

B'NAI ISRAEL BULLETIN



B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE

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PURIM

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AT OUR PURIM FESTIVITIES

Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

Each year, we reread the torah. Not because we are forgetful or haven't learned it well enough the first time, but instead, because each year, we are different. Each year, we look at the same words with a new set of eyes, new life experiences, and a new world around us. A seemingly mundane passage last year, could become deeply meaningful this year.

The same holds for our holiday celebrations. While the rituals and some of the prayers remain the same,what we emphasize in our holiday celebrations, changes as we do. This is what helps to keeps them meaningful and relevant.



This month, we celebrate Purim. And as we begin to plan, I can't help but contemplate the holiday and what it means for us this year. Lately, I have been thinking about the masks we wear, and the necessity we feel to hide who we are in the face of hatred and intolerance. In the Purim story, our heroine Esther doesn't tell King Ahasuerus that she is Jewish. And when it becomes necessary for her to do so, she is understandably fearful, because she knows that the king could have her killed. Yet she persists and reveals her true self to the King. In the process of doing so, she saves our people from Haman who wishes to have all the Jews murdered.

As someone who's Hebrew name is Esther, I have always connected with her as a character. And this year, I find extra resonance with her narrative. It is scary to reveal who we are, and what we believe because we don't know that it is safe to do so. Will someone respond with ignorance, support, or violent rhetoric? Yet, I know in my heart of hearts that it is important to do so, because it is worth fighting to live in a world where we can be our true selves; where masks are not necessary.

With antisemitism on the rise once more and hatred and cruel laws being cultivated against transgender Americans, refugees, and immigrants, it can be difficult and scary to share who we are. And it can be difficult to be in spaces where we can't be our full selves.

This Purim, I hope that our costumes will not hide us but lift up our values and highlight characters and traits that we admire. May we honor characters who promote hope, love, tolerance and a fighting spirit.

In addition to being true to myself, I commit to helping to make sure that B'nai Israel remains a safe place where we can be loved for our differences, and unique, God given characteristics.

We hope that you'll join us for one of our many Purim themed events- costumes are welcomed but not required at all: our masquerade on March 8th for adults, and for all ages, our Purim Service on March 14th (complete with mini megillah reading and costume parade) and our Purim carnival on March 15th.

Torah & Haftarah Readings

March 1st: Exodus ch. 25 vs. 1 through ch. 27 vs. 19
II Kings ch. 12 vss. 5 through 16

March 8th: Exodus ch. 27 vs. 20 through ch. 30 vs. 10
Esther ch. 7 vss. 1 through 10; ch. 8 vss. 15 through 17

March 15th: Exodus ch. 30 vs. 11 through ch. 34 vs. 35
I Kings ch. 18 vss. 1 through 39

March 22nd: Exodus ch. 35 vs. 1 through ch. 38 vs. 20
Ezekiel ch. 36 vss. 22 through 36

March 29th: Exodus ch. 38 vs. 21 through ch. 40 vs. 38
Ezekiel ch. 45 vss. 16 through 25



Torah Study & Adult Education



CLASS SCHEDULE

10:00 am Torah Study

11:00 am Adult Education

March 1
April 26
May 10

CONTACT

Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal

631-563-1660

rabbi@bnai-israel.org

Schedule is subject to change. Please watch the weekly email, bulletin, and online calendar for updates.

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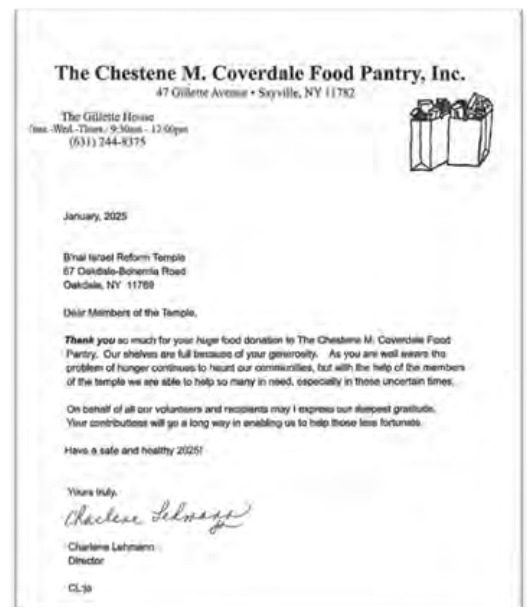
Outreach Committee - Alice Lambert

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing generosity. The **Chestine Coverdale Food Pantry** in Sayville happily welcomed the careful of food that I delivered in January. I assured the volunteers who work there, that I would see them soon, because I know that people would be bringing food and personal hygiene items every time they come to the Temple or school.

B'nai Israel's generosity was also evidenced by the donations that came in for the people affected by the wildfires in LA. We have been able to send checks to the **Kehillat Israel Pacific Palisades Temple** and, also to the **World Central Kitchens**. Both groups are working endlessly to provide food, shelter, and comfort to people whose lives have been devastated.

It always gives me a great sense of pride in knowing that B'nai Israel congregants are so willing to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves by making generous donations of food items and money.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.



President's Message

Purim, one of the most joyful and festive holidays in the Jewish calendar, is celebrated on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. This holiday commemorates the events of the Book of Esther, in which the Jewish people were saved from a plot to annihilate them in ancient Persia, thanks to the bravery and wisdom of Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai.



As we come together to celebrate Purim, it's not only a time for costumes, megillah readings, and festive meals; it is also an opportunity for reflection. While the story of Purim dates back over two millennia, its themes of resistance to injustice, standing up for one's identity, and fighting against hatred resonate just as strongly today.

At the heart of the Purim story is Esther's courage. She risked her life to speak truth to power, confronting her husband, King Ahasuerus, to save her people. Her actions remind us of the power of standing up against oppression, no matter the cost. In today's world, where marginalized communities still face discrimination, injustice, and violence, Esther's bravery continues to inspire us to raise our voices in the face of injustice and fight for what is right.

Purim is a holiday that emphasizes community and solidarity. Just as the Jewish people in the Purim story banded together to fight for their survival, so too must we support each other today. Whether it is through volunteering, advocacy, or simply offering a helping hand to those in need, Purim reminds us that we are stronger together.

In our modern era, the fight for justice, equality, and human rights is ongoing. The lessons from Purim encourage us to remain united in purpose, to amplify the voices of those who are silenced, and to confront the systems of power that perpetuate inequality.

Purim also serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining and celebrating our Jewish identity. In the story, Esther initially concealed her heritage, but in the end, she embraced it and used it to save her people. In today's world, we are called upon to affirm and celebrate who we are—our Jewish values, our culture, and our history—while recognizing the diversity of identities within our communities.

As we celebrate Purim this year, let us remember that our Jewish heritage, like Esther's story, is one of survival, resilience, and triumph. By holding true to our values of justice, equality, and compassion, we can continue to work toward a world where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

The Purim story reminds us of the responsibility we all share in shaping the world around us. It calls us to act when we see injustice, to protect those who are vulnerable, and to ensure that hatred and prejudice have no place in our communities. It also reminds us that the work of justice is never done—every generation must continue to fight for the rights of others, as Esther did for her people.

This Purim, as we gather with our families and communities, let us reflect on the lessons of courage, community, and identity. Let us carry the spirit of Purim with us, knowing that, just like Esther, we too have the power to make a difference in the world.

l'Shalom
Seth C. Berman



A wickedly magical PURIM FAMILY SHABBAT

March 14th, 2025
7:15 pm

- 🎭 Tasty Hamantaschen treats!
- 🎭 Costume parade
(All are welcome to come in costume.
It is not required.)
- 🎭 Brief Mad Lib Megillah
reading with a special chanted
Hebrew verse.
- 🎭 Fun and lighthearted shabbat humor.

HAPPY PURIM!



CARNIVAL!

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR
FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND FUN!!**

BACK THIS YEAR!

Create your own carnival game!

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place families!

Sign up to participate! →



Saturday, March 15, 2025

12:00pm-2:00pm

Wear your costumes!

*** Event is FREE***

**Pizza, hamantaschen, beverages
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

Questions? Please contact:

Alysha Abrams - alysha.eden@gmail.com

Allison Rothstein - ARothsteinDPT@gmail.com

**DONATE TO B'NAI ISRAEL
AT NO COST TO YOU
AND CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR SPRING!**

MARCH

SPRING
cleaning

During the month of March, the Fundraising Committee is once again sponsoring a drive to **collect gently used clothing and household items** to be sold by the Temple "by the pound" for cash.

Items for collection can include all types of clothing and accessories and other soft goods such as bedding, tablecloths and pillows, all packed in plastic bags. Also included are small household items from the kitchen including dishes, silverware, hand-held appliances, knick-knacks, toys, games and electronics, all packed in cardboard boxes. Hard cover books and paperbacks, CD's and DVD's are welcome, packed separately in boxes as well.

Clean items in sellable condition that you might otherwise give away, throw away, or move to the back of a closet can be recycled, resold and earn money for B'nai Israel at no cost to you. Begin your spring cleaning now. Set aside the items to be donated and bring them to the Temple according to the following schedule:

Thursday March 20th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm before or during the Board Meeting in the Temple coatroom.

Friday, March 21st, before or after 8:00 pm Shabbat Services in the Temple coatroom.

Saturday, March 22, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Religious School lobby.

Monday, March 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Religious School lobby.

Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri March 24th, 25th, 27th or 28th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Temple coatroom.

Friday, March 28th, before or after 8:00 pm Shabbat Services in the Temple coatroom.

LAST CALL: Saturday morning, March 29th, prior to 9:30 am!!

We will deliver the collected merchandise to the Savers Store in Holbrook at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 29th.

If you have access to a truck or other large-capacity vehicle and are willing to help us with transportation that morning, please email fundraising@bnai-israel.org to volunteer.

No suitable vehicle, but a strong back? Please offer to help load and unload!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

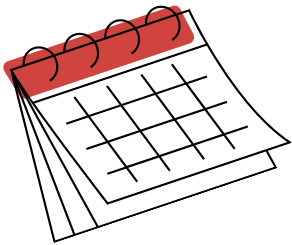
MOVIE NIGHT WAS AMAZING! THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO CAME AND ENJOYED! THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND BOARD OF ED THAT HELPED! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAFFLE WINNERS!

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

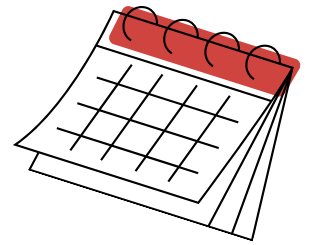


- MARCH 1: FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT
- MARCH 14: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES
- MARCH 15: PURIM CARNIVAL
- MARCH 21: KID-ISH SHABBAT
- MARCH 29: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PASSOVER SEDER
- MARCH 31: 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PASSOVER SEDER

UPCOMING EVENTS--MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- APRIL 11: FAMILY SERVICE
- APRIL 12: TEMPLE SEDER (RSVP)
- APRIL 12, 14, 19: NO SCHOOL-PASSOVER



OUTREACH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SCHOOL'S VALUES. HELPING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS SO IMPORTANT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN TZEDAKAH AND FOOD FOR OUTREACH!

BOOK CLUB IS STARTING!

As of March 1st, students will be visiting the Religious School Library and borrowing books to read with their families! We will be looking for parent volunteers to come in and listen to the students report on the books. if you are

interested please email us at:
school@bnai-israel.org



PARENTS--IMPORTANT



Please check your email regularly for announcements of upcoming events and any missed assignments as this is our primary method of communication. In case of emergency school closings or delayed openings announcements will be made by email, posted on the website and on the temple Facebook page

(If we do not have your current email address and you have not been receiving correspondences, please email us at school@bnai-israel.org with your current email address.)



TU BISHVAT AROUND THE SCHOOL



MS. FARRELLS STUDENTS
CREATED THEIR PERFECT
GARDENS TO
COMMEMORATE
TU BISHVAT



MS. SCHNEEBALG'S CLASSES
PLANTED SEEDS



OUR PK AND K CLASS
PAINTED TREES USING
THEIR HANDS/FINGERS-
-MS ZURBARAN

SHHH DON'T DISTURB---
MS. BAKERS, MS.
CASTRONOVA, AND MS.
ABRAMS CLASSES ARE
HARD AT WORK
LEARNING THEIR
PRAYERS



MS. RUELIUS STUDENTS ARE
LEARNING ALL ABOUT TU
BISHVAT





**HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER!
ACCEPTING NUTRITIOUS AND
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

ALL YEAR

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE TEMPLE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Membership Matters

A Spring Celebration

The Membership Committee is inviting all Temple families to a special event - Roots of Connection: A Spring Planting Celebration. Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, March 30th from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Temple social hall. We will start our morning with a Bagel Brunch complete with all the fixings. Then, we will get ready for spring by planting floral and herb seeds that can be taken home and planted later, in our home gardens. We will supply all the necessary planting materials for you: the floral and herb seeds, starter cell packs/trays, soil, water, and planting "tools".

We will conclude the morning with a short, fun activity as we continue to "connect our roots of friendship" within our Temple community.

Please RSVP by March 14th so we can be sure to have enough supplies. You can RSVP via email to office@bnai-israel.org or you can call Karen in the office at 631-563-1660.

We hope you will welcome in the spring season with us.

Current Groups and their contacts

Snowbirds

They plan to meet for dinner and join us virtually the first Friday of every month through April. Call Barbie Saslau at 631-553-5723 for details.

Couples Connections

Email Rich Motlin at: richard.motlin@gmail.com for information about activities for meeting with other couples.

Interfaith Group

This group has met several times and is planning on further activities for meeting and sharing experiences. Email Ellie Smith at esmith11@sjny.edu or call her at 631-806-3737 for more information. The group welcomes those in interfaith relationships, those who have family or friends in interfaith relationships and those who have converted.

Leisurely Singles

The Leisurely Singles group welcomes new members. Anyone who is single and Jewish and would like to join our group is welcome. Call Barbara Abrams at 631-224-1445 or email at jbabrams@optonline.net.

On March 16 at 12:30 PM, We will be meeting at The Shed in West Sayville at 12:30 for Brunch. The Book discussion has been cancelled. Please let Barbara Abreams know if you will attend the brunch.

As you can see we like to do a variety of activities and we usually add a meal, too. Please give our group a try. New members and ideas are welcome.

If you have any general questions about membership or ideas for forming a new special interest group, please let us know: membership@bnai-israel.org

SONKIN'S

sensational

LOTTERY RAFFLE

5TH ANNUAL

If your raffle ticket number matches the evening New York State 3-digit drawing you win the prize shown on the calendar below on that date.

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

To purchase tickets

please either contact the Temple Office
or **visit bnai-israel.org to purchase online**

Deadline to purchase is March 31

April 2025 Prize Calendar						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 \$100	2 \$25	3 \$50	4 \$75	5 \$25
6 \$50	7 \$25	8 \$50	9 \$25	10 \$50	11 \$100	12 \$25
13 \$50	14 \$25	15 \$100	16 \$75	17 \$50	18 \$25	19 \$50
20 \$50	21 \$25	22 \$25	23 \$50	24 \$25	25 \$50	26 \$25
27 \$50	28 \$25	29 \$25	30 \$250			

Roots of Connection: A Spring Planting Celebration

ALL AGES WELCOME!

**Join us on March
30th from 10:00 AM
to 12:00 PM to plant
floral and herb
seedlings for your
garden.**



*Planting supplies will be provided
and a Bagel Brunch with all the
fixings will be served. **We look
forward to planting with you.***

PLEASE RSVP
by March 14th to Karen
via email @
office@bnai-israel.org
or telephone
@ (631) 563-1660

B'nai Israel Presents

military BRIDGE



Bagels & Lox
Bridge
Sundae Dessert

Military Bridge is quick to learn and easy to play! We compete in teams of four... so sign-up as a group or couple or single and we will match you up in a team.

SATURDAY APRIL 5
Doors open 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:00pm
\$30 pp

RSVP by 3/27
Mail a check, pay online
or call the office at
631-563-1660

Prizes
50/50
Bring your
own card table
No refunds

Questions?
Call Sandy Weber 631-921-6345

Count me in for Military Bridge!



Name _____ Phone _____

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Total # Players _____ x \$30 pp = Total \$ _____

Mazel TOV

Marissa Gingold on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, **Darby**

Marissa & Dennis Sciacca on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Dawson**

Elyse Holts on the birth of her **granddaughter**, **Lenea DePasquale**, born 12/29/2024, weighing 4 pounds, 8 ounces

Jenn & Josh Diamond, big sister **Bailey**, and **Sharon & Ted Miller** on the birth of their son, brother and grandson, **Elias Gavin** on 2/16/2025, weighing 7 pounds 9.3 ounces, 20.5 inches.



Do you shop at Stop & Shop?

If Yes, you can purchase Stop & Shop Gift Cards from the Temple and the we get a percentage back as a donation!

They can be purchased through our website or see Rich Lindner on Friday evenings or call (516) 641-8050 or the Temple Office.

Consider donating these gift cards to the Temple's Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are in need of some assistance.

Dynamic Chair Yoga with Bonnie Rubell

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who want to start or continue their yoga practices. This class presents modifications for many yoga poses. Students choose the modifications which work best for them. This is a Hatha chair approach aimed at building body strength for balance and flexibility for life activities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walking, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical age-related physical changes and conditions. Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and protective for body and mind. It's also social and fun. This class is also appropriate for all ages who want to get back to an exercise program after a long break.





Sisterhood

MARCH 2025



- SHALOM B'NAI ISRAEL

I am delighted to invite all women to my favorite event of the year - our annual Women's Seder. This special evening is not only a celebration of the Passover holiday but also a tribute to the narratives of women that have shaped our history and traditions.

PEACE, LOVE & LIGHT - A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Please join us as we come together to share stories, sing songs, and perform rituals old and new. Attending the Women's Seder is an opportunity to be part of a vibrant sisterhood that embraces and empowers each other. It is an evening where we can rejoice in our heritage, explore our spirituality, and strengthen our bonds.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful experience with you and welcoming you into our circle of sisterhood. *Joi Garvin - Sisterhood President*

WOMEN'S SEDER • MARCH 25

6:00pm Apps & Schmooze • 6:30pm Seder

To volunteer to make an Appetizer or Dessert,
please contact Thea Gunther
at thea@gunthergeeks.com or 516-987-9259

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PERIOD SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be accepting the following items for the Allied Foundation in Melville:
Heavy Maxi Pads, Heavy Maxi Pads with wings, Panty Liners,
Period Underwear (sizes XL and 2XL) and Heating Pads

Save
the
Date

Drag
BINGO
Brunch

Sunday
May 4

Sisterhood

Women's Seder

March 25
6:00 pm
Appetizers & Schmooze
6:30 pm
Seder

To volunteer to make an *Appetizer or Dessert*, PLEASE contact Thea Gunther at thea@gunthergeeks.com or 516-987-9259

\$20 Sisterhood members
\$25 Non-members
OPEN SEATING

RSVP by Mar 17 on Temple website use the Sisterhood payment page
SPECIAL EVENT ticket

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Questions? Call Joi G. at 516-313-6988

PERIOD POVERTY

THE FACTS. PERIOD.



Period Poverty is the inability to access menstrual period products.

In the US, 1 in 4 teens and 1 in 3 adults struggle to afford period products.

1 in 3 low-income women report missing work or school due to lack of access to period supplies.

HELP US PUT AN END TO PERIOD POVERTY!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PERIOD SUPPLY DRIVE
starting MARCH 2025



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Play with the Long Island Ducks **ball!**

Spring is here, almost. But spring training is already underway. And baseball is back for the 2025 season. We have a handshake with the Long Island Ducks and B'nai Israel volunteers will be back at the stadium in Central Islip working at concession stands to earn commissions and tips for our Temple.

We've met with new concession management and discussed changes to our annual contract which is still being reviewed but expected to be finalized shortly. **We will be working home-games on Wednesday and Saturday evenings beginning on opening weekend, Saturday evening, April 26th.** A Ducks schedule is included in this month's mailing and is available online by [clicking here](#).

In past years the income from working at Ducks games has exceeded the total earned by all other Temple fundraising efforts combined and is an essential part of the General Fund annual budget. There is no expense involved and no cap to our earning ability, which is limited only by the number of volunteers we can provide. While many of our volunteers work with us year after year, attrition is always an issue, and more help is always needed. In addition to cashiers, we need runners to help fill customer orders. No experience is needed. Training for first-timers is on-the-job and typically can be completed by game time.

But the jobs are demanding and typically require the physical stamina to work on our feet for about five consecutive hours.

Volunteers must be 16 years old with working papers. Students will earn community service credit for each game and are among our most productive workers. We also give high marks to volunteers into their 80's and have had three generations of a Temple family working a concession together at one time. All who are able are encouraged to pitch-in. No one expected to work more than one game a week. Some do, but many work much less often. **Every volunteer at every game contributes and their work is appreciated by the Ducks as well as B'nai Israel.**

Volunteers from previous years have already been contacted by email. **If you think you or family members might be interested in joining the crew, please contact us at ducks@bnai-israel.org for more information or to volunteer.**



Passover

WINE SALE

Wine List

Recanati Yasmin Red Blend
from Israel

Recanati Yasmin White Blend
from Israel

Bartenura Moscato

Sparkling Cider

KOSHER FOR PASSOVER

brought to you by the

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

B'nai Israel Reform Temple
Invites you to join us for

PASSOVER

with a
Community Seder
and Kosher for Passover Dinner

Saturday, April 12, 2025

6:15 PM



*see next page
for details*

Passover Dinner and Seder

April 12, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

KINDLY
RSVP

BY APRIL 1ST 2025

- + Call the office (631) 563-1660 and use a credit card or
- + Go to Temple website <https://bnai-israel.org> and use a credit card or
- + Fill out form and send with a check to B'nai Israel Reform Temple,
67 Oakdale Bohemia Road, Oakdale, NY 11769

Your Name: _____
Guest names _____
including children: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

TEMPLE MEMBER

ADULTS _____ x \$59 = \$_____

CHILDREN (under 12) _____ x \$30 = _____

NON-MEMBER


ADULTS _____ x \$69 = \$_____

CHILDREN (under 12) _____ x \$35 = \$_____

Optional Donation: \$_____

Sorry, NO REFUNDS

SEATING -- every attempt will be made to accommodate seating requests

- We are open to a new experience and will sit with any other guests 
- Please sit us with the following families if possible: _____
-

Donations & Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their contributions to B'nai Israel Reform Temple:

Ethan William Snair Memorial Fund

Gammie - In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair
Roberta Snair Saraceni - In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair

LA Fire Relief Fund

Sheila & Jerry Kessler - To assist the people affected by the LA Fires
Linda & Nick Monaco - In honor of the First Responders
Diane & Howard Somberg
Alice & Mike Lambert
Laura Weisberg - In honor of the marriage of my grandson and new granddaughter, Aaron & Ariella Weisberg
Gayle Lambert
Thea & Ken Gunther - To help rebuild!
Anonymous Donation
Ann & Zion Armoza
Sara & Matthew Abend
Ellie & Ed Smith
Anonymous Donation
Ellen & Richard Motlin - For the Pacific Palisades & the LA fire victims
Debbie & Gavin Hanlon
Sandy & Paul Weber
Cantor Ilana Plutzer
Michael Freed

General Fund

Mary & Paul Fink - In honor of Elyse Holt's first grandchild, Lenea
Alice & Mike Lambert - In memory of Arnold Menis
Alice & Mike Lambert - In memory of Harriet Mhlstin
Suzanne & Mark Wittenberg
Alice & Mike Lambert - In memory of Beverly Linder

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Debbie & Gavin Hanlon
Steven & Adam Mhlstin - In memory of Harriet Mhlstin

Help A Family

Rochelle & Gerald Slochevsky

Building Fund

Fran Leiboff - In memory of Leon Leiboff

Religious School

Alice & Mike Lambert - In memory of Andrea Hellin
Debbie & Gavin Hanlon

Outreach

Debbie & Gavin Hanlon
Sheila & Jerry Kessler - In memory of William Silver

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Ilene & Don Neckameyer - In memory of Trudy & Marty Neckameyer
Ilene & Don Neckameyer - In memory of Brad Miller
Beth & Stu Menis - In memory of Donald H. Singer
Joyce Feuer - In memory of Lloyd A. Feuer
Trish & Rich Lindner - In memory of my grandfather, Samuel Lindner
Rachel Klein - In memory of Allen Klein



To make a donation online please visit www.bnai-israel.org/donations

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	Feb 28	1 Religious School Book Club Starts 9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education 6:30pm Family Fun
2	3 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7pm School Grade High School	4 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	5	6 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	7 8pm Shabbat Service	8 9:30am School grades 3-6 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Darby Gingold 6pm *CANCELED* Purim Masquerade
9	10 Bulletin Deadline 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8	11 7pm Membership Committee	12	13 10:30am Chair Yoga	14 7:15pm Family & Purim Service & Religious School Shabbat	15 9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 12pm Purim Carnival
16 1pm Leisurely Singles Brunch at The Shed	17 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7:30pm Finance Committee	18	19	20 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	21 7pm Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	22 9:30am Spring Cleaning Drop-off - School Building 9:30am School grades 3-6
23	24 9am Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 6:30pm Spring Cleaning Drop-off - School Building	25 9am Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 6pm Women's Seder	26	27 9am Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 10:30am Chair Yoga	28 9am Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 7:30pm Spring Cleaning Drop-off - Main Building 8pm Shabbat Service	29 8:30am LAST CALL Spring Cleaning Drop- off BEFORE 9:30 am 9:30am School grades 3-6 with Seder 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 with 10am Morning
30 10am Spring Planting Celebration	31 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 with Seder	Notes				

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30	Mar 31	1 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2	3 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	4 8pm Shabbat Service	5 9:30am School grades 3-6 10:30am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Katelyn McCauley 5:30pm Military Bridge	
6 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 with Seder grade 7 7pm School Grade High School with Seder	7	8	9	10 Bulletin Deadline 10:30am Chair Yoga	11 7:15pm Family Service	12 No School 6:15pm Passover Seder	
13 No School 7:30pm Finance Committee	14	15	16	17 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	18 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	19 No School	
20 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9	21	22 7pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi	23	24 10:30am Chair Yoga	25 8pm Shabbat & Yom Hashoah Service	26 Long Island Ducks Concessions Fundraiser Begins 9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education	
27 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8	28	29	30	May 1	2	3	
4	5	Notes					

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March 14th

Roslyn Bearman
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March 21st

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