



Temple Am Echad

The South Shore Reform Congregation

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THE BULLETIN

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*Peter,
Paul*



*& Mary
Shabbat*

Featuring
“Gathering Time,”
a folk harmony trio.

**Friday, April 11
at 7:30 PM**

After the service, let’s
get together for a
“Hootenanny”
in the lobby!

Bring your guitars,
banjos, harmonicas, etc.

We’ll sing and play
Folk Favorites.

*Join Us for
A Memorable,
Marvelous,
Musical Shabbat!*



From the Rabbi’s Desk



I want to offer a brief reflection before I turn to a few points of excitement that are stirring within the congregation. Just a few days before committing this article to writing, I officiated at the funeral of an older gentleman who served seven years in the army during World War II; he was a combat veteran. He was one of the dwindling, remaining participants in that terrible war. As the military honor guard played taps at the graveside, his brother gave a formal military salute with tears streaming down his face. The gentleman did not just suffer seven years of combat but also decades of memories and experiences that hurt him deeply. Yet all his generations of family who gathered testified how much love and caring he gave, freely and without expectation. This, too, is growing up Jewish in America. His memory will be for a blessing.

Growing up Jewish in America is emerging as a major theme in the conversations of Jews around the nation. The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has launched an initiative called “NFTY at 75,” celebrating Jews growing up in the Reform youth movement for nearly four generations. Alexis Jackson, one of our congregants, ran for office in our NFTY region this year. I am proud of her initiative and her jumping headfirst into NFTY life.

Our annual Community Seder on the second night of Pesach continues to be one of our most important efforts that reaches out into the greater Jewish community. Our in-house haggadahs often go home with the participants. This year Beverlee Garcia offered a number of her art drawings for inclusion in the latest print run of the Am Echad Haggadah. You will also find her artwork on the cover of the Women’s Haggadah for the local Women’s Seder this year.

On a somber note, our Yom HaShoah commemoration will be on Sunday morning, April 27 with the religious school. Some students will be out on a Yom HaShoah program with other Nassau County Jews and the rest will be continuing their special program with our congregational remembrance at 11:15 AM that morning.

Growing is not merely a concern of the young. A large class, all adults, is studying for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Please mark your calendar for Saturday morning, October 18, when we will gather to celebrate Shabbat with these adult learners.

May the blessings of the festival be upon you and yours.

~ Rabbi Glenn Jacob

Come Grow With Us!

To learn more about getting active in Temple or attracting new members, contact amechadexec@gmail.com.



Friday, April 4 **7:30 PM**

Family Shabbat Service
Parashat Metzora
Leviticus 14:1-15:33
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

Saturday, April 5 **9 AM**

Torah Study & Service

Friday, April 11 **7:30 PM**

Peter, Paul & Mary Shabbat Service
Shabbat HaGadol; Parashat Acharei Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Saturday, April 12 **9 AM**

Torah Study & Service

Monday, April 14 **8 PM**

1st Seder ~ Pesach Begins at Sundown

Tuesday, April 15 – 15 Nisan

First Day of Pesach
Torah Portion: Exodus 12:37-42; 13:3-10
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:1-15

Friday, April 18 **8 PM**

Shabbat Service
Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach,
Exodus: 33:12-34:26
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Saturday, April 19 **9 AM**

Torah Study & Service

Monday, April 21 **10 AM**

Passover Yizkor Service

Friday, April 25

Tot Shabbat **6 PM**
Sisterhood Shabbat Service **8 PM**
K'doshim
Leviticus 19:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Saturday, April 26 **9 AM**

Torah Study & Service

Learn with Rabbi Jacob!

Torah Study: Saturdays at 9 AM

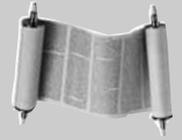
4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

10 Minutes of Torah:

Sundays at 9:35 AM

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class:

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



Temple Social Media FOR DUMMIES

Learn about the Temple Facebook, Blog, and Website!



Stay connected in the Temple Am Echad community via social media!

Sunday, April 6 at 9:30 AM
10 AM presentation
Bagels & Coffee will be served
RSVP to Warren Cooper
WCooper024@aol.com ~ 791-2721

Spring Clothing Drive

Sunday, April 27 ~ 9:30-11:30 AM

We'll be in the Temple parking lot collecting clothing and household necessities for all ages. Donations are delivered to nearby shelters for battered women and children and the homeless. Kindly package in plastic bags or boxes and **LABEL** your contributions (men's, women's, etc.) to help make distribution easier. Donations may include women's, men's, children's **seasonal** clothing, outerwear, shoes and toiletries. **Volunteers to help collect and make the deliveries (all local) are greatly needed.**

This is a wonderful and most appreciated community service! Thank you in advance for your support.

~ June Resnick (593-1230), Sandi Simons (599-4837)

President's Message



I have had many things to think about between the last time I wrote a bulletin article and now. As many of you know, my wife and I welcomed our first child into this world on February 18. Our daughter, Shoshana Rachel, is a joy to Andrea and me as well as to her Bubbe. I would like to use this article to talk about what Am Echad means to me now as a parent in addition to president.

The most immediate thing is the tremendous outpouring of love and good wishes from so many in the congregation. Our "temple family" has been so amazing in sharing their best wishes, visiting, emailing and providing kind words and advice. To each of you who have reached out, called or sought me out at a service or at other times while in the building, I want to thank you. Shoshana, Andrea and I would also like to thank all of you that have made contributions to the Temple or sent gifts. It is an incredible feeling to know that our congregation is so warm and welcoming.

Thanks also go to the Caring Community who sent over a dinner along with a CD of lullabies sung by Cantor Jerry. That committee does so much to support our congregational family in good times and bad, and they are all to be commended for their dedication.

I have also been thinking about what Shoshana's Jewish life will be. Will she be able to chant from the Torah in 13 years from the same *bimah* that I did? Will Am Echad provide her with the same love for Judaism that I have? Will she be able to make the same lifelong friendships here that I did?

Clearly, there are many factors at play. There is a demographic shift taking place with liberal Jews moving away from this area. Then, of course, there is a study that just came out which showed that 25% of all Americans feel religion of any type is unnecessary.

We have our work cut out for us but the rewards are too great not to put everything we have towards continuing to grow Am Echad. All you have to see is the faces of the kids in costume today, Purim, when I am writing this article, to know that we are working in the right direction. What fun they had twirling their groggers each time Haman's name was mentioned during the wonderful spiel our Chai School students put on and then playing games at the carnival. While its nice to see new games and activities including a photo booth, I was equally glad to know that goldfish was still the prize of choice for the kids on their way out!

I would also like to wish Mazel Tov to Ravid and Rachel Tiran on the birth of their daughter Ryan Shai, granddaughter of Jean Marion. The confirmation class of 2029 is already looking bright!

Andrea, I and now Shoshana would like to wish each of you the very best for Passover this year. And we look forward to seeing you at some of the terrific events we have planned in the coming months.

~ Alan Paskoff

Membership Minute

There are so many wonderful things going on lately. The birth of so many babies, both here at Temple and in my personal and business life, the engagement of my niece ~ I'm looking forward to the future. These L'Dor V'Dor moments are a big part of the future of our synagogue. I'm already imagining baby namings, nursery school and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. I'm thinking of engagement parties and weddings. I'm seeing a bright and wonderful future for us.



These moments bring us together. We are Am Echad, One People.

~ Donna Levy

Community 2nd Night Seder

Tuesday, April 15 at 6 PM

Traditional Family/Kosher
Style Meal

Led by Rabbi Glenn Jacob
& Cantor Jerry Korobow.

All are Welcome!



\$36 pp
\$15 Children under 16
Children under 4 - Free

Reserve by Friday, April 4.

Checks payable to Temple Am Echad

Community Seder Reservation

Name _____

Attending: ___ @\$36 ___ @\$15 ___ Free

Total #Att: _____ Total amt. \$_____

Names of attendees: _____

Cantor's Corner



Whenever I travel, one of the first things I do is to try and find out what kind of music and what kind of instruments people play in the place I'm visiting. Since you all know how I feel about music and musicians, you won't find that surprising. Zo and I have done a fair amount of traveling over the years and I've had some wonderful and surprising musical experiences. But once in a while, the surprise is really "offbeat."

Just such an experience happened during our recent trip to Morocco. In travelling from city to city and around the countryside, we heard drummers, various string players and flute-like instruments in abundance. I saw and heard people playing violins but held upright and propped on their thigh as they sat, bowing the instrument as a cellist would. I saw and got to play an oud. This is a string instrument that is a distant cousin of the lute and the guitar, and is very interesting. I had the opportunity to play hand drums with camel drivers in the Sahara Desert around a campfire at the foot of a giant sand dune. However, the strangest and most eye-opening musical experience came as we checked into a riad (hotel) near a gorge.

As at virtually all our other destinations, when we arrived we were offered mint tea. We were shown to a small dining area where we sat down and the tea was served. The waiter poured in the customary Moroccan fashion, lifting the teapot high above the small glasses and miraculously never spilling a drop. As we sipped, I turned and looked in the corner of the room. There, propped against the wall, was a banjo! "How odd," I thought. "What would a banjo be doing here?"

Our guide Mustapha was aware that I was a musician. He asked if I could play it. I told him I could try. It was a six-string banjo (unlike the five-string banjo that I normally play). In the United States, these are sometimes used by guitar players who want to get a banjo sort of sound, but don't know how to play one. But this six-string banjo only had four strings and was missing several frets (the little metal bars crossing the fingerboard). I picked it up and played each string. "What a strange tuning," I thought. I then slowly retuned the banjo so that I was able to play some tunes. "You're a good musician," commented Mustapha.

The waiter walked in to refresh our tea. It turned out that he was the owner of the banjo. I asked if he would play (Mustapha translated). He sat down and picked up the instrument and commented in Arabic that it was in a strange tuning (the one that I had chosen). He retuned and proceeded to play a bunch of traditional tunes. It was delightful and I walked away wondering how in the world

a banjo found its way to this spot.

We later travelled on to the city of Marrakesh. There, walking through the sook (the marketplace) amongst the many different stalls, were musical instrument sellers. And, sure enough, some were selling banjos! How odd. But the banjo saga wasn't over yet. In the evening, we went to the main square. Each night, locals and tourists congregated as food sellers and merchants hawked their wares, and storytellers, snake charmers and musicians did their thing. Amidst the general mayhem, many of the musical groups sported banjo players! And the banjo players played traditional Moroccan tunes on their instruments.

What this turned out to be was an amazing example of return. The banjo in its earliest form is generally thought to have originated in Africa. It was brought over by African slaves. In America, it was adapted from the gourd/skin/stick instrument it had been to something like what we know today. Miraculously, it seems to have made its way back to Africa and is very much in use today throughout Morocco. Certainly, the last instrument I expected to encounter in Morocco was the banjo but it sure was a fun surprise.

I love travelling to other places and meeting and playing with musicians wherever I go. I wonder where else there might be banjo players waiting to meet a Brooklyn-born banjo buff? Hmm...we'll see!

With affection,

~ Cantor Jerry Korobow



"Back to Pasta Night"

April 22 ~ 6:30 PM

End your Passover holiday with a
"special dinner."

Join your Sisterhood and Men's Club
friends for this delightful event.

Call Temple office for details: 593-4004

The Friday Oneg celebrates Shabbat!
Make it special by honoring a friend
or relative or pay tribute to
the memory of a loved one.
Call the Temple Office: 593-4004

2nd Annual Jewish Film Series

Compelling and Acclaimed Films and Lively Discussion



Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray ~ Sunday, April 27, 1 PM

A dramatic and visually rich documentary about the Civil War pitting brother against brother, Jew against Jew. 10,000 soldiers fought in the nation's deadliest war in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. "Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray" explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield – 7000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy. The film also unreels a remarkable history that includes Ulysses S. Grant's infamous "General Order No. 11," the rise of a Sephardic Jew in the Confederacy and the unlikely story of Abraham Lincoln's Jewish doctor.

Refreshments and Paul Kantrowitz' enlightening discussion will follow the film.

Lemon Tree ~ Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 PM

Hiam Abbas won the Israeli Academy Award for Best Actress for the powerful portrayal of a lonely Palestinian widow who tends her family's West Bank lemon grove. When the new Israeli Defense Minister and his wife move next door, the government demands that the trees be uprooted. Can two women find justice in a country and culture divided?

The plot of *Lemon Tree* was based on a real life incident. The director Eran Riklis designed the film to be essentially apolitical, focusing instead on character development.

A dessert reception and a discussion will follow this last film presentation of our film festival.



Tickets ~ Jewish Film Festival ~ 2014

Complete and send this form to the Temple office, Attn: Film Series
Please make checks payable to *Temple Am Echad* \$10 (\$12 at door)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Indicate # tickets for each film. Checks payable to *Temple Am Echad*

____ Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray ____ Lemon Tree

Contact: Laney Honig: 481-7150 or laney1@optonline.net

Sandi Simons: 599-4837 or bubyof6@verizon.net

or call the Temple office at 593-4004 to order and/or charge tickets.

***Coming June 5: Golf & Tennis Outing
and Banquet
at the beautiful
Inwood Country Club***



For information contact:

Warren Cooper: 516-791-2721 ~ wcooper024@aol.com

The Youth Corner



Spring is blossoming which means it's time for ONESY to come out of "hibernation." We've had a lot of great programs this winter but I think I can speak for the teens when I say we're ready for some fun outdoors and to brush off the winter blues!

There are lots of great events happening before the end of the year: NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah, April 4 - 6, for 8th-12th Graders (join the 11+ teens already registered), JYG (Junior Youth Group) Kallah for 6th & 7th graders, our 2nd annual Amusement Park trip (likely to Great Adventure). And much more.

There are a number of other great events happening around and with the Temple through the spring as well – keep your eyes peeled for more details! Our 2nd Yom Israel (Israel Day), The New York City Israel Day Parade, Mitzvah Day, and more!

I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has supported the youth group throughout the year. This year has seen a lot of great things happening for ONESY and our Temple's youth programs. Our new Chai School kicked off under the leadership of Rabbi Jacob and we're working hard for what we can do to improve the program even further next year! Melanie Schoenberger and Donna Levy have supported our teen madrichim superbly, and they're now learning and growing (and some are even teaching). We've seen a strong group of teen leaders bring ONESY back up and build a flourishing youth group – from 2 board members to 5, from 2 youth group members to 15! Since April 2013 when we had one teen attending their first NFTY event, we will have had over 10 teens attending their first NFTY event throughout the 2013-2014 school year!

There are lots of great opportunities for teens out there besides just NFTY and ONESY. There are 14 summer camps, including the brand new, Summer 2014, 6 Points Sci-Tech (Science & Technology) Academy outside of Boston. Temple Am Echad is sending at least one participant to this program for their inaugural summer! There are regional camps, a Jewish sports camp, Teen-Only leadership camps, summer travel programs to Israel and even the opportunity to spend an entire semester of sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in Israel! And Temple Am Echad, through the generosity of members of our community, has great scholarship opportunities for all of these programs. Teens can also volunteer with Mitzvah Corps. For college students (and beyond), there are opportunities to lead and work in these programs – many articles have been written about the professional growth that a camp staff member gains over an unpaid internship. There are also many great programs each summer such as the

Machon Kaplan internship program at the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. or Taglit-Birthright Israel trips run by Keshet!

Please, as always, reach out to me and let's chat about your children and their summer plans. There is literally something for everyone now in the Jewish camping/summer program world!

Happy April!

~ Wes Peskin



Am Echad's Got Talent!
Sat. April 26 at 7 PM



Free to all!
Snacks will be available for sale and proceeds will benefit Youth Programs

Social Action

“Justice, Justice, You Shall Pursue” (Deut. 16:18-20)



Raise the Minimum Wage! (From the Religious Action Center)

Four years after the official end of the recession, working families still struggle to keep themselves out of poverty. With a current [federal] minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, which translates to an annual salary of \$15,080, it is nearly impossible for many families to make ends meet. Judaism teaches us that poverty is destructive to human dignity. Urge your Members of Congress to cosponsor the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 and help create economic opportunity for all.

Background: If the minimum wage had kept pace with the cost of living over the past forty years, it would be more than \$10.55 per hour. Instead, the minimum wage today is \$7.25 per hour. An annual salary for someone working at a minimum wage totals \$15,080, roughly the same as the poverty level for a single adult with a child. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Rep. George Miller (D-CA) introduced the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 (S.460/H.R. 1010) to raise the federal minimum wage through a series of gradual increases to an indexed rate of \$10.10 over the next three years.

By putting more purchasing power into the pockets of millions of Americans, raising the minimum wage will not only help families make ends meet, it will also be a valuable economic stimulus. This increase will boost the GDP by an estimated \$33 billion and generate 140,000 new jobs.

We are told in Deuteronomy 15:11 that “there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you, open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land.” Though the Torah recognizes that we cannot necessarily eliminate all poverty, we are taught that we must work to alleviate its impact. In addition, the Torah also emphasizes the importance of a worker’s wages. “You shall not abuse a needy and destitute laborer...but you must pay him his wages on the same day, for he is needy and urgently depends on it (Deuteronomy 24:14-15).” Making sure the poor and the worker are provided for is a responsibility for society as well as for the individual.

Urge your Member of Congress to cosponsor the Fair Minimum Wage act so that working Americans can break free from the cycle of poverty and that we might all benefit from a stronger economy. For more information about the minimum wage and economic justice, contact Eisendrath Legislative Assistant Howie Levine at 202.387.2800.

~ Irene Ehrlich and Phyllis Zuckerbrot

Caring Community



Highlight: Consoling the Bereaved (*Nichum Avelim*)

Throughout our lives, we experience many rites of passage. Being part of the Temple community, many of us have experienced together births, consecrations, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, marriages and deaths. After death, during the period of Shiva, we are often surrounded by loved ones. It is in the weeks afterwards, when trying to get back to the “new normal,” that the grieving are alone. As a member of the Caring Community of Temple Am Echad, I call and convey condolences, remind the grieving family member that we are here as a community to listen, to offer food, to provide a lift to Temple services and to let them know that they are part of our Temple family. Another Caring Community call is made by Barbara Stern a week or two later.

To comfort the grieving is a mitzvah. I took comfort from Temple when grieving for my parents. I hope that my calls provide some comfort for those grieving more recent deaths.

~ Dahlia White

Yom HaShoah ~ April 27

Commemoration Service

Sunday, April 27 at 11:15 AM

Jews are a people of memory. In the Ten Commandments they are commanded to “Remember the Sabbath day.” In the Bible they are told to remember the exodus from Egypt. Memory is the key to survival. Indeed as the philosopher and writer George Santayana put it, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”



That is why Jews feel a special obligation today to add yet another commandment of “Remember.” Remember the Holocaust – so that its millions of victims be accorded the gift of living on in our memories. Remember the Holocaust – so that, as the philosopher Emil Fackenheim has demanded, we do not give Hitler a posthumous victory by having us forget our past and our heritage. Remember the Holocaust – because in the words of Eli Wiesel at the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial – “to forget would mean to kill victims a second time. We could not prevent their first death, we must not allow them to be killed again.”

(*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Jewish History & Culture*)

Early Childhood Happenings

Spring has finally sprung? It has been a long dreary winter filled with lots and lots of snow and all of us are thrilled to see it end.

March just flew by. Activities for the children revolved around the commemoration of Dr. Seuss' birthday (who creatively authored the *Cat in the Hat*). In addition, the season of spring and the delightful holiday of Purim were celebrated. The children learned about March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. They created windsocks and kites ready for flight. Discussions revolved around bears coming out of hibernation, birds returning north from their warm weather retreats and the anticipation of lovely flowers blooming. Now that spring has finally sprung, all of nature is coming alive again.

Before winter's end, our three-year-old children became immersed in discussions about hibernation. Just like cuddly and fuzzy little bears, our children "hibernated" on one very cold, wintry day. They pretended to be fast asleep in their classrooms, which were transformed into warm dark caves, waiting for the frigid weather to subside and for springtime to arrive.

While making Purim costumes and crowns, the children sang songs about all the characters from Shushan. They shook their groggers to drown out Haman's name and prepared *shalach manot* baskets with hamantashen baked by the children under the instruction of the teachers and our wonderful volunteer Gina Schatzberg. The children seemed to particularly enjoy singing songs and listening to stories about Queen Esther, Mordecai and Haman. The culmination of all of these activities was the children of our 3 and 4-year-old classes' performance that depicted the Purim story, mostly in song. The costumes that each child created out of pillow cases were spectacular as well as original. The children's families along with residents from the Atria seemed to truly enjoy the show.

The Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by our Parent Association took place despite the bitter cold and snow. A big thank you must go to Monique Grossman and her volunteers for their tireless work in helping make the book fair a success for both the children and the school.

We also must mention the wonderful volunteer story readers who have come to each of our classrooms. The program, coordinated by Ellen Tolle of the Caring Committee and headed by Pat Glass, has been very successful and has added a wonderful dimension to our program. Accolades should also go to Gina Schatzberg who has planned wonderful activities to supplement our Early Childhood Cooking program.

Nursery School registration for 2014-2015 has begun. If you know anyone who is looking for a nurturing educational environment, please have them contact us at 599-7950. We wish you a healthy and happy Passover.

~ Sue Chaplick and Barbara Goodman, ECC Directors



ECC & Rabbi's Shabbat Theater!



Pesach (Passover) was ordained in the

Bible as an annual week-long festival commemorating the Exodus from Egypt.

The "order" of the seder requires a good deal of preparation. Here's a list of some items you shouldn't forget:

- **Wine:** a lot of it because you'll have to drink four cups. There were four stages to the process of God's liberation ~ and besides, wine makes you feel happy and this is a happy holiday.
- **Matzot:** At least three of them, to remind us of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- **Karpas:** A green vegetable such as parsley, symbolizing spring and rebirth.
- **Haroset:** a mixture of chopped apples, nuts, wine and spices, symbolizing the mortar that the slaves made for bricks in Egypt.
- **Maror:** bitter herbs, symbol of the bitterness of slavery.
- **Beitzah:** a round egg, symbol of a festival sacrifice brought in the days of the Temple.
- **Zeroah:** a roasted bone, usually a shank bone, symbol of the Paschal lamb.
- **Salt Water:** symbol of the tears of our Jewish ancestors who cried for God's help and were answered.
- **Special Cup for Elijah** because we "know" that the prophet Elijah will appear on Passover to announce the coming of Messiah.
- **The Haggadah:** so that everyone – especially the children – can take turns reading, asking questions, giving commentaries.

(Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Judaism)

Religious & Hebrew School



April Brings Passover and Yom HaShoah

Students in the Hebrew and Religious School had a great time celebrating Purim by coming to Temple in costume! The students watched with delight as the teens performed a very memorable Purim Shpiel based on the Disney movie *Frozen*. The students involved with this performance really helped captivate the audience with their acting and singing. The sixth grade students sold copies of their newsletter *The Purim Pulitzer* for tzedakah, filled with wonderful articles, recipes and contributions by our student writers. The Youth Group put together a carnival filled with goldfish, photoboosts, games, Wii, sand art, and prizes that our students and families truly enjoyed!

Moving on to the month of April, we will begin Pesach preparation. Students will be practicing the four questions and other parts of the Seder. Please be sure to have them be an active participant in your family seder!

The end of April brings us to Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance). The students will be participating in two very special events to remember this important event in our history. On Sunday, April 27, students in grades 4 and up will be taking a field trip to Eisenhower Park to participate in a *Walk to End Genocide*. The walk, sponsored by Jewish World Watch (a Jewish organization that keeps a watchful eye on genocides occurring throughout the globe and tries to help victims of these atrocities), takes place on Yom HaShoah. By walking, we will show as a school that we remember the victims of the Holocaust and pledge to say *Never Again* should anything like this happen again...to any group of people. Entry to walk is only \$5 and students can choose to wear the name of a relative who was in the Holocaust. There also will be a list of names available to walk in the memory of someone who did not survive the Holocaust. Then, on Tuesday, April 29, students will be participating in a Holocaust Remembrance Program for Students, Families and Friends. The story of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance will be presented through song, poetry and historic reflections by select students in our school. What an honor to have these students participate in a program like this. This important event will begin at 5 PM. We hope to see you there.

Wishing all of our families a meaningful Passover with seders filled with song and spirit!

~Melanie Schoenberger

Family Shabbat Service
Friday, April 4 at 7:30 pm
Share the Experience with Your Children!



Merit Scholarships

Temple Am Echad offers its youth various merit scholarships made available each year through the generosity of Temple families. You may apply for more than one scholarship. To be considered for a scholarship, you must submit an application to the Scholarship committee. The committee must receive all applications by **Friday, April 25**.

- **LOUIS GANZ SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a student entering or studying at the Hebrew Union College.
- **LILLIAN GOLDSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to Temple Am Echad confirmand or one who is enrolled in our High School and has given outstanding service to Temple by involvement in the primary grades of our Religious School.
- **MATTHEW KARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to an upper school student who is a regular participant in and has demonstrated a continuing commitment to our Temple Youth Program.
- **S. LOUIS MIREL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a confirmand of our Temple who is pursuing a course in Judaic studies at an accredited college or university any place in the world, either taking a major or minor or Rabbinic Studies or, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, taking at least two courses of Judaic studies.

Camp Grants



The Scholarship Committee also offers financial assistance to the young people of our Temple for their participation at various camps and summer programs sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). We urge you to consider and apply to these camps and then apply for grants to programs such as Camp Eisner, Crane Lake, Camp Kutz or trips to Israel sponsored by the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

The application must be completed and returned to the Temple office no later than **April 25**. A separate application should be filled out for each program. Applications and brochures for URJ Camps are available in the Temple office. These grants are made possible through the Helen and Sam Hoffberg Religious School and Youth Scholarship Fund, Men's Club, Sisterhood and individual donations and contributions.

Applications for Merit Scholarships and Camp Grants are available in the Temple office. Questions may be directed to Julie Eden or Pat Glass, co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee.

Men's Club Moments



I'd like to report that the four wine bottles I mentioned as missing from the Men's Club secret liquor closet in the March Bulletin are not missing! They were in a box we didn't look in but were found when I put the Yom HaShoah candles in the closet. And that's the second announcement: we have Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles this year! They will be used

for the Yom HaShoah service on Sunday, April 27 at 11:15 AM. This year, the Yom HaShoah candles have a very different look as each candle is in a metal container. From a distance, it kind of looks like a tomato paste can. When you examine it more closely, you see that the sides of the container are printed with colorful art work, apparently done by Dabi Arie, an artist and Holocaust survivor.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles are intended for use on Yom HaShoah and other important Holocaust remembrance dates. Yom HaShoah occurs on the 27th day of Nisan, a week after the end of the Passover holiday and a week before Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers). It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The Yellow Candles are provided by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to local synagogues and other related organizations. Their "Yellow Candle" program combines temple fundraising with fostering an awareness of the Holocaust and the Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day. I believe that using the candles to support Holocaust awareness is a good one. I urge you to attend our Yom HaShoah service this year. Rabbi Jacob always makes it very meaningful. Meanwhile, if you want your own collector's edition of the Yellow Candle, let the Men's Club know. We only have 45 of them.

Coming in April, we have our monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 8. John Hanc of Newsday will be the speaker discussing the history of Jones Beach. We also have the "Back to Pasta" dinner scheduled for Tuesday, April 22. This is a joint endeavor with Sisterhood.

Coming up this year again will be our jaunts to two summer baseball games. See the ad for details.

~ Carter Brown

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Men's Club Dinner ~Tuesday, April 8



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Dinner: 7 PM

\$20 pp

John Hanc of Newsday will present the "History of Jones Beach"

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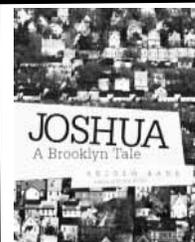
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Sisterhood Book Review

Joshua, A Brooklyn Tale

by Andrew Kane

Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 PM

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at Gina Schatzberg's home: 837-7563

88 Northumberland Gate, Lynbrook

RSVP to Micky Friedman: 295-2534

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WRJ/Sisterhood



As we sit awaiting yet another snow event, the call for an April bulletin article cannot but bring a wistful smile to our lips! Yes, there will be spring and a more welcome one I would be hard pressed to remember.

We actually have hosted many successful events during this "dark" winter and now, with the budding of the green around us, we are ready for events that will help us raise funds to provide what our temple family needs.

After another successful Getaway weekend, thanks to the planning of Rachel Tiran, Jean Marion, Laurie Lucks, Sue Hoffman and their dedicated committee, we begin to plan for the next one two years from now! GET INVOLVED, you will cherish the experience.

Our Women's Seder, held this year at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Center, provided the opportunity to share, communicate and introduce our different "views" of Sisterhood to our neighboring congregations. Thanks to Arlene Reich, Carolyn Stein and their hard working committee, we joined together in song, prayer and dinner and shared what has become a tradition in our community.

On April 2, we once again join in one of our more successful events, shopping at Lord & Taylor! Get your saving passes from Shari Cooper or any Sisterhood member to join us for the fun! For a \$5 donation, you benefit Sisterhood and help us to raise some needed funds.

Coming attractions include a "Back to Pasta Night," on April 22, a new way to end our Passover holiday with a much-missed "special dinner." Join your Sisterhood and Men's Club friends for the delightful event. Details to follow. And then comes our annual Sisterhood Shabbat on April 25. If you would like to participate, please contact Vivian Blumstein at vivianblumstein@gmail.com.

Our spring dinner is fast approaching on May 1. Look for that invitation and the "something special" we have planned. Invite your friends to join you and come with your own table. Help us by collecting raffle gifts and adding to the fun!

Our two honorees for this month are unique in their own way. Wherever we look, we can find Laney Honig. Besides being the cheerleader for our gift cards, she is meticulous in whatever she does. She not only is an asset of Sisterhood but also works in an important role in running and coordinating Temple events like Monte Carlo Night. She sits on the Temple Board. She is always there to help, welcome and do whatever she can for our Temple.

Edie Mandel, although rather new to Sisterhood, has become indispensable in so many ways. She has co-chaired our spring dinner for the last two years and has made that event one of our trademark occasions. Busy as she is, she is co-chairing the Jewish Film Festival as well

and is studying for her adult Bat Mitzvah. All of this with running a successful business! Again, a busy woman taking the time to make a meaningful impact on our Sisterhood as well as on our Temple.

Because of our women and their support of our events, we are able to plan, execute and experience success in our endeavors. A sweet Passover to all and a continuance of good health.
~ Greta Kantrowitz

Sisterhood Shabbat Service Friday, April 25 at 8 PM



Join us as we share Shabbat dinner and then come together for our annual Shabbat service.

Dinner at 6:30 PM:

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Barbara Stern at 536-1708/bhstern@verizon.net or
Micky Friedman: 295-3534 - fmickey1129@verizon.net

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Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

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Thank You!



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Mazel Tov to:

Arlene & Martin Panzer on the birth of their new grandson, Jesse Tyler Kilmnick. Proud parents are Debbie & Steven Kilmnick.

Diane & Stuart Smoller on the birth of their granddaughter, Sylvia Bailey Gutwillig.

Rachel & Ravid Tiran on the birth of their daughter, Ryan Shai Tiran and to Grandma *Jean Marion*.

Condolences to:

Meyer Gelbein on the passing of his brother, Jack Gelbein.

Get Well Wishes to:

*Spencer Hirschbaum, Allen Hochberg
Deborah Kazdin, Zo-Ann Korobow
Howard Wollman*

Personals

Bubbe says I should thank everyone for their good wishes after I was born. So, thank you!

Shoshana Rachel Paskoff

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*I want to thank the Caring Community for their help after my recent surgery. They sent over a wonderful dinner of soup, pasta and chicken marsala which was so greatly appreciated. Then every few days a call would come with warm wishes and a truly caring voice asking about my progress.*

*To all those involved, I want to express how much your kind acts meant to me during this time.*

*Fondly, Nancy Storch*

**Pot Roast Cookoff Winners!**



*Michelle Karfinkel, Barbara Stern, Carole Schragger*

**#1: Barbara Stern's Brisket:**

- 1 can beer
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 envelope powdered onion soup mix
- 1 can whole cranberry sauce
- 3 to 4 lb. brisket

Wrap all ingredients in foil and bake 3 to 4 hours or longer if necessary at 350 degrees.

I got this recipe from the *WRJ Cookbook Collection*.

**#2: Michelle Karfinkel's Sweet Brisket**

- 1 3 lb. brisket
- 1 can Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- 1 packet Onion Soup Mix
- ¼ cup Beef Broth
- 1 tbsp Brown Sugar

\*all ingredients can be adjusted depending on size of brisket and to your taste

Mix all ingredients in a bowl and pour over brisket. Bake covered in oven at 350° for about 3 hours (depending on size) until brisket is soft. Uncover towards the end to allow sauce to thicken a little and for brisket to brown.

**#3: Carole Schragger's Sweet and Sour Brisket**

- 3 - 4 lb. first cut brisket
- Large can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
- Can of whole cranberry sauce
- Package of onion soup mix

Place meat in roaster and cover with the rest of ingredients. Cover with aluminum foil. Place in 350 degree oven. Bake 1/2 hour for each pound. Baste several times during cooking. May surround with small potatoes (I use whole small potatoes in can) about 30 minutes before finished. Baste with gravy, uncovered, until brown.

Brisket is delicious when reheated so that it can be made ahead of time, cooled, sliced and then reheated when you want to serve it. Bon appetite!

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# TEMPLE AM ECHAD CALENDAR

## APRIL 2014 ~ NISAN 5774



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                             |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br><b>4:30 PM</b> Hebrew School<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Chai School<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Sist Exec Mtg<br><b>8 PM</b> Finance Mtg                        | <b>2</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b> Feed the Hungry cooks                                                                           | <b>3</b><br><b>10 AM</b> SSSH gp.<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>8 PM</b> Admin Mtg.       | <b>4</b><br>7:03 PM<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Family Shabbat Service<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NFTY/NAR Kallah</div> | <b>5</b><br><b>9 AM</b> Torah Study & Service                                        |
| <b>6</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Religious School "Social Media" of Torah<br><b>9:35 AM</b> 10 Min. of Torah<br><b>10 AM</b> B'nai Mitzvah Mtg<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NFTY/NAR</div> | <b>7</b>                                                                            | <b>8</b><br><b>4:30 PM</b> Hebrew School<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Chai School<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Club Dinner Mtg.<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Sisterhood Book Review | <b>9</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b> Feed the Hungry cooks<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> B'nai Mitzvah Class<br><b>8 PM</b> Temple Board Mtg | <b>10</b><br><b>10 AM</b> SSSH gp.<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Sis. Bd. Mtg | <b>11</b><br>7:11 PM<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Peter, Paul & Mary Shabbat                                                                                                 | <b>12</b><br><b>9 AM</b> Torah Study & Service<br><br><b>7 PM</b> Men's Club Bowling |
| <b>13</b><br><b>No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>14</b><br><b>Passover 1st Seder</b>                                              | <b>15</b><br><b>6 PM</b> Community Seder                                                                                                                 | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>17</b><br><b>10 AM</b> SSSH gp.                                                                      | <b>18</b><br>6:41 PM<br><br><b>8 PM</b> Shabbat Service                                                                                                               | <b>19</b><br><b>9 AM</b> Torah Study & Service                                       |
| <b>20</b><br><b>PASSOVER</b><br><b>No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>21</b><br><b>Passover Office Closed</b><br><b>10 AM</b> Service & Yizkor Service | <b>22</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b> Sisterhood & Men's Club "Back to Pasta"                                                                                      | <b>23</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b> Feed the Hungry cooks                                                                          | <b>24</b><br><b>10 AM</b> SSSH gp.<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal                                | <b>25</b><br>7:18 PM<br><br><b>6 PM</b> Tot Shabbat<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Sisterhd dinner<br><b>8 PM</b> Sisterhood Shabbat Service                                       | <b>26</b><br><b>9 AM</b> Torah Study<br><br><b>7 PM</b> Am Echad's Got Talent        |
| <b>27</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Rel. Sch Clothing Drive<br><b>9:35 AM</b> Torah min.<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Yom HaShoah Service<br><b>12 PM</b> ONESY Bd & Rel School Mtg<br><b>1 PM</b> Jewish Film Festival: Soldiers in Blue & Grey         | <b>28</b>                                                                           | <b>29</b><br><b>4:30 PM</b> Hebrew School<br><b>5 PM</b> Holocaust Program<br><b>6:30 PM</b> ONESY Elections<br><b>8 PM</b> Men's Club board Mtg.        | <b>30</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b> Feed the Hungry cooks<br><br><b>8 PM</b> Admin. Mtg.                                           | <b>1</b><br><b>10 AM</b> SSSH gp.<br><br><b>6:30 PM</b> Sisterhood Spring Dinner                        | <b>2</b><br>7:25 PM<br><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Family Shabbat Service                                                                                                      | <b>3</b><br><b>9 AM</b> Torah Study                                                  |



**Wednesday night at Feed The Hungry!**

“Feed the Hungry” is one of the most successful of the Am Echad programs. Kudos to Steve and Jane Miller for making this a reality.

The program relies on an all-volunteer cadre of shoppers, and then the volunteers cook every Wednesday. Over 450 meals are prepared each week for the mission in Far Rockaway and are distributed to people who require assistance. Without the volunteers, this program could not exist, and they and the Millers are the unsung heroes of this effort. The program relies solely on donations, with an occasional grant also being awarded to the program. No Temple funds are used, and the program has supported the Temple by contributing, along with Men’s Club and Sisterhood, a large amount of the money needed to purchase the new stoves in the kitchen. In addition, the program supports local needy families with donations to local and county organizations, and even distributes unsold food from athletic events at CitiField. All of the participants rave about this volunteer effort to make sure that the needy have food on their tables.

Thanks!

~ Richard Braverman

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