



November 2025 Cheshvan/Kislev 5786

Services

Friday Night Live (FNL) Service Honoring Veterans & New Members led by Rabbi Saks w/dinner to follow
Friday, November 7th at 6:00 PM ***In Person & Streaming** ***see attached flyer***

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, November 14th from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM ***Zoom only***

Congregational Shabbat Service led by Cohen Religious School w/Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 21st at 5:30 PM ***In Person & Streaming*** ***see attached flyer***

NO KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, November 28th

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, November 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd at 9:30 AM *** In Person & Zoom***

Bat Mitzvah of Lily Salomon (Havdalah Service) led by Rabbi Saks

Saturday, November 22nd at 4:30 PM ***In Person & Streaming***

NO MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, November 29th

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, November 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at 5:30 PM ***Zoom only***

November/December Events

Yad Chesed Clothing Drive

Sisterhood Crafts Fair & Bake Sale:

Hebrew Bootcamp

Jewish 101 with Rabbi Saks (3 sessions) via Zoom only

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Saks

Programming Event at Top Golf in Cranston

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks:

Chair Yoga at TTY Sponsored by Sisterhood

Parent Café at TTY Social Hall

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Saks

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks:

Sprouts:

Hanukkah Gingerbread House Making w/Deborah Burka

Friday Night Live Celebrating Hanukkah

Rabbi Saks Scholar in Residence Weekend

School Hanukkah Party

Collecting November 1st – 30th

see attached flyer

Sunday, November 2nd from 12-4PM

see attached flyer

Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 16th & 23rd at 12:00PM

see attached flyer

(3) Mondays in November at 7:00PM

see attached flyer

Saturday, November 8th at 10:30AM

see attached flyer

Saturday, November 8th at 5:30PM

Sunday, November 9th at 10:00AM

see attached flyer

Sunday, November 9th at 11:00AM

see attached flyer

Sunday, November 16th at 8:45 AM

see attached flyer

Saturday, November 22nd at 10:30AM

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Sunday, November 23rd at 9:00AM

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Sunday, November 30th from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday, December 5th at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 7th Time: TBD

Sunday, December 14th at 12:00 PM



Honoring our Veterans:

The living Bridge Between Past and Future

A student once challenged me with a profound question: "Does history really matter?" They argued that while history maps our past, it doesn't guide our future. This struck me deeply, as it challenges the very essence of Judaism and our connection to our roots.

As Jews, we're intimately woven into the fabric of our history. It's why we felt such a profound connection to the land of Israel that, against all odds, we renewed our sovereign bonds with the land even after two millennia of absence. It's why we invoke Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah in our prayers. It's why, every spring, we relive our ancestors' journey from slavery to freedom. So, if history doesn't matter, does Judaism matter?

I'm thinking about this question as we approach Veterans Day. Veterans Day isn't just another date on the calendar. It's a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom and security we often take for granted. **So, on November 7th, I'll be leading a special Friday night service - to be followed by a delicious congregational dinner at Torat Yisrael to honor our veterans! We'll gather to honor the veterans in our family and in our community, to hear their stories of valor, and to remember those whose memories we hold dear.** Our gathering will be a moment when the past, present, and future converge, reminding us that history matters.

I think about what it must be like to watch your child, your spouse, your sibling risk everything for something greater than themselves. This level of sacrifice embodies values that transcend time. It's a testament to the enduring power of courage, loyalty, and selflessness - principles modeled by those who came before us and put everything on the line.

One of the Torah's most profound mitzvot is for children to honor their father and mother. But in Hebrew, the words for "father" and "mother" also mean "ancestors," as if to say that our fathers and mothers are the living bridge between the past and the future. When children honor their parents, they honor their entire lineage and the values that transcend time. Similarly, when we honor our veterans who protected our past and guard our future, we honor the ideas and values that make our country great.

That's why I urge you, with all my heart, to seek out a veteran. Engage them in conversation. Listen to their experiences with an open mind and a compassionate spirit. These aren't just stories - they're living history, a testament to the human capacity for sacrifice and courage. For those who can, I invite you to share these stories at our Shabbat honoring veterans because history isn't just a map of the past - it's a guide illuminating our path forward. So, on Friday, November 7th let's create a tapestry of memories, honoring those who've given so much for our freedom.

May God bless our veterans, the living bridge between our country's past, present, and future.

Rabbi Ari Y. Saks



President's Message

I find the Fall holiday season exhausting. The High Holidays demand their share of time in the synagogue and time to reflect on the significance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Then there's 25 hours of fasting, followed shortly after by the building of a sukkah.

There is an intense physical and emotional shift. The quick shift from solemn to joyous observance was more dramatic this year, given the promise of a cease-fire between Israel and (which while fragile, is holding at the time of this writing) and the promise of the return of the bodies of remaining hostages. As frenetic as that time seemed to me, I was so very impressed by Rabbi Sak's energy at the Saturday morning service on October 18, when he combined a Shabbat service with observance of Shemini Atzeret (including Yizkor) and Simchat Torah (including dancing with two of our Torahs). And, he did it all in less than 3 hours.

The Rabbi launched his Judaism 101 discussion series by Zoom on October 27th. During much of that time, he gave the participants an overview of the series. If you were unable to participate but are interested in joining the remaining sessions (the next one is on November 3rd), you will not be behind. I hope to see you there.

The Capital Campaign team is regrouping. If you have not been contacted already, they will be reaching out to you over the next few weeks. As you've heard several times before, it is so important that we retire our mortgage as soon as possible to ensure that Temple Torat Yisrael is here to serve the Jewish community for generations to come. Please, if you are not available to answer your phone when a team member calls, return the call. Even if you are unable to contribute, we would like to speak with you about the ways in which the synagogue serves you and could better do so. And while I'm on the subject of raising funds, please get your Kol Nidre pledges to the office if you have not already done so. The people who have offered to match your contributions are eager to know how much they will be contributing.

L'Shalom,

Michael



Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to reduce our mortgage. We know that we have a tall challenge to reach that goal. With the support of our congregants and the hard work of the Capital Campaign Committee members our goal is obtainable. To eliminate TTY's structural deficit, we need to reduce the mortgage on the building. The reduced interest expense and principal payments will eliminate our deficit and reduce our cash flow requirements.

Your support to place the Temple in a strong financial condition is priceless. Your commitment is critical to the continued long-term success of Torat Yisrael. By donating to the Campaign, you will leave a legacy for our Synagogue and a home for worship and social gatherings for the Jewish community. Be as generous as you can to place Torat Yisrael on a strong financial footing for now and for the future.

Besides donating to the Capital Campaign by check, direct transfers to the Temple from one's retirement account may satisfy the donor's required annual minimum distribution. Donations of marketable securities allow the donor to receive a tax deduction at the current fair market value of the donated securities without having to recognize any income tax gain between the original cost of the securities and its fair market value on the date of transfer. Donors of appreciated securities may receive a charitable deduction on their individual income tax return if the amount of their donations exceed the minimum deductible threshold set by the IRS. Even if one is not able to take advantage of a charitable deduction, any gain on the direct transfer to the Temple of marketable securities having a current market value more than their original cost is not recognized by the donor.

Our goal is attainable with your support. Members of the Capital Campaign are reaching out to all the congregants. Please answer their calls, meet with them and hear our need. We need everyone's support to reach our goal. Together we are stronger.

If not us, who? Thanks for your support.

Andrew G. Sholes



Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

We have finished reading the Torah and celebrated Simchat Torah. All grades were able to explore and see what the whole Torah looks like with Rabbi Saks!

As we begin reading our history together again, I take great comfort in knowing how well our community cares for one another and thank you all for embodying the values of chesed (kindness) and kavod (respect) and look forward to celebrating more simchas with you.

What we are learning:

Grs. K-2: Students finished discussing what makes a sukkah and began to construct one of their own to bring home.

Gr. 3/4: Students practiced Hebrew through decoding and prayer & continued learning about Israel.

Gr. 5: Students finished their learning of Sukkot and discussed what makes a kosher sukkah.

Grs. 6th/7th: Students practiced their Hebrew reading skills through prayer and continued learning about early beginnings of Jewish history.

Our next Parent Café is happening during drop off on Sunday, November 16th from 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM.

I hope to see all of you at the upcoming Congregational Shabbat led by the Cohen Religious School on Friday, November 21st at 5:30 PM. Please join us in supporting the students as they lead services for the congregation and stay for the potluck dinner immediately following services.

B'kavod,

Hillary



Sisterhood

As the leaves change color and the air gets a little chillier, we often think about the holidays coming up soon. Sisters got together at the beginning of October to pick apples and socialize. Some people even came out for the very first time ever!

What a better way to prepare for the holidays, come shopping at our first Holiday Crafts Fair on Sunday, November 2nd. Come out and support the sisterhood and local artist and crafters. We could use some volunteers, so please sign up as soon as possible with the link that is circulating in the weekly update.

Another great way to prepare for the holidays is to do a little self-care and stress relief, so come back to TTY on Sunday, November 9th at 11:00 AM and do a little chair yoga. Five dollars at the door and open to all members of the temple.

On a more serious note, we are grateful that the hostages are all free and we pray that the remains of others are returned to their family, so they too can have some closure! What a difference a year makes.

Shalom,

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Kaufman Woolf

Shanah Tovah to all of our Sisters and their Families. We wish all of you a Healthy, Happy and Satisfying Year!



Message from Yad Chessed

The Yad Chessed Committee had its first meeting on Sunday morning, October 26th.

We will continue collecting new socks, underwear and thermal underwear for The Church of Transfiguration. Sisterhood began requesting these items in Oct.

We've also had requests for Clean, Gently Used Winter Clothing for all ages and

all sizes. Adult sizes will go to students in need at Mt. Pleasant High School. We look forward to your generosity and donations for the entire month of November.

Yad Chessed is looking forward to a successful clothing drive, and is beginning to plan another Blood Drive for the Spring.

Susan H. Sidel

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Let's Celebrate Lily Salomon's Bat Mitzvah

Lily Salomon will be called to the Torah on November 22, 2025. In her Torah portion Parashat Vayetzei, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending, symbolizing God's constant presence and protection. Lily relates to this story as a reminder that even when people we love move away their connection and impact remain with us, much like God's presence with Jacob on his journey.

For her Mitzvah project, Lily and her father built a sukkah at their home and welcomed friends, family, and Rabbi Saks to celebrate together. The experience was filled with joy and connection. Lily and her family look forward to making this an annual tradition.

Lily attends Rocky Hill Country Day School and is known for her kindness and joyful spirit. Lily loves spending time with her friends and family. She also enjoys playing lacrosse, basketball, field hockey, golf, and tennis, and is a member of the community service club at her school.

Lily is excited to celebrate with her mother, Suzanne Salomon, father, Brandon Salomon, brother, Kurt Salomon, grandparents, Marcia and Peter Pritsker, and Victoria and Steve Salomon, and also her aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. The Havdalah service will begin at 4:30 PM and will be in person with Streaming available. Mazal Tov to all!



IDF Mitzvah Hat Project

TTY Sisterhood has an ongoing Mitzvah Project to knit woolen hats for IDF soldiers. An IDF soldier places the hat under his helmet to provide warmth in the winter.

This past September, Susan Smoller delivered twenty knitted woolen hats to Orly Ben Ary, owner of the Gourmet Yarn Shop located in Ra'anana, Israel, who completed the delivery to the IDF.

The hats that were delivered in Israel for IDF soldiers were knitted by Lynn Field, Elaine Salinger, Elise Wolff and Linda Zell. We thank everyone involved and look forward to future presentations. Elaine Salinger and Susan Smoller, IDF Mitzvah Hat Project Committee

Temple Office Closures in November

Monday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 11th office closing early at 1:30 PM

Wednesday, November 26th Day Before Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27th for Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving Weekend

In Our Torat Yisrael family



Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in November!

Mark Karnes, Margot Theroux (12 years old), Judith Goodman, Nolan Schwab (8 years old), Ruth Ross, Dr. Carlos Tilghman-Osborne, Avery Picchione (19 years old), David Talan, Nathaniel Ginsburg, Darran Watts (15 years old), Elias Viner (16 years old), Dr. Susan Abbotson, William Karetny, Lorraine Rappoport, Steven Sholes, Melony Muller, Arthur Ezekiel Carboni (4 years old) and Lillian Picchione.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in November!

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Antin (23 years), Mr. & Mrs. Mark Woolf (31 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Blasbalg (56 years).

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following Generous

October 2025 Donations:

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In Memory of Samuel Brooks
-Seymour Brooks

In Memory of Muriel Davis
-Helen Davis

In Memory of Phillip Davis
-Helen Davis

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In Memory of Pearl Kozlov
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