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Friday, November 6 – Service 7:00 PM

82nd Annual Commemoration of Kristallnacht

Saturday, November 7 – Torah Study & Service 9:30 AM

VAYERA

Torah Portion: Genesis 18:1-22:24—Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1-37

Friday, November 13 – Service 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 14 – Torah Study & Service 9:30 AM

CHAYEI SARAH

Torah Portion: Genesis 23:1-25:18—Haftarah: 1 Kings 1:1-31

Friday, November 20 – Service 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 21 – Torah Study & Service 9:30 AM

TOLDOT

Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9—Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Monday, November 23 – 7:00 PM

Virtual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with The First Presbyterian Church of Far Rockaway, formerly known as The Russell Sage Memorial Church and will be hosted by Temple Israel, Lawrence, NY

Friday, November 27 – Service 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 28 – Torah Study & Service 9:30 AM

VAYETZE

Torah Portion: Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10



A WORD TO THE WISE
RABBI JAY H. ROSENBAUM
“Be Strong and of Good Courage”

Shanah Tovah!

This is a challenging time of new beginnings as we bid farewell to the past year with the past six months, not allowing us to classify 5780 without qualification, as a *Shanah Tovah*. Today as we take our first steps into the New Year, we pray it will be a better year than the past year.

Now, when we complete reading any of the five books of Moses and prepare to open and begin a new Book in the Torah, for millennia and synagogues around the world, the *Baal Korey*, the one reading the Torah, would pronounce these three words as if they were a Commandment from on High, “*Chazak, Chazak V’Nitchazek* – Be strong, be strong and of good courage.” We most certainly need courage, strength of character and conviction as we leave the past behind and encounter our future.

“Covid fatigue” has taken hold and afflicted many across all segments of society, as articulated so clearly by one of my precious elementary age students in our Religious School who asked the other day, “When will this come to an end? It feels like months and years since all this began. When will it end? It feels like it will never end.” In a loving and compassionate tone, I assured him it will come to an end. Things will return to normal. We have faced other challenges like this in the past and they have come to an end and so will this, the World War III of the Covid Virus. We must maintain hope, and the word for hope in Hebrew, *Hatikva*, is not only the National Anthem of the State of Israel, but the National Anthem of World Jewry.

We have always hoped against all odds and in so doing, helped realize our dreams for a better future. For example, for 2000 years after Israel was conquered and Jerusalem destroyed, we prayed that once again we will return and rebuild our Jewish State and Holy City of Jerusalem. That came about 72 years ago in 1948. Therefore, maintaining hope for a better tomorrow, we need to do all that is necessary for a brighter future. We must do all that is necessary to keep ourselves, our family members and friends safe and healthy and be patient as we wait for a vaccine to come – and it will come. In doing so, we fulfill God’s mandate to us as written in the Torah: *U’Bcharta Ba-Chaim* - And thou shall choose life.

Now what are the necessary steps and proper attitude to make and embrace to keep ourselves and our loved ones healthy? Over the past weeks I appeared on Chanel 12 News discussing the importance of sacrificing today for a bright future to come. What does this entail? To begin, maintain our edge and not fall victim to Covid Fatigue. I know it is very tempting to say to one's self: "I've had it with these masks. I've had it with social distancing. I've had it with only encountering my grandchildren outside and at a distance. I've had it with Zoom Services. And do I really have to be that cautious and be separated from family and friends this Thanksgiving?" Well the answers to these questions are simple and direct. Let us be cautious this Thanksgiving so we can celebrate a lifetime of Thanksgivings. Let us adopt an attitude about the mask which I have repeated many times. The mask that we need wear in public is our equivalent to the "Flak Jacket" – the body armor worn by many soldiers in combat – the mask is the equivalent of the "Bullet-Proof Vest" worn by our "Men and Women in Blue" who put their lives on the line to protect us. And now, we must take every step to protect ourselves. We are all in this together and we will emerge stronger than before.

Believe me, I know at times it seems we are living in an "Alternate Universe" when up is down and down is up and we don't know who or what to believe. Let me provide you with this guide that has been my mantra, articulated to my students, from elementary school through law school: 1. Don't believe everything you hear or read and just because the government says you can do it, doesn't mean you should do it. 2. Gather all the facts from reliable sources. Check and re-check the validity of the facts presented to you and have the confidence to know, God has endowed each and every one of us with the capacity to make the right choice for ourselves and those we love. God gave us a brain, a good brain, with the capacity to outthink any computer – use it. 3. If something sounds too good to be true or is unbelievable or is contrary to the science, it probably is.

So, in conclusion, my dear beloved Temple Family members, I wish you and your families, from my home to yours, a safe, healthy joyous Thanksgiving. And please know that I am here for you 24/7. So, if you are feeling down or blue or just need to talk, as the popular song goes, "Call Me" (917) 687-9640. And with faith in God, ourselves and each other, let us be strong and of good courage.

With love,

Rabbi Jay



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
DR. DOUGLAS SEGAN

My House Shall Be a House of Prayer for All

On those occasions when I am honored to be on the bimah of our beautiful Temple I often contemplate the words that are above our main entrance to the sanctuary. The words facing me are “My House Shall Be a House of Prayer for All.” This short but powerful phrase from Isaiah will be my marching orders for the upcoming Winter season. I am asking you to make these words our collective mandate.

I can picture our Temple Israel forebears many decades ago planning their move from Far Rockaway to a brand-new majestic structure in Lawrence. I am certain that there were lively debates about which expressions from our rich-Jewish heritage would make the best choices to have on the walls of our building. This expression from Isaiah was chosen for the place of honor for very good reasons. It is so simple but so elegant and captures what we are trying to do; to make everyone feel welcome.

Many years before Isaiah, tradition tells us that Abraham kept his tent open on all sides so that he could welcome strangers coming from any direction.

Thousands of years after Abraham’s tent and decades after Isaiah’s words went up in our sanctuary, it is now our job to decide if we are living up to the standards that they set. I know that I can do a much better job making everyone feel welcome in our tent.

With this tradition in mind and these words on our sanctuary walls, I know that we can work together to expand our membership both locally and nationwide. We can continue to exponentially grow our Friends email list. Together we can build stronger bridges with other institutions and houses of worship.

We need everyone’s help to now build up our Temple membership. I hope that everyone is now tired of the repetitive negative mantra that “the neighborhood demographics have changed.” This redundant expression just gives us permission to stop thinking and to surrender to the status quo. Your team of Officers and I are not in this mission to surrender to the status quo. The time has come for out of the box creative thinking to grow our Temple and to welcome everyone.

This tragic Pandemic has woken us up to the power and reach of Zoom. For the past six months a member in Wyoming would have had the identical Temple Israel experience as one in Woodmere. The excuse that “the neighborhood has changed” is now very outdated because we are

no longer limited to the vicinity of Lawrence. Everything we do is now available everywhere in the world and will remain that way long after Covid 19 is in the history books.

I hope and pray that everyone has a peaceful and healthy Thanksgiving. I am very grateful to serve as your Temple President and thankful to work with our wonderful Rabbi, Cantor, Office staff, Officers, Board and all of our members and friends. With the help of all of you, I am certain that we can follow the example of Abraham and the words of Isaiah and make our Temple a more welcoming place and a house of prayer for all.

Friday, November 6, 2020 7:00 PM
82nd Annual Commemoration of Kristallnacht
which marked the beginning of the Holocaust

This year which marks the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Holocaust, we have seen an unprecedented rise in anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. It is more important than ever that we in our world that suffers from amnesia, remember.

Guest Speakers:

James Rotenberg, Past President, Temple Israel, whose parents experienced Kristallnacht in Berlin and as a result, left Germany.

Ambassador Stefan Schlueter

Students in our Religious School will participate in the service.

Please join with me in fulfilling the mitzvah of Yizkor, of remembering, in our world of 21st Century, that would prefer to forget.

Warm regards and God Bless,
 Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum

Kristallnacht Remembrance - Yellow Candles

Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass, November 9-10, 1938, was when Nazis in Germany torched synagogues, vandalized Jewish homes, schools and businesses and killed close to 100 Jews. In the aftermath of Kristallnacht, some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps.

: In our beautiful sanctuary, we would distribute a yellow candle to those present to light. In this time of social distancing, we should not forget to remember the victims of the Holocaust. We ask you to light a virtual yellow candle at www.illuminatethepast.org in memory of a single soul who perished in the Holocaust. Get assigned a name and spend a moment of silence in their honor. #RememberONE.



GREETINGS FROM CANTOR GALINA MAKAVEYEV

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your kind words and messages of encouragement regarding my singing during these High Holidays. Thanks to our masterful professional choir and our Music Director Dr. Matthew Lewis. We are looking forward to many years of bringing beautiful and inspiring music to our members. Thank you to our office staff, Ellen Gwozd, Theresa Whalen, Alan Freedman, our Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, leadership team, officers, President Doug Segan and Vice-President Penny Schuster for their high expertise and hard work which is always greatly appreciated.

Working with our B'nai Mitzvah students is one of the important Cantorial duties which I love and cherish. I feel a great pride and happiness when I see my students' interest and joy when they learn our traditional melodies. Their enthusiasm ensures me in continuation of our musical legacy for future generations. While introducing the prayers, blessings, Torah and Haftarah chants to our B'nai Mitzvah students, it is a great privilege and pleasure to explore our ancestors' teachings together. I am often amazed by the depth of my students' understanding of our ancient texts. What a joy to discover insightful perspectives and fresh ideas together. Our future is bright and promising because of these young minds and beautiful souls! What a privilege to be their teacher! I look forward to celebrating everyone's Bar and Bat Mitzvah and I am thrilled and honored to stand by our young Jewish adults as they make us all happy and proud.

I am happy to announce that our Congregational Choir will resume leading our services in song in November. We will present new tunes that will bring joy and happiness to everyone, and elevate us during these challenging times.

I would like to thank Geri and Alan Krim for sponsoring our pumpkin contest and for putting together such a wonderful and heart-touching montage for our Simchat Torah service. I could see how everyone's face lit up when they watched this craft-fully put together montage.

Thanks again Geri and Alan, you inspired another wave of creativity. Together with Elaine Prusack, our Secretary and my fabulous co-host for Thursday Social Gatherings, we plan to bring back more memories and share more pictures from the past with our congregants. We are also work diligently on presenting new exciting programs this year so please stay tuned and stay connected with your Temple Israel family. Together we will relax, have fun, laugh and support each other!

Zoom has become our community's space for authentic connection. Thank you all who participated in discussion about the role of music in our virtual worship. Your reflections brought a new understanding of how much our Temple's music is important to you, how it enhances your spiritual lives and fosters your communal connection. I listened carefully to what you said, and what I heard was that as much as you loved our traditional melodies, you were open to learn new ones, and appreciated all kinds of musical expressions... and that is why I am a Cantor at Temple Israel of Lawrence, YOUR CANTOR.

Moving gratefully into this New Year 5781, I pray for the presence of healing in our community and world. I look forward to more soul singing, many blessings and celebrations together. God bless and thank you!

Yours in Song,
Cantor Galina Makaveyev

TEMPEL ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**Dr. Galina Makaveyev, Cantor & Director of Education**

*Veshinantam Levanecha.
And you shall teach them to your children.
(V'ahavta Blessing, Deuteronomy 6:7)*

SCHOOL CALENDAR, NOVEMBER 2020

11/3 – Religious School

11/10 - Religious School

11/17 - Religious School

11/23 - MONDAY, Annual Interfaith Service 7PM

11/24 – Religious School

Our students brought lots of joy and happiness to those who attended our High Holidays, Sukkot, Simchat Torah and Shabbat Family Services. Thank you all for your kind messages and high praises for our students' active presence and participation.

I am pleased to share that our school's community continues to thrive. Our teachers have become proficient at virtual instruction and keep everyone engaged in their learning. We work collaboratively with our families, Vice-President Penny Schuster and Rabbi to provide the best possible educational experiences for all TILNY students.

Our school's Tzedakah project for this school year is partnering with the Mazon organization, Jewish Response to Hunger. Our students met with Mazon representatives and learned how to become their valuable partners in helping to end hunger in Israel and the United States.

We continue building a strong relationship with Israel, our spiritual land. Our students met and played together with the creator of the virtual Jerusalem Escape Room Game. This fun and collaborative experience helped everyone to explore the landscape of Israel's capital, a City of Gold, and bond with each other.

Thank you so much to Price and Sklar families for their generous support in providing learning materials and special gifts to our students. Together we continue making our school a high quality one, with the education that encompasses the core, the essence of YOUR sacred work, which is to instill our Jewish values, nurture and empower the next generation to live authentically in a complex, dynamic society, with deep meaning and high purpose in life.

B'Shalom,

Cantor Galina Makaveyev

November Anniversaries

Victoria and Dr. Vadim Firdman
Esta and Kenneth Friedman
Gayle and Aron Schnell

November Birthdays

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Paul Cohen
Esta Friedman
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	3	4 7:30 PM Book & Author “Return to the Reich” with Eric Lichtblau	5 7:30 PM Game Night	6 7:00 PM Virtual Shabbat Service Kristallnacht	7 9:30 AM Virtual Torah Study & Service
8	9 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 PM Officer’s Meeting	11 7:30 PM A Vacation in the Branch—A virtual tour of the Five Towns with Millicent Vollono	12 8:00 PM Educational event hosted by “Renewal” on Kidney Disease and Transplant	13 7:00 PM Virtual Shabbat Service Choir Participation	14 9:30 AM Virtual Torah Study & Service
15 10:30 AM Book & Author “Genius & Anxiety—How Jews Changed the World 1847—1947” With Norman Lebrecht	16 7:45 PM Board Meeting	17	18 7:30 PM Book & Author “Get Up” with Adam Greenberg	19 7:30 PM Craft Event “Beadazzled by Sky” with Lauren Franklin	20 7:00 PM Virtual Shabbat Service	21 9:30 AM Virtual Torah Study & Service
22	23 7:00 PM Virtual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving Day!	27 7:00 PM Virtual Shabbat Service	28 9:30 AM Virtual Torah Study & Service
29	30					

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Please submit your best latke recipes to us. This includes any potato, corn, zucchini or other vegetable latke. We will share your recipes with our entire congregation in December. Send your recipe copied in the body of the email to Alan.Krim@tilny.org

Temple Israel is trying something new for the upcoming December holiday season - an auction. The auction is ongoing and will end with a live Zoom auction on Saturday night November 7, 2020. All of the proceeds from this auction will benefit programs at Temple Israel. The auction can be found at: <https://www.32auctions.com/TempleIsraelLawrence>

Wednesday events:

Wed., 11/4 - Book and Author: "Return to the Reich" with Eric Lichtblau

Wed., 11/11 - A Vacation in the Branch, a virtual tour of the Five Towns with Millicent Vollono

Wed., 11/18 - Book and Author: "Get Up" with Adam Greenberg

All Zoom events will start at 7:30 PM

Thursday events:

Thurs., 11/5 - Game Night

Thurs., 11/12 - Educational event hosted by Renewal Organization on Kidney Disease and Transplant

Thurs., 11/19—Craft event—"Beadazzled by Sky" with Lauren Franklin

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, November 15th 10:30 AM – "Genius & Anxiety, How Jews Changed the World 1847 – 1947," Book and Author with Norman Lebrecht

Monday, November 23rd—7:00 PM Virtual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with The First Presbyterian Church of Far Rockaway, formerly known as The Russell Sage Memorial Church and will be hosted by Temple Israel, Lawrence, NY

Sunday, December 6th 10:30 AM— Sir Ben Helfgott will be the recipient of the Jewish Sports Heritage Association Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a Polish Holocaust survivor, British Olympic Sporting Legend, and much more.

Friday, December 11th - Chanukah Dinner & Service - Dinner 6 PM & Service 7 PM