Religious School Registration

Registration is open for the 2017-2018 school year! If you have a child who has not yet attended our school and you wish to register, please call the office to receive a copy of the registration form.

Students who have already attended have been automatically re-registered and the fees are on your bill. There is a $100 deposit per child to hold their place.

All school fees must be paid in full by August 31st.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Haber at 201-489-2463, ext. 204 or Marni Landsberg-Hess in the School Office at school@avodatshalom.net or 201-489-2463 ext. 202.
FROM RABBI PAUL…

A local colleague of mine and I sometimes joke that when the North Jersey Board of Rabbis (rabbinic body for Reform and Conservative rabbis in Bergen County) convenes that we are having a "Bored of Rabbis" meeting. It is meant as a little, playful joke, nothing intentionally harmful. Sometimes our meetings have lively conversation, other times not. In whatever career you practice or to which you aspire, undoubtedly, parts of your days are often taken up with meetings. Sometimes we have meetings to have meetings. Sometimes we have meetings to plan other meetings. Sometimes we get stuff done, and that's fun and worthwhile and a productive use of our time.

I speak with other rabbis, other clergy and other community leaders, and they tell me about relationships with their boards. Sometimes the relationship is fractious and fraught, argumentative and difficult. As with all relationships, managing connections on a board, and navigating the difference of opinion in a respectful manner, can often be a challenging undertaking. But if we are privileged as leaders to work with other sacred, dedicated partners in our work lots of good things can come from our efforts.

I sat in (as I regularly do) on a meeting of our Board of Directors in November. I am not a voting member of the board (I should not be). I am there to advise the board on strategic and pastoral matters and to assist in guiding the vision of our community, as well as supporting our professional team. I watched the meeting gleefully. Our directors were sharing ideas, engaging in vigorous and thoughtful conversation, trying to understand our community and its changing needs in a better fashion, attempting to respond to demographic issues throughout Bergen County. Yes, a change in rabbinic leadership is coming, but our directors were envisioning the future of our community together.

When I first arrived six years ago, I remember that board meetings were a time for discussion of committee reports, receiving the finance report, old business and new business and any special agenda items. What I noticed this past month was that all committee reports were submitted ahead of time for review and comment, and much more time was devoted to open conversation. There is a sense of respect among our board members (ranging throughout our temple's demographic spread), good active listening, and a desire to promote a clear series of pathways forward for our community. Good leadership and good leadership strategies take time to plan, leaders who are willing to dedicate their efforts with consistency, and a sense of strong succession planning. It takes time to put these systems into process. Working together with our President Audrey Rosenblatt, our Immediate Past President Michael Edelstein, and our
FROM CANTOR MARIA DUBINSKY

After receiving numerous inquiries about my part-time work schedule, I thought that it would be beneficial to clarify the days and the hours I am available. You can always reach me on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings, on Fridays for Shabbat services, on Saturdays when there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and on Sundays for religious school. I am the clergy on call for funerals and other life-cycle events when Rabbi is away. I am off on Mondays and Thursdays, on which days I am available for emergencies only. If I do not respond to your email on my day off, please know that I will get back to you the next day.

I am writing this blurb in order to, once again, express my profound gratitude to the wonderful community of Temple Avodat Shalom. My first sixteen months here were outstandingly busy and fulfilling. I am enjoying the diversity and the vast scope of my work duties. I love planning, preparing, coordinating and implementing Shabbat, festival and High Holiday services, as well as special services, programs, concerts and community events. I find immense pleasure in working with the adult and youth choirs, conducting the Bimah Band and the teen vocal ensemble, tutoring B’nai-Mitzvah students, teaching religious school music, sixth grade Hebrew, seventh grade blessings and Torah cantillation class. I also enjoy teaching confirmation on occasion, leading religious school T’filah, leading Torah study and giving Divrei Torah when Rabbi is away, conducting funerals and other life-cycle events, community building and more. I’m very excited for the opportunity to start an adult B’nai Mitzvah class which Rabbi Paul and I are planning to launch soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Temple Avodat Shalom for embracing me into their community and for trusting me to be their Cantor. Special thanks to the members of adult and youth choirs, to the teen ensemble and the Bimah Band musicians for their very hard work, their endless commitment and devotion. Thank you for opening your hearts and minds to the possibility of abundant musical creativity and collaboration. I am greatly excited to continue walking aside this beautiful community on our journey towards continuous exploration, discovery and self-expression!

Sincerely,
Cantor Maria Dubinsky

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Yom Kippur I spoke to you about voices, and how important it is to Temple Avodat Shalom that yours is added to the mix. We set aside several dates for “think tank” sessions, where you will have an opportunity to contribute to the conversation about strategic ideas to make our Temple Avodat Shalom community even better. We had our first session in late November, with more scheduled for November, December, and January. Many people came out to that first session, and we bounced around ideas and questions. Some of those questions were easy to answer, and some led to more questions, and more conversation, just as I hoped.

We cannot have a true community without you in the mix, telling us why you are here, and what you would like to see more of, less of, or improved. We need you to help us work through those questions, helping to find answers to the ones we are still pondering. I look forward to seeing you on November 14, December 9, or January 8.

Warm regards,
Rabbi Paul
In the weeks after the High Holidays, we announced that Rabbi Jacobson and his family have made the difficult decision to return to Australia, and he will not seek a new contract with us when the current one ends in June 2019. We are, of course, deeply sad to watch him, Lisa, Hannah, and Emily leave us, but at the same time we are happy for them because we know that this personal decision is the right one for their family. Over the years that he has been our rabbi, our community has learned more about who we are, and what it is we want in a rabbi. That knowledge will be put into action by our search committee, chaired by Len Lawton and Michael Edelstein. I know that the same careful, thoughtful process that brought us Rabbi Jacobson in the last search, will bring us the best possible rabbi from this search. At the same time, we have a transition committee, chaired by Nilene Evans and Neil Massoth, which will help us through the processes of bidding farewell and welcoming a new rabbi into our community.

As usual, November is full of opportunities for coming together as a community. We have several special Shabbat services planned, starting with our First Friday Family service on November 2. The following week, on November 9, we will join our neighbors at Temple Emeth in Teaneck for a service commemorating Kristallnacht, and on November 16, we will have our popular Home Hospitality Shabbat, with an early service, followed by a number of Shabbat meals hosted by members of our community. I also hope you will join us on Sunday, November 18 at 7:30 for our fall congregation meeting. Come and hear about all that is going on in the community, and add your voice there as well.

On Yom Kippur I also spoke about making meaningful contributions of both time and money. Trust me when I tell you that even a little bit makes a difference. We have spoken in the past about the power of chai, $18, and how a significant impact could be made by everyone giving just that much more. It is *never* too late to send in your Yom Kippur pledge card. Even though Yom Kippur happens once a year, the opportunity to make a difference takes place all year long.

L'Shalom,
Audrey

FROM THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hebrew Language Instruction

Our Hebrew language curriculum is, for the most part, prayer based. Different prayers are explored (determined by grade level), and teachers are encouraged to use supplemental materials in conjunction with our *Pirkei T'fillah* (published by Torah Aura) curriculum booklets to better enhance their lessons. This is not to say that we don’t familiarize our students with the Hebrew language in other ways; new vocabulary is introduced on an ongoing basis, whether it be through Shabbat and other holiday lessons, on a (very) basic, conversational level, or through Hebrew songs the children learn.

The prayers that our students will need to know well in order to become B’nei Mitzvah, as well as to actively participate in Shabbat services moving forward, are addressed throughout our curriculum and are constantly reviewed as new ones are being introduced. Cold reading is certainly encouraged as well, in order to keep students’ reading and decoding skills fresh.

How can we find meaning in the prayers we recite? Children (and adults too!) are most certainly more engaged and connected when they understand not only the vocabulary itself, but when they further explore the meaning and deeper interpretation as well. Utilizing various lessons from more than one basic curriculum nicely addresses this issue. Aside from *Pirkei T’fillah*, teachers glean activities from both *Making T’filah Meaningful* lesson plans (Behrman House), as well as *T’fillati* – Making Prayer Mine (also from Torah Aura). This combination, along with other supplemental materials provided, helps teachers and students study and explore both the *keva*, the mechanics of the prayer as well as the *kavanah*, the intention that provides meaning to the prayers. In addition, our small group instruction pods allow for more personal discussion while allowing teachers to help their students navigate through the root analysis of key words, translation of the text, any related choreography, and deeper analysis of the content.

Although students begin to be introduced to the letters of the aleph bet in the younger grades, formal Hebrew reading instruction begins in the 3rd grade. The aleph bet and vowels are (re-) introduced and reviewed gradually throughout the year, and letters and vowels are blended together as students are taught to “read” or “decode”.

L'Shalom,
Audrey
After a solid review in September each year, the following prayers are “uncovered” for each grade level throughout the course of the year:

4th Grade: Meet the B’racha Formula, B’rachot over Food, Barechu (call to prayer), Shema (there is only one God), V’Ahavta (loving God and loving others), and Ma’ariv Aravim (celebrating evening {sunset}) & Yotzer Or (celebrating morning {light}).

5th Grade: Avot v’Imahot (praise for the merit of our ancestors), G’vurot (praise for God’s Power), K’dushah (praise for holiness), V’Shamru (observing Shabbat to replenish the soul), Mi Chamocha (poem sung by the Israelites at the crossing of the Reed Sea), and Shehecheyanu (blessing over time).

6th Grade: Torah Blessings, Haftarah Blessings, Aleinu (concluding prayer praising God), Kaddish (Mourner’s prayer), Shabbat B’rachot, and Ashrei (alphabetic psalm of thanksgiving).

7th Grade: B’nei Mitzvah training

All prayers are reviewed on a continual basis. Other holiday-related prayers are studied as well, such as those blessings related to Sukkot, Chanukah and Passover.

It is not easy to learn a new language with such limited time available, especially a language that is read from right to left. We try our best, however, to provide the most practical and useful cross section of skill sets, including basic reading, meaningful interpretation and understanding, and gaining insight and inspiration, in order to help students begin to question, become more spiritually engaged, and think for themselves.

Parents with questions regarding our Hebrew reading instruction program are encouraged to contact me in the religious school office at 201-489-2463, (ext. 204).

Barbara Haber
Educational Director

Avodat Shalom
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TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Please join us for an initial meeting of the Transition Committee. We will discuss how to say good-bye to Rabbi Paul, Lisa and the girls and how to welcome our new Rabbi and their family. Sunday, November 18th @ 930 am in the Waltzer Lounge. If you have questions or concerns, contact Nilene Evans Chase or Neil Massoth @ transitioncommittee@avodatshalom.net.

Our sisterhood welcome dinner is November 1st. Looking forward to a great night! Our first Lilith salon of the year is Tuesday November 13th at 8 pm. Articles from the magazine are available in the temple office. Come join us for this discussion. Monday November 19th at 7:30 pm sisterhood book club will meet to talk about Jennifer Egan’s Manhattan Beach at Nilene’s house. Everyone is welcome to attend and discuss this interesting novel. The next sisterhood board meeting is Sunday November 18th at 9:30 am. Questions, ideas or suggestions contact us at sisterhood@avodatshalom.org.
Calling all volunteers and master chefs, we need your help for our next session of Feeding the Hungry program on Sunday, November 11th.

If you have volunteered in the past thank you very much!

The Temple Avodat Shalom volunteers will again be providing 120 hot dinners to Bergen County’s hungry at the Bergen County Shelter in Hackensack.

We are asking for prepared food donations in 5 lb. increments of each of the following foods:
- Meat – meatballs or meatloaf
- Chicken
- Pasta
- Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Salad
- Bread
- Dessert

If you can help with a prepared food donation or wish to volunteer to serve please go to [http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?i=JGKU7929](http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?i=JGKU7929)

If you would like to help but are unable to provide a 5 lbs food donation there are many other ways to contribute including buying a Shoprite gift card from the Temple and donating it to the program.

If you have any questions e-mail Brett Norton at TASFeedingTheHungry@gmail.com.

Since the beginning of September, the youth group has been involved in so many wonderful activities. We lead the second day of Rosh Hashana services in the sanctuary, as well as leading the children’s services at both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. In fact, many of our Youth Group members read beautifully from the Torah and chanted Haftarah. Our Youth Group President, Ethan Caveda, delivered a heartwarming sermon. Last Sunday, the Youth Group participated in an Escape Room where we were locked in a room and had to work together to try to get out. On a recent Sunday, our social action and fundraising chair had a successful bake sale. A few of our youth group participants went away to NFTY Kallah for a weekend where they participated in many Jewish oriented activities. Our upcoming youth group events include, a youth lead service on the first Friday of November, Mitzvah Day in the beginning of November and Midnight Run occurring in the beginning of February. The Youth Group has participated in gratifying events and can’t wait for there to be more.

- 11-17 Why was Jacob (a flawed individual) given the covenant, Rabbi Neal Borovitz
- 11-30, 12-1 How religion contributes to our social wellbeing through its’ partnership with Science - Scholar-in-Residence confirmed with Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman
Young Families November bulletin article

November 2nd is First Friday services, including Tot Shabbat at 6 pm and a family service at 7:30 pm. Jr. Choir will participate!

November 16th is Home Hospitality Shabbat. Host friends, or if you would like to host a Shabbat dinner or want to attend a dinner given by a Temple member, please contact Nilene Evans Chase at nileneevans@gmail.com.

November 18 is Mitzvah Day. You need to sign up to volunteer here: https://www.jfnnj.org/calendar/mitzvahday/. Participating is a great way to show your kids the value of helping others.

If you or your little one have the drama bug, help put on our annual Purim Shpiel! It’s so much fun and a great way to be involved. “Auditions” are December 9, 11:30-1 at the rear of the social hall; everyone who tries out will get a part. Opening (and closing) night is Purim, Wednesday, March 20 (plan a little bit later bedtime that night!).

Want to Help?
The fundraising committee for the Temple is always looking for new ideas and people to help. If you are interested, please contact us at fundraising@avodatshalom.net.

KIPPAH FUNDRAISER
Order Kippot for your special celebration (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding) through the Temple and help support our Parents’ Association who help fund many of our children’s activities. Call Debra Tester at 201-791-1773 for information.

JOYCE & TOM BIVONE, on the birth of their granddaughter, Lael Flora Karns;
LYNN & STEVEN SCHWEIGHARDT, on the birth of their grandson, Hunter Michael;
ELLEN & STEVE BERMAN, on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Eli Brunn;
BARBARA & JERRY MARKOWITZ, on the marriage of their son Eric to Rachel Hochhauser;
LORI & JOHN DAUGHERTY, on the marriage of their son Andrew to Liona Khalif;
PATTY & MARC HERRMANN, on their daughter Victoria’s engagement.

Each month, the children in our congregation who are celebrating birthdays are called to the bimah during our First Friday Family Service. November birthdays will be called to the bimah on November 2nd. We wish all of them a Happy Birthday.

Damian Berger   Samuel Pobutkiewicz   Alexa Sheiner

Tyler Gencarelli, Rachael Lepselter, Marisa LoSchiavo, Samantha Merlino, Grace Pizzuti, Ana Richards, Alan Rosenberg, Karthik Seligman…
New Yoga Session Starts 9/25.

Gentle Yoga for De-Stressing
Tuesdays: 7-8 PM
Temple Avodat Shalom
September 25 - November 13
$160 (check made to TAS)

If you are interested, contact Sally Isaacs at yoga@avodatshalom.net

Gift Cards Available for More Than Just Food Shopping

Combine supporting TAS and offering end-of-year thanks to teachers, sitters and coaches with gift card purchases. $5 and $10 cards from Bath & Body Works, Barnes & Nobles, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts and Panera Bread will be available from the office. Additional quantities or other gift cards from over 700 vendors can be ordered for you. Visit the office during normal business hours or call us. Visit giftcards@avodatshalom.net Thank you!

Getting Your Gift Cards Into Your Phone (ecards)

MyScripWallet is the ordering tool for ScripNow® eCards. MyScripWallet is not an app. It’s a mobile website that can be used from a cell phone or mobile device. MyScripWallet is supported for both Safari (iPhone) and Chrome (Android).

You’ll use your existing ShopWithScrip® username and password to login. You pay with PrestoPay (it links to your checking account). If you don’t have a username and password, or PrestoPay, you can sign up through the TAS website Gift Card page.

When MyScripWallet first launches, any currently registered cards that you previously reloaded will appear in your wallet. You can order from MyScripWallet or ShopWithScrip.com and all eCards will appear in your wallet.

For now, you’ll have an Enter Balance button for each of your eCards and Reload cards so you can record the balance yourself each time you use the card. Future plans include a feature to check the balance on MyScripWallet for retailers that allow it.

Some retailers aren’t quite ready for mobile redemption yet, and they require the printed eCard or physical gift card at checkout. If that’s the case, you’ll see a note in red clearly indicating that when you are ordering and when viewing the eCards/Reload cards in your wallet. You can log in to your ShopWithScrip account from your computer to print out your ScripNow eCard for those retailers that require it. No warning message means that you can present the eCard at checkout from your phone.

You’ll receive an email confirmation when your reload has processed. Funds are added overnight for regular Reloads ordered Monday through Friday by 3:30 PM Eastern. ReloadNow items paid for will be ready in minutes. Look for the designation Reload or ReloadNow on the ordering list to tell which type of ecard it is.
Please visit our Justice Central webpage (under Community) on the TAS website. We now have three subpages – Gender Identity and Expression, Social Justice Trip – Remote Area Medical and Additional Social Justice Opportunities. We frequently post new Tikkun Olam opportunities – seminars, food drives, rallies, thought pieces. Contact justice@avodatshalom.net to get issues and events added to the Additional Social Justice Opportunities or if you have questions about our activities.

Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Needy Neighbors

The holiday season will be here before you know and that means I am again asking for your support in helping brighten the season for those less fortunate. Flames of Giving is a charity organization that makes giving more personal by creating a list of recipients, details about their ages and situation and what they wish for, so you know you are buying a gift that someone truly wants and needs. The organizer of Flames of Giving Sari Gross, has been so thrilled by the response we receive each year and I am happy to organize this mitzvah with the support of our generous community.

We have 60 “flames” on the list and ask for your help. I have created a Google spreadsheet with the list of gifts and recipients, which will also be sent out in the temple weekly announcements and posted on Facebook (or you can contact me separately to participate). I ask that you sign up to purchase one (or more) gifts to help make the holiday season brighter for our needy neighbors. Please take note of whether it needs to be gift wrapped or not and make sure the flame number is clearly labeled on the package. We are asking for the gifts to be dropped off at the temple by Monday, Nov. 12.

I know that the Temple Avodat Shalom community will again be a great partner to the Flames of Giving organization. Please help by adopting a neighbor to provide “One small gift, two happy hearts.”

Learn more about the program at http://www.flamesofgiving.com/. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at azil411@gmail.com. Thanks again for your continued support of this great cause.

Here is a link to the Google spreadsheet to sign up…http://bit.do/exzaq

Liza Barth
PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE A TEMPLE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND A PAID UP MEMBER OF SISTERHOOD BY 12/31/18 IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

SISTERHOOD JEWISH CAMP AND EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

One of the goals of the Sisterhood is to encourage our members’ children to have fun and enriching Jewish experiences beyond the TAS community

Date:

Parent Name:

Child Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Jewish Camp (please list name) ________________________________

OR

* Jewish Experience (please specify) ________________________________

Total Cost of Program __________
Have you previously received a Sisterhood scholarship? If yes, please list date(s) and program(s).
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Please describe why you would like to attend your program. (Please use the reverse side of this application or attach a separate sheet.)

Scholarship Rules:

1) Parent must be a member in good standing of TAS and the TAS Sisterhood. Sisterhood dues MUST have been paid by 12/31 of academic year.
2) All scholarship requests must be received by April 1st or prior to the start of the Jewish experience.
3) NEW - Students may apply for a camp scholarship multiple years, however preference is given to first time applicants.
4) Scholarships for Jewish experiences other than camp are limited to a one time award per individual experience.
5) Decisions will be made no later than May 1st with preference given to first time applicants.
6) Students who receive scholarships may be asked to participate in a Temple activity to share their experience.

Parent Signature:

Student Signature:

Jewish experience scholarships are awarded for youth trips to Israel or Jewish youth experiences such as the RAC trip or the NFTY Bi-Annual Convention.

If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact us at sisterhood@avodatshalom.net
HELP OUR LIBRARY GROW!

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATION PROGRAM:

Celebrate your child’s (or grandchild’s) birthday with a book donation to the Temple Avodat Shalom Library!

The program is simple. You send in a donation for $18.00, which will be used toward the purchase of a new book. The books will be available in the library for your child to select.

On or near their birthday, the librarian will have your child choose a book. A bookplate with your child’s name, birthday and the school year will then be placed inside this book. Your child will be the first person to check out this personalized book and bring it home to share. Children with birthdays in June will choose a book in December, July in January, and August birthdays in February on their "Half Birthday".

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful program to help expand our library! If you have any questions, please email school@avodatshalom.net

TEMPLE AVODAT SHALOM BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM

- $18.00 per book
- Checks payable to "Temple Avodat Shalom"; memo section “Birthday Book Donation”

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SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS!

Book Club – Monday Evening November 19th at 7:30pm

We will be discussing Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan.

We will be Meeting at Nilene’s house- 59 Hampshire Road, Township of Washington. (Please note that Nilene has cats)

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Lilith Salon-Tuesday Evening November 13th at 8:00pm at the Temple.

Join us as we discuss thought provoking Jewish feminist articles from Lilith Magazine. We have extra copies of the articles in the office if you did not subscribe.

Lilith

INDEPENDENT, JEWISH & FRANKLY FEMINIST

RSVP to all events at Sisterhood@avodatshalom.net
Plan an evening with old friends – or new – for Friday, November 16th. Invite friends to welcome Shabbat at your home. Serve dinner as and when you want – potluck, buffet, sit-down, takeout – whatever works for you and your friends. Experience the joy of being with family and friends and leaving everyday cares behind.

To help you welcome Shabbat, we have prayers and a few ideas for you to add to your evening as you wish; please contact the office. If you “do it yourself,” please let us know or better yet, send pictures. We want as many Temple members to participate in a Home Hospitality Shabbat as possible.

A number of our Temple members will also host Shabbat dinners in their homes at 7:30 p.m. after a 6:00 p.m. Temple Shabbat Service. Please sign up by Sunday, November 11th to allow our hosts to prepare.

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner or want to attend a dinner given by a Temple member, please contact Nilene Evans Chase at nileneevans@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have allergies, particularly to pets and food, or require kosher food.
Brotherhood & Sisterhood Present

Latke Throwdown 2018

Watch for our special celebrity guest judges!!

Plus a Talent Show!

December 15th @ 7 pm

The admission fee of $30 per person includes the throwdown, a light dinner, and the show afterward. (BYOB). If you buy a table for 10, it’s only $27 per person.

To register, go to the Sisterhood or the Brotherhood page on the TAS website.

Please sign up by Wed. 12/12

To participate in the Talent show, send an email to:
talentshow@avodatshalom.net
Auditions
Sun., Dec. 9 from 11:30 - 1:00 &
Tues., Dec. 11 from 7:00 - 8:00
Both Days are in the rear
of the social Hall

Everyone who auditions
will be cast !!!
Math Club

A community program designed to advance the knowledge of math and critical thinking among children and adults with special needs.

PROGRAM IS FREE.

This open enrollment Math program begins on September 8th and continues until May 31st.

Individuals participate in one hour weekly sessions with a curriculum based on Khan Academy.

Urban Mosaic Math Club meets at:
Temple Avodat Shalom
385 Howland Ave, River Edge, NJ 07661

For more info or to register please visit: www.urbanmosaicmathclub.com
The cutoff date for all donations to be listed in the Bulletin is the 25th of each month; otherwise they will be listed in the following month’s bulletin.

**IN MEMORIAM**

The congregation extends deepest sympathy to the families of:

…Michael (Lynn) and Bob (Marlene) Shavelson, on the death of their mother, Ruth Shavelson;

…Irving Saslaw;

…Rachel Malkin, on the death of her husband, Ed Mills.

**GENERAL FUND**

Donations to the General Fund support all activities of the Temple.

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| In memory of Henry Lapidus | Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Steven Schwerghardt. |
| In memory of Sol Solomon | Deepest condolences to Lauren and Marc LoSchiavo on the recent passing of Marc’s father Antonino LoSchiavo. |
| In memory of Marian Schnall | A REMINDER: Donations to Temple Avodat Shalom’s Funds may be made, by phone or mail, in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or “just because.” A beautiful card of acknowledgment will be mailed to the honoree or to the family of the deceased upon receipt of the donation, minimum $10. However, certain specific Funds require higher minimums, as follows: Library Fund $18 Torres Restoration 180 Gates of Joy 18 Simcha Tree of Life 180 Mishkan T’filah Youth 18 Lapidos Tree of Life 250 Torah Commentary 90 Mitzvah Walk Brick 360 |
HANDY PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS and DISABLED PERSONS

Want to enjoy a really rewarding experience? The Chore Service, sponsored by the Bergen Volunteer Center, helps keep Bergen County seniors and people with disabilities safe in their own homes. Chore volunteers perform minor household repairs that these vulnerable people can't do for themselves nor get anyone else to do, and that can make a huge difference in the quality of their lives. These repairs are performed at no cost to the people, other than the cost of the materials used in the repair. For those on a fixed income, these savings could mean the difference between paying a professional a fee just to evaluate a situation, and whether there is money for food or medicine!

A Chore volunteer should be able to perform the kind of minor repairs that any able-bodied homeowner must do: replacing broken locks/doorknobs, installing washers in faucets, replacing electric outlets or switches, installing grab bars and hand railings, putting in/taking out small air conditioners, even changing light bulbs! The Chore Service has three vans that are sent throughout Bergen County 5 days a week. A volunteer would be assigned one day a week to a crew that performs 4-5 service calls per day.

Chore offers a great volunteer opportunity for retirees or people who work second and third shift jobs. Call Maureen at (201) 489-7790 to find out how satisfying it can be to use your handyperson skills to lend a hand to those in need.

Chore Service

A program of the Bergen Volunteer Center, 64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Chore Direct: 201-489-7790  Volunteer Center: 201-489-9454

Making your home a safer place to live

Simple household repairs performed by senior volunteers for the senior 60+ and disabled populations in Bergen County

**Minor Plumbing:**
- Repair leaking faucets
- Repair leaking toilets
- Replace washer hoses

**Minor Electrical:**
- Replace existing outlets
- Replace light switches and plugs
- Replace or repair door bells
- Replace light bulbs
- Replace an existing light fixture if appropriate

**Weatherization:**
- Seasonal changes of screens and storm windows
- Weatherstrip doors and windows—spring, summer, fall
- Air conditioner installations—5,000 BTU or smaller

**Repair or Replace:**
- Door locks, handles, springs and closers
- Filters and batteries

**Install**
- Smoke Alarms
- Mini-blinds (no vertical blinds)
- Grab bars in bath areas (3 grab bar maximum per visit)
- Interior railings

*There can be a 2-4 week wait for Chore due to the many requests for service*

- Chore is unable to service emergencies and does not do outdoor work, painting, masonry, tiling, door or window replacements, work requiring high ladders, heavy lifting, furniture moving, new wiring, or appliance repairs
- No cosmetic repairs, interior decorating, cleaning
- Repairs for apartment dwellers are limited to personal items only. Other repairs are the responsibility of the landlord.

Call Chore at (201) 489-7790

Chore Service is a program of The Bergen Volunteer Center and is funded by the Bergen County Division of Senior Services, Bergen County Community Development, Community Chore, client contributions, and Volunteer Center fundraising activities.
Incontinence is the second leading cause of institutionalization.

- 25 million Americans suffer from urinary incontinence
- 25% of Bergen County seniors live below the poverty level
- There are currently no programs that offer financial assistance to seniors in need of adult “briefs” or other incontinence products, making these necessities for independent living unattainable “luxury” items.
- Adult products of this kind cost upwards of $100 a month, and with social security benefits averaging $874 a month, purchasing them is not possible for millions of adults.
- Having access to these items are a “basic human need,” allowing senior adults to remain mobile, social and productive. Without them, many healthy older people would be trapped in their homes, fearful of joining social functions, trips to libraries or the movies, or even attending their own grandchild’s wedding!
- Seniors who remain socially active remain healthier, both physically and emotionally, and since people are living longer and leading more active lives, it is critically important to invest in programs that can help them afford products that will allow them to remain engaged in their community. The cost of not providing them will be astronomical by comparison to the care costs incurred by the need of early institutionalization and other health problems!
- Unlike babies, who outgrow the need for diapers, incontinent adults will bear this cost for the rest of their lives.

A recent study indicates that 25% of our New Jersey seniors cannot afford basic necessities. They are not eligible for Medicaid yet their Social Security check does not cover food, medications and adult absorbent products. Did you know that there is no government funding for adult care briefs? (formerly known as adult diapers) Without these products many seniors would be trapped in their homes and unable to attend social and/or family events. People are living longer and leading more active lives. The Adult Care Brief Bank was developed to collect and distribute absorbent products to those in need. Through drives, similar food drives or collections, The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, The Academy of Holy Angels, The New Synagogue of Fort Lee, St. Joseph’s Parish, Bergen Family Center and other venues including networking events have collected over 120,000 products. The items collected are distributed to individuals in need through local agencies such as the Center for Food Action, Meals On Wheels of Bergen County, and Pascack, Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County, Jewish Family Services, Bergen Family Center, the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living (SESCIL) and more.

All it takes is an email blast and a collection bin. Oh yea, a bit of media always helps😊
INTERESTED IN A MITZVAH TRIP?

You don’t have to be a doctor, dentist, nurse or vet

Access to health care is critical

Join TAS members, their friends, and

other Jewish community members

November 2-5, 2018 in Gloucester, VA

Volunteer at a Remote Area Medical clinic that provides medical, dental, vision, and veterinary care.

All help is welcome - volunteer one day or all days.

For information, contact:

Nilene EvansChase - nileneevans@gmail.com or 201-370-7776

or go to

https://avodatshalom.net/community/justice-central/social-justice-trip-remote-area-medical
If you've got talent we wanna see you!

Sign-up at talentshow@avodatshalom.net

An adult event

Dec. 15 at 7:00pm
October 31 - November 18, 2018

Tickets and Information
www.jfnnj.org/filmfestival

Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door
joyceg@jfnnj.org • 201-820-3907

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SCAFFOLDING
מצילים
Wednesday, October 31
Teaneck Cinemas

OUTDOORS
битו בגדלים
Monday, November 5
Wayne YMCA

HEADING HOME
PLUS SHORT FILM
鼍יתרדס
Tuesday, November 6
Warner Theater, Ridgewood

GETTING SERIOUS
אייברדים
Tuesday, November 6
Warner Theater, Ridgewood

THE TESTAMENT
הלודרות
Thursday, November 8
Teaneck Cinemas

BENEATH THE SILENCE
הלוחמים
PLUS SHORT FILM
STANDUP
סטנד-אפ
Tuesday, November 13
Teaneck Cinemas

SHELTER
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Wednesday, November 14
Warner Theatre, Ridgewood

Thursday, November 15
United Synagogue of Hoboken

THE CAKEMAKER
האפה העברית
Sunday, November 11
Hamilton House, Jersey City

Sunday, November 18
Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Tenafly

All films begin at 7:30 pm

Tickets and Information www.jfnnj.org/filmfestival
JOIN Jewish Federation’s
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Join this elite teen leadership group preparing YOU with knowledge and confidence to tackle anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment in the world today.

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SECOND MEETING
WEDNESDAY
NOV. 14 • 7-9PM
JEWISH FEDERATION
50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus

REGISTER
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Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey’s
Jewish Community Relations Committee

invites you to

Legislative Advocacy Day

Tuesday, October 30
10:00am
Senator Kristin Corrado &
Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips
40th District
Wayne Tower II, 155 Rt. 46 W. | Ste. 108

Wednesday, November 7
10:00am
Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter, 35th District
Office of Assemblywoman Sumter 191 Market Street, Paterson
12:30 PM
Senator Loretta Weinberg, 37th District
Office of Senator Weinberg, 544 Cedar Lane, 2nd Floor, Teaneck

RSVP (no walk-ins) | Space is limited
Ariella Noveck | AriellaN@jfnnj.org

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