



Services

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 3rd & 17th from 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM ***Zoom only***

No Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Friday, November 24th

Friday Night Live Musical Shabbat Service Honoring Veterans & New Members led by Rabbi Saks followed by dinner

Friday, November 10th at 6:00 PM ***In Person & Streaming*** ***see attached flyer***

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, November 4th, 11th & 18th at 9:30 AM *** In Person & Zoom***

No Morning Shabbat Service on Saturday, November 25th

Tuesday Minyan

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

November Events

Sisterhood Clothing Drive: November 1st thru 30th – drop off items at the Temple

Sisterhood Winery Event at Leyden Farm: Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 PM ***see attached flyer***

Sprouts: Sunday, November 12th from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM ***see attached flyer***

Men's Club Keeper of the Flame Awards Ceremony: Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 PM in Sharon, MA

Men's Club Game Night & Dinner: Thursday, November 16th & November 30th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

December Events

Youth Shabbat: Friday, December 1st at 5:30 PM

Sisterhood Chanukkah Party: Sunday, December 10th Time TBD

Congregational Challah Bake: Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM

Friday Night Live Service w/Dinner: Friday, December 15th at 6:00 PM

Sprouts: Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 AM

Men's Club Lunch: Monday, December 25th Time TBD



Our Mission to Find the Path (back) to Experiencing Jewish Joy

On October 7th, Jews around the world awoke to another reminder that nowhere, even in our homeland, are Jews completely safe from the scourge of anti-Israel and antisemitic hatred. Over 1400 of our brothers and sisters were killed,

with another 200 taken hostage, simply because they were Jews. Despite billions of shekels spent to prevent attacks from the Gaza Strip, it seems nothing can ultimately stop people who are single-minded in their desire to kill Jews. What's more, we worry that hatred against us and our people will only grow, especially as the State of Israel carries out necessary operations to wipe out Hamas in Gaza. In other words, it is fair to worry, "Will tomorrow be worse than today?"

As American author and motivational speaker Leo Buscaglia once said, "*Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.*" Indeed, in talking with friends, family, and colleagues it seems very hard to imagine that we can be as joyful as we were prior to October 7th. Something changed that day in our collective Jewish soul that sapped us of our joy. How could we have any hope of experiencing joy given how October 7th was the darkest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust! How could we have any hope of experiencing joy given how, no matter the particular cultural or political context we find ourselves, the scourge of antisemitism - the hatred of Jews for being Jews - is ever-present!

Yet the miracle of the Jewish people is that despite the real worry we have for our safety and the safety of our brothers and sisters worldwide, especially in Israel, we are capable of finding a path that leads us back to experiencing the joy of being a Jew. As the Friday night song entitled *Menucha Ve-Simcha* teaches us, "*Rest and joy, a light for the Jewish people/The Sabbath day, a day of delights.*" Every seventh day, in every epoch of Jewish history, we declare that part of our people's mission is to experience and cultivate the light of joy. Every seventh day, no matter how dangerous it feels to live in Jewish bodies, we are commanded to be joyful with every fiber of our Jewish souls. Every seventh day we declare, with a full and overflowing heart and not a hint of irony, that there is nothing more beautiful than experiencing the joy of being a Jew.

Nothing we do, even ridding the Gaza Strip of Hamas, can stop us from worrying about the ever-present hate of our people. But within all that hate and worry is the unique, beautiful, illogical, and profound mission of our people, a mission to be joyful. Long live the beautiful and joyful people of Israel!

With many blessings,

Rabbi Ari Saks



Shalom Fellow Congregants.

With the brutal attack in Israel by Hamas terrorists on October 7th and its emotional impact on all of us, I found it particularly difficult to decide what to write in this month's bulletin. I decided at the last minute to keep it simple, to let you know (or remind you) that we have received several signs of support from the greater community.

If you haven't come into the temple in the last few weeks, you've missed a moving display of support in the lobby of handmade cards from a class at Our Lady of Mercy School in East Greenwich. A picture of these cards is posted below my article. You also missed a flower arrangement in the lobby, delivered with a note from an East Greenwich resident to let us know that the Jewish community has her support. We can watch anti-Israel protests and antisemitic speakers

November

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Friday Night Live Service w/Dinner Honoring Veterans & New Members

[Fri. Nov 10th; 6:00 pm](#)

Sprouts

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Men's Club Keeper of the Flame Awards Ceremony Sharon, MA

[Sun. Nov 12th; 4:00 pm](#)

Men's Club Game Night & Dinner

[Thurs. Nov 16th & 30th; 6:00 pm](#)

December

Services/Events

Youth Shabbat led by Rabbi Saks w/Potluck Dinner

[Fri. Dec 1st; 5:30 pm](#)

Sisterhood Chanukkah Party Time TBD

[Sun. Dec. 10th](#)

Congregational Challah Bake

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Men's Club Lunch Time TBD

[Mon. Dec 25th](#)

on the nightly news, but I find it gratifying to see concrete examples of support for our congregation, Israel and the Jewish people everywhere from non-Jewish members of the East Greenwich community. I was also contacted by Representative Magaziner, who assured me that we have the support of his office.

Immediately after the attack of October 7th, there was wide concern of vandalism of property at synagogues and other Jewish institutions, as well as outright violence against us. Resources at the federal, state and local level were quickly put in place to ensure, as best as possible, the safety of our community. East Greenwich police began much more frequent patrolling of our grounds. The White House Jewish Liaison, Shelley Greenspan, has arranged several online presentations by representatives from the White House and the National Security Council to let us know the steps they are taking and how they are coordinating with the Jewish Alliance to disseminate information about any threats in Rhode Island. Thus far and thankfully, no threats in Rhode Island have been reported.

One thing I find very disturbing is news of anti-Israel/anti-Jewish gatherings on college campuses around the country. It has been reported that in many cases, campus administrators have not condemned these events and some faculty members have been outright hostile to Jewish students. I am not aware of any such incidents at the University of Rhode Island (URI) and I know that the director of the URI Hillel House has spoken directly to President Parlange about the need to keep Jewish students safe. Remember that you can access several social services from Jewish Collaborative Services and that those services are also available to your college students, even those who are out of state. Our case manager is Samantha Clark (401-331-1244; samantha@jcsri.org) and she is there to help. You can find additional resources on their website at <https://jcsri.org/community-resources/>.

Hopefully you saw in the October 27th Torat Yisrael Weekly Update that we plan to recognize our members who are service veterans and our new members at a Friday Night Live service on November 10th. Even if you do not plan to come to the dinner, please attend the service to meet the new members, to show them that we are an engaged, welcoming and caring community there to provide support as needed.

Michael



Sharing a photo of all the lovely, heartfelt cards TTY received from students at Our Lady of Mercy School in East Greenwich, RI. Their Pastor, Bernard Healey reached out to Rabbi Saks to extend his sympathy on the attack of the Israeli people in Israel. Father Healey extended his support and let us know to contact him if there was anything the church could do for the Israeli people or our synagogue. Their Parishioners prayers are with the Israeli people.



Librarian's Corner

***The Paris Architect: A Novel* by Charles Belfoure**

An extraordinary book about a gifted architect who reluctantly begins a secret life of resistance, devising ingenious hiding places for Jews in World War II Paris.

In 1942 Paris, architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money—and maybe get him killed. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it while World War II rages on. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

Soon Lucien is hiding more souls and saving lives. But when one of his hideouts fails horribly, and the problem of where to conceal a Jew becomes much more personal, and he can no longer ignore what's at stake.

I have just finished reading this book and found it to be a real page-turner. I'd recommend it for any book group as it raised many interesting discussion questions.

Laura Steele



Sisterhood

Sisterhood opened this year's event with a "Paid Up-Welcome Back" Brunch with 22 ladies in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our own, Elaine Shapiro. We got to know each other a little bit better by playing "would you rather" and planned out our yearly events. Our next event is Sunday, November

5th at 1 pm, when we return to the Leyden Vineyard for some wine tasting and socialization.

At the end of the month, Thursday evening, November 30th, we are heading to The Willbury Theater in Providence to watch the famed playwright Paula Vogel's play, "Indecent". Look for the flyer with details soon. This event will be open to all Temple members.

On December 10th, we will be having our annual Chanukah party and gift exchange, details to be forthcoming. Remember all dues should be paid by December 1st, in order to be a member in good standing.

Follow us on our Facebook Page and email us at TTYsisterhood@gmail.com.

Our minds and hearts are with Israel and the innocent civilians who are impacted by the events of these past few weeks, but we are Jewish women and we are survivors. We will continue to celebrate and support one another in Sisterhood.

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Woolf, Co-Presidents



Message from Yad Chessed

Yad Chessed is in the process of exploring a current book exchange at the Temple, whereby congregants could drop off bestseller books or take home to read.

Most books in the temple library collection may be borrowed by a congregant. For further information call the temple office.

The temple will be hosting a Blood Drive in February 2024. Details to follow.

Just a reminder- if there are congregants, who would like a ride to temple events, or are shut-ins and would like some company please let us know via the temple office. Also, let the temple office know if any congregants are hospitalized.

Susan H. Sidel, Chairman

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EVENTS



Keeper of the Flame Event **Sunday, November 12th**

TTY Men's club nominated Jeff Salk for the NEFJMC KOF (keeper of the flame award).

Awards ceremony in Sharon, MA on Nov 12th at 4pm.



Men's Club Game Night w/ Dinner **Next Game Nights: Thursday, November 16th & 30th** **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Men's Club Game Night w/Dinner is back! Join us **Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**

Come play some table tennis have some dinner & socialize.



Thursday, December 14, 2023

Bring your families to the Congregational Challah Bake led by Elissa Felder happening at Torat Yisrael on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM.

100% of all proceeds donated towards relief for Israel. Donations from non-participants are also generously welcomed.



Saturday, March 2, 2024

Comedy Night at TTY – Laugh the Night Away will be held on March 2, 2024. More details coming soon!

Thank you notes for Yahrzeit Donations

The Temple office is trying to save on the cost of stamps, thank you cards and envelopes. If you do not require a thank you note for donations of yahrzeits, please let us know by calling the office at 401-885-6600 or email Deanna at deanna@toratyisrael.org. Thank you.

In Our Torat Yisrael Family



Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in November!

Dr. Josef Fields, Mark Karnes, Margot Theroux (10 years old), Ruth Ross, Dr. Carlos Tilghman-Osborne, Avery Picchione (17 years old), David Talan, Joel Evans, Nathaniel Ginsburg, Darran Watts (13 years old), Elias Viner (14 years old), Dr. Susan Abbotson, William Karetny, Lorraine Rappoport, Steven Sholes, Melony Muller Arthur Ezekial Carboni (2 years old) & Lillian Picchione.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in November! Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Antin (21 years), Mr. & Mrs. Mark Woolf (29 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Blasbalg (54 years).

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following Generous October 2023 Donations:

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-Phyllis Potash

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In Honor of Judy & Jonathan Finkle's work for the Temple. Good luck in your new home!

-Ruth Ross

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