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November

2026 – Cheshvan/Kislev 5787

SERVICES

**No services November 27th and 28th

Friday Night Live Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Veterans Day Dinner Friday, November 6th at 5:45pm *In Person Only

Bat Mitzvah of Avital Weinberg Saturday, November 7th at 4pm *In Person & via Streaming

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, November 13th and 20th at 5:45PM *via ZOOM only*

Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush in honor of Ruth Ross' 90th birthday Saturday, November 7tht at 9:30AM *In Person & via ZOOM*

Shabbat Service Saturday, November 14th and 21st at 9:30AM *In Person & via ZOOM*

Tuesday Minyan Tuesday, November 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 5:30PM *ZOOM only*

EVENTS

Parent Café	Sunday, Nov. 1st at 9:15am	
Hebrew Bootcamp	Sunday, Nov. 1st. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 12:00pm	
Drop in and Play Mahjong	Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 11:00am	
	Sunday, Nov. 8th at 10:00am	
Friday Night Live Veterans Day Dinner	Friday, Nov. 6th – following 5:45pm Serviced	See Attached Flyer
Sprouts	Sunday, Nov. 15th at 9:30am	
Sisterhood Craft Fair	Sunday, Nov. 15th at 11:00am	See Attached Flyer
Day of Learning with Rabbi Saks - part 3	Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7:45pm	See Attached Flyer
Israeli Dancing	Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 11:00am	See Attached Flyer

Please note the following changes to our office hours:

Monday, 11/5 – Closed

Tuesday, 11/6 – 9:30am – 1:30pm

Wednesday, 11/7 - 9:30am – 1:30pm

Thursday, 11/8 – 9:30am – 1:30pm



From the Rabbi's Desk

The Enduring Story of Jewish Resilience – Reflections on Antisemitism

This semester, I'm teaching this history of antisemitism at Stockton University, a subject I thought I understood well. Yet, as I research for my classes and for our own community's study sessions, I am struck again and again by how closely antisemitism is intertwined with the larger living story of Judaism. I am reminded each day: our history of achievement, pride, and survival is matched, heartbreakingly, by a history of contempt, fear, and hatred targeted at us simply for being who we are.

I'd always chalked up antisemitism to jealousy or misunderstanding, but the more I delve, the more deeply I see how our moments of success as Jews often coincide with rising antagonism. It isn't that people or nations are inherently jealous. Rather, antisemitism seems tightly woven into the fabric of how we as Jews move through history. Every time we flourish, every time as a people or as individuals we craft hope and meaning from hardship, there seems to be a shadow: a world ready to pounce, eager to twist our success into a reason for suspicion or scorn.

Our story as Jews is one of striving and rising, even as the world around us sometimes plots our downfall. It is as if the Exodus itself—our foundation story of liberation from Egypt—contains the seeds of the stories others would tell about us. If we see ourselves as "the good guys" seeking freedom, some in the ancient world saw us as the minority threatening to change their culture. There is a painful echo in that idea—that our very quest for dignity is perceived as a threat.

History has shown repeatedly that success can breed contempt, not just in sports rivalries, but in the larger arena of nations and religions. Our two sister monotheistic faiths, Christianity and Islam, each arose in contexts where Judaism was a reference point—a parent faith. Both, in their own ways, insisted on claiming a new path that rejected or recast the Jewish position. Christianity told its story as the spirit superseding the flesh, the new covenant surpassing the old. Islam, too, emerged in dialogue and, sometimes, confrontation with the Jews of Arabia who were labeled hypocrites and unbelievers. Both faiths needed, for their independent existence, to differentiate themselves—to declare, "This is why ***we*** are different; this is why ***they*** are wrong." These narratives formed subtle—and not so subtle—templates for anti-Jewish ideas that have echoed down through the centuries: from medieval expulsions and inquisitions to the Shoah, and even within the rhetoric against the modern State of Israel.

What do we do with this knowledge? How can we face the possibility that our continued existence seems to keep antisemitism alive? On the hardest days, I wish I could say confidently that antisemitism is a curse that can be eradicated. History shows us otherwise. But there is a deeper lesson woven through our story: time and again, faced with devastation, the Jewish people do not only survive. We rebound. We revive. We reclaim joy and invent new ways to build a future.

From the ashes of concentration camps, we built the State of Israel for the first time in two thousand years. From the golden ages and their ruin—medieval Spain, North Africa, Northern Europe—we rebuilt across the globe: a small people, yet every continent is home to Jewish hope.

It is our core messages, too, that endure and inspire. Centuries ago, the great Maimonides was forced to flee Spain in the wake of the Inquisition. Making a new life in Egypt, he nonetheless wrote that, through Christianity and Islam, the belief in one God spread to much of humanity—a task too large for us alone. The vision of one Creator, even with all the challenges it brought, changed the world for the better. That core idea—our sense of shared sacred purpose—remains an antidote to hatred in any form.

Of course, we must not lose sight of our divisions and what makes us different. Sometimes those very differences have kept us alive. But the real hope lies in what brings us together. Through interfaith families, committed learning, and open hearts, in our daily lives as 21st-century Jews and Americans, we discover over and over that we share so much more than what divides us.

How do we continue to walk proudly as Jews in America, especially in a challenging political landscape and at a time when the State of Israel faces existential threats? We do so by holding fast to our vision: to build a world united by what is sacred, to respond to hatred with hope and with unity, and to remember—whether in the quiet of Shabbat or the busy days of our American lives—that ours is a faith and a people marked by resilience, imagination, and an unbreakable link to the Divine.

May our hope grow stronger, and may we, together, shape the future by what we share and by what we do for one another and for the world.

With blessings,
Rabbi Ari Y. Saks



President's Message

Since I've been serving as President of TTY, I've always been impressed by the commitment of members to support the temple. The High Holiday pledge is a powerful demonstration of that commitment. I don't have a final number yet, but the early indication is that you once again have generously donated record funding to sustain us. On behalf of myself and everyone who serves on the board- thank you for your generous support.

L'shalom,
Michael





Sisterhood

Unfortunately, our boat tour of the lighthouses in Narragansett Bay had to be canceled due to weather conditions that were beyond our control. Hopefully, we can rebook it in the spring.

Sisterhood is excited to host our second Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday 11/15, 11-3 pm. We have some returning crafters and wonderful artists. Home baked goods will also be sold. Please come to our crafts fair and get a head start on your holiday shopping and tell your friends and everybody else!

Save the date for November 22 at 11am another Sunday, when we will be having Israeli dancing, led by one of our own, Lorraine Mann. Parents can join us or anyone in the Temple community.

We are also celebrating the 90th birthday of our vice president of membership and former president of Sisterhood, Ruth Ross!

Please note that the deadline to join Sisterhood is December 1st. New members of the Temple get free membership in the Sisterhood for the first year. Membership in the Sisterhood for five consecutive years entitles your child to apply for the Frederick G. and Lawrence G. Cohen Scholarship worth $5000.00!! Non-Temple members are welcome to join. Membership Dues $30.00 / Mitzvah Fund $6.00 (voluntary)

B'Shalom,
Marion and Leah
Co-presidents



Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

In the beginning of the school year, we spend lot of time making sure that our classes are set up for success, just like how God set Avram up for success in creating the Jewish nation. Avram had help, though, through his family and household. Our students and teachers have help as well, and that comes from all of you, our families. Thank you for continuing to help our school run smoothly and being part of our community.

B'kavod,
Hillary





let's Celebrate Avital Weinberg's Bat Mitzvah!

Avital Weinberg will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 7, 2026. Avital is in 8th grade and attends Archie R. Cole Middle School in East Greenwich. She loves studying and learning new things, and the process of preparing for the Bat Mitzvah service has provided her with many opportunities to deepen her understanding of Jewish tradition and history. Avital is passionate about the performing arts, acting in numerous productions with companies throughout Rhode Island. She also sings, dances, plays violin and loves creating visual art. She is a proud sister to older brother Levi and younger sister Tamar. For her Mitzvah Project, Avital is raising money to support the Kelly Nevitt Memorial Scholarship Fund, which makes it possible for under-resourced children to participate in theater programs in Rhode Island. Kelly Nevitt Memorial Scholarship Fund: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-change-lives-23719. Avital loves her TTY family and is grateful for their support and mentorship. She looks forward to giving the performance of a lifetime on the bimah on November 7!



Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in November!

Austin Rogers (7th birthday), Mark Karnes, Margot Theroux (13th birthday), Nolan Schwab (9th birthday), Ruth Ross, Dr. Carlos Tilghman-Osborne, Avery Picchione (20th birthday), David Talan, Darran Watts (16th birthday), Elias Viner (17th birthday), Dr. Susan Abbotson, William Karetny, Lorraine Rappoport, Steven Sholes, Melony Muller, Arthur Ezekiel Carboni, (5th birthday), Lillian Picchione



Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in November!

Jo-Ann & Lewis Antin (24 years), Marion & Mark Woolf (32 years), Ruth & Arnold Blasbalg (57 years)



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KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Please send in your Kol Nidre appeal pledge as soon as possible

We have an anonymous donor who will match the pledges received before 12/30/26!!!!

Drop in and play Mahjong!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
experienced & beginner

Don't have a Mahjong set - that's ok - borrow one of ours!

Tuesday, November 3rd,10th,17th & 24th - 11am - 1pm

Sunday, November 8th - 10am to 12pm



FREE OF CHARGE!!