabbat School 9:15am
9	10	11 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	12 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm NO Religious School	13 Religious School Family Megillah Reading 5:00pm Purim Carnvial 6:00pm Traditional Megillah Reading 7:00pm	14 Traditional Megillah Reading 8:00am Candle Lighting 6:44pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	15 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am
16 Hazak Music Program 3:00pm	17	18 Exec Board Mtg 7:30pm	19 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	20 Security Training 7:00pm	21 Candle Lighting 6:51pm Religious School Family Service 5:15pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	22 Shabbat Service 9:00am
23 Meet the Author In Person 11:00am Men's Club Passover Wine Tasting 3:00pm	24	25	26 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Knitting Circle 2:00pm Religious School 4:15pm Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm	27	28 Candle Lighting 6:58pm Shabbat Service 6:15pm	29 Shabbat Service 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am
30 Mah Jongg Tournament 9:00am	31					