

**June Services**

**Kabbalat Shabbat**

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM \*Zoom only\*

**Family led Youth Shabbat Service w/Potluck Dairy Dinner \*see attached flyer\***

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM \*In Person only\*

**Morning Shabbat**

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM \* In Person & via Zoom\*

**Bar Mitzvah of Kurt Salomon**

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**Tuesday Minyan**

Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM \*Zoom only\*

**July Services**

**Bar Mitzvah of Milo Guyer-Osborne**

Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM

**No Evening Minyan**

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**No Evening or Morning Services**

Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

**Beach Shabbat at Goddard Park**

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM \*In Person only\*

**June Events**

**Gardening at TTY**

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Sisterhood Vineyard Winery Event at Leyden Farm \*see attached flyer\***

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM, Please RSVP to [TTYsisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:TTYsisterhood@gmail.com) by Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sisterhood End of Year Dinner & Meeting at Gregg's in No. Kingstown \*see attached flyer\***

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

**Men's Club End of the Year BBQ & Campfire w/Planning Meeting \*see attached flyer\***

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Soiree 2023 in the Spotlight "Through the Decades" An Enchanted Evening of Live Music**

**Supporting East Greenwich High School Theater Students \*see attached flyer\***

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Mocktail hour from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Show beginning at 7:00 PM

**Men's Club Woo Sox Baseball Game at Polar Park in Worcester, MA**

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 PM

Tickets must be ordered by June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Congregational Meeting \*see attached flyer\***

Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> \*In Person only\*

Refreshments/Dessert: 6:30 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM



## “When in the Course of Human Events...”

When I read and think about the above phrase, and its ensuing document, our American Declaration of Independence, I am reminded about the values and concepts stemming from our Bible and heritage which have influenced the history of the world. During the course of the months, we have been together, we have shared many such concepts,

both in physical space and time as well as via the written word through the forum of this monthly bulletin as well as my weekly messages. I hope that many of these thoughts have been inspirational, and I can assure you that great effort was always made in crafting these written presentations in hopes that they would become part of the record of our shared and meaningful spiritual journey together.

As my rabbinic timeframe now begins to conclude with this final bulletin message, I would like to express great gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve all of you in the Temple Torat Yisrael community during this past year in my role as your transitional rabbi. Such arrangements inherently bear with them the likelihood of a limited time frame, and yet even as such I hope that the many experiences that we have shared together will nonetheless have some measure of enduring and lasting meaning and memory for many of you.

I would like to thank the executive leadership team of Michael Katz, Andy Sholes, and Susan Smoller for our great collaboration of trust and even friendship that has evolved during the past year together; their honest, sincere, and heartfelt feedback and integrity has been extremely helpful and meaningful to me throughout the time we have shared. In particular as well, I'd like to thank our professional and extremely dedicated office staff of Sheryl Ponder and Deanna Flinn, who, on a daily basis, have provided me with tremendous and constant support, honest feedback, and encouragement during our time together, all of which has helped me to continue progressing in areas of both my professional and personal growth.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the members of our board and the rest of you in our congregation at large for all of the feedback and insights that you've shared which has enriched my reservoir of understanding for both areas of successes that have accrued, as well as areas of potential growth and improvement for my skill set as a rabbi; both areas of contribution have been and will remain meaningful and appreciated.

Recalling now the phrase I like to rather humorously and with some degree of self-jesting like to use in order to conclude all of our zoom services with, my so-called “not yet internationally famous Rabbi Barnett concluding phrase,” “Shalom uv'racha,” may you all have “well-being and blessing” in the present and future as well.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Barnett

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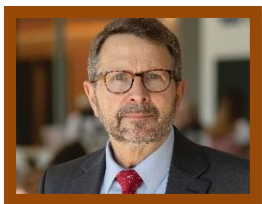
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**Beach Shabbat**

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## Shalom Fellow Congregants.

As most of you know, Rabbi Barnett will be leaving us at the end of June as our transitional rabbi. The Rabbinic Search Committee worked very hard this past year to find a suitable candidate to be our permanent rabbi, but was up against the fact that fewer people these days want to be full-time pulpit rabbis. Last year, 80 Conservative synagogues were seeking a rabbi but there were far fewer Conservative rabbis to fill those vacancies. The situation has only

worsened this year as more rabbis are retiring or deciding to leave their congregational jobs mid-career. The environment is not expected to improve for some time, if ever. Fortunately, the Conservative movement has relaxed its hiring rules, enabling us to look for a permanent rabbi in more places. Please know that the Rabbinic Search Committee will continue searching all possible sources to fill our position.

In the interim, and after a vote from the Board, I am working with Susan Smoller and Andrew Sholes to finalize a one-year contract with Rabbi Ari Saks to be our interim part-time rabbi. Rabbi Saks recently left his position at the Huntington Jewish Center to move closer to family in Philadelphia, to work on some innovative projects to engage more young people and to pursue his passion for interfaith work. He believes that not all congregations will be able to have a full-time rabbi and wants to partner with us to see how congregations can thrive in this relatively new environment. Many of you had the chance to meet Rabbi Saks and participate in his Friday night Shabbat service. From the feedback I've received, your overall impression is that he is very knowledgeable, personable and relates well with people of all ages. If you missed his service, you could view it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIV2xNehZZo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIV2xNehZZo).

Other feedback makes it clear that our concerns are about having a rabbi who may only be here about 20 weekends during the coming year. I encourage you to listen to his D'var Torah, just about 39 minutes into the video, to hear his view of how this can be an opportunity for us to grow as a Jewish community. Rabbi Saks will be here to lead our holiday services, including High Holiday services, and the B'nai mitzvahs beginning in August. Let me also assure you that we will engage another rabbi to provide chaplaincy services when Rabbi Saks is not here. Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island will also provide counseling services to our congregation.

You've all heard variations of the notion that challenges can be opportunities. I firmly believe that this challenge of being without a full-time permanent rabbi for the coming year provides the opportunity to come closer as a community and to strengthen our Jewish identity if we work together to fill the gaps that will exist. In particular, I am asking those of you who can, or would like to learn to lead all or part of a Shabbat service, to let the office, me or Susan Smoller know, so we can get you involved. I am asking all of you to share your ideas about how to make the services more meaningful for you and/or your children. Not only is this an opportunity for personal growth, but it can also be an opportunity to fashion a new, even more meaningful spiritual experience for us all.

Rabbi Saks believes we can create a more inspiring, relatable, relevant Jewish experience and I am all in to partner with him to realize a successful future for TTY. I know a number of you feel the same. For those of you who may not be convinced, please work with me to see what we can achieve. I look forward to discussing the possibilities with you.



## Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

And just like that the school year is over! We have had some wonderful programs, classroom experiences and great times during Tefillah. Our students really loved the Hallelu instrument parade during Tefillah and leading prayers from the bimah. We offered two successful sessions of Hebrew Bootcamp and had Pre-K Sprouts programs every month. My teachers and I hope that our students enjoyed this year and made some lasting memories.

The final session of Sprouts was held on May 21st. The theme was Shavuot and they planted Sprouts to celebrate the end of the year. We were so happy that many Sprouts families stayed for our end of the year celebration. It was great to present the students that will be graduating from Sprouts and moving up to our Kindergarten class next year with certificates at our moving up ceremony. A huge thank you to Leah for all of her hard work, dedication and positivity leading the program this year!

Our End of the year/Graduation Ceremony was held on May 21st. Each student received a certificate and goody bag. There was a year in-review slideshow, graduation and awards, teacher/aide appreciation and a Sprouts moving up ceremony. After the ceremony families celebrated with pizza, ice cream and lawn games.

We are very proud of our graduates Abigail Deutsch and Milo Guyer-Osborne. We would also like to congratulate the winners of our school awards: Wendy Adler: Abigail Deutsch, Anna Sholes: Levi Weinberg and Michele Pam Ross: Milo Guyer-Osborne.

We are so fortunate to have amazing, dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. Every Sunday they come prepared to teach our students and encourage the love and pride of Judaism. Each week they create fun and engaging lessons and I am so thankful for all of their efforts planning and creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all of our students. Their dedication and commitment to our school is evident each week and we are a successful school because of them.

I am happy to share that Tracey, Andrea and Brenda will be returning next year. Sadly, Alyse is retiring this year. Alyse has been here for the past 9 years as our amazing and kind, patient Kindergarten and First grade teacher. While at The Cohen School, Alyse has always been so passionate about teaching and is excited each week to explore with our students. She is a valued member of our teaching staff, and we often have relied on her for creative lesson plan ideas, curriculum support and some great laughs over the years. We truly admire Alyse's commitment to our students. She made a huge difference in all of our students' lives and she helped our students' first experience at our school be a positive, loving and nurturing one. She has worked tirelessly and always went above and beyond.

We also want to give a shout out to our awesome aides Julia Erickson and Harrison Gertsacov. They are truly amazing leaders and role models to our students every Sunday. This was Julia's last year as she is heading to Pace University in NYC. We thank her for the last five years and we all wish her so much success on her journey. We would also like to thank Fredy Norin for coming in this year to help out with programs as an aide.

We would like to welcome Meredith Bar to our teaching staff. The teachers and I are looking forward to working together next year. We are also fortunate to continue to have Leah Ross-Coke continuing as our Sprouts teacher and substitute. We also welcome Gilda Beckenstein as a substitute for next year as well.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer and will see you in September!

Please email me at [school@toratyisrael.org](mailto:school@toratyisrael.org) should you have any questions about the Cohen School or the Sprouts program.



## Librarian's Corner

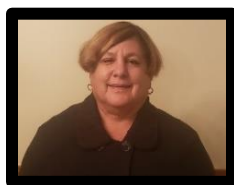
### *Black Foam: A Novel by Haji Jabir*

Dawoud is on the run from his murky past, aiming to discover where he belongs. He tries to assimilate into different groups along his journey through North Africa and Israel, changing his clothes, his religious affiliations, and even his name to fit in, but the safety and peace he seeks remain elusive. It seems prejudice is everywhere, holding him back, when all he really wants is to create a simple life he can call his own. A chameleon, Dawoud—or David, Adal, or Dawit, depending on where and when you meet

him—is not lost in this whirl of identities. In fact, he is defined by it.

Dawoud's journey is circuitous and specific, but the desire to belong is universal. Spellbinding to the final page, *Black Foam* is both intimate and grand in scale, much like the experiences of the millions of people migrating to find peace and safety in the twenty-first century.

Laura Steele



## Sisterhood

We hope your Shavuot was joyous!! We have some exciting events coming up!!

**June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm - Leyden Farm Vineyard & Winery trip.** Come & schmooze, sip some wine & of course eat! You don't have to drink or buy wine to

attend. See flyer for details. **Please RSVP to [TTYSisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:TTYSisterhood@gmail.com) by Friday, 6/2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Place:** 160 Plain Meeting House Rd, West Greenwich, RI 02817

**Cost:** You pay for what you buy, Sisterhood will pick up the gratuity.

**Carpool:** If you want to carpool, we will meet at Temple Torat Yisrael at 1 pm. Please let us know if you need a ride or will be a driver when you RSVP.

**Snacks:** Thinking pot luck snacks, so if you are able to, please let us know what you can bring, when you RSVP.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> - End of Year Dinner - 4pm at NK Greggs, 4120 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown.**

We will be doing a wrap up of our year and vote in a new slate of officers. Leah and Marion will be Co-Presidents. Anita will be Treasurer. We still need VP of Programing, Secretary, & a helper to the treasurer.

**Cost:** Everyone pays for their own meal and tip.

**RSVP: by June 8 - [ttysisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:ttysisterhood@gmail.com)**

On April 30<sup>th</sup> was the Sisterhood's Mitzvah/Linus Project, where we made fleece blankets with Martha Sholes. We had a very successful turnout for our Mitzvah Project of making blankets. Thank you, Martha!

**\*To all of our events please use our Sisterhood email to RSVP - [ttysisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:ttysisterhood@gmail.com)**

Respectfully,

Judy Finkle Programing VP of Sisterhood



## Let's Celebrate Kurt Salomon's Bar Mitzvah

Kurt will be called up to the Torah on June 17, 2023 for his Bar Mitzvah celebration. For that week, we will be reading from Parashat Shlach L'cha, which explores the theme of preparing oneself for challenges and building and maintaining courage in the face of difficult circumstances. For the ancient Israelites, that involved creating a positive enough mindset to be able to conquer the land of Israel; for Kurt, it has involved learning a tremendous amount in a very short period of time in order to share this special day with you.

Kurt is in the seventh grade at Rocky Hill Country Day School and enjoys playing the drums, guitar, and bass, as well as cooking, golf, film editing, song writing, and spending time with his friends. For his mitzvah project, Kurt is volunteering at a local food shelter. Kurt is excited to celebrate and share this occasion with family, friends, and the Temple Torat Yisrael community.



## Let's Celebrate Milo Guyer-Osborne's Bar Mitzvah

Milo Guyer-Osborne will be called to the Torah on July 1, 2023. The Torah portion he will be reading is Chukat-Balak from the Book of Numbers. The Parsha is about the chieftains digging a well and moving to different places. It's not the most exciting parsha, but his Haftarah is a remarkable one from Micah that includes the famous lines "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."

For Milo's Bar Mitzvah project, he will be cleaning up some public natural areas, contributing his time to the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen of Brattleboro, Vermont, that his grandmother runs and will be collecting canned goods for the soup kitchen. Please feel free to bring non-perishable goods to the Temple, where there will be a collection box.

Milo is a 7th grader at Cole Middle School. He enjoys baseball, basketball, flag football, reading, and discussing factoids and sports statistics. He is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with the TTY community, his family, and his friends.

## Lay led Volunteers Needed!!

During the upcoming year, we will be holding our regular Friday evening service, Saturday morning shabbat and Tuesday evening Minyan. For those dates that Rabbi Ari Saks will not be officiating, volunteers are needed in leading those services. We have a great group of congregants, some of whom have the ability to lead services. If you would like to volunteer to lead a Friday evening service, Saturday morning shabbat or Tuesday evening Minyan, please contact Susan Smoller of the Religious Committee at [smoller@verizon.net](mailto:smoller@verizon.net) or the Temple office at [Temple@toratyisrael.org](mailto:Temple@toratyisrael.org).

## 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 29, 2023.

## In Our Torat Yisrael Family



### **Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in June!**

Sue Sidel, Jonathan Viner, Adina Revkin (6 years old), Jayce Plonsky (14 years old), Jonah Plonsky (14 years old) Zach Singer-Leavitt, Harrison Gertsacov (14 years old), Ruth Guyer, Earl Vanderhoff, Milo Guyer-Osborne (13 years old), Donna Evans, Deborah Burka, Andrew Gilstein, Anna Gertsacov (20 years old), Bernice Brandies, Martha Sholes, Arnold Blasbalg & Sharon Gilstein.

**Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in June!** Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Weisman (40 years), Dr. & Mrs. Aaron Salinger (11 years), Mr. & Mrs. Alan Olinsky (51 years), Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Silverman (56 years), Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Gilstein (42 years), Mr. & Mrs. Barry Kaplan (51 years), Mr. & Mrs. Barry Gilstein (52 years), Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Karp (39 years), Mr. & Mrs. Zach Singer-Leavitt (11 years), Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Finkle (28 years), Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Wilfand (46 years), Mr. & Mrs. Seymour Brooks (52 years), Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Revkin (13 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Salinger (47 years).

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