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Dear Friends,

I love April in Minneapolis. While we all know that there will be another snowfall before we are done with winter, April brings the promise of spring, of buds peeping out of the ground, of Minnesotans emerging from hibernation to enjoy outdoor seating and walks around the lakes. April also reminds me of Passover. Although there are times when we celebrate all, or part, of Passover in March, it always feels like an April holiday. The story of the Israelites rebirth as a free people coincides with the blossoms of spring.

For me, Passover is a time when my family gathers together around my grandparents' dining room table that is so long it spans three rooms. It is about a Seder filled with singing and skits by the youngest of us. It is about catching up on all that we have experienced during the last year. It is about remembering those who are no longer with us. And it is about loud, passionate, conversations.

For many years our Seder table conversations centered on Israel. As we told the story of our people's journey from slavery to freedom, it only seemed appropriate. I come from a very Zionist and very opinionated extended family. We have all spent extended amounts of time in Israel and each of us thinks that we can solve the Middle East crisis sitting around the dining table. The old adage "two Jews, three opinions" played out every year. The discussions were always heated, but they were filled with love for one another, for Israel, and for the greater good. They were also filled with humor. Anytime we were on the brink of becoming too intense, someone made a joke causing everyone to belly laugh. These conversations never finished, but as the hour grew later and later, my grandmother would bring out dessert and everyone would turn their attention to the chocolate, and the children searching for the

afikoman. The Haggadot were passed out and we concluded the Seder under my grandfather's direction and with the words: "Next year in Jerusalem. Next year may we all be free."



RABBI HARTMAN

As the years have passed, the faces have changed around the Passover table. We have said goodbye to some of our family, while we have welcomed new members. With the changing faces has come changing conversations. We no longer speak about Israel. We all still travel there, we all still feel a close connection to the country and we all still think we can solve each issue. But we have forgotten the joy of the debate. My family is a microcosm of the greater population. As the years have passed we have become more extreme in our views. We draw back quickly not wanting to offend anyone. We still love coming together, we love participating in the Seder, singing and talking as loud as ever! But it is more difficult to discuss issues of our time. It is something we are continually hoping to regain. This is why I'm particularly excited about this year's *VOICES Ideas of our Time* speakers: Ari Fleischer and David Axelrod. Despite sitting on opposite sides of the political aisles, these men engage with each other in civil and courteous manner. I'm looking forward to gaining inspiration from not only their words, but also their interaction. I hope you will join us Tuesday, May 15th for what I am confident will be an evening of insight, growth and reflection. B'virkat Shalom—With Blessings of Peace,

Rabbi Jennifer S.G. Hartman



WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, March 30–Erev Pesach

6:00 p.m. Erev Passover and Shabbat lay-led Chapel Service

Saturday, March 31–First Day of Pesach

9:00 a.m. Congregational Passover Shabbat Morning Service with Torah Study
Join Rabbi Hartman and Cantor Abelson for the morning service including a discussion of the special Torah portion for Passover: Yom Rishon shel Pesach, Exodus 12:37–42, 13:3–10, followed by a light Kiddush

6:00 p.m. Congregational Passover Seder (Reservations Required)

Friday, April 6

10:30 a.m. Congregational Passover Healing and Yizkor Services followed by a light Kiddush

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with guest speakers Sage Marmet and Maia Schifman sharing their project to honor the 1 million unidentified Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat followed by a family-friendly dinner

Saturday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service with Torah Study
Join Rabbi Glaser for the morning service including a discussion of the Torah portion: Sh'mini I, Leviticus 9:1–10:11

Thursday, April 12

7:00 p.m. Twin Cities Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Holocaust Memorial Day hosted by Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Friday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Shir L'Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Sim Glaser: Sh'mini II, Leviticus 10:12–11:47

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of Hannah Clyman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Community Yom HaZikaron: Israeli Memorial Day Commemoration at Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry Street West, St. Louis Park

Friday, April 20

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Jennifer Hartman: Tazria - M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1–15:33

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah ceremony of Dylan Braufman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, April 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman and Guest Speaker Roger Frie: Acharei Mot - K'doshim, Leviticus 16:1–20:27

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah ceremony of George Laskin followed by a Kiddush luncheon

CELEBRATE PASSOVER

Erev Shabbat Passover Service

Friday, March 30, 6:00 p.m.

An intimate lay-led service marking the start of Shabbat and Passover will take place in the Chapel.

Congregational Passover Shabbat Morning Service with Torah Study

Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.

Join Rabbi Jennifer Hartman and Cantor Barry Abelson for the morning service including a discussion of the special Torah portion for Passover: Yom Rishon shel Pesach, Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10. A light Kiddush follows.

Congregational Passover Healing and Yizkor Services

Friday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the last day of Pesach with a congregational Passover morning service, which will include Healing and Yizkor Memorial services. A light Kiddush will follow.

Temple offices will be closed in observance of Passover

Friday, April 6, 2018

The 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services will take place as usual. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call the Temple answering service at 952-988-5787.

Counting of the Omer E-List

March 31-May 19, 2018

Count the forty-nine day period between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. Each daily e-mail includes a reflection from Jewish sources. The counting reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah. E-mail e-learning@templeisrael.com to subscribe. If you have subscribed to e-learning in the past you will continue to receive Elul and Omer daily reflections.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for Temple's beloved Tot Shabbat services on the first Friday of the month. These fun, child-friendly services are full of songs, stories and Shabbat blessings. A family-friendly meal follows each service. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful family experience for infants, toddlers and children up to 7 years of age. We can't wait to see you! Next Tot Shabbat Date: May 4.

Erev Shabbat Service

"1,000,000 Extinguished Flames: A Memorial to the 1,000,000 Unidentified Jews who were Murdered in the Holocaust"

Friday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Guest speakers Sage Marmet and Maia Schifman will show and talk about their project that honors and memorializes the 1 million unidentified Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. Using matches to represent them, 1,000 individual matches were lit, extinguished, and lined up to represent those lives taken by the Nazis and whose names were lost.

Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Free and open to all. Come when you can!

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by our rabbis and guest teachers.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman "The Cold Peace: Anwar Sadat, Menachem Begin and the Art of the Impossible!"

Saturday, April 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Free and open to all.

The world was surprised when Sadat of Egypt flew to Jerusalem in 1977 to offer peace and recognition that Israelis never thought was possible. A year later, talks were well underway for the formula "land for peace" between the two countries. Sadat died by gunfire in 1980, but the "Cold Peace" still holds.

Dr. Joe Goldman is a retired senior lecturer at the Carlson School of Management and lectures regularly at Temple Israel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sisterhood Book Club: "All Other Nights" by Dara Horn

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

"How is tonight different from all other nights?" For Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union Army, it is a question his commanders answered for him on Passover, 1862. Discussion will be led by Judy Chucker.

Rock Atzmaut

Sunday, April 22, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Our K-5 JEWL learners will rock the Sanctuary in celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut and its 70th anniversary. Join us to celebrate Israel's Independence Day through music on this special occasion.

Kabbalah Sparks with Rabbi Glaser

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. (and most fourth Tuesdays of each month)

Free and open to all. No background in Kabbalah required.

Join Rabbi Glaser for a continuing study of the basic tenets and themes of the Kabbalah following the text, "A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader," by Daniel Horwitz. For more information, contact Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Volunteer at Jeremiah Program

Thursday, May 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Program, 1510 Laurel Avenue West, Minneapolis

Jeremiah is a non-profit helping working mothers provide a stable family life for their children. Temple's Sisterhood will purchase, prepare and serve a meal for women and children who live at the Jeremiah Program. For more information, contact Marsha Seltz at 612-920-7337 or Ardene Meshbesh at 952-542-1472. Donations welcome! Make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood and mail to Marsha Seltz, 21 Forest Dale, Minneapolis, MN 55410.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Garage Sale Returns!

Drop-off dates: July 26, 27, 29 | Sale dates: August 5, 6, 7

Temple Israel's Sisterhood Garage Sale is back! Join us by donating, rolling up your sleeves to help with set-up or working the sale! All proceeds help support Temple Sisterhood and the wider community. For more information, contact Gayle Deshong at 612-203-2422 or gmdeshong@yahoo.com, Denise Fogel at 612-889-1669 or dfogel@usewireless.com or Karen Jaffee at 952-913-8434 or karjaff@gmail.com.

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SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: ROGER FRIE

Author of "Not in My Family: German Memory and Responsibility After the Holocaust"

In this extraordinary, award-winning book, author Roger Frie confronts an unspoken Nazi history in his German family. With remarkable courage, he seeks to transform his family narrative into an understanding of the Holocaust's forbidding reality.

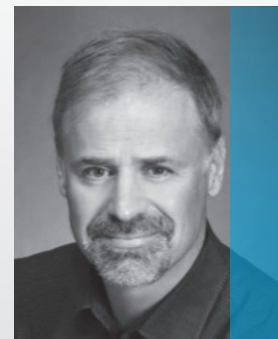
Roger Frie is a psychologist and philosopher educated in London and Cambridge. He is professor of education at Simon Fraser University and affiliate professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. He publishes and lectures widely on historical trauma, culture and memory, and human interaction. He is also the editor of "History Flows Through Us: Germany, the Holocaust and the Importance of Empathy."

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.

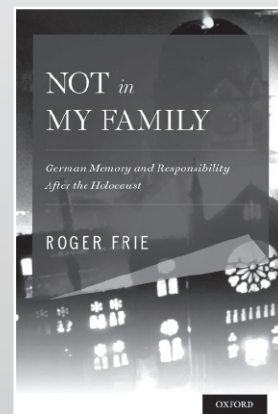
As part of Torah study, Roger Frie will discuss his discovery about and confrontation with the unspoken Nazi past in his German family. Frie will examine what is involved in transforming familiar stories into an informed understanding of the Nazi past and responsibility for the Holocaust.

Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.

Temple members who are 70 and over and their spouses or partners are invited to coffee and conversation with Roger Frie. He will talk about the struggle of memory in his own German family and society to emphasize the moral obligations of remembering and the need to respond to the social injustices that surround us. RSVP to Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com. If you need help with transportation, please let us know.



ROGER FRIE



NOT
in
MY FAMILY

German Memory and Responsibility
After the Holocaust

ROGER FRIE

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FOUR MODERN JEWISH HOLIDAYS

HONORING ISRAEL AND OUR PEOPLE

Since the establishment of Israel, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar and are observed as national holidays in Israel: Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day). Join our community in honoring these special holidays.

Yom HaShoah

Inaugurated in 1953, Yom HaShoah is the national memorial day and public holiday to remember those who died in the Shoah. It is held on the 27th of Nisan (April/May).

Yom HaZikaron

The Israeli Knesset established Yom HaZikaron as the memorial day for soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the Israeli War of Independence and in other subsequent battles.

Yom HaAtzmaut

Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, marks the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. It is observed on or near the 5th of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar, which usually falls in April.

Yom Yerushalayim

Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem.

Twin Cities Yom HaShoah Commemoration “Coming of Age during the Shoah: Survivor Stories”

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul | Free and open to the public

The Twin Cities Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Mount Zion Temple, Minneapolis Jewish Federation, Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, Generations After MN, and the Micki and Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund. For more information, email susie@minndakjrc.org.

Yom Hazikaron: Honoring Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry Street West, St. Louis Park

Israel would not be turning 70 without the sacrifice of the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of their homeland. Join us for this special Yom Hazikaron on the 70th anniversary of Israel to honor the lives of our fallen soldiers.

JOIN US AS THE TWIN CITIES JEWISH COMMUNITY
CELEBRATES THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL!

Sunday, April 22, 4:00–9:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Event Center at St. Anthony Main 212 SE 2nd Street, Minneapolis

4:00–7:00 p.m. Food, activities and community entertainment

6:30–7:00 p.m. Torch lighting, videos

7:00–8:00 p.m. Speakers and opening acts

8:00–9:00 p.m. Headliner Café Shachor Hazak from Israel!

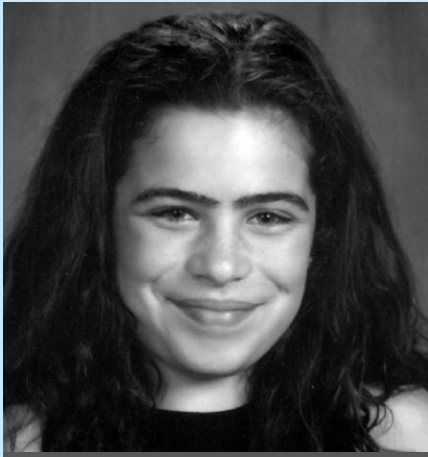
Celebrate this Yom Ha'Atzmaut milestone anniversary Israeli style.
Free and open to the public.



**ISRAEL AT
70
TWIN CITIES, MN**

OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

REACHING JEWISH ADULTHOOD



Hannah Clyman
April 14, 2018

Sh'mini II Hannah is the daughter of Wendy & E.J. Clyman and granddaughter of Marge & Lew Blustin and Sarah & Howard Clyman. Hannah enjoys swimming, baking, hanging out with friends, manatees and walking her dogs. Her favorite Jewish activities are eating Jewish foods and attending Herzl Camp. She attends Wayzata Central Middle School where her favorite subjects are Spanish, language arts and social studies. When she grows up, she would like to be an aquatic veterinarian or interior designer. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm very excited to have all my hard work pay off and to share this day with my family and friends."**



Dylan Braufman
April 21, 2018

Tazria/M'tzora Dylan is the son of Shawnee Braufman and Jon Braufman; grandson of Linda & Miles Braufman and Terry & Jerry Holder; and brother of Alexa. Dylan enjoys hockey, baseball and ultimate frisbee. His favorite Jewish activity is going to Herzl camp. He attends Blake School where his favorite subject is science. When he grows up, he would like to be a hedge fund manager. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I can't wait to become a Bar Mitzvah."**



George Laskin
April 28, 2018

Acharei Mot/K'doshim George is the son of Gary & Roisin Laskin; grandson of Sandra Laskin and the late Harold Laskin and Monica Larabee and the late Thomas Larabee; and brother of Max. George enjoys football, golf, skiing and his kart racing league. His favorite Jewish activity is being together with family during Chanukah. He attends South View Middle School where his favorite subjects are science, social studies and music exploration. When he grows up, he would like to be an automotive engineer. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I'm excited to celebrate this occasion and have all my hard work pay off."**

CELEBRATING PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Mazel Tov 2018 Preschool Graduates!

Join us at Tot Shabbat on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. for a graduation blessing and special gifts for all preschool graduates. Stay for a light dinner and celebration.



YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Youth and Education Dates April 2018

April 1 - 8 JEWL classes not in session (Passover/Spring Break)

April 3/4 JEWL B'nai Mitzvah Training in session

April 2 - 6 Early Childhood Center closed (Passover/Spring Break)

April 5 - 8 NFTY Spring Kallah (at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute)

April 20 - 22 JEWL 6th Grade Kallah (at Camp TEKO)

April 22 "RockAtzmaut!"

9:00 a.m.: JEWL learners arrive to class | 10:45 a.m.: parents invited to join us in the sanctuary

9th - 12th graders (including 10th grade Confirmation):

Please check the YACHAD website for all class times at <http://yachadmn.org>.

Thank You to The Oren and Sharron Steinfeldt Foundation

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On behalf of our JEWL students, faculty,
parents, clergy and the extended
Temple Israel community, thank you to
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8TH - 12TH GRADERS

APRIL 28 7:00 P.M. to APRIL 29 8:30 A.M.
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TO RSVP

THE JEWISH TRADITION OF INQUIRY

INSIGHTS FROM OUR INCOMING DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Passover approaches quickly, hangs around, and after it flies by we find ourselves reminded of a central feature of Jewish tradition and practice: asking questions. We commemorate the birth of our people, newly liberated from Egypt, on the night of the seder each year—the youngest child’s “ma nishtana” reminding us that freedom and curiosity go hand-in-hand.

In response to the question, “What do you love the most about being a rabbi?” a few years ago I might have said how much I treasure being present when someone—regardless of the person’s age or stage—learns something new. While that is still true for me, the questions that people ask may be what I actually appreciate the most.

The seder night may be the epitome of our long history of inquiry-based learning. When we let it influence all the other days of the year, families and friends create and participate in environments in which we nurture each other’s curiosity, and

safe spaces starting with the dinner table, and branching out to our community. As lifelong learners, we are continually challenging ourselves to grow and approach the wider world with wonder, with confidence, and with humility. Perhaps the most important part of teaching is a commitment to ongoing learning.

I know that these months ahead will be an important time for me as a learner as I make the transition from New York to Minneapolis and join the team at Temple Israel. I am looking forward to asking all sorts of wonderful questions together.



RABBI JASON KLEIN

RECHA LEWIN SCHOLARSHIP

THE PAST IS PRESENT IN THE FORMER PALE OF SETTLEMENT

The Pale of Settlement was a haven for European Jews from 1791 to 1917, offering a home when neighboring areas had mostly forbidden residency. This area in present-day Central and Eastern Europe provided a flourishing Jewish community during dangerous times. However, during World War II, 95 percent of the Jewish population of 250,000 was murdered. Some relocated, survived and returned; today the region is still host to incredible Jewish history.

Congregant Tom Lewin traveled to the Pale, where he traversed nearly 5,000 miles learning about the Jewish communities of the past, and listening to the voices of those present. His journey and discoveries inspired him to generously develop a scholarship program for young adults to travel to the region. Tom named the scholarship in memory of his grandmother, Recha Lewin, who died in 1943 in a cattle car en route to a Nazi death camp, and in remembrance of all who perished in the Holocaust.

Tom, who passed away in December 2017, described his travels as hugely rewarding, as he was able to learn about

the resilience of those who lived in the Pale. When he met with a couple who had survived exile in Siberia, they were “overjoyed by our visit, for it demonstrated that the world has not forgotten them.” Tom shared “There is so much to see and learn about our Jewish heritage. Yet time is running out to hear the stories firsthand.”



TOM LEWIN
Founder of the Recha Lewin Scholarship

Scholarship funds are available for high schoolers, college students and young adults who wish to travel to the former Pale of Settlement—present-day Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova and Poland. Travel must be on an organized trip, with an emphasis on Jewish history, the Jewish Holocaust experience and the state of Jewry today. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2018. For more information, contact Rabbi Hartman at 612-374-0315 or jhartman@templeisrael.com.



CREATING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH ISRAEL

Israeli Teachers Touch the Hearts of Young People

Temple Israel has had a long and deep interaction with Israel. Our clergy, for example, have led numerous trips to Israel for congregants, adding new perspectives on what it means to be Jewish.

This interchange of values and culture between Israel and Temple is also an important part of our JEWL curriculum. We are blessed to have among our staff teachers from Israel who bring their passion, insights and experiences into the hearts and minds of our students.

Our Israeli teachers increase students' understanding of how they see Israel. "Many of my students have some knowledge of Israel. My passion for my students is to increase their understanding of Israel and to provide new insights about the country—such as a unit I've developed examining Israel's natural landscape and people," said Ronen Tamari, who is from Kfar Saba, a community north of Tel Aviv.

Eran Singer, who has been in the U.S. since 2016, says just being from Israel helps students understand the country. "I feel I bring

Israel to life for my students. My social life in Israel, my family, my love of basketball, and even my accent can show children what our two countries have in common," Eran said.

Learning Hebrew from our Israeli teachers is one of the fundamental ways that students connect with Israel. They show students that Hebrew is the living and expressive language of a people and a country today.

"With Hebrew, my goal as a teacher is to make connections between my students and their roots in Israel. That way, when they pray, it will come from the heart," said Ora Davy whose parents are Holocaust survivors and were among the first settlers in Israel. "I feel that there is so much that Israel can teach our children—such as the values of a healthy and sustainable environment, an imperative found in the Torah. Connecting with Torah, Judaism and our values as a people will inspire our students' passion for our homeland."

Temple's Israeli teachers (top, L-R) Ronen Tamari, Ben Bitton, Eran Singer, Leeor Zadaka (bottom, L-R) Niza Schear, Ora Davy

REFLECTIONS ON ISRAEL AT 70

We had a chance to talk with members of the Temple Israel community to hear what Israel means to them on its 70th anniversary. Here is what they had to say.

“I was raised in Israel, educated there and served in the IDF where I was wounded twice. Every time I return I see a country that continues to change but I still call it my home. Israel has a creative and well-educated workforce. The investment of U.S. high-tech companies and also foreign businesses is enormous and has changed the country for the better. Still, Israel faces challenges—the biggest of which is that there is a large gap between the ones who have and the ones who have not. Security is the main issue, as is my hope for peace.” —*Zvi Leibovich, Temple Israel Member*



“As a Jew, I feel a great sense of pride in Israel. It is a homeland and a democratic state open to all people regardless of their nationality or race. Israel has made enormous accomplishments in medicine, electronics, science and all fields of economics; defeated its Arab enemies; and has made major investments in the economic development of countries in Africa. The establishment of Israel in 1948 helped to turn the tide against anti-Semitism and has unified and lifted up Jews from around the world.”

—*Max Fallek, Temple Israel Member*



“Israel is an important part of my family’s history. My grandparents were among the first to immigrate to Israel. They were from Morocco and Libya where my grandfather was held in a concentration camp. In many ways, Israel is not what it appears to be from the outside. If you are not in Gaza or the West Bank, you don’t feel any sense of danger. It’s a country of immigrants, not unlike immigrants in the U.S.” —*Ben Bitton, Music Specialist, Temple Israel*



“One of the key components of our JEWL curriculum is to build for our young people a strong and knowledgeable connection to Israel. This includes a partnership program that pairs our JEWL students with students in Rehovot, Israel, bringing two communities together to learn from one another. Our Israel curriculum includes exploring and experiencing Israel’s rich culture, caring people, valuable contributions to the world, and its enduring place in our history and heritage. We are blessed to have many Israeli teachers on our staff, who further enhance our children’s love and personal connection to Israel.” —*Jeri Saad, JEWL Director*



“In 1962, Rabbi Shapiro suggested I go to Israel and Europe as part of a Jewish study abroad program led by a noted professor of antiquities. In Israel, we were watched by Israeli soldiers armed with machine guns everywhere we went. Today, it is not the country it was back then. Deserts that were once arid are filled with fruit orchards. I am so proud that Israel has survived and flourished. I am looking forward to returning to Israel with my family.” —*Diane Ingber, Temple Israel Member*



“My support of a Jewish homeland has always been an important part of my life. Growing up on the north side of Minneapolis, my family and almost everyone I knew was a Zionist in one way or another. I remember my grandparents hosting a gathering at their home to hear Golda Meyerson (Golda Meir) talk about the pressing need for a Jewish state. Recently, our granddaughter made aliya and has fallen in love with the country. She volunteered to join the Israel Defense Forces and was promoted to the Israeli Air Force. Today, as Israel celebrates its 70th birthday, Israel is more important than ever.”

—*Eloise Kaplan, Temple Israel Member*



RABBI ON THE ROAD



Senior Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman traveled to sunshine states this winter to connect, catch up and share the latest on Temple activities and plans.

Congregants heard about Temple's new strategic vision and plan; Temple's upcoming 140th anniversary; the new Rabbi of Lifelong Learning; the sensitive locations/sanctuary discussion; and the new Annual Fund for Temple Israel.



Thank you to Temple congregants Betty Borman, Cathy & Richard Broms, Sandy Donaldson, Eloise & Elliot Kaplan, Fremajane Wolfson, and Penny & Mark Ziessman for hosting these wonderful gatherings!

If you travel out of state during the winter, please let us know of your plans and your winter mailing address so we can stay connected.



MY TEMPLE STORY

AN ONGOING SERIES FEATURING THE PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS THAT SET TEMPLE ISRAEL APART

Arnie Ribnick:

WWII, ISRAEL & BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

As many of his generation, Arnie Ribnick was born to immigrant parents, lived through the Great Depression and came of age during World War II, leaving an indelible impact on Temple Israel as we know it today.

Born in 1920, Arnie graduated from North High School where his yearbook describes him as “a friendly lad known to all.” He was a star sprinter on the track team, honor student and member of the Menorah Society. At a time when Minneapolis’ Jewish community dominated the near North-Side, many of his friends were Jewish—including fellow classmate, renowned sports journalist and Temple member, Sid Hartman.

Then, on December 8, 1941, the U.S. declared war against Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbor. “I was so angry at the Japanese—I wanted to get even,” Arnie recalls. So, to his mother’s dismay, Arnie enlisted in the Marine Corps along with a group of Jewish friends. “We were all pretty vengeful, but also eager to make a difference.” Before they set off to basic training, they received a congregational blessing.

Stationed in the Philippines, and achieving the rank of master sergeant, Arnie was part of the elite Marine Fighting Squadron where he was in charge of maintenance and parts for the F4U

Corsair, a formidable U.S. Marine Corps fighter used extensively during World War II.

At the conclusion of the war, Arnie returned to Minnesota with grit, pride and ambition. He recalls conversations not long after his return about the recent formation of Israel among his Jewish friends, including those that served in the war. “We were all very bitter about what we had seen. We fought for a better world where a country like Israel could succeed,” Arnie said.

The men and women who came back from this devastating war were determined to build a better life for themselves and the next generation. Israel was an important part of that. After graduating with honors from the University of Minnesota, Arnie married the love of his life, Janice and launched the Arnold W. Ribnick Insurance Agency (in business 57 years). Together, they raised three sons, with Temple Israel as a centerpiece for their family’s spiritual and community life.



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(left to right) BRIAN, ROBERT AND DANIEL



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- Talia Braufman for dancing in the Justin Timberlake half-time show of the Super Bowl LII.
- Elliot Kaplan who has been awarded the distinguished University of Minnesota Regents Award, an honor granted to individuals “who have performed exceptionally valuable and meritorious service to the University or contributed to the building and development of the University through significant benefactions.”
- Allison & Michael Hearne on the birth of their daughter Hannah Eloise Hearne born on March 5th and Sam Hearne on the birth of his little sister.
- Ellen O’Gara and Sami Martin, Temple Israel ECC teachers, for their presentation at the state conference for the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children, “Natural Community: Partnering with Community and Family to Offer Enriching Outdoor Play in Any Setting.” This is Minnesota’s premiere early childhood education conference.
- Abby Schneider & Alan Garelick on the birth of their daughter Pheobe Claire Garelick born on February 5th.
- Katie & Michael Stern on the birth of their son Ethan Drew Stern on March 14th and Maddy Stern on the birth of her little brother.
- Billy Weisman whose innovative new digital philanthropy platform “DoTopia” helps companies develop more effective workplace giving and cause marketing, as featured recently in *TwinCities.com*.
- Laurie & Will Young on the birth of their daughter Ruth Frances Young on February 17th and Lincoln Young on the birth of his little sister.

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Condolences to our Temple families who have recently lost a loved one.

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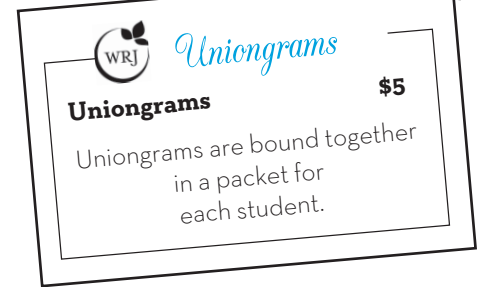
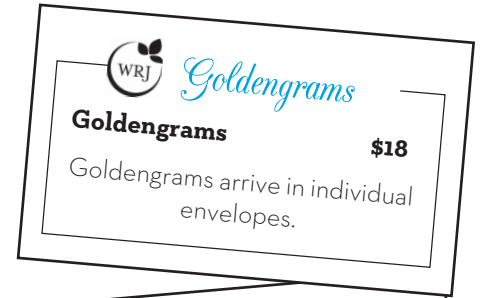
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TRANSNISTRIA TORAH

A STORY OF SURVIVAL

NEW TORAH IS ONE OF TWO DONATED TO TEMPLE

Several years ago, a member of our congregation had the opportunity to hold and look at a Torah for the first time at his daughter's bat mitzvah. "I was very moved—there, in my hands, was a book of our religion, telling the story of our people and the laws that have guided us for centuries," he said. "At that point, I wanted to contribute to this legacy and told Rabbi Zimmerman that I would like to donate a Torah to Temple."

As he began researching Torahs and those available for acquisition, he became particularly interested in older Torahs and how many carry with them rich and important histories. But it wasn't until a trip to Jerusalem that he had the opportunity to purchase a Torah that had both historical and, to his excitement, personal significance: The Transnistria Torah—a Torah rescued during the Holocaust from a region in Romania where his family had roots.

In 1941, with the support of Nazi Germany, Romanian troops successfully captured from the Russians a large portion of what was at the time southwestern Ukraine. Hitler gave the land to

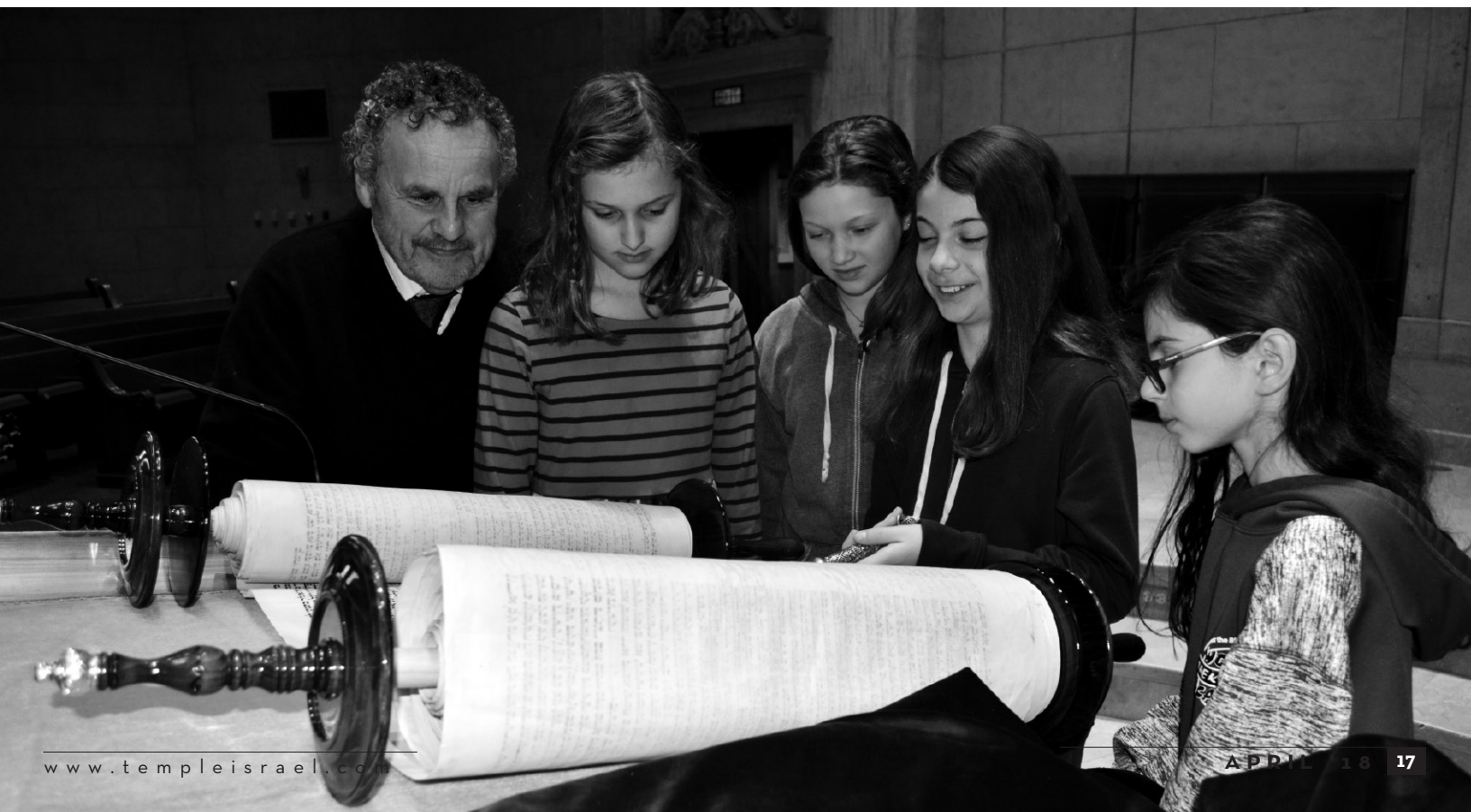
the Romanians as a reward and the region was renamed Transnistria. The area was then designated for the annihilation of Jews deported from Romania. Over the next year, as many as 380,000 Jews were murdered or died of starvation.

As the attack on Jewish communities and destruction of synagogues unfolded, several of the Torahs from the region were miraculously rescued and brought to Palestine. Our new Transnistria Torah is one of those.

The Transnistria Torah was donated to Temple Israel. In addition, the donor gave a second Torah for Temple which is an Ashkenazi Torah that originated in Poland.

Torahs not only tell us about the history of our people and religion, they can also tell us stories about the places and people they touch. We are pleased to have these new additions to Temple's invaluable collection of Torah scrolls, bringing the stories of our history to life.

Cantor Abelson recently shared Temple's new Transnistria Torah with JEWL students.



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