



Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Services

Friday, November 1st, 15th & 22nd from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM ***Zoom only***

Shabbat Service Honoring Veterans & New Members led by Rabbi Saks w/dinner to follow

Friday, November 8th at 6:00 PM ***In Person with Streaming**

NO KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, November 29th

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, November 2nd, 16th & 23rd at 9:30 AM *** In Person & Zoom***

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Antin led by Rabbi Saks

Saturday, November 9th at 9:30 AM ***In person with Streaming**

NO MORNING SHABBAT SERVICES

Saturday, November 30th

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 5:30 PM ***Zoom only***

November & December Events

Book Launch at TTY featuring Author & Teacher, Elissa Felder:

Shabbat Service w/Dinner Honoring Veterans & New Members

see attached flyer

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Antin

Adult Ed with Rabbi Saks

TTY Sprouts

Sisterhood Arts & Crafts

see attached flyer

Men's Club Congregational Lox Making Event

Men's Club Breakfast w/Guest Speaker

Yad Chased Warm Clothing Drive

see attached flyer

Religious School Shabbat led by Cohen Hebrew School w/potluck to follow

Programming Event: From RI to Israel: A Wine Tasting Journey

see attached flyer

Sunday, November 3rd at 9:30 AM

Friday, November 8th at 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 9th at 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 10th at 9:00 AM

Sunday, November 17th at 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 17th at 1:30 PM

Wednesday, November 20th Time: TBD

Sunday, November 24th Time: TBD

Entire Month of November

Friday, December 6th at 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 PM



Experiencing your “Inner Yid”

Chances are that if you’re reading this message, there’s been at least one seminal moment in your life when you either felt a connection to being Jewish, or (if you don’t identify as Jewish) you developed an appreciation for what Judaism has to offer. In other words, regardless of the differences of our particular

experiences, we share a universal feeling of the importance of whatever-it-is-that-we-call-“Jewish.” Understanding these experiences is critical because they spark our “inner yid,” the part of us that feels a deep attachment to Judaism, and it is only by tapping into that “inner yid” that we can begin to more deeply explore the importance, relevance, and impact that Judaism can have in our lives.

Torah has always been a pathway to experience that attachment. As our tradition teaches us, *talmud Torah k’neged kulam*, which could be translated as “the study of Torah is the greatest of all Jewish pursuits.” As we conclude our high holiday season and enter the new Jewish year refreshed with newfound energy and spirit, I encourage you to take advantage of opportunities to experience how Torah can connect you to your “inner yid.” I pray that our the services and programming we offer at Torat Yisrael throughout the year leaves you with a tune, a story, or a teaching bouncing through your head to help you connect more to your “inner yid,” because once you feel that “inner yid” there’s no telling how much whatever-it-is-that-we-call-“Jewish” can help make a positive impact in your life.

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Ari Saks



President’s Message

The High Holidays of 5785 are behind us now and I’m excited to launch into the new year at TTY. As you heard on Rosh Hashanah, we have officially kicked off our capital campaign to pay off the mortgage on our building and we have an opportunity to take advantage of a very generous offer to match the first

\$100,000 donated before December 31, 2025. Obviously, that’s an activity that will have a tremendous impact. But the capital campaign is a longer-term activity.

I’m equally as excited about the efforts of Lori Rush, Valerie Hartman, and Melissa Pezza to organize a series of events to get/keep our teens/tweens engaged in the synagogue. Their first event was a bowling night that went very well, and they are planning a rock wall climbing event in the near future with Lary Norin. We all know that our future depends on our young people and their work will have an immediate impact. Lori and Valerie are also planning events of interest for other age groups. The first one is a wine tasting and social evening that will likely take place in early December, so be looking for an announcement soon.

There is one other area that I intend to focus on at TTY this new year- to enhance our social action efforts. I am not suggesting that the congregation is not active in this area. Leah Ross Coke regularly organizes collections to help low-income children and their families in Providence. Marcia Slobin and others have worked for many years, collecting food for local food banks and clothing that is distributed through a local church. This past year, you may recall that Susan Smoller organized a successful drive to collect disposal diapers and baby wipes for Foster Forward, an organization that works with foster children and foster families. You all have contributed to these efforts so you are clearly involved in making our extended community a better place. I’ll only be working this year to expand the nature of the work we do and get more people involved. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

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Men’s Club Breakfast w/Guest Speaker

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Yad Chesed Warm Clothing Drive

[Entire month of November](#)

Dec. Services/Events

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w/potluck to follow

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Programming Event:
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I'll end with a reminder to honor your Kol Nidre pledge before the end of December. As I mentioned on Kol Nidre, we have anonymous donors who will match every dollar of the pledge that is paid before the end of the calendar year. Please help us take full advantage of their kind offer.

L'Shalom,
Michael



Message from Our New Capital Campaign

On Rosh Hashanah, we are kicked off a new Capital Campaign with two aims. One is to reduce our mortgage debt and the other is to replace our ark, the Aron Kodesh, the sacred centerpiece that houses our Torah scrolls.

Moving to East Greenwich was a huge undertaking for our congregation. We first had to find land for our new location, obtain zoning approval and construct a new synagogue building from the ground up. We had to value engineer the building after we received our first round of construction bids from general contractors. The task was daunting, but we never lost faith that we would accomplish our goal. Even with the proceeds from the sale of our Park Avenue building and the generosity of our donors, we needed to obtain mortgage financing from The Washington Trust Company in the amount \$2,523,000.00. We currently owe The Washington Trust Company \$1,845,000.

Our initial mortgage term that matured during the period of high interest rates was extended at the higher interest rate then in effect. For the past several years, our Temple has been experiencing a structural deficit. We realize that we must place our Temple finances in order before we exhaust our endowment funds. We cannot continue to operate with a structural deficit where our cash outflow is more than the funds we receive. Our Temple needs to have a balanced budget. We can achieve a balanced budget if we substantially lower our mortgage debt.

The ark is more than just a cabinet: it is a symbol of our covenant with G-d, a keeper of our most precious teachings, and a beacon of our faith. To honor its importance, our capital campaign includes raising funds to build a new ark, one that reflects the strength and unity of our congregation. It is appropriate that our fundraising drive be intertwined with building a new ark and reducing our mortgage debt so that we may ensure that Temple Torat Yisrael will have the religious and financial resources to prosper for years to come. Our capital campaign will have tangible, spiritual and fiscal results.

Our current ark was donated by Amos House. We paid for the materials and the Amos House carpentry education unit donated the labor. The ark was always meant to be temporary. Now is the time to replace it with one that will be permanent. The anticipated cost of the new ark shall be a small fraction of our capital campaign goal. The new ark will be a centerpiece of our synagogue, enhancing the beauty and sanctity of our worship space. Our synagogue is not just a building: it is the spiritual home where we come together in prayer, celebrate our joys, find solace in times of sorrow, and where we come together as a community. It is the heart of our community, and like any heart, it needs care and attention to continue beating strongly.

Please join us in this noble endeavor. A member of the Capital Campaign Committee will be contacting each member personally. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000.00 during the coming year. To kick off this endeavor, an anonymous donor has stepped forward to match the first \$100,000.00 in donations the Temple receives before January 31, 2025. Some might think that we have set our goal too high. We know it is achievable. We need for Temple Torat Yisrael to continue to be a beacon and serve the Jewish community for years to come. To be here for future generations. If not now, then when? If not us, then who? There is no one. We must step forward and donate generously.

There will be various opportunities for donors to be recognized for their generosity. Besides making donations by check, direct transfers to the Temple from retirement accounts count toward the donor's required annual minimum distributions, and donations of securities allow the donor to receive a tax deduction at the fair market value of the securities donated without having to recognize any gain between the original cost of the securities and its fair market value on the date of transfer.

Just as the Torah gets passed from generation to generation at a B'nai Mitzvah, now is our turn to ensure that Torat Yisrael is here for generations to come; to step forward and do our part for our Jewish community, for those who are here and those yet to come. Your generosity will not only help us create a stunning new ark but will also ensure that our synagogue remains a place of inspiration and sanctuary for generations to come. It is an investment in our future, a gift that will touch countless lives, and a legacy of faith and commitment.

Andrew G. Sholes
Capital Campaign Chair



Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! These past few weeks, students have been learning and having fun. Read on to find out more!

Gr. K/1: We have been learning about the holidays of Sukkot, and what the symbols of the holiday are. We created a classroom Sukkah on a poster. We also learned the letters "Hay" and "Vav" and some words that use both letters. Some of these words include Havdalah" which we learned signifies the end of Shabbat by seeing three stars in the sky.

Gr. 2: Reviewed our Hebrew letters. We also learned the days of the week in Hebrew.

Additionally, we are learning about Sukkot and are making our own sukkah out of popsicle sticks.

Gr. 3/4: Students are focusing on Simchat Torah and about the Torah in general. Students are learning about what the Five Books of the Torah are called, as well as what's in each book through discussion and an art project. Students are also working on learning the Barchu and Shema. They are working on decoding Hebrew, and learning to recognize and read letters and vowels.

Gr. 5: Students focused on the Hebrew word of the day – Hachnasat Orchim. This means welcoming guests, which we do on Sukkot and reminds us of wandering in the desert after leaving Egypt. Students also began learning about different life cycles in Judaism, and focusing on the prayers for snack.

Gr. 6/7: Students are working on learning the different greetings people use on Simchat Torah and Shemini Atzeret. Students are learning about the Four Species of Sukkot and how they are used, as well as what they mean. Students are also working on their holiday recipes.

Sunday Hebrew Cohort: Sunday Hebrew Cohort will run every Sunday there is school from 12:15-12:45pm. If for some reason, the class needs to be cancelled, you will be notified via email.

Mid-Week Hebrew Cohort: Mid-week Hebrew cohort is on Thursdays at 5pm.

Please email Hillary if you need the link. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to phone or email me.

B'kavod,

Hillary



Message from Yad Chessed

Yad Chessed had its first meeting of the year early in October. Marcia Slobin continues doing a great job sending out greeting cards to the membership for all life events. Marcia brought to our attention that the Church of Transfiguration is in dire need of warm clothing for all ages. They especially need coats and outer

garments. To that end, Yad Chessed is having a Clothing Drive for the month of November. Please bring clean, gently used, or new Coats, Outer Garments, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Sweaters, Boots or anything that passes for Winter Clothing to the Temple during November. All sizes are needed. Clean, gently used or new Socks and Undergarments would also be welcome! Thanks for your help and please see flyer.

Dr. Adam Niedelman is helping us arrange another Blood Drive to be held in the Spring.

As always, the members of Yad Chessed (The Caring Committee) would be happy to give any member who no longer drives, a ride to Services or any Temple event. We're also available to any member who might like some company, and to any member who is hospitalized or a shut-in and would like a visitor. Please contact me or the Temple Office.

L'Shana Tova!

Sue Sidel, Chairman

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Librarian's Corner

Klara's Truth: A Novel by Susan Weissbach Friedman

It is May 2014, and Dr. Klara Lieberman—forty-nine, single, professor of archaeology at a small liberal arts college in Maine, a contained person living a contained life—has just received a letter from her estranged mother, Bessie, that will dramatically change her life. Her father, she learns—the man who has been absent from her life for the last forty-three years, and about whom she has long been

desperate for information—is dead. Has been for many years, in fact, which Bessie clearly knew. But now the Polish government is giving financial reparations for land it stole from its Jewish citizens during WWII, and Bessie wants the money. Klara has little interest in the money—but she does want answers about her father. She flies to Warsaw, determined to learn more.

In Poland, Klara begins to piece together her father's, and her own, story. She also connects with extended family, begins a romantic relationship, and discovers her calling: repairing the hundreds of forgotten, and mostly destroyed, pre-War Jewish cemeteries in Poland. Along the way, she becomes a more integrated, embodied, and interpersonally connected individual—one with the tools to make peace with her past and, for the first time in her life, build purposefully toward a bigger future.

Laura Steele



Sisterhood

Happy post High Holiday Season!

We hope everyone had a meaningful and spiritual experience.

Sisterhood represented well during the services, some of us accepting honors. Those of you who are able are welcome to come on a Shabbat

morning and experience a short and introspective service led by our own or come when the Rabbi is in town and experience his knowledge and insight into the weekly portion. Even if you Zoom in, you are contributing to the community. One never knows what they may learn.

We had a group of mixed community members join us this past Sunday for a tour of Touro Synagogue in Newport. We enjoyed beautiful weather, history of Touro Synagogue and the connection to our local past. RI is a small community so some of us reconnected to old friends in the Visitor's Center. Parking was easy and some ventured to explore our beautiful city by the Sea after the tour.

On Sunday, November 17th at 1:30 pm, we will be meeting at Imperial Ceramics located at 1621 Warwick Ave., Warwick to paint some Judaica. You must preorder and pay on November 17th. Please look for the electronic form in an email and on Facebook to sign up. Hope to see you all soon.

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Woolf, Co-Presidents



Let's Celebrate Jacob Antin's Bar Mitzvah

Jacob Antin will be called to the Torah on November 9, 2024.

Jacob is 13 years old and looking forward to being Bar-Mitzvah. He resides in Cranston and is the son of Allyson and Frank Antin.

He is presently a 7th grade Honor Roll student at Western Hills Middle School. He represents his class on the Student Council and participates in numerous activities. Jacob especially enjoys basketball, baseball, and gaming.

Jacob's Bar Mitzvah project centers on the collection of sports equipment for donation to those schools/children unable to afford, so that they in turn can be active participants in sports as well.

Message from Temple Office

If you would like your monthly bulletin, yearzeit 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.

Cemetery Plots Available for Sale

Torat Yisrael has 2 sets of two cemetery plots available for sale at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Warwick, Rhode Island. If you are interested in purchasing either or both sets of these plots, please contact Barry Golden (goldenbarry@gmail.com) for more information on section and plot location as well as pricing.

Frederic G. & Lawrence G. Cohen Educational Scholarship Eligibility & Criteria

Torat Yisrael provides scholarships for post-secondary education to members of Temple Torat Yisrael (TTY). In order to apply, parents must be a current member in good standing of TTY for at least 5 prior years and also be a current member in good standing for at least 5 years with TTY's Men's Club and/or Sisterhood. The applicant shall write a 2-page criteria statement of their commitment to Judaism as well as submit 3 reference letters and a financial award letter from the college they are attending showing total cost of enrollment. Applications will be judged and chosen with several factors being taken into consideration. Application with more details and deadline dates will be available in the Spring of 2025.

Temple Office Closed

Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving holiday

In Our Torat Yisrael Family



Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in November!

Dr. Josef Fields, Mark Karnes, Margot Theroux (11 years old), Nolan Schwab 7 years old), Ruth Ross, Dr. Carlos Tilghman-Osborne, Avery Picchione (18 years old), David Talan, Joel Evans, Nathaniel Ginsburg, Darran Watts (14 years old), Elias Viner (15 years old), Dr. Susan Abbotson, William Karetny, Lorraine Rappoport, Steven Sholes, Melony Muller, Arthur Ezekiel Carboni (3 years old) and Lillian Picchione.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in November!

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Antin (22 years), Mr. & Mrs. Mark Woolf (30 years), & Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Blasbalg (55 years).

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following Generous October, 2024 Donations:

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Esther Adelman
-Karen Wier

In Memory of Henry Berger
-Phyllis Potash

In Memory of Phillip Davis
-Helen Davis

In Memory of Harvey Golden
-Barry, Ellen, Mitchell & Eddy Golden

In Memory of Carole Goldman
-Hyman Goldman

In Memory of Edward Kagan
-Mr. & Mrs. Larry Meyerson

In Memory of Eva Kagan
-Mr. & Mrs. Larry Meyerson

In Memory of Elaine E. Kaufman
-Andrew G. Sholes

In Memory of Fred Kelman
-Daniel S. Kelman

In Memory of Esther Meyerson
-Mr. & Mrs. Larry Meyerson

In Memory of Milton Rubin
-Ruth & Arnold Blasbalg

In Memory of Bruno Schneider
-Peter & Elizabeth Mittler

In Honor of Steve Shapiro's Birthday!
-Ruth Ross
-Barbara & Nathan Shapiro
-Andrew G. Sholes
-Marcia Slobin
-Karen Wier

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In Memory of Anna Grossman
-Paul Grossman

In Memory of Maurice Grossman
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-Alan & Anita Olinsky