



Services

Friday Night Live (FNL) Service led by Rabbi Saks with dinner to follow

Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM ***In person with Streaming*** ***see attached flyer***

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, May 10th, 17th & 31st from 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM ***Zoom only***

No Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, May 24th

Youth Shabbat led by Rabbi Saks followed by potluck dinner

Friday, May 17th at 5:30 PM ***In Person only*** ***see attached flyer***

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, May 4th & 11th at 9:30 AM *** In Person & Zoom***

Bar Mitzvah of Zane Pezza led by Rabbi Saks

Saturday, May 18th at 9:30 AM ***In Person with Streaming***

No Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, May 25th

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 5:30 PM ***Zoom only***

May Events

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Saks: Saturday, May 4th from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tween/Teen Event: Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 PM ***see attached flyer***

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks: Sunday, May 5th & May 19th from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Mah Jong Tournament: Sunday, May 5th Doors Open: 9:45 AM 1st Round: 10:30 AM

Sprouts (Rabbi Saks at this session): Sunday, May 19th from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM ***see attached flyer***

Last Day of School: Graduation/Moving Up Ceremony: Sunday, May 19th at 10:30 AM

Sisterhood Providence River Boat Tour: Sunday, May 19th Time TBD

Men's Club Lag Ba'Omer Celebration: Sunday, May 26th from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM ***see attached flyer***

June Events

Men's Club Breakfast w/Guest Speaker, Mark Patinkin: Sunday, June 2nd beginning at 9:00AM ***see attached flyer***

Beach Shabbat led by Rabbi Saks followed by potluck dinner: Friday, June 7th at 5:30 PM

Sisterhood End of the Year Celebration: Sunday, June 9th Time: TBD

Shavuot Shabbat Service including a Yizkor: Saturday, June 15th at 9:30 AM

Congregational Meeting: Tuesday, June 25th Refreshments at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM



President's Message

I'm writing this message before Pesach because of the limited office hours during the holiday so I'll start by wishing everyone, Chag Pesach sameach! I hope you were able to share a ziesen Pesach this year with family and friends.

With both Purim and Passover behind us by the time this message reaches you, I was looking to see when the next Jewish holiday would occur and was reminded that Yom HaShoah begins the evening of May 5th. Given the number of anti-Israel protests since the October 7th attack by Hamas, I wondered how many Jews think about Yom HaShoah. What do we teach our children these days about the Holocaust? It reminded me that when I was young, my uncle took me and my cousin to the movies to see a new film, Judgment at Nuremberg. I don't remember much about the movie, but I do still remember a scene in the movie using original news reel footage showing bodies stacked in a corner of a gas chamber. Looking online, I saw that the film was released in 1961, so my cousin and I were eight years old. Today, that might well be considered inappropriate, too traumatizing to take children that young to see such a movie. We grew up learning a lot about the Holocaust. The liberation of the death camps was not so far in the past in the 1960's and I remember seeing many people in my neighborhood at the time with numbers tattooed on their arms.

I'm sitting in an airport right now, watching scenes on a monitor of the student protests at Columbia University. Someone in the crowd is holding a sign that reads, "Jews for Justice." I assume he is Jewish, but I wonder what this person really knows about the Holocaust and the need for a secure Israel. A representative from the group states that they are pro-Palestinian and not antisemitic. I think the term is overused these days and I'd like to think the protesters are not antisemitic, but where were all these people in the aftermath of the brutal October 7th massacre? Did they really believe that the power structure of Israel vis-à-vis Gaza justified any level of brutality? I ask myself, were any of these people protesting the treatment of Uyghurs by the Chinese, which could correctly be labeled as genocide? Is the news just not covering student protests about the civil war in Sudan, that has resulted in the starvation deaths of millions? But I know the answer to these questions, and I have to seriously consider that what we are witnessing is the antisemitism of too many college-educated young people in the United States.

I am of an age where I have many memories of those who survived the Holocaust and I know the history of a world that looked the other way while 6 million Jews and 4-5 million "others" were murdered. As a Jewish community with any number of perspectives and opinions on the state of the world and our nation, I believe we need to come together now more ever to support each other, while doing what we can to make our world a better, safer place for everyone. And, we should pass down, l'dor v'dor, not only to the story of Passover, but also the stories of the more recent history and struggles of the Jewish people.

Shalom,

Michael

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Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday!

Attached, you will find the registration form for your children to join us again for next year. [Click here](#) to access form. I hope you will all join me for another wonderful school year next year!

We hope you will join us for the Cohen School End of the Year Graduation & Moving Up Ceremony on Sunday, May 19th beginning at 10:30 AM. Rabbi Saks will be there to congratulate students. Looking forward to seeing all of the families!



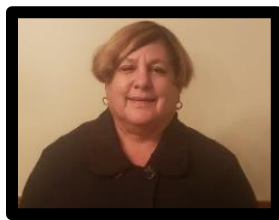
Librarian's Corner

Jerusalem: A Cookbook by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi

Here is a collection of 120 recipes exploring the flavors of Jerusalem from the New York Times bestselling author of Plenty, one of the most lauded cookbooks of 2011.

In Jerusalem, Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi explore the vibrant cuisine of their home city—with its diverse Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities. Both men were born in Jerusalem in the same year—Tamimi on the Arab east side and Ottolenghi in the Jewish west. This stunning cookbook offers 120 recipes from their unique cross-cultural perspective, from inventive vegetable dishes to sweet, rich desserts. With five bustling restaurants in London and two stellar cookbooks, Ottolenghi is one of the most respected chefs in the world; in Jerusalem, he and Tamimi have collaborated to produce their most personal cookbook yet.

Laura Steele



Sisterhood

Happy Spring! We hope you all enjoyed one or two seders with family and loved ones. I personally had the best of both worlds, celebrating one night with my family and the second night with our Torat Yisrael Family. Both were full of joy and delicious food.

The Sisterhood is happy to report that we made over two hundred dollars on our annual wine sale, which will be donated back to the Temple.

We are working on a May event, so keep an eye out for an announcement. Our End of the Year luncheon is moved to June 9th so as not to interfere with the Men's Club and the Alliance Jewish Culture Fest, the time will be announced soon as well. Get out and enjoy our warmer weather and the beautiful flowers that have been sprouting.

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Woolf, Co-Presidents



Message from Ways and Means

Exciting Events Ahead at TTY: Second Seder and Mahjong Tournament Fundraiser!

Springtime at TTY is bustling with activity as we gear up for events that promise fun, fellowship, and fundraising opportunities galore! Read on to learn more about what's in store.

Get Ready to Play Mahjong. Mark your calendars for May 5th, as TTY hosts our third annual Mahjong Tournament! We are fortunate to have a seasoned tournament player helping us run it this year. Carol Desforges is well known among the RI Mahjong network, and we are happy to have such a professional player and tournament organizer, lending a hand. This event promises to be a day filled with friendly competition and community spirit. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, there's a place for everyone at the table. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join in on the fun! Doors open at 9:45 AM and First Round Begins at 10:30 AM. A beautiful lunch will be served, and we will have great money prizes as well as a 50/50 Raffle.

Keep an eye on your inbox and our community announcements for more information on how to sign up and get involved. We can't wait to celebrate and create lasting memories with you!

Warm regards, Elaine Shapiro and Jo-Ann Antin



Message from Yad Chessed

Thank-you to everyone who brought greeting cards to the office for Marcia this month! Marcia and the committee are very grateful! There is an ongoing need, so if you have greeting cards that you no longer need or that have come to you unsolicited, please continue to drop them off to the office at your convenience!

This past month the committee visited the mother of one of our congregants at the Newport Hospital following her surgery. She is recovering nicely.

Please reach out to me or to the committee via the office, if you know of any of our members, who would like a ride to Temple services and/or events, or would like a visit from a member of the Yad Chessed Committee.

Susan H. Sidel, Chairman

Frederic G. & Lawrence G. Cohen Educational Scholarship

Any student entering full-time college or currently in college full-time who has not received the Cohen Scholarship previously may be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship over the number of years in college. Parents or parent must be a current member in good standing for the past 5 years prior to applying. They must also be a current member of the Men's Club and/or Sisterhood for the past 5 years before applying. If interested and to obtain an application, please contact the Torat Yisrael office at (401) 885-6600. The application must be received in the Temple office by June 10, 2024.

Message from Temple Office

If you would like your monthly bulletin, yahrzeit notices and/or thank you notes by email only, please notify the Temple office by either calling 401-885-6600 or email Temple@toratyisrael.org.

Rabbi Saks is in Rhode Island

Weekend of June 7th – 9th

Upcoming Events for June 2024

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Let's Celebrate Zane Pezza's Bar Mitzvah

Zane Pezza will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 18, 2024. For his Bat-Mitzvah Project, Zane has been helping out in unified sports and plans to also help out in local food pantries. In addition to his Bar Mitzvah project, Zane loves gaming, computers, basketball (specifically the Phoenix Suns), tennis, and school. He attends Cole Middle School in East Greenwich, RI, where he also enjoys studying math and computer technology.

Zane is excited to celebrate this special occasion with his father, Gregory Pezza, his mother Melissa Pezza, his grandmother, Cindy Weintraub, grandparents, Kathy and Joe Pezza, his siblings, Hayley & Taylor, and also his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Zane

will be called to Torah at 9:30 AM. Mazel Tov Zane!

In Our Torat Yisrael Family



Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in May!

Ramona Guyer-Osborne (11 years old), David Wasser, Carlos Goncalves, Ellen Golden, Shayna Vanderhoff (18 years old), Lynn Field, Erica Janton, Sadie Sproul (11 years old), Joel Westerman, Michael Field, Tom Sproul, Dr. Harvey Rappoport, Ilene Bojar, Joel Bryk, Susan Smoller, Miriam Ladin, Jeffrey Salk, Levi Weinberg (13 years old), Ella Niedelman (19 years old), Steven Cohen, Macie Joie Kaminski (1 years old), Evelyn Levy (10 years old), Avital Weinberg (11 years old) and Dana Ginestet.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in May!

Mr. & Mrs. Zack Kentor (14 years), Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Janton (15 years), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Field (50 years), Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Pais (1 year), Dr. Dana Guyer & Dr. Carlos Tilghman-Osborne (16 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Barry Golden (36 years).

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following

Generous April 2024 Donations:

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In Memory of Martin Becker
-Jonathan, Judy & Ariel Finkle

In Memory of Selma Becker
-Jonathan, Judy & Ariel Finkle

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-Arnold & Ruth Blasbalg

In Memory of Martin S. Chernick
-Melissa & Andrew Chernick

In Memory of Harold Davis
-Helen Davis

In Memory of Alan Field
-Lynn Field

In Memory of Irving Greenberg
-Marlene & Gerry DiPrete
-Robert & Robin Greenberg

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-Helen Davis

In Memory of David Jewett
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In Memory of Belle Kotlen
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-Nathan Monzack

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-Sondra Meyer

In Memory of Leah Snegg
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