

# TOURO SYNAGOGUE



“

Notice the Holy One

IN BLESSING AND IN BEAUTY,  
IN ACTS OF REPAIR,  
IN EYES THAT MEET,  
IN THE TUMULT OF CHANGE,  
IN WORDS OF FORGIVENESS,  
IN THE FLOW OF A YEAR,  
IN THE COURSE OF A JOURNEY...

in the life we are living.

- 'NOTICE THE RIVER,' [EXCERPTED], MISHKAN HALEV

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2018/2019  
5779



# High Holy Days

2018/5779

## HIGH HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

**Sunday, September 9**

8:00PM Evening Service, Main Sanctuary

### ROSH HASHANAH

**Monday, September 10**

9:00AM Young Family Service,  
Forgotston Chapel

9:00AM Tot Service,  
Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

10:00AM Morning Service,  
Main Sanctuary

4:00PM Tashlich Celebration,  
City Park Boat Dock

### SHABBAT SHUVAH

**Friday, September 14**

6:00PM Shabbat Service,  
Main Sanctuary

7:15pm Shabbat Dinner

*See page 12 for more information*

### EREV YOM KIPPUR

**Tuesday, September 18**

8:00PM Kol Nidre Service, Main Sanctuary

### YOM KIPPUR

**Wednesday, September 19**

9:00AM Young Family Service,  
Forgotston Chapel

9:00AM Tot Service,  
Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

10:00AM Morning Service,  
Main Sanctuary

12:30PM Music & Meditation Service,  
Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

2:00PM Afternoon Study,  
Forgotston Chapel

3:15PM Afternoon Service/  
Torah Reading, Main Sanctuary

4:15PM Yizkor/Memorial Service,  
Main Sanctuary

5:00PM Neilah-Concluding Service,  
Main Sanctuary

### BREAK-THE-FAST

*Enjoy a light break-fast following the Neilah  
Concluding Service in the Bowsky Garden.*

### SUKKOT

**September 24-30**

*See page 13 for a listing of  
our Sukkot celebrations*

### SIMCHAT TORAH

**Monday, October 1**

*See page 14 for more information*



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLERGY

Our sages teach:

Wherever ten Jews live,  
they must set up a building where they can come together to pray.  
Such a place is called a synagogue.

And so we learn:

Wherever ten gather in prayer,  
the Divine Presence is among them.  
There is holiness in community,  
for in community we meet the Holy One.  
How good it is to be together.

How good to gather as one people,  
before our God, who cherishes the uniqueness of each soul.  
*Hinei mah tov* – precious is the gift of community,  
blessed the joy of our gathering.

- Adapted from Maimonides, Mishneh Torah

These are holy days in holy space with holy souls. All together.

Welcome! We're glad you came.

Love,  
Rabbi Berk, Rabbi Silverman, & Cantor Margolius



## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12

### TOT SERVICES

FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS  
CHILDREN AGES 0-3

#### *Rosh Hashanah*

**Monday, September 10**  
9:00 - 9:20 am

#### *Yom Kippur*

**Wednesday, September 19**  
9:00 - 9:20 am

Littlest ones (ages 0-3 years) join  
Rabbi Berk and Cantor Margolius for a  
blessing and singing in the New Year.

**Services held  
in the Grant Meyer  
Garden Pavilion.**

### YOUNG FAMILY SERVICES

FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-8

#### *Rosh Hashanah*

**Monday, September 10**  
9:00 - 9:45 am

#### *Yom Kippur*

**Wednesday, September 19**  
9:00 - 9:45 am

Please join Rabbi Silverman and  
Charlie Cox for an interactive service  
for children ages 4-8, accompanied  
by their parents. There will be  
prayer, stories, music and fun!

**Services will be in the Forgetston  
Chapel and are not intended for  
babies or toddlers.**

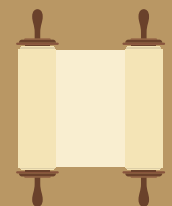
### "THE STORIES AND LESSONS OF THE SEASON"

KIDS AGES 8-12

Special breakout session  
and activity during services  
on Rosh Hashanah  
and Yom Kippur morning.

Exit main service when announced  
and rejoin your family in time for  
the conclusion of the service.

**This break-out session  
will be held in the  
Forgetston Chapel  
and Shushan Assembly.**



## A LETTER OF WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of Touro Synagogue, I am honored to welcome you to our High Holiday services. For the past 110 years, our community has gathered in this extraordinary sanctuary during this season to find deep meaning in our tradition's beautiful liturgy, music and ritual. Many of you are from families who have worshipped here for generations. Some of you are new to Touro, others are our visiting guests. Whatever the circumstance is for you, we hope that in being here with us you find a comforting, Jewish anchor and a pathway to a living Judaism.

As you look through the pages of this High Holy Day Bulletin, you will notice unending opportunities to become involved with our congregation in ways that resonate with your own interests and personal expressions of Judaism. We are delighted to spend the High Holy Days with you and we look forward to the coming year of engagement together. If you are not yet a member, we hope the following pages inspire you to become one; we'd love to welcome you into Touro as a congregant.

Our clergy lead us to find spiritual meaning that is personal, accessible, and aspirational; our professional staff manages every aspect of synagogue life with tender care and expertise; and our Board of Trustees is an interwoven team of skill, vision, and oversight. You and this congregation are at the center of our collaborative devotion and attention. Through our engagement with one another in the present and our thoughtful planning together for the future, may this unique and vibrant Touro community continue to flourish in the year 5779, and for generations to come.

I wish you and your loved ones a sweet, happy, and healthy new year.

Warmly,

Teri Hunter



Teri Hunter

# TODAH RABAH! THANK YOU!

***We Greet the New Year with Gratitude***

Thank you to the Family of Julian H. Good for generously underwriting the Touro Torah Project and our new Electric Lift which makes our Bimah, Offices, and Rabbi's Study accessible to those with limited mobility.

Thank you to Betty Kohn and the Betty and Ira Kohn Foundation for donating the funding to update the interiors of our sacred sanctuary including new congregational seating. It's going to be beautiful and comfortable! This project will be taking place in the coming months.

*We are grateful for their generous and impactful gifts.*





*Let it all go!*

## TASHLICH SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 10, 4 PM  
ROSH HASHANAH AT CITY PARK



Meet us at the Boat Dock in City Park for a meaningful Tashlich experience and singing with Rabbi Berk, Cantor Margolius, and Rabbi Silverman.

Bring a picnic snack, cold beer, or soft drinks to share. Come with your frisbee, football and even your dog!

## YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE



Each year, Touro members help replenish the shelves of the local food bank with hundreds of pounds of groceries.

Help fight food insecurity in New Orleans by bringing bags of groceries with you to the Yom Kippur morning service on September 19.

We encourage each Touro family to provide food for a comparable size family in need.

***Thank you for helping with  
this very important effort!***

## Break-the-Fast Garden Party

All are welcome to join us for a light break-the-fast in the Bowksy Garden following the Neilah Concluding Service on September 19.



*The Break-the-fast is generously underwritten by a gift to Touro Synagogue's Foundation from the Touro Sisterhood.*



**TORAH DEDICATION CELEBRATION**  
**SHABBAT SHUVAH**  
**SEPTEMBER 14 - 16**  
**WITH SOFERET LINDA COPPLESON**

**JOIN US AS WE DEDICATE OUR NEW TORAH SCROLL WITH OUR SCRIBE**

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 6:00PM**

Featuring a talk with Linda about the art of Torah writing and the sacred calling.  
How does one write a Torah? What is the process? The time frame?  
The art? The science? The holiness and the love.

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 1:00-2:30PM**

The State of our Torah Scrolls – Past and Present. Where did our Torah Scrolls come from?  
Who wrote them? What is their condition? What can we learn about the stories and circumstances  
surrounding our existing Torah Scrolls? Come talk with Linda and see all of our Torah Scrolls unrolled!

*Babysitting will be available for ages 6 and under with RSVP to [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com).*

**NEW TORAH DEDICATION!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 10:00-11:30AM**

See Linda write the first letters in the very beginning of the Torah; watch her hand as it forms the words!  
All Touro Members - Plan to share in the joy of this momentous, sacred moment; be part of history at Touro Synagogue.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW TORAH AND AVAILABLE DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TORAHPROJECT](http://WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TORAHPROJECT)**



**LINDA B. COPPLESON, SOFERET STA"AM**

After years of training, Linda was accepted to participate in the Women's Torah Project, writing 20 out of 62 pages of a Torah that now lives in Seattle, WA. It is the first Torah in history written by a group of Sofrot (women scribes). Her role as a Soferet extends beyond writing to include teaching about the art and skill of the Sofer and embracing and including congregants in the process. Being physically close to a Torah scroll as it is being written, seeing the letters and words emerge from the quill and appear on the parchment is to feel the inexorable pull of history and tradition and elicit that elusive sense of belonging and connection to Jews and Judaism. In addition to writing Torah scrolls, megillot and mezzuzot (STA"AM), Linda repairs and restores sifrei Torah. Linda recently retired from a 25 year career teaching Tanach, Rabbinics, and Jewish History. She earned a BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, and an MA in Hebrew Culture and Education from New York University.



# MORE Holiday Celebrations AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OBSERVANCES -

**SUKKOT**  
SEPTEMBER 23-30



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**Sukkot activities and times can be found on page 8**

Decorate the Sukkah at Religious School; Enjoy a Sukkot Harvest Dinner with vintage wines; eat with the clergy in the sukkah; Shake the lulav and etrog!

**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
SEPT. 30 - OCTOBER 1



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**Simchat Torah Celebration at Danneel Park**  
**September 30, 9:30 AM**

Bring a picnic and celebrate Simchat Torah to the sounds of the Panorama Jazz Band. Full details found on page 9

**Simchat Torah Festival Service and Yizkor**  
**October 1, 10:30 AM**

**CHANUKAH**  
DECEMBER 2-10



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**Chanukah Family Dinner**  
**December 7, 7:15 PM**

Fried food fest of deliciousness following Shabbat services - Chicken, Latkes, Sufganiyot (doughnuts), and more!

**TU B'SHEVAT**  
JANUARY 19



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**Tu B'Shevat Seder with Rabbi Berk**  
**January 19, 12:00 PM**

Celebrate the faith of inevitable springtime as we savor foods that celebrate the earth. Full details found on page 17.

**PURIM**  
MARCH 20 - 21



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**Mystery Megillah Theater 5000 - March 20, 6:00 PM**

Grab a drink and hear the story of Esther, Mordecai, and Haman chanted, with commentary and local flavor provided by our funniest members!

**PESACH**  
APRIL 19-27



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**1st Night Passover Seder - April 19, 6:30 PM**

An evening of story, song and celebration with Rabbi Alexis Berk, Rabbi Todd Silverman, and Cantor Kevin Margolius.

**Pesach Service and Yizkor - April 26, 10:30 AM**

**SHAVUOT**  
JUNE 8-9

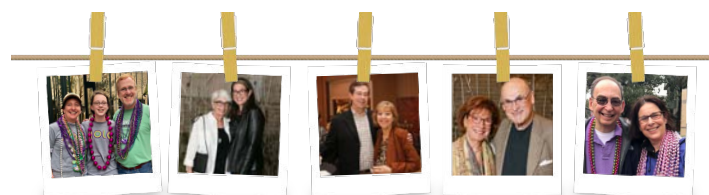


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**Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study and Dinner - June 8, 7:00 PM**

An evening dedicated to learning and celebrating Torah. We kick-off the evening with a dairy potluck dinner.

**Shavuot Festival Service and Yizkor - June 9, 10:30 AM**



## USHPIZIN FEST

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 5:30 PM**

**ushpizin** (oosh'piz-een) *noun*. 1. The Talmudic (Aramaic) word for "guests". 2. Those who are invited to join family and friends under the sukkah during the festival of Sukkot.

Come dwell for a bit in Touro's congregational sukkah for our second annual Ushpizin Fest - an evening of noshes, stories, and singing with friends and fellow congregants. Help brighten our communal space by just being you.

Bring your loved ones; have a nosh; take a photo; tell a story or two. Join us for a sweet, lovely evening with your Touro friends and family.

RSVP AT [TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/USHPIZINFEST](http://TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/USHPIZINFEST)  
Pizza and drinks for all!



Come be with our clergy for a lovely lunch in our congregational sukkah, hand built by Touro Synagogue members. Bring yourself and a brown bag lunch -- we'll provide drinks and a gorgeous courtyard sukkah on these fall days.

Join us for one, or all three – we'd love to be with you!

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
**Lunch with Rabbi Silverman**  
**12 - 1 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
**Lunch with Rabbi Berk**  
**12 - 1 PM**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
**Lunch with Cantor Margolius**  
**12 - 1 PM**





# Simchat Torah in the park

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – DANNEEL PARK**  
(AT DANNEEL AND OCTAVIA STREETS)

Join your Touro family as we celebrate our return to the beginning of the Torah!

Bring your blankets, bring your chairs, bring your dogs (on leashes!), and bring a nosh. Let's learn together, dance together and sing together as we celebrate the beginning of the newest layer of Torah study.

*Featuring our friends from the Spotted Cat's own Panorama Jazz Band!*

9:30AM

## Brunch Picnic

BYOB (bring your own brunch) donuts and milk; mimosas and fruit; whatever you fancy!

10:15AM

## Dance with the Panorama Jazz Band

Hold the Torah; join in the celebration!

10:45AM

## Torah Unroll

Hear the whole Torah in fifteen minutes! Special stories and interpretations with your clergy.

11:15AM

## Fun & Games

Bring your footballs and frisbees!

*Religious School is not in session on Sunday, September 30. All Religious School families are encouraged to attend the celebration in the park. On-site restroom will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will move back to Touro Synagogue -- indoor picnic and all!*



## **SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL SERVICE WITH YIZKOR** **MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:30 AM, FORGOTSTON CHAPEL**

The Torah teaches us to set the first and last days of our festivals apart to make them special and holy. Touro Synagogue holds festival morning worship services for Simchat Torah, Passover, and Shavuot. Yizkor will be observed at these beautiful festival morning services. Morning services will be on April 26, 2019, Passover, and June 9, 2019, Shavuot. To have the name of your loved one read at Yizkor services, please call the office at (504) 895-4843 and speak to Donna.

**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**

# SHABBAT DINNER

**AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE**

**FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICES**

**CELEBRATE SHABBAT. COME ONE. COME ALL.**

**SERVICES 6:00PM • DINNER 7:15PM**

Bring the kids - they are welcome to join us for services or they can attend Shabbat Fun for Kids (babysitting) after the children's blessing and reconnect with you for dinner. Free babysitting during services is available for children ages 6 months and up.

Interested in sponsoring a Shabbat dinner for the congregation? Honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a simcha with your \$250 tax-deductible donation. For more information, please visit [www.tourosynagogue.com/sponsorship/](http://www.tourosynagogue.com/sponsorship/) or call the Touro office at 504-895-4843

## SHABBAT FUN FOR KIDS

Children of all ages are invited to stay and pray with us at Shabbat Services, but we also offer fun activities for our youngest attendees during Shabbat services. We've got board games, ping pong, toys and more!

6 months - 4 years in the Child Care Center  
(opposite the Mautner Learning Center)

5 years and up in the  
Jacobs Social Hall



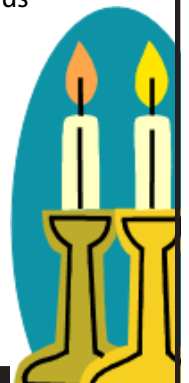
## SHABBAT ROCKS! AT TOURO

**A SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE  
FOR YOUNG FAMILIES  
(INFANTS - AGE 6)**

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Margolius on these special Shabbat mornings for singing, stories, Shabbat activities, and of course, challah and juice! Mark your calendars for an exciting year of Shabbat Rocks!

**UPCOMING DATES:**

October 6  
9:30 AM in the Shushan Assembly  
(visit the website calendar for other dates)





# Shiru L'Adonai Shir Hadash

LET US SING TO THE ETERNAL A NEW SONG



TOURO SYNAGOGUE INVITES YOU  
TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF

*Cantor Kevin Margolius*

BY RABBI EMILY MATHIS  
OF TREMONT STREET SHUL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

NOVEMBER 2, 2018 - 6:00 PM

CELEBRATORY AND FESTIVE  
SHABBAT DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

## Holidays at Home

**CHANUKAH WITH RABBI SILVERMAN  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018 - 6:00PM**


Which direction do you load your candles into the Chanukah menorah? Which direction do you light them? Is there a special way to make or bless latkes or sufganiyot? What even ARE sufganiyot??

Explore the history, rituals, and customs of Chanukah, and learn how easy (and delicious) it is to celebrate at home.



**PESACH WITH CANTOR MARGOLIUS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 - 6:00PM**

Do you ever feel the need to escape the bondage of your seder? We should be celebrating our freedom on Passover, not lamenting it! Learn how to sing and teach simple tunes, and discover other tips on enriching your seder.



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LIVESTREAMING  
OUR SERVICES!**

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EXPERIENCE, FROM  
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

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[WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM](http://WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM)**

## **SIDDUR STUDY**

WITH CANTOR MARGOLIUS

**THURSDAYS THIS FALL**  
**OCT 11, 18, 25; NOV 1, 8, 15 - 6:15-7:15PM**

What do we mean when we say "Baruch atah..."?  
Why do we stand for Bar'chu? What's a minyan?  
Are we allowed to go "off book" on Friday night?

Join Cantor Margolius as we explore the major building blocks of our liturgy. You'll learn how to navigate the Siddur, and how individual prayers come together to form the major sections of every service throughout the year. No prior knowledge is required!

**MEMBERS: NO CHARGE | NON-MEMBERS: \$50**  
RSVP TO [INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM](mailto:INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM)



## **FROM MOUNT SINAI TO ST. CHARLES: JEWISH HISTORY 101**

WITH RABBI SILVERMAN

**TUESDAYS THIS FALL**  
**OCT. 16, 23, 30; NOV. 6, 13 - 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER**

How did we get from "there" to "here"?  
After 40 years spent returning to the Promised Land...  
...why aren't we still there?!

How did we get from Mt. Sinai to St. Charles Avenue?

Join Rabbi Silverman on a journey through the timeline of Jewish history, from the Bible to Antiquity, through the Middle Ages and into the modern era. Come discuss how the periods of our people's puzzle are interlocked with experiences of oppression, innovation, adventure, and celebration.

Those who register should purchase a copy of  
"A Short History of the Jewish People"  
by Raymond P. Scheindlin in advance of the first session.

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**SELECT THURSDAYS, 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Each week, there are stories in our community and our world that confound us and comfort us, confuse us and confront us. What would Judaism say about these world issues? What is a Jewish response?

Join Rabbi Alexis Berk in the Mautner Learning Center for a lunchtime study. Each session will be completely unique in that we will explore a story from the week's news through a Jewish lens, with a Jewish mindset. Come join us! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide the drinks.

**All are welcome.**

**UPCOMING SESSIONS:**  
OCT 4, 18; NOV 1, 15, 29; DEC 13; JAN 10, 24;  
FEB 7, 21; MAR 14, 28; APR 11, 25; MAY 2, 16

## **JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS SERIES**

**DINNER AND DISCUSSION**

Our ongoing series exploring some of the most pressing scientific, social, and health related concerns of our time, through a Jewish lens. Previous topics have included explorations of pain management and the opioid epidemic; political agendas that affect policy in medical care; palliative and supportive care in religious traditions; the nature of suffering.

If there's a topic you'd like to explore, please contact Rabbi Berk at [aberk@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:aberk@tourosynagogue.com). Please join us for dinner and robust conversation – feeding the heart and mind.

**UPCOMING SESSIONS:**  
OCTOBER 24, 6:00PM  
JANUARY 30, 6:00PM  
MARCH 27, 6:00PM





# Literature & Libations

## DINNER AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION

### **LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR**

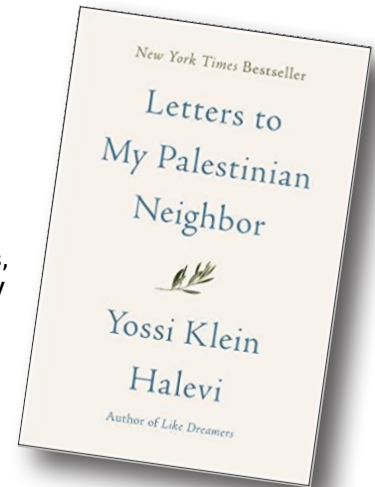
BY YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 6:00PM

LED BY RABBI BERK

Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator and award-winning author of *Like Dreamers* directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

This is the first attempt by an Israeli author to directly address his Palestinian neighbors and describe how the conflict appears through Israeli eyes. Halevi untangles the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the conflict for nearly a century. In lyrical, evocative language, he unravels the complex strands of faith, pride, anger and anguish he feels as a Jew living in Israel, using history and personal experience as his guide.

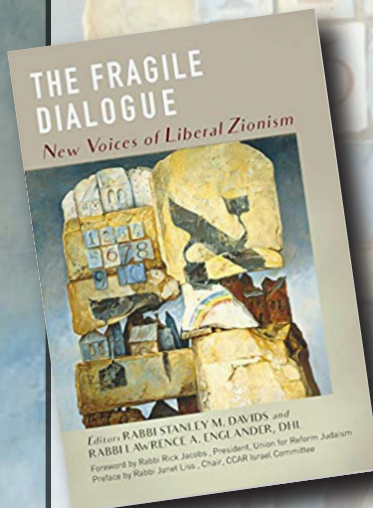


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\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION FOR DINNER

## ISRAEL READING SERIES

WITH RABBI BERK

### **THE FRAGILE DIALOGUE: NEW VOICES OF LIBERAL ZIONISM**



This book wrestles with and attempts to frame the very fragile dialogue surrounding Zionism and Israel in the 21st century Progressive Jewish community. Written from a multiplicity of views, the collection explores the many lenses through which this varied community approaches Zionism, not only set apart by political differences but also by geographical diversity, religious divisiveness, socio-economic policies, gender issues, the use and abuse of power, and more. *The Fragile Dialogue* is a conversation starter, meant to provide the challenging yet vital basis for narrowing the rifts in our dialogue around Zionism today.

**THREE CONVERSATION SESSIONS – COME TO ONE OR ALL:**  
**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 9, 16, 23 - 6:00-8:00PM**  
**MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER**

RSVP TO [INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM](mailto:INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM)  
PLEASE BRING BROWN BAG DINNER



## **YOU CAN HELP GROW TOURO'S ENDOWMENT AND ENSURE STRENGTH IN OUR FUTURE**

### **THE RABBI DAVID GOLDSTEIN SOCIETY**

Anyone giving a cumulative, non-restricted gift of \$100,000 or more to The Touro Synagogue Foundation during their lifetime is invited to become a member of the Rabbi David Goldstein Society. Members of the Rabbi David Goldstein Society are honored on the beautiful glass plaque in our main foyer.

For more information or to learn about how your gifts will strengthen our endowment, please contact Kerry Tapia or one of the following Touro Synagogue Foundation Board Members: Hal Shepard, Phyllis Alltmont or Scott Silbert.

### **TZEDAKAH SOCIETY**

Touro Synagogue is a pillar of our Jewish community and a central gathering place to experience outstanding Jewish education, beautiful and spiritual worship, innovative programming, pastoral guidance and vital acts of community engagement. Touro Synagogue established the Tzedakah Society last year to recognize and honor members who, through their planned gifts, have decided to help sustain Touro beyond their lifetime. We're delighted to report that, to date, 10 percent of our membership has joined the Tzedakah Society.

A planned gift could be a simple bequest in your will or the designation of Touro Synagogue as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement fund or trust. It will serve to ensure the future of Touro Synagogue for generations to come. You can make arrangements for a future gift to Touro Synagogue at any time, without an outlay of funds during your lifetime. To be included in the Tzedakah Society, all you need to do is communicate to us that you have, or intend to include the Synagogue in your estate plan. You are not required to disclose anything about the nature of your gift. All such gifts are welcome and appreciated regardless of size. For more information about the Tzedakah Society contact Bob Gross, Chair of the Planned Giving Committee at [robertsgross@gmail.com](mailto:robertsgross@gmail.com) or Gary Silbert at [tripp55@cox.net](mailto:tripp55@cox.net).



# About Our Funds

## TOURO SYNAGOGUE SUPPORT:

**THESE DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE OPERATING BUDGET**

### **TOURO SYNAGOGUE SUPPORT (GENERAL FUND)**

*helps defray the operating costs of the congregation*

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

*helps fund educational programs for adults*

### **BUILDING PRESERVATION FUND (RESTRICTED FUND FOR EMERGENCY CAPITAL REPAIRS)**

*helps fund repairs to our facilities*

### **CARING AND MITZVAH**

*helps support the initiatives undertaken by our Caring and Mitzvah group to cultivate community*

### **DAVID KANTER WORSHIP FUND**

*provides funding to enhance the worship experience at Touro Synagogue*

### **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

*allows our clergy to assist the congregation in supporting our community at their discretion*

### **DONALD MINTZ LECTURE FUND (SPEAKER EVENTS)**

*provides opportunities for Touro to produce speaker and lecture programs*

### **HEARING IMPAIRED ASSISTANCE**

*helps provide listening devices and other equipment for use during worship*

### **JAZZ FEST SHABBAT FUND (RESTRICTED)**

*ensures the continued production of our annual Jazz Fest Shabbat worship*

### **KAREN J. (KITTY) GREENBERG ARTS AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*provides funding for our youth to attend Touro Synagogue Religious School, Henry S. Jacobs Camp, Hava Nashira Songleaders program, Camp Kutz Leadership Camp, and NFTY conclaves and events*

### **MUSIC/CHOIR**

*helps fund the adult choir and our music program*

### **PRAYER BOOKS**

*helps fund the purchase of new Mishkan T'Filah prayer books and other worship books*

### **PULPIT FLOWERS/ SHABBAT DINNER SUPPORT**

*helps fund our Oneg (Dinner) and flowers on the bimah for every Shabbat (These donations allow you a sponsorship recognition at specific levels)*

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SUPPORT**

*helps fund our fully accredited Religious School for ages Pre-K through 10th grade*

### **TORAH STUDY SUPPORT**

*helps fund our weekly Torah Study group*

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

*helps fund activities for our children and youth group*

## TOURO SYNAGOGUE FOUNDATION:

**THESE FUNDS ARE GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION FOR A DIRECTED PURPOSE**

### **GENERAL FOUNDATION FUND**

*helps sustain our endowment which will serve as a source of dependable and sizable income for our synagogue*

### **ADELAIDE BERGMAN MUSIC FUND**

*assists in the presentation of the High Holiday music*

### **BARBARA S. LOEB TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

*assists Touro Synagogue's social justice initiatives within the Greater New Orleans community*

### **DEBRA VAN DER LINDEN SIDELNIK MEMORIAL FUND (YOUTH LEADERSHIP)**

*supports youth activities and youth leadership*

### **JACKIE WOLFF SCHOLARSHIP FUND (B'NAI MITZVAH EDUCATION AND CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS)**

*supports Jewish education and enrichment opportunities for young people*

### **ROBERT KATZ & ALICE M. KATZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND (CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS)**

*provides scholarships for Touro children to attend Jewish summer camp*



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TOURO SYNAGOGUE FOUNDATION ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

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# THE LeHayim AWARD



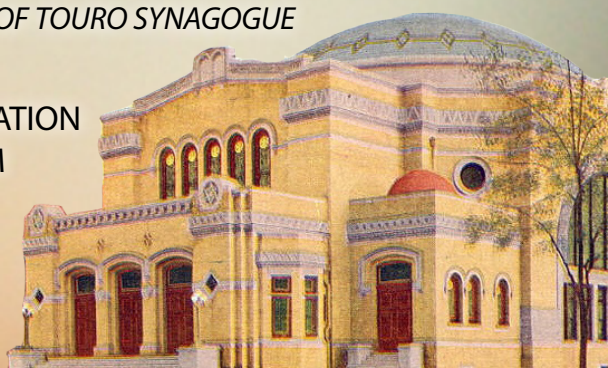
LET'S RAISE OUR GLASSES IN HONOR OF

**JOYCE PULITZER**

*THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF TOURO SYNAGOGUE*

**BENEFIT DINNER & CELEBRATION**  
DECEMBER 1, 2018 - 7:00PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS



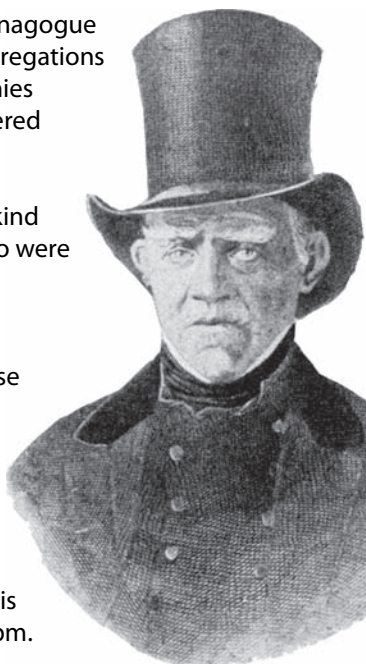
## THE HISTORY OF TOURO A TOUR WITH OUR DOCENTS

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 - 5:00PM**

Did you know that Touro Synagogue is the oldest chartered congregations outside of the original colonies and one of the oldest chartered congregations in America?

Did you ever wonder what kind of life Judah Touro led? Who were his loves? His children? What was his fortune?

If you are curious about those answers or if you have any questions about our rich history, please join our docents for a tour and discussion of the history of Touro Synagogue and the enigmatic Judah Touro on his yahrzeit, January 18 at 5:00pm.



## TORAH STUDY

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING**

**9:00 - 10:30 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Each week the group discusses the weekly Parashah (Torah Portion) in the Mautner Learning Center.

Each session is led by a different lay leader.

***Come to one, or all sessions.***

All who are interested are welcome.

No prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills needed.  
Join us for bagels, coffee and a thoughtful conversation.



# TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

**WITH RABBI BERK**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 - 12PM**

All are invited to a feast for the senses, a spiritual and culinary encounter rooted in the mystical tradition. We will celebrate the faith of inevitable springtime, right in the center of winter. We will savor a meal that celebrates the earth - salads, hot dishes, grains, and desserts - with pomegranate seeds, apricots, almonds, olives, oranges. A bounty from the natural world. We will sip wine pairings (4 different selections) that move from white to red - from lightness to depth. And, we will discuss growth, evolution, budding and flourishing. Won't you join us?

**PLEASE RSVP AT**  
**[WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TUBSHEVAT](http://WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TUBSHEVAT)**  
**\$18 MEMBERS | \$54 NON MEMBERS**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED**

## *The Night They Invented Champagne:*

**THE BROADWAY MUSICALS OF ALAN J. LERNER AND FREDERICK LOEWE**

**JEWISH COMPOSER  
LECTURE SERIES**

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR  
THIS SPECIAL EVENING!**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**  
*following Shabbat Services*

Please join us for an unforgettable program  
as we celebrate the compositions of  
Alan J. Lerner and Frederick Loewe.

George Dansker and friends will treat us to  
an informative lecture and concert featuring  
the music of Lerner and Loewe.



## *In the Kitchen* WITH RABBI SILVERMAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 14  
6:00-8:00 PM  
TOURO KITCHEN

**"THEY ATTACKED US.  
WE WON... LET'S EAT!"**

Join Rabbi Silverman for an evening of baking, libations, and conversation -- all about hamentashen! Raise a glass to Esther! Shout a curse to Haman! Mix, roll, fill, and bake delicious hamentashen!

**All participants are asked to bring a filling of their choice, to use and to share!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!  
REGISTRATION FEE:  
MEMBERS - NO CHARGE  
NON-MEMBERS - \$18**

**PLEASE RSVP ONLINE AT  
WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/INTHEKITCHEN**

*PLEASE USE GENERAL PERSHING ENTRANCE*

## **TALMUD TALES II: SUGIYOT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW** *WITH RABBI SILVERMAN*

**TUESDAYS THIS SPRING  
MARCH 19, 26; APRIL 2, 9, 16 - 6:00PM  
MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER**

For over 1,500 years, the Talmud has served as the most authoritative "how-to" guide for Jewish rituals, holiday observances, prayer, and innumerable other mitzvot. Far from a simple laundry list of legalistic language, though, Talmud is comprised of hundreds and hundreds of sugiyot - sections of text linked by common topics or questions - which record the ancient Rabbis' discussions and debates, and illuminate how their decisions affected the daily life of Jews.

Join Rabbi Silverman for a five-week continuation of last year's Talmud Tales - open to everyone, regardless of previous participation!

Questions or inquiries?  
Contact Rabbi Silverman at

[tsilverman@touro synagogue.com](mailto:tsilverman@touro synagogue.com)

**MEMBERS: NO CHARGE | NON-MEMBERS: \$50  
RSVP TO [INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM](mailto:info@touro synagogue.com)**



## **TOURO CHOIR**

*WHERE HEARTS AND SOULS SING!*

An integral part of the musical experience at Touro, our congregational choir adds its voice throughout the year, during the High Holy Days, Jazz Fest Shabbat and other special Shabbat services. If you've ever thought about becoming a part of the choir yourself, consider giving it a try in this new year! With no long-term commitment required, anyone is invited to attend a rehearsal to see if the Touro Synagogue choir is right for you!

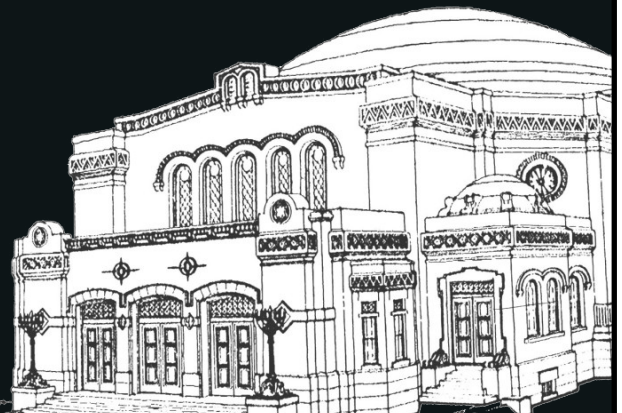
**For information about the choir, please contact  
Cantor Margolius at [kmargolius@touro synagogue.com](mailto:kmargolius@touro synagogue.com).**



## **EVER CONSIDER JOINING TOURO SYNAGOGUE?**

Talk to one of our board members or clergy or call the office about our voluntary annual support system.

We'd welcome the opportunity to talk to you about membership at Touro!  
Call us at (504) 895-4843.







# **MARDI GRAS**

## **AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE**

### **MARCH 2019**

**We are very fortunate to be located right on the parade route -  
for what we believe to be one of the best spots on St. Charles Avenue.  
There is much to do during Carnival Season and we invite you to join us!**

- Touro members have special access to our campus during many of the parades. Bring a picnic and enjoy the parades from the street or in our courtyard - all while knowing that you'll have access to clean restrooms and a place to store your parade day necessities. You can also bring friends! There is an entrance fee for all our non-member guests.
- Volunteer for one of our VIP KIDS' Parade Days. Every year we set up a wheelchair accessible platform on the steps of the sanctuary. We invite children with disabilities or special needs to view the parades from this platform. Lend your hand with either assembling the stands or chaperoning during the parade. See page 23 for more details.
- Shabbati Gras - Join us for a casual, relaxing, and abbreviated Shabbat service followed by a family dinner in the Bowsky Garden as the parades go by.
- Store your ladder at the synagogue for a small fee so it's here and ready during any of the times we are open during Mardi Gras.
- Recycle those beads! Each year we collect your leftover beads on behalf of ARC of New Orleans, a non-profit organization serving people from birth through childhood who have intellectual disabilities and delays.

**Volunteers make Mardi Gras at Touro possible!**  
**If you are interested in helping us this coming season please email [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com).**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Social Justice initiatives at Touro Synagogue facilitate understanding of and direct action with some of the most significant social justice issues in our time. As a Reform Jewish congregation, our initiatives are in step with The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Touro Synagogue is committed to building an inclusive, safe, and equitable community through education, advocacy, and action, both within our synagogue and in New Orleans at large.

**Please read on for more information about our current initiatives, who to contact for each, and a calendar of upcoming events.**

**If you are interested in getting more involved holistically or have an idea for a new initiative, please contact Social Justice co-chairs: David Shepard, Mike Cohen, & Shira Bergman-Cohen at [TouroSocialJustice@googlegroups.com](mailto:TouroSocialJustice@googlegroups.com).**

## T.R.E.C. RACE & EQUITY COLLABORATIVE

**TREC (TOURO RACE & EQUITY COLLABORATIVE)** | Touro's Race & Equity Collaborative is a group of engaged congregants who are committed to creating a more equitable New Orleans by continuously learning about and taking action to dismantle systems of advantage and oppression based on race. As a Jewish community, we are passionate about looking both inwardly as a congregation and outwardly to our larger world to address the harms perpetuated by racism. TREC is committed to centering the voices of those most affected by racism and seeks to create space for congregants of color and white congregants to work together.

We invite you to join us in self-reflection during these Ten Days of Repentance with a short set of questions and quotes about how race impacts our lives and our community. Handouts can be found in the foyer of the synagogue and are available on the TREC section of the Touro website.

To learn more or get involved, email Jen Schnidman Medbery at [schnidman@gmail.com](mailto:schnidman@gmail.com).

**LGBTQ+** | Touro Synagogue stands proudly with the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in advocating for justice, equality and acceptance. Our LGBTQ+ Advocacy Group acts as an extension of the mission of Touro Synagogue: transformative prayer, expansive thought, fearless engagement, and love. We are open and accessible to all, here for all of us as we open our minds to challenging thought and new possibilities. We seek out legislators to make our case, engage partners in the city and the region, worship together, envision the future together, march together in the Pride Parade, and have just plain fun together too. Join us! Contact Laura Levy at [laura.silven.levy@gmail.com](mailto:laura.silven.levy@gmail.com) for questions or comments.

## LGBTQ ADVOCACY GROUP



A graphic for the Mental Health Committee featuring overlapping teal and light blue geometric shapes.

## MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE** | Mental Health issues and addiction are often misunderstood and rarely talked about. And yet, statistics tell us that one in two of us will have a mental health concern during our lifetime. Recent statistics tell us that over 22 million people struggle with substance abuse. You are not alone. Touro Synagogue is here with you. Many in our congregation know your personal pain. Touro believes that there is strength and comfort in talking about mental health and addiction in community. Touro's mental health committee helps raise awareness about mental health issues. At times, special mental health awareness programming may be offered.

**Join us on Saturday, October 6 for the NAMIWalk at Audubon Park!** Touro returns with a team this year for the annual National Alliance on Mental Illness fundraising walk. Help us by joining the team and collecting donations or contribute, then join us at the Audubon Park Golf Course for registration at 9 a.m. and second line at 10 a.m. Register for the Touro team at [www.namiwalks.org/neworleans](http://www.namiwalks.org/neworleans).

We welcome new members to our committee. Please contact Nancy Timm at [nancybtimm@gmail.com](mailto:nancybtimm@gmail.com) or David Hammer at [hammer.david@rocketmail.com](mailto:hammer.david@rocketmail.com).

**NOURISH (HUNGER ACTION INITIATIVE)** | Touro's Hunger Action Initiative, Nourish, aims to help alleviate the hunger needs of our greater New Orleans community. According to recent statistics, in Orleans Parish alone, there are 88,170 food insecure people. This number includes children as well as hard-working adults and seniors who simply cannot always make ends meet and may be forced to go without food. The threat of hunger is very real; often they must decide which to go without, food, or medicine. You can help Touro's efforts to be part of the solution!

Our state of the art Vertical Garden, which lines the exterior walls of our building on Pitt Street, provides fresh and healthy produce for our neighborhood food pantry--sometimes as much as 70 pounds in just one harvest! The Broadmoor Food Pantry (BFP), an initiative of the Broadmoor Improvement Association, Broadmoor Community Church, and a Second Harvest member agency, distributes fresh produce to the hungry individuals and families in our neighborhood, many of whom are diabetic or pre-diabetic in part because they cannot afford the fresh fruits and vegetables needed to sustain a healthy body.

We also support Second Harvest directly by maintaining on-going collection bins for non-perishable foods. We encourage you to bring in your non-perishable food items each Shabbat and whenever you are in our buildings. Your donations help make our New Orleans community more food secure. The Broadmoor Food Pantry depends on Second Harvest's distributions to provide food for their families in our neighborhood. Look for our focused drive each month to offer the foods they most need.

**To learn more about the Broadmoor Food Pantry and what you can do to help, please contact Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin at [anamariavl@live.com](mailto:anamariavl@live.com). To learn more about our Vertical Gardens or to help us harvest (one time or on-going) please contact Scott Saltzman at [scott.saltzman@gmail.com](mailto:scott.saltzman@gmail.com).**

A graphic for the Nourish initiative featuring overlapping teal and purple geometric shapes.

## NOURISH: HUNGER ACTION INITIATIVE & VERTICAL GARDEN

A graphic for the Refugee & Immigrant Response featuring overlapping green and purple geometric shapes.

## REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT RESPONSE

**REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT RESPONSE** | Touro Synagogue is working with the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program to help immigrant families find their permanent home in greater New Orleans. Currently, Catholic Charities is the only resettlement agency in the New Orleans area, providing services to refugees throughout the difficult process of adapting to life a foreign country. Touro Synagogue has been involved in donation collecting, home preparation, and long-term mentoring. Your help is needed to support these families as they begin their new lives in New Orleans. Please contact Jeanne Rademacher-Margolin at [ecm1112@msn.com](mailto:ecm1112@msn.com) if you would like to learn more or are interested in helping.

**SHOMREI ADAMAH (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE)** | The mission of Shomrei Adamah is to humanize and support the people most affected by coastal erosion. We do this by partnering with coastal communities, by providing members of the Touro community with opportunities to reflect on our individual and collective impact on the environment, and by taking actions that promote environmental preservation and protection.

Shomrei leads service projects on the coast, hosts environmental Shabbats at Touro, organizes educational programs for the congregation as a whole and for Sunday School, and facilitates environmental projects at the synagogue. To learn more or get involved please email David Shepard at [david.i.shepard@gmail.com](mailto:david.i.shepard@gmail.com).

A graphic for Shomrei Adamah: Environmental Justice featuring overlapping green and yellow geometric shapes.

## SHOMREI ADAMAH: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

A graphic with a teal and green geometric background. The text "CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** | Louisiana has long been the incarceration capital of the world, a dubious distinction that, fortunately, is no longer true due to recent changes in the law. While it will be an ongoing challenge to ensure that these changes remain permanent, the main drivers of mass incarceration remain race disparities and inadequate mental health care. For meaningful permanent improvements in our criminal justice system, Louisiana will need to address racism and mental health issues. For these reasons, the Touro Criminal Justice Initiative is taking a hiatus and encourages those interested in this issue to work with other Touro Social Action groups such as Touro's Race and Equity Collaborative and the Mental Health Committee. In addition, the Voting Rights Initiative works to increase voter participation, which can lead to further reforms to our still broken system. If you are interested in these efforts, please contact Marjorie Esman at [Marjorie.esman@outlook.com](mailto:Marjorie.esman@outlook.com) or Julie Silbert at [julie.silbert@keanmiller.com](mailto:julie.silbert@keanmiller.com).

**VOTING RIGHTS INITIATIVE** | Voting is the foundation of American democracy and a fundamental privilege of citizenship. As members of Touro Synagogue, we believe that it is critically important to promote voting rights and actively assist in extending the right to vote to all of our neighbors.

Touro's Social Justice Voting Rights Initiative has a number of goals for the upcoming year including, but not limited to:

- Encouraging Touro members to vote in all elections. Registering to vote takes just a few minutes. Simply log on to [VOTE.ORG](http://VOTE.ORG), answer a few questions, and you will be good to go. Louisiana's online registration deadline is 30 days prior to an election. The next Election Day is Tuesday, November 6 so register TODAY!
- Scheduling/staffing voter registration drives at high schools and U.S. Citizen Naturalization ceremonies. National Voter Registration Week is September 24 – 28.
- Re-registering the formerly incarcerated
- Supporting legislative efforts that protect and expand voting rights.

A graphic with a teal and purple geometric background. The text "VOTING RIGHTS INITIATIVE" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

## VOTING RIGHTS INITIATIVE

Touro is partnering with more than twenty nonpartisan organizations interested in coordinating plans around voter registration, education and turnout, including the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section and the League of Women Voters (LWV). Regardless of political affiliation, we are working hand-in-hand for a more inclusive democracy. If you are interested in participating, please email Joy Braun at [jbrown@sessions-law.com](mailto:jbrown@sessions-law.com)

A graphic with a green and purple geometric background. The text "HARRY THOMPSON REBUILD CENTER" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

## HARRY THOMPSON REBUILD CENTER

**HARRY THOMPSON REBUILD CENTER** | Touro Synagogue continues its partnership with the Harry Thompson Center, which provides a multitude of services to its homeless guests. HTC is known throughout our community as a place that strives to provide a calm and caring environment each work day to persons who have no place to call home. The staff and volunteers are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all those who are in need, not merely by responding to their physical needs, but also by attending to the whole person with respect and compassion. Whether that means providing someone with a hot shower, a free long distance phone call, a place to rest and relax, a physical checkup or finding housing, the Center is committed to improving the quality of life of all its guests.

Please note that HTC is no longer receiving donations of used clothing. Their partners at the VA Community Resource and Referral Center (1530 Gravier) have a huge clothing room and are distributing clothing to folks in need. Feel free to drop off used clothing at this location.

### PRESENT NEEDS FOR HTC INCLUDE:

Men's and women's underwear (all sizes), socks and belts; body and foot powder; hygiene supplies (especially small soaps and small shampoos); "ride-able" bicycles (ok if need limited repairs); large towels, wash cloths; clear shower curtains; rain ponchos and insect repellent; new reading glasses with strength descriptions; backpacks, totes and grocery bags; men's running shoes size 10 and larger; baseball caps and handkerchiefs; walking canes; small snacks (i.e., granola bars); gently-used paperback books

***Feel free to drop off supplies in the labeled bins in the Shushan Assembly Room.***

To learn more, please contact Julie Silbert at [julie.silbert@keanmiller.com](mailto:julie.silbert@keanmiller.com).





**VIP KIDS** | Mardi Gras is said to be “The Greatest Free Show on Earth”. Nevertheless the complexities of navigating Mardi Gras parade logistics and crowds makes this ‘free show’ difficult if not impossible for children with disabilities and their families to enjoy. VIP Balcony is an accessible balcony at Touro Synagogue built for and provided free of charge to children (and sometimes adults) with disabilities and their families in the New Orleans community during some Mardi Gras parades. Food, entertainment, and friendship are a part of these extraordinary parade experiences. During the seven years since we started this program, roughly 250-300 children with disabilities and their families have been able to experience Mardi Gras because of our program.

For more information or to sign up to help please contact Juan Gershanik at [jgershanik@aol.com](mailto:jgershanik@aol.com) or Hal Shepard at [hal@taylor-seidenbach.com](mailto:hal@taylor-seidenbach.com).

To reserve a spot for a child (or adult) with disabilities, please call Juan Gershanik at (504) 896-2229 or (504) 377-1162.

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## TOURO SYNAGOGUE’S VIENNESE COFFEE HOUSE

Come discuss the issues of the day. How will we use our voice to advocate for, attend to, and advance our civil rights legacy? What is the role of interpretive religion and Judaism in the political discourse?

### WHEN:

Sunday, October 14, 9:30AM - 11:00AM with Rabbi Berk  
Sunday, April 28, 9:30AM - 11:00AM with Rabbi Berk

### WHERE:

Coffeeshouses are graciously hosted by Touro Congregants in their homes. Addresses will be provided upon RSVP

### WHO:

Open to all Touro Synagogue members.  
You may bring friends with you. Please RSVP to [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com) prior to each event.

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## CARING AND MITZVAH

Touro’s Caring & Mitzvah Group endeavors to strengthen our community by helping members connect to one another. Our goal is to create a place of comfort, where we support and celebrate each other. If you would like to know more about our current initiatives or help our leadership team assess needs and develop new initiatives, please contact Lisa Keleher at [lisatkeleher@gmail.com](mailto:lisatkeleher@gmail.com).

Current initiatives include delivery of care packages and meals to families experiencing challenging changes to their lifestyle, welcoming new members to our community, inviting members to participate in Shabbat services, and contacting members who may be isolated from the community.

## NOURISH COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE COLLECTIONS 2018-2019

### SEPTEMBER

Canned proteins: tuna; chicken; salmon

### OCTOBER

Canned fruits and vegetables;  
canned beans and potatoes

### NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving fixins: Stuffing;  
Mashed potato mix; canned veggies

### DECEMBER

Baking staples: flour, sugar, oils;  
seasonings, spices, salt and pepper

### JANUARY

Peanut butter and jelly collection!

### FEBRUARY

It’s Mardi Gras: Rice and beans

### MARCH

Baby food and formula

### APRIL

Get rid of your chametz!  
Pasta, crackers, cookies, pantry staples

### MAY

Stock up for summer!  
Non perishables of all kinds

*We happily accept all types of non-perishable food donations year-round. For safety reasons, Second Harvest prefers not to receive any glass containers.*

## AMIEL BAKEHILA VISITS NEW ORLEANS

In 2018-2019 the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans is pleased to launch a new initiative that will provide opportunities to members of the New Orleans Jewish community who have not had opportunities to think or learn about their views towards Israel.

Federation has partnered with Amiel BaKehila, a program that sends leaders, artists, and activists from Israel on a series of visits to select cities around the world to help Jewish communities in those cities think about their connection to Israel.

In New Orleans each visit has been organized around a theme that New Orleanians might find meaningful. Visits will include multiple events so that participants can engage with visitors informally at meals and happy hours or through more formal programs. Participants can choose which events they would like to attend during a visit.

**NOV 2 – NOV 4**  
Spirituality

**APRIL 1 – APRIL 3**  
Civil Rights

**JAN 8 – JAN 10**  
Multiculturalism

**MAY 17 – MAY 19**  
Morality and the IDF

Contact David Shepard at [david.i.shepard@gmail.com](mailto:david.i.shepard@gmail.com) if you would like to attend an event during one of these visits or if you are interested in learning more about the program.



**MARCH 22 - 24, 2019**

**SPEND A WEEKEND AT HSJ CAMP  
IN UTICA MISSISSIPPI**

Climb the tower. Try your hand at arts & crafts. Get behind the wheel of a boat, and more!

Family Camp programming is best suited for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. But don't worry! Your 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in NFTY's Junior Youth Weekend, which will also take place at Henry S. Jacobs Camp that weekend.

**LEARN MORE AT [WWW.JACOBSCAMP.ORG](http://WWW.JACOBSCAMP.ORG)**

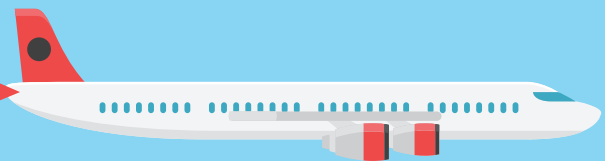


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Contact Michelle Neal at [michelle@jewishnola.com](mailto:michelle@jewishnola.com) to learn more.



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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



### GEORGE DANSKER

George Dansker is a retired Reference Librarian with the New Orleans Public Library. Locally, George has provided classical music coverage for the "Times-Picayune" and was also the Production Coordinator of the "New Orleans Opera Archive" CD series, begun in 1997. He also has covered the New Orleans' opera scene for "Opera News" magazine for many years. George has been a member of Touro Synagogue since 2006, and since 2009 has provided an annual lecture/concert saluting the great Jewish-American Composer of the Broadway stage.



### MARK DENSEN

Mark Densen is thankful and honored by the opportunity to serve Touro as a member of its board. After nearly 40 years in New Jersey raising a family and building a consumer products business he retired to New Orleans in 2014 to be near his grandchildren, Ella and Max, two of his four children, Joshua and Jeffrey, and his daughter in law, Erin. Motivated by the pursuit of racial, social, educational and economic equity, he looks forward to increasing his engagement through the Touro and greater New Orleans communities. Mark holds a BA in Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin and a JD from the University of Connecticut.



### DAVID GREENBERG

David Greenberg has been a member of Touro Synagogue since his marriage to Lauren Oelsner Greenberg over 30 years ago. A lifetime New Orleanian, David grew up attending synagogue with his family at Temple Sinai. He and his wife Lauren are the parents of Michael, Ryan, and Molly Greenberg who were all b'nai mitzvahed and confirmed at Touro Synagogue.

Since 2016, David has served as a member of Touro Synagogue's first Governance Committee. He has enjoyed working with other members of the Committee to help coordinate the governing structure of the Synagogue. He looks forward to continuing and expanding these efforts on the Board.

David is an attorney with an active civil trial practice representing individuals and small businesses. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Tulane University School of Law teaching trial skills in its Trial Advocacy Program.



### **SAMANTHA GUICHET**

Samantha Guichet is honored and happy to be returning to the Touro Board. She has been a member of Touro since 2009 and has been active in many social justice pursuits through Touro. She grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi, but has lived in New Orleans since 1989 when she came here to go to college. Sam is a mom to Ella (14) and Jake (11), wife to Joe, and a

physical therapist who owns her own small business called Well in Home, which provides in-home physical therapy. In addition to volunteering at Touro and Lusher Charter School, she enjoys reading, teaching Pilates, cooking and spending time with her family and her dog, Louie.



### **CATHY LAZARUS**

Cathy Lazarus is honored to serve as a member of the Touro Synagogue Board. She and her family (husband Eric Simon and children Stuart and Karen Simon) have been proud members of Touro Synagogue since 1994. Both children were bar and bat mitzvah and confirmed at Touro, and (barely) missed a day of religious school!

Cathy and her husband are both physicians. Cathy, who is a general internist (care of the adult patient) is the Associate Dean for Student Affairs at LSU New Orleans School of Medicine and Eric is the Division Chief of Nephrology at Tulane University School of Medicine. Eric is an avid photographer and takes pictures for the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. Prior to relocating to New Orleans, they were in St. Louis MO and both were faculty members at Washington University School of Medicine, where they met. Both grew up in Chicago IL.

Cathy has been involved with Touro TREC for the past year and looks forward to continuing to participate in synagogue life and as a board member. She enjoys working with other community organizations and is currently Vice Chair of the Board for the Advocacy Center, and a member of the Metropolitan Human Services Board, on the board for Raphael Academy and serves on the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council. She is proud to add Touro Synagogue and looks forward to working with the leadership, congregation and staff on behalf of this beautiful organization.



### **SCOTT POLLACK**

Scott Pollack is honored and excited to join the Touro Board. Scott is originally from Jackson, MS, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and his Medical Degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He moved here with his wife Jennifer, who is originally from Lake Charles, in 2004, for medical training at Tulane

Health Sciences Center. After completing a residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Gastroenterology, he joined his current practice as a Physician/Partner with Metropolitan Gastroenterology Associates.

Scott and Jenny have four daughters, Lilly, Mia, Abby Claire, and Remi. They feel at home here at Touro, and Scott is looking forward to working with the board and congregation to continue to make the Synagogue as strong and vibrant as ever.



## **NEW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

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# Welcome, New Members!

**Touro Synagogue welcomes the following members who have joined our congregation in 5778:**

**Michele Allen-Hart and Joseph Hart**  
Avery, Harry

**Vanessa and Charles Berg**  
Michael, Brandon

**Evie and Stacey Berger**

**Claudia Bertrami-Reshef**

**Carol Bixler**

**Shira and Adam Boehler**  
Abraham, Ruth, Esther, Rachel

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Pehya

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Jack

**Rachel and Mark Wilson**  
Max

**Thalia and Lee Ziffer**  
Nathan, Isaac

**Rick Zimmerman**

**Rachel Zoller and Jacob Lipsman**

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## Mazel Tov to all our 5778 Babies

**Aviel David Benson**

son of Tilly and Martin Benson  
grandson to Julie and David Benson,  
great grandson to Roberta Yuspeh

**Ava Pearl Berkowitz**

granddaughter of Cathy and Charlie Glaser,  
neice of Maggie Glaser and Jeffrey Wolfson  
and Krista and Alex Glaser

**Sadie Jacobs Bordeaux**

daughter of Erica and Pierre Bordeaux,  
brother of Weston, granddaughter  
of Carmen and Andy Jacobs, and  
Sharon Jacobs and Leonard Davis,  
great-granddaughter of Dotty Jacobs

**Vivian Davis Castine**

daughter of Virginia and Michael Castine,  
sister of Samantha

**Ezra David Glaser**

son of Krista and Alex Glaser,  
grandson of Cathy and Charles Glaser,  
nephew of Maggie Glaser and  
Jeffrey Wolfson

**Maxwell David Goehring**

son of Michelle and Jacob Goehring  
grandson of Cathy and Morris Bart,  
nephew of Carrie and Austin Marks,  
great grandson of Hertha Bart

**Asher Director Gold**

son of Hilary and Jonathan Gold

**Kinsley Grace Goldstein**

great-granddaughter of Martin Goldstein

**Ruby Mo Gubitz**

daughter of Leslie and Ron Gubitz,  
sister of Nola Bea, granddaughter of  
Charlene and Jeff Gubitz

**Ivy Lou and Asher Micah Koch**

great grandchildren of Betty Kohn,  
great niece and nephew  
of Millie and Robert Kohn

**Max Aron Lavin**

son of Beth and Austin Lavin, brother of  
Amelia, grandson of Howard Shapiro and  
Catherine Boozman, grandson of  
Nancy Aronson and Ginger Besthoff

**Asher Max Lestelle**

grandson of Andi and Terry Lestelle

**David Capone Lowenburg**

son of Megan and Ben Lowenburg,  
brother of Eli

**Margot Rose Miller**

daughter of Rebecca and Adam Miller,  
sister of Zachary

**Edith "Edie" Mae Topp**

daughter of Lindsey and Leigh Topp

**Jack William Topping**

son of Hannah and David Topping

**Ari Michael Zapletal**

son of Rella and David Zapletal,  
brother of Meyer

**Alexander Vivian Zaretsky**

son of Sophia Zaretsky

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