

# Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Adar 11/Nisan 5771

April 2011

## Weekday Mornings Rosedale Ave.

Sunday: 8:30 am  
Monday-Friday: 8 am

## Weekday Evenings Monmouth Road

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 pm

Shabbat Evening Services\*  
6:30 pm Monmouth Road

Shabbat Morning Services\*  
9 am at Monmouth Road



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*Happy Pesach*

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Congregation Torat El  
Family Friday Nights, April 8th  
A Shabbat To Renew, Rejoice & Relax



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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SHABBAT AND KIDDUSH LUNCHEON



Saturday, April 16th  
9:00am  
Monmouth Road

Read the fascinating details of Bea Yeamans' trip to Uganda

**The Jews of Uganda  
The Abayudaya**

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***Shabbat Evening Services***  
***A Choice for the members of our Congregation***

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

*First & Third Friday of each month*

Instrumental Musical Service

6:30pm Monmouth Road

**Family Friday Nights**

Family Service and Dinner

6:15pm Monmouth Road

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

*Second & Fourth Friday of each month*

Traditional Service

6:30pm Monmouth Road

Yahrzeits are honored at Friday night services prior to the Yahrzeit date.

***April Service Announcements...***

**Friday, April 1, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 7:02 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Carol & Steven Miller, Linda & William Reinman, Fran & Steven Nudelman  
Debbie & Ira Samilow, Phyllis & Philip Unger, Arlene & Donald Brodie, Doris & Ludwig Selikowitz

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Sam Farber, Abraham Fisher, Cecile Glasser, Sol Grabelle, Joseph Gurman, Rose S. Katz  
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Esther Schreibman, Jack Schwartz, Herman Silverstein, Allan Slotkin, Harriette Solowey, Serene Weissberger

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**Parsha Leviticus 12:1-13:28**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18**

**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Friday, April 8, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 7:09 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Isabelle & Rob Farber

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Louis Becker, Helen Bergida, Ignatz Bergida, Frieda Blufstein, Sophie Boff, Rubin Gerechoff  
Ruth Goldenberg, Bella Kaufman, Moshe Koreen, Evelyn Kramer, Freda Krongold, Louis Lefton, Wilma Lieberman  
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Faigy Ostroff, Tsilia Pirogovsky, Harry Sandler, Abraham Silver, Faye Slotoroff, Esther Warshauer, Murray Weiss  
Ada Werner, Benjamin Wilk

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

**Parsha Leviticus 14:1-32**

**Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20**

**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Bat Mitzvah: Samantha Jeffrey**

**Kiddush Luncheon is sponsored by proud parents Tammie and Alan Jeffrey**

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 7:16 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Shirley & Irving Kullback, Gloria & Noel Kirchner

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Frank Balkin, Milton Bazer, Henry Block, Celia Brand, Annette Dampf, Adam Diller Fannie Dorfman, Frank Eliscu, Manfred Fight, Max Fisher, Jennie Garber Goldberg, Bernard Goldberg, Bernard Hirsh Ruth Horowitz, Celia Kobb, Solomon Konvitz, Shirley Lehrer, Donald S. Levy, Ray Magidson, Miriam Minkowitz Louis Prager, Beverly Propper, Evelyn Rokaw, Clara Rubin, Julia Ruskin, Robert Slovin, Lillian Claire Trauben, Jack C. Yaffe

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**Parsha Leviticus 16:1-16:34**

**Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24**

**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Volunteer Appreciation Service and Kiddush Luncheon**

# April Service Announcements...

**Friday, April 22, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 7:24 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Carrie & Alan Klein, Bonnie & Alan Welt, Nancy & Doug Roberts

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Ellen Baker, Norbert Belfer, Victor Belicove, Louis Brodie, Hyman Fishbain, Irving Fishbein Vivian Folkenflik, Sheila Holt, Josephine Hopkins, Sylvia Israel, Paul Kramer, Paula Kronengold, Blanche Lewis David Maltzman, Harry Margolles, Fanny M. Marx, David Maurer, Natalie McCoy, Arthur Nussdorf, Allen Preville Matilda Preville, Ida Profsky, Abraham Rose, Philip I. Rose, Hannah Rosing, David Roth, Sidney Rubenstein Edwin Ronald Rubin, Roger Schoch, Arnold Jerome Schreiber, Charles Schultzer, Lenore Todres, Nathan Warm, Robert Weinstein, Lou Zuckerman

**Saturday, April 23, 2011**

**Parsha Exodus 33:12-34:26**

**Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Friday, April 29, 2011**

**Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm**

**Candles 7:31 pm**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Lisa & Howard Guss, Eva & Paul Klenoff, Judith & Rick Rosner

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Jack Abrahams, Edward Barnett, Jeanne Berger, Katie Kalika Bookbinder, Fred Chester Frederick Herman Chester, Selma Cohen, Lester Cutler, Alma Diller, Lillian Eder, William Furie, Abe Goldberg, Nathan Haber Donald Horowitz, Noreen G. Hunt, Lena Kneip, Anne Kreizman, Sharon Lager, Samuel Lehrman, David Meckler Stella Meyers, Celia Miller, Morris Miller, Joseph Charles Robinson, Beatrice Schreiber, Alice Schultz, Rivka Servetnick Hyman Shapiro, Berthold A. Sherman, Andrea Skolnick, Nettie T. Sulkin, Harry Toffel, Bess Walden, Benjamin Welt Philip Wiser, Betty Zuckerman

**SATURDAY, April 30, 2011**

**Parsha Leviticus 19:1-19:37**

**Haftarah Amos 9:7-15**

**Shabbat Morning Service at Monmouth Road~9:00 am**

**Bat Mitzvah: Rebecca Ruben**

**Kiddush Luncheon will be sponsored by proud grandparents,  
Ina & Paul Gluck and Toby Ruben**



**Congregation Torat El  
Family Friday Nights :  
A Shabbat To Renew, Rejoice & Relax**



Do you have children? Have you had a long week? Are you looking for a way to bring a little bit of Shabbat into your life? Then come and take a break by joining us for an evening of supper, schmoozing, and spirituality! These family friendly services will feature songs, a story, prayer, and companionship, plus a wonderful Shabbat dinner to follow!

Come as you are!! Don't worry about getting dressed up! Bring your family and friends and join us.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Friday, April 8th at 6:15 pm ~ Dinner to follow**

**Please note that this service runs in addition to our regular 6:30 pm service**

## **Dinner Reservation for Friday, April 8th, 2011**

Please return to the Temple office, 1200 Rosed Avenue, Ocean, NJ 07712 by April 1st

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 13 and under @ \$7 \_\_\_\_\_ \$36 per family Max

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# From The Rabbi's Study...

## The Obsession Over Hametz

The one question that a Rabbi can expect to get year after year around the holiday of Passover goes something like this: "Rabbi, why are we so crazy about getting rid of our hametz? I thought we were supposed to be celebrating freedom! All of this hard work seems more like slavery to me?!" This is a very good question and one that I sometimes ask myself around this time of year. But despite all of the hard work, there are many values hidden beneath the surface of this mitzvah. Before we discuss the why behind our preoccupation with hametz, let's take a moment to understand the basics behind the prohibition of hametz on Passover.



Hametz is defined as "leaven." The prohibitions surrounding hametz are rooted in the Torah (see: Exodus (12: 19-20, and 13:7). We are not allowed to eat, own, come into contact with, derive any benefit from, or even see any hametz during Passover. Indeed, we are supposed to go on a search and destroy mission as well, spending the night before searching for any bits of hametz that might be in the house and burning them in the morning. Tradition also teaches us that we must sell all of our leavened food to officially renounce our ownership of hametz. When it comes to eating hametz, our restrictions are even more stringent than our yearly dietary restrictions about eating non-kosher meat. For example, during the rest of the year if a small amount of non-kosher meat falls into a kosher meat stew, and the amount is so small that the ratio of non-kosher to kosher is 60:1, the non-kosher meat is considered to be non-existent and we can eat the stew. However, on Passover, if even 1/1000 of a piece of hametz falls into your matzah ball soup, the contents and the pot itself are no longer usable for the holiday. "Rabbi, what is this mishegas (craziness)?!"- people often ask."

Though it may make us somewhat crazy, there are numerous lessons that can be learned from our avoidance of hametz. One lesson can be found in the way that we describe the matzah at the Passover Seder: "*Ha Lachma Anya*, this is the bread of poverty..." Matzah is made up of flour and water and is definitely "poor man's bread." When we eat matzah, and avoid our usual "rich man's bread" we are reminded of our ancestors, those poor slaves who did not have time to let the dough rise as they rushed out of Egypt. We are reminded of our humble beginnings when we did not have the luxury to go to the grocery store down the street and get whatever type of "rich man's" food we desire. In his book entitled: *Leading the Passover Journey*, Rabbi Nathan Laufer reminds us that fermented bread was actually invented by the Egyptians and was used as a form of currency in their economy. He writes:

Fundamentally, then, by eating matzot on Passover we are identifying with and reliving the experience of our Israelite ancestors. By shunning hametz, we are rejecting the lifestyle and values of their Egyptian taskmasters (3).

The avoidance of hametz as a reminder of our humble beginnings in slavery, and a rejection of a slave-master lifestyle teaches us that we must constantly strive to see our fellow human being as someone created *betzelem elohim*, in God's image. We must constantly endeavor to treat others with the respect that comes from this acknowledgment, always striving to remember that, in God's eyes, we are all equal.

In addition to our external world view, the avoidance of hametz can help us to do some internal work on ourselves. In his book entitled *A Book Of Life*, Rabbi Michael Strassfeld reminds us that hametz is dough that is allowed to rise and "puff up and is consequently a symbol of pride. He reminds us that: "Passover is a call to return to a simpler sense of self, one that is not artificially inflated (233)." In other words, the avoidance of hametz on Passover reminds us to keep our egos in check. Self confidence is healthy, but we should not walk around with our egos constantly "puffed up." When we avoid hametz we should be reminded of Pharaoh's sense of arrogance which ultimately led to his destruction. Strassfeld continues:

...the purpose of the removal of hametz is to bring us clearer to a sense of self and place in the world. We can be significant players...but we should always remember our limitations and our mortality and not become Pharaohs (233).

In addition to keeping our egos in check, the avoidance of hametz reminds us not to take our freedom for granted. The rabbis noticed that the Hebrew words *hametz* and *matzah* are very similar. There is only one small space, distinguishing the letter *het* in *hametz* from the letter *hey* in *matzah* that avoids the words from having identical letters. Rabbi Strassfeld remarks that our focus on matzah and avoidance of hametz reminds us that "little separates the prohibited from the permitted, the slave from the free (234)." This year, when we are cleaning out our cupboards and looking behind our couch cushions for those little bread crumbs, we should stop and remember that very little actually separates our freedom from slavery. Many of us, for example, just happened to be born in a country that prizes freedom as a supreme value. We could just as easily have been born elsewhere. The avoidance of hametz and the embrace of matzah remind us that we should never take our precious freedoms for granted. Rather we should constantly endeavor to pursue freedom both for ourselves and for others.

Finally, Strassfeld reminds us that the avoidance of hametz reminds us that "slavery lies among our possessions. The things we possess, often possess us (234)." Avoiding Hametz on Passover reminds us that our material possessions are valuable, but we must constantly strive to remember that it is our relationship to ourselves, our family, our community, our neighbors, and our God, that are our most important possessions.

So, this year when we are doing our Passover cleaning and kvetching about the craziness of the holiday we should remember to stop and think about *why* exactly we are doing all of this. When we are schlepping dishes in and out, vacuuming crumbs, and searching for any morsel of hametz that might be left, we should remember that the values and lessons behind this avoidance of hametz must be as all consuming as the cleaning itself. This is definitely a lot of work, but bringing meaning into our lives and making a difference in the world around us is well worth the hassle. I wish you all a *Hag Kasher V'sameach*- May you have a wonderful Passover holiday with your friends and family!

# From the Desk Of Alan Stern, President

How many times have you dreaded the thought of doing something new? Do you get a feeling of discomfort before walking into a party or gathering of people you may be meeting for the first time? And do you get those butterflies in your stomach when you're about to step out of your comfort zone in your business life? If any or all of the above are true, congratulations! You are a normal human being!!

I think that one of the biggest challenges we face as a congregation is that, whether we like it or not, the synagogue lies outside the comfort zone for many people. If you are unfamiliar with ritual you can, very reasonably, become intimidated about coming to services and not knowing what to do. If you enter the shul on Shabbat and see people davening with their backs turned to you, you may not feel like the most welcome person in the building. And if a committee needs a volunteer, you may be hesitant to come forth as a relative outsider, no matter how talented you are. I suspect that this feeling keeps many of you from coming to services or attending some great functions, despite the facts that you would enjoy them and that we *really* want you here. This has to change.

The Torah tells us that when three strangers came to his tent, Abraham immediately got up, sprung into action, and made the strangers feel comfortable and welcome. Foot baths and food were the orders of the moment, above and beyond Abraham and Sarah's

personal needs. The three strangers were made to feel at home by their hosts.

Fast forward a few thousand years to *Cheers*, the hit TV show of the 80's. What was so great about Sam the bartender, and the regulars like Norm and Cliff? The imaginary Boston bar was where everybody knows your name... and you're always glad you came. That's what the theme song of the show said, anyway.

Those of us who attended Ron Wolfson's session last month had a great time learning how we can make a great congregation even better by doing some very simple things to make you feel good about walking into our building and partaking in our activities. We have formed a welcoming committee to help you feel comfortable at services and at our functions. I so badly want you to feel like you belong here not only because you *do* belong here, but also because the existence of our Judaism depends on it.

Change does not happen overnight, but it does happen. We're well on our way to making CTE even more attractive. As we grow, please feel free to let us know how we can make you feel great about being at your spiritual and social home. I cannot promise you a foot bath or a beer, but, before long, everybody at CTE will know your name, and you'll always be glad you came.

Have a wonderful and meaningful Passover.

*Alan*



## Our Synagogue Families

### Baruch Dayan Emet



#### ***The Torat El family mourns the loss of:***

**Harold Arm** and sends condolences to his wife, Ellie.  
**Betty Fromowitz** and sends condolences to her family.

#### **Mazel Tov to:**

**Janice and Paul Holub** on the birth of their grandson, Maxwell Cooper.

*If you have a simcha to share with your CTE family, this is the place to do it. Please call the temple office (732) 531-4410 or email [bulletin@torat-el.org](mailto:bulletin@torat-el.org).*

## CTE MINYAN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Our minyanaires are a small group of dedicated individuals that attend minyan services to be there for all of us. NOW it is OUR turn to show we care! Please mark your calendar now to be sure you attend one minyan service this month. Thank you!**



**Monday - Friday ~ 8am at Roseld Avenue**  
**Monday - Thursday ~ 7:30pm at Monmouth Road**  
**Sunday ~ 8:30am at Roseld Avenue**



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



## Hebrew High School Open House Scheduled for Monday April 4

On Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and all other potential High School students are invited to join our regular Hebrew High School students from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Come join us and experience what it will be like when you participate as a High School student next year. The regular 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be cancelled on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the students coming to the High School that night from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

## Religious School Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year Will Take Place on April 10-11

Religious School registration for the 2011-2012 school year will take place on Sunday, April 10 and Monday, April 11. You should have already received your registration mailing. Thank you in advance for making every effort to register on time!! We look forward to seeing all of you at registration!

### April Mini-Minyan

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN APRIL, THE MINI-MINYAN WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE  
2<sup>ND</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> SHABBAT OF THE MONTH (APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AND APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>)

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Sat. Apr 2	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30) at Monmouth Rd.
Sun. Apr. 3	4 <sup>TH</sup> and 5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Family Education Program at Rosed Avenue
Mon. Apr 4	Hebrew High School Open House
Sat. Apr 9	Mini-minyan (10:30-11:30) at Monmouth Rd.
Sat. Apr 9	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30) at Monmouth Rd.
Sun. Apr 10-Mon Apr 11	Religious School Registration
Sun. Apr 10	Model Seders for Grades Gan/Kind., 1, and 2
Mon. Apr 11	Model Seders for Grades 3,4,5,6, and 7
Sat. Apr 16	No Junior Congregation
Sun. Apr 17-Sun Apr 25	No Religious School
Sat. Apr 23	No Mini-Minyan and no Junior Congregation
Sat. Apr 30	Mini-minyan (10:30-11:30) at Monmouth Rd.
Sat. Apr 30	Junior Congregation (10:15-11:30) at Monmouth Rd.



### **USY**

**APRIL 8-10(FRI-SUN)-REGIONAL SPRING CONVENTION**  
**APRIL 15(FRI)-FIND THE CHAMETZ SCAVENGER HUNT**  
WEGMANS 5:15-6:45  
**PIZZA DINNER, BRING YOUR PHONE OR A CAMERA**



### **KADIMA**

**APRIL 15(FRI)-FIND THE CHAMETZ SCAVENGER HUNT**  
WEGLANS 5:15-6:45  
**PIZZA DINNER, BRING YOUR PHONE OR A CAMERA**  
**JOINT ACTIVITY WITH USY**

### **PRE-KADIMA**

**APRIL 13(WED)-CHOCOLATE SEDER**



**ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN**  
**CONTACT ABBY SCHEER (732-531-7543)**

## ***Yasher Koach to our B'nai Mitzvah!***

### **My Mitzvah Project**

My name is Samantha Jeffrey and I will be making my Bat Mitzvah on April 9, 2011. I live in Oakhurst with my dad, mom, my little brother, Robert, and my dog, Sarah. At present I am in the 7th grade at Ocean Township Intermediate School and very involved with my friends, activities, and studies. I like to play tennis, soccer, and swim. What I really like is to ride my bicycle, which is why I chose this particular way to raise awareness for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

As part of my mitzvah project, on Saturday, May 21 at Monmouth University, I will ride my bicycle to help fight MS! Last year together with my family, we raised over \$1,000 to help in the battle against Multiple Sclerosis.

Every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with MS. That's why I registered for the Bike MS Ride, and why I'm asking you to support my fund raising efforts with a tax-deductible donation. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS but they can't do it without our help. Simply click on the link at the bottom of this message. Please support me while I ride in the New Jersey Metro Chapter's 2011 "Coast the Coast" Bike MS event. Any amount, great or small, helps to make a difference in the lives of people with MS. I appreciate your support and look forward to letting you know how I do.

### **My Mitzvah Project**

Hello, my name is Rebecca Ruben and I live in Wayside, New Jersey with my mom, dad, and sister, Rachel. I will be making my Bat Mitzvah on April 30, 2011.

For my Bat Mitzvah project I did a drive for the Ronald McDonald House and collected items that they needed. The Ronald McDonald House is a place run on donations, where people stay if they have a child who is ill and staying in Monmouth Medical Center. I collected different items, such as food, paper plates, paper towels, and baby toys and clothing for the Ronald McDonald House. I also cleaned up the house and made several meals and served it to the people staying there.

In addition to the Ronald McDonald House, I also walked in a Breast Cancer walk. I asked my friends and family to donate money and I raised over \$400. I felt good about helping other people and I will continue helping others in my life.

The link for the MS donations is:  
[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/NJMBikeEvents?px=7343716&pg=personal&fr\\_id=15051](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/NJMBikeEvents?px=7343716&pg=personal&fr_id=15051)

**To make an appointment to donate,  
please contact Mike Gordon  
at  
732-922-3014**

**We MUST have 25 people  
pre-registered**



### **Every Precious Pint Counts! Please help make a difference!**

#### **DONATE BLOOD**

**Congregation Torat El**

**Sponsors the June 6th**

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

**You can help by donating blood  
Between 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

#### **DON'T FORGET:**

- All equipment used during the procedure is sterile and disposable.
- Donors must be healthy, 17 years of age and older, and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Donors must present signature ID

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SHABBAT AND KIDDUSH LUNCHEON



Please join us in honoring all of the volunteers of  
Congregation Torat El

**Saturday, April 16th ~ 9am Shabbat Service  
Kiddush Luncheon to follow**

RSVP to the temple office by April 12th  
(732) 531-4410

CTE is still new and growing. Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, and others make it happen. Consider becoming part of our wonderful group of volunteers!



**ADULT**  
Education

Call the synagogue offices to leave a message for the  
instructor to let him know that you are interested  
in the class.  
732.531.4410



**ADULT**  
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### Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Schonbrun

#### BYOB (bring your own bagel) Lunch & Learn:

Are you looking for a way to add more meaning to your life? Do you enjoy learning and meeting new people? Do you like to eat lunch? Join us for our Lunch & Learn program led by Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun. Take one hour out of your busy week to engage in Jewish learning. It's free and open to everyone, just bring your own dairy/vegetarian lunch. Bring yourselves, your friends, and your questions! We look forward to seeing you!

**Wednesday afternoons, 12 pm - 1 pm at Rosed Avenue**

### We Gotta Get Out of this Place Exodus: A New Look at an Old Book Taught by Cantor Siegel

Dramatic narrative, character development, the underpinnings of Jewish law, and the emergence of our people as a people—Exodus has it all. Join us as we dig deep into the meaning, the sources, the commentaries old and new, and the relevance of this book to the 21st century. If you are looking to get to the heart of this amazing book, join us.

**Sunday mornings, 10 am at Rosed Avenue**

### Living A Meaningful Life

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# Pesach at Congregation Torat El

## The First Day of Passover Tuesday, April 19th at 9:00am at Monmouth Road

The morning after the first seder is a great time to come to synagogue to celebrate our freedom. A special prayer for dew, the Hallel Psalms, reading from two Torah scrolls and chanting the prayers to the festival melodies all add up to a true expression of joy in the freedom to be Jewish.

## The Second Day of Passover Wednesday, April 20th at 9:00am at Monmouth Road

How fortunate we are to have a second chance to celebrate our freedom by gathering to pray, study Torah and eat macaroons at the beginning of the festival.

## Shabbat Chol HaMo-ed of Passover Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00am at Monmouth Road

## The Seventh Day of Passover Monday, April 25th at 9:00am at Monmouth Road

On this day with a special reading from the Torah we relive the experience of the parting of the Sea of Reeds. With this day we begin the crescendo with which we end the week of Passover.

## The Eighth Day of Passover Wednesday, April 27th at 9:00am Yizkor Service at 11:00am at Monmouth Road

We conclude the Festival of Pesach with songs and prayer! On this day we take time to recall our loved ones who are no longer with us.



## Siyyum Bechorim

### Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

## Monday, April 18th at 8:00am at Roseld Avenue

According to Jewish tradition, the first born son of a mother or father is required to fast on the day before Passover as an expression of thanks for the deliverance of the first born Israelites who were spared from the Tenth plague. One midrash teaches that both women and men were affected by this plague, and the Shulchan Arukh offers an opinion that women who are first born should fast as well. It is in that spirit that we also encourage first born females to join us for our siyyum festivities as well. However, individuals who are obligated to fast are exempt from fasting if they have the opportunity to participate in a **seudat mitzvah**, a festive meal that follows the performance of certain mitzvoth. Therefore, it has become customary for synagogues, on the day before Passover, to make a **siyyum**, a public completion unit of study, which is followed by a **seudat mitzvah**, thus exempting the first born participants from their obligation to fast. The siyyum will be preceded by the morning minyan and followed by a feast with lots of delicious chametz. Study and feast is held in memory of Esther and Ed Deitelbaum and is sponsored by their family. All are welcome to join us even if you are not a first born.

## Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it is tradition to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to insure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple on or before Friday, April 15th .

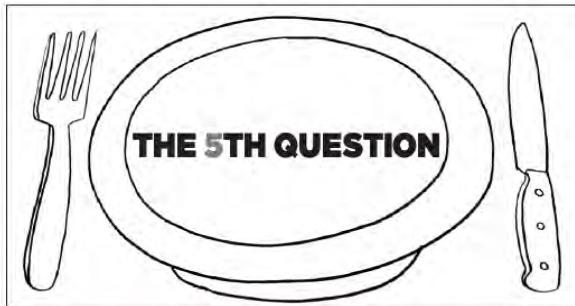
Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name) would like to appoint you as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at:

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Signed

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Please note this class will be held twice to give everyone an opportunity to attend. It is the same program so plan on choosing the better of the two dates for you.

**Sunday, 4/10 ~ 9am, Monday, 4/11 ~ 7:00pm  
Both classes at Rosed Avenue**

## Hosting a Seder? In need of a Seder? Let us know!

Many members of our congregation host a first and/or second night Seder. There are members of our community who have no one to share a seder experience with.

Perhaps you have plans to have a Seder at your home and would like to host someone who has no seder plans.

Perhaps you would like to participate in a Seder but have nowhere to go.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Pam at the Rosed Ave. office. We don't want anyone to be alone for the holiday.

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I/ We would be happy to invite up to \_\_\_\_\_ guests to the second Seder.

I/We need a place to go for the first Seder. \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

I/We need a place to go for the second Seder. \_\_\_\_\_ # people

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# Upcoming Events



**Join Shore Area Hazak for a zissen Pesach  
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## **CHOCOLATE SEDER**

**Sunday, April 3, 2011 ~ 2:00pm  
Roseld Avenue**

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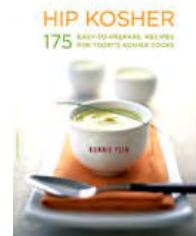
**Join Congregation Torat El Sisterhood  
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**Thursday, May 12, 2011 ~ 6:30 pm**

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## **CTE CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION SESSION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH - 7:00PM AT MONMOUTH ROAD**

**Updates on the Roseld Avenue building sale, finances and activities in the  
Torat El community.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know in advance so we can  
address them at the meeting. Email Pam at [pamc@torat-el.org](mailto:pamc@torat-el.org)**

# **CTE MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING 2011**

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**

Join us for the Men's Club's major fundraising event. We know that you will want to get out and have a great day on the links with many friends from the temple and community. We are looking to have more people than ever before and you can add to the fun and excitement.

The Golf Outing is to help raise money for the synagogue, the Jacob S. Friedman Scholarship Fund for Youth Activities and Golfers Against Cancer. Golfers Against Cancer is an organization whose entire purpose is to sponsor research so that we can eliminate this disease and make the world cancer free. Won't you join us on May 5th and support these endeavors.

- ◆ 11:00 AM Registration & Lunch
- ◆ 1:00 PM Shotgun Start
- ◆ 6:00 PM Dinner & Gift Auction

We look forward to your joining us at The Colts Neck Golf Club, 50 Flock Road, Colts Neck, NJ and having a great time. Remember, "A bad day at golf is better than a good day at the office".

If you are interested in playing or being a sponsor, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Fishbein, Golf Committee Chairman (732-492-5881 or [shoebyz@aol.com](mailto:shoebyz@aol.com)), c/o the temple office.



**YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST - 3:00PM AT THE JCC**



This year's program will include several community-area musicians, cantors and choirs which will enhance the experience with music. The program will also welcome Hillel's Angels, a Jewish motorcycle club which has made a pilgrimage to Whitwell, Tennessee to the site of the Holocaust Memorial highlighted in the film "Paperclips." They will present a short film and speak about the experience. It is possible that several dozen members – and their bikes – will be in attendance and there will be a certain heightened interest factor for the next generation as lessons of the Holocaust are communicated to everyone.

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The birth of Elijah—second great grandson of  
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Charlotte Ginsburg  
The 95th birthday of Minnie Leonard  
Charlotte (Ettie) Ginsburg  
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### **The Jews of Uganda The Abayudaya By, Be Yeamans**

I have been struggling to find the words to express my admiration of the Jews of Uganda. They are few in number, poor, and quite dedicated to Judaism. I only spent two weeks there, but I feel it was an experience of my lifetime.

The rhythm is irresistible. The harmony gives me the uplift I feel when I hear the 'Ode to Joy' from Beethoven's ninth symphony. This is the Shabbat service as I have never experienced it before. It is done in Hebrew, English, and Ugandan.

We are in a rectangular brick building with folding chairs to sit on. (Later I realize that when there is no service, there are no chairs). Some women sit on a blanket in the rear. We are loosely segregated. That is, the women sit on the left, the men on the right, but there is no barrier. The prayer books and Chumashim are discards from congregations in the United States. The level of participation is impressive. The young girls among us white visitors politely show us where we are in the service. Both men and women get aliyot.

The sermon is in English. The rabbi pauses after each paragraph, and a young man translates the sermon into Ugandan. Everyone is neatly dressed, which is impressive because there are few dwellings with indoor plumbing. The women have to drag the laundry to a pond, a river – any body of water.

While our group traveled in two vans, and while there were many vans and trucks on the roads, there are few private cars. Most people walk. Some men have bikes. They carry unbelievable loads on their backs as they peddle. There are also many motor bikes.

Uganda was once an English colony, so we travel on the left and the signs and billboards are in English. There are few towns. We pass communities – usually produce markets and stores against the road. Every time we stop we are besieged by young boys trying to sell us snacks. There are goats everywhere. Also, we often see water bucks, monkeys, baboons, and other animals – and this isn't the safari yet. Driving here is quite a skill. The roads are full of ruts. Keeping mostly to the left, but swinging over to avoid ruts, we often find ourselves windshield to windshield with another vehicle.

Traveling is especially hard on women from the west. As I mentioned before, you usually don't find flush toilets. We carried our own tissues and toilet paper. There was one married couple. The man said he wished we women would stop our bathroom talk.

An organization called 'Kulanu' specializes in helping remote Jewish communities. Through them, one of the communities received a well and some electricity. They also try to help the people start businesses with small loans. Many of the women have been able to feed their families better by employing these loans. There is also a coffee cooperative which has had its ups and downs. The principals are Jews, Christians, and Muslims. They don't process the coffee, but send it to the U.S. for processing.



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10 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am Adult Ed – Seder Tips & Tricks 9:00am Rosed Ave Model Seder – GK, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade R/S Registr. 9:00am	11 Model Seder – 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade R/S Registr. 4:30pm Adult Ed – Seder Tips & Tricks 7:00pm Rosed Ave	12 Men's Club Mtg 7:45pm R/S Registr. 6:00pm	13 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Pre-Kadima Chocolate Seder 6:00pm	14 Sisterhood Lunch Program 12pm Ritual Mtg 7:00pm	15 Candle Lighting 7:16pm Instrumental Shabbat Srvc 6:30pm Kadima/USY Find the Chametz at Wegmans 5:15pm – 6:45pm	2 B/M of Samantha Jeffrey 9:00am Jr. Cong 10:15am & Mini Minyan 10:30am
17 No Religious School	18 Candle Lighting 7:19pm Erev Pesach First Seder No Religious School No PM Minyan	19 Pesach Srvc 9:00am No PM Minyan Second Seder Temple Office Closed	20 Pesach Srvc 9:00am No Religious School Temple Office Closed	21 Candle Lighting 7:23pm Shabbat Srvc 6:30pm	22 Shabbat Srvc 9:00am	23 Shabbat Srvc 9:00am
24 Candle Lighting 7:25pm No Religious School	25 Pesach Srvc 9:00am No Religious School Temple Office Closed	26 Pesach Srvc 9:00am Temple Office Closed	27 Lunch & Learn 12:00pm	28 Candle Lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Srvc 6:30pm	29 Shabbat Srvc 9:00am	30 B/M of Rebecca Ruben 9:00am Jr. Cong 10:15am