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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, March 1

Learners' Shabbat Workshop and 5:00 p.m.

> Oneg Reception: Open to all ages! Taste different kinds of challah. create a challah cover, and make a

Havdalah spice box and candle

Erev Shabbat Learners' Service 6:00 p.m. with Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin (see page 4)

Tot Shabbat Service followed by a 6:00 p.m.

family-friendly dinner

Saturday, March 2

Torah Study together with our 9:00 a.m.

> JEWL families: Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin will lead an intergenerational discussion of the week's Torah portion: Vayak'heil,

Exodus 35:1-38:20

10:30 a.m. Learners' Shabbat Morning:

Congregational Service with our 2019 and 2020 B'nai Mitzvah families followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, March 8

Shorashim Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning

> Service with Torah Study: Join Cantor Tamar Havilio for a Shabbat morning service including

discussion of the week's Torah portion: P'kudei, Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

Tot Shabbat with snack 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 15

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 16

Congregational Shabbat Morning 9:00 a.m.

> Service with Torah Study: Join Rabbi Jason Klein for a Shabbat morning service including discussion of the week's Torah portion: Vayikra,

Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

Sunday, March 17

Tot Purim Carnival 9:30 a.m.

(including sensory-friendly space)

10:30 a.m. Interfaith Families chat with

Rabbi Zimmerman

10:45 a.m. Purim Spiel

11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival following JEWL

(including sensory-friendly space)

Wednesday, March 20 - Erev Purim

Erev Purim Service and Megillah Reading

Hear the Megillah read and 5:00 p.m.

enjoy some Purim fun at

our Erev Purim service co-led by

our JEWL learners

Friday, March 22

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning

Service with Torah Study:

Join Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman and

Cantor Barry Abelson for a

Shabbat morning service including discussion of the week's Torah portion: Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36. Guest speaker Dr. Jud Newborn will talk about the dramatic story of Jewish anti-Nazi resistance in a

unique, eye-opening framework

that also explains its relevance for

today (see page 5)

Friday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with

Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning

Service with Torah Study: Join Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi for a Shabbat morning service including discussion of the week's

Torah portion: Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47





CLERGY VOICE

Some days before Purim and all through the shul Came the rumor that this year the shtick might be cool The word was Queen Esther would likely appear In some Disney-esque Poppins-type guise, to be clear.

The contest was on! Who'd be holding umbrellas? Tamar? Rabbi Z and the usual fellas? She needs to be "practically perfect" it's true... Must sing like an angel, and must be a Jew!

"My God, get a life!" cried the Board of Trustees "How about just megillah this once pretty please?" "Oy vey," yelled the clergy, "for justice we strive – And Esther's hashtag-Time's-Up moment's arrived!"

With spoonfuls of sugar to sweeten the pot Queen Esther devised a remarkable plot To strengthen the working class, health care for all To get Shushan's climate state under control.

Birds have to be fed, chimney pipes need repair And interest on mortgage loans has to be fair And women deserve equal pay for their works And men who grab women will now be called "jerks!"

"Our sidewalks need cleaning," she said in her lecture. "We must pave the way for Shushan's infrastructure Our teachers and classrooms need upgrades and tweaks At this rate we'll never keep up with the Greeks!"

But Haman declared: "No laws come to the floor, Unless our good King gives his imprimatur!" And so Shushan's government closed down for weeks Till Esther cried "this hamantaschen just reeks!"

And thus told her husband if Jews have to go The bedroom economy would start to slow "You'll lose the sweet wife you yourself once did choose! Are you not aware your own kids could be Jews?"

So Haman was told: "Buddy, go fly a kite! Your foul braggadocio means lonely nights You've thrown the whole place into Persian confusion With evidence you are in Grecian collusion!"

And so with malevolent Haman impeached Bipartisanship in old Persia was reached And Esther was able to now get things done (She's thinking of running in 461).

Thank heavens that things have changed much since those days And we are behaving in maturer ways So if you'll bear witness by making this scene, Come be here the morning of March seventeen!

Happy Purim!

Rabbi Sin Hasen Rabbi Sim Glaser



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: **RABBI JEFFREY SALKIN**

With his award-winning blog, "Martini Judaism: For Those Who Want to be Shaken and Stirred," Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin is one of American Judaism's thought leaders. Author of Putting God on the Guest List, Rabbi Salkin is known for his writing, teaching, and activism. He has authored books on such subjects as making Jewish ritual meaningful, RABBIJEFFREY SALKIN



interpreting Israel and Zionism to Jews and non-Jews, and the task of reclaiming Judaism's central role as a speak-truth-topower-and-culture religious tradition. His essays have appeared in outlets including the Washington Post and The Huffington Post, and he has discussed the American political scene on CNN and the BBC. Several of his books have won national awards. Rabbi Salkin serves as the senior rabbi of Temple Solel in Hollywood, Florida.

Friday, March 1

5:00 p.m. Learners' Shabbat Workshop and Oneg Reception

Open to all ages! Taste different types of challah, create a challah cover, and make a Havdalah spice box and candle.

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Learners' Service with Rabbi Salkin

Why Kaddish Matters – More Than You Think What does it really mean? How does it actually repair the world?

Saturday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study Together with our JEWL Families

Rabbi Salkin will lead an intergenerational discussion of the week's Torah portion: Vayak'heil, Exodus 35:1-38:20

10:30 a.m. Learners' Shabbat Morning Service

Congregational Service with our 2019 and 2020 B'nai Mitzvah families followed by a Kiddush luncheon. All are welcome!

Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m. Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Salkin

The Z Word: Israel Without Apology

What is it about Israel and Zionism that is so troublesome to so many people? A candid conversation about the many narratives that comprise the Israel conversation today.

Learners' Shabbat Workshop and Service Friday, March 1

5:00 p.m. Prepare for Shabbat with Activities 6:00 p.m. Learners' Shabbat Service

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

Come together as a community, adults and children alike, to learn about and participate in the celebration of Shabbat! From tasting different types of challah and creating ritual objects associated with home Shabbat observance to worshipping in a service that explains the meanings and movements of Shabbat prayers, this Learners' Shabbat evening will enrich your experience and understanding of Shabbat.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 1

5:00 p.m. Prepare for Shabbat with Tot-Friendly Activities 6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat service followed by dinner

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.

Calling families of all stripes and types with young children! We invite you to tap into the age-old wisdom of Shabbat with your family as we sing, pray, and connect with one another. Of course, there will also be food!

Calling All Hamantaschen Bakers!

It is time once again to put on your apron, prep your rolling pin, and come bake with us. To accommodate busy schedules, you can bake with us on multiple days or just for a few hours on one day – whatever works for you!

Baking shifts are on February 26 and 28, and March 4, 5, 12, and 14. All shifts are from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will be baking in the kitchen at Adath Jeshurun, 10500 Hillside Lane West, Minnetonka. To schedule a baking shift or a selling shift, contact Beverly Baker at beverly_baker@att.net or 952-935-7526.

Calling All Hamantaschen Lovers!

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Day of the Purim Carnival)

Buy your hamantaschen at Temple Israel. The price is \$15/ dozen or \$8/half dozen: poppy seed, chocolate, mixed fruit, and apricot.

Torah Study and Congregational Morning Service Saturdays in March, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Free and open to all. Come when you can!

Join our clergy and guest teachers for a Shabbat morning service including discussion of the week's Torah portion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

March Food Drive & the River of Hunger: Spreading the Mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim

Matanot l'evyonim are gifts given to those in need on Purim. Help spread this mitzvah by donating to the Temple Israel Food Drive, where your gift will directly benefit members of the Twin Cities community who are in need.

To illustrate the need for hunger relief, Temple Israel is hosting an art installation called River of Hunger by Marion Angelica. This installation features a riverbed of rice covered with handmade porcelain spoons, which are to be taken by those who make gifts toward hunger relief. As spoons disappear and the rice below becomes evident, we will see how we can both literally and figuratively help alleviate hunger. To contribute, send a check (payable to Temple Israel Food Drive) to Temple Israel, 2323 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405.

Eastern Europe Trip Informational Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Explore the sights, sounds, and flavors of Prague, Poland, and Berlin (there's also an optional Budapest add-on). See page 12 for more information.

JYG Kallah at OSRUI

March 8 - 10, 2019

Jewish middle schoolers from across the Midwest will have a fun, interactive Shabbat as they unplug at camp. Youth will enjoy outdoor fun, sing their hearts out at song sessions, learn leadership skills, and more! Registration and details are available at bit.ly/jyg2019

Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we continue our theme of personal growth and freedom with Michelle Obama's memoir, Becoming.

Purim Carnival and Purim Spiel

Sunday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Tot Purim Carnival (including sensory-friendly space) 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Families chat with Rabbi Zimmerman 10:45 a.m. Purim Spiel in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival following JEWL (including sensory-friendly space)

Don costumes and join your friends and our clergy for a fun-filled Purim Carnival and Spiel, complete with food, games, prizes, and a bounce house. It's fun for the whole family! Tickets for games, lunch food, hamantaschen and other treats can be purchased the day of the carnival.

Interfaith Families Gathering at Purim Carnival Sunday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.

In the coming months, Temple Israel will be hosting opportunities for families to explore Jewish life in welcoming, no-pressure ways. Our first get-together will be a chat with Rabbi Zimmerman during our Purim Carnival. (See page 12 for more information.)

Erev Purim Service & Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 20 - Erev Purim, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Hear the Megillah read and enjoy some Purim fun at our Erev Purim service co-led by our JEWL learners!

Kabbalah Sparks with Rabbi Glaser

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

There are many names given in Judaism for God, but in the mystical mind, none of them are adequate. The mystery of the Eyn Sof lies in the riddle: How can we know of something that is unknowable? Science cannot tell us what occurred before the Big Bang, why it happened, or the reason for our being here. Reading: Chapter 8 in A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader. Free and open to all. For more information, contact Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Guest Speaker Jud Newborn, PhD

Lions of Judah: The Complete, Unsung Story of Jewish Anti-Nazi Resistance — And Its Indispensable Lessons in Courage for Today

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a Congregational Shabbat morning service and hear guest speaker Dr. Jud Newborn. Dr. Newborn sets the story of Jewish anti-Nazi resistance in an eye-opening framework highlighting its relevance today. These accounts of Jewish heroism will inspire – while fundamentally



JUD NEWBORN, PhD

changing our assumptions about how Jews responded to Nazi terror.

Dr. Newborn is a New York-based expert on anti-Semitism, extremism, and the fight for human rights worldwide. He was honored in 2018 by the Anne Frank Center USA with the Spirit of Anne Frank Human Writes Award. Dr. Newborn served as founding historian, curator, and co-creator of New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

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SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: RABBI RACHEL SABATH BEIT-HALACHMI

Rabbi Sabath is a scholar, institutional and spiritual leader, author, and innovator. Most recently, she was the National Director of Recruitment and Admissions at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion,

where she was also appointed



SABATH BEIT-HALACHMI PhD

President's Scholar and Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought and Ethics. She served as a member of the faculty at HUC for more than 16 years. Rabbi Sabath was also Vice President of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. She has written for the Jerusalem Post, The Times of Israel, The Huffington Post and other publications. She has co-authored two books and published numerous scholarly articles as well as pieces in key Jewish thought. A native of Minnesota, Rabbi Sabath grew up at Temple Israel and is an alumna of URJ camp OSRUI, a former NFTY National Vice President, and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ordained in 1995, Rabbi Sabath also earned a PhD in Philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Friday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service with Torah Study: Join Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi for a Shabbat morning service including discussion of the week's Torah portion

NFTY Spring Kallah

April 4 - 7, 2019

Temple Israel is hosting teens from NFTY-Northern this spring! Join Jewish teens for a weekend of connections, Jewish learning, and fun at Temple and Camp TEKO! We are looking for volunteer families to host teens from out of town overnight. Contact Rachel Sher at rsher@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0349 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Temple Israel Annual Meeting

Friday, May 31, 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH & EDUCATION DATES

March 1 - 3	Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, author of Putting God on the Guest List, will be our Scholar-in-Residence (see page 4)		
	March 1, 5:00 p.m. Learners' Shabbat Workshop		
	March 1, 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Learners' Service		
	March 2, 9:00 a.m. Torah Study		
	March 2, 10:30 a.m. Learners' Shabbat Morning: Congregational Service with our 2019 and 2020 B'nai Mitzvah families		
March 8 - 10	TIMSY Goes to JYG Kallah at OSRUI (including JEWL 6th Grade learners)		
March 10	Daylight Saving Time begins (spring ahead one hour)		
March 10	KiND Pump It Up Party (11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)		
March 17	Tot Purim Carnival, including sensory friendly space; (9:30 a.m.)		
	Interfaith Families Chat with Rabbi Zimmerman (10:30 a.m.)		
	(10:30 a.m.)		
March 20	(10:30 a.m.) Purim Spiel (10:45 a.m.) Purim Carnival, including sensory friendly		
March 20 March 24 – 31	(10:30 a.m.) Purim Spiel (10:45 a.m.) Purim Carnival, including sensory friendly space; following JEWL (11:30 a.m.) Erev Purim Service led by our JEWL learners		
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March 24 - 31	(10:30 a.m.) Purim Spiel (10:45 a.m.) Purim Carnival, including sensory friendly space; following JEWL (11:30 a.m.) Erev Purim Service led by our JEWL learners (5:00 - 6:15 p.m.) JEWL classes not in session (spring break) JEWL B'nai Mitzvah Training in session		

YOUTH & EDUCATION GROUPS

JEWL: Jewish Experiential Whole-Person Learning

KiND: Kids Next Dor Youth Group (grades 3 - 5)

TIMSY: Temple Israel Middle School Youth (grades 6 - 8)

TIPTY: Temple Israel Program for Temple Youth (grades 9 - 12)

NFTY: North American Federation of Temple Youth (national high school youth group)

OSRUI SCHOLARSHIPS

As an incentive to try overnight camp at OSRUI, up to five Temple Israel campers attending OSRUI for the first time for a four-week session will receive half off their tuition, thanks to a special scholarship fund. Families are still eligible to apply for additional financial assistance from OSRUI or from Temple. Please contact Rabbi Klein at jklein@templeisrael.com for details.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TRIP

On the weekend of January 25, 13 students in our Confirmation class, along with Abby Kirshbaum and Rabbi Klein, traveled to Washington, DC for Temple Israel's annual Bill Halpern^z Social Justice Tenth Grade Class Trip. There, we joined with 300 other youth from across the country for the Reform Movement's L'Taken Seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center.

As soon as we arrived on Capitol Hill on Friday, Temple member and Representative Dean Phillips greeted us. We walked into his office just as the agreement to reopen the Federal government was being announced from the White House. Following a tour by Rep. Phillips, we offered a prayer for him, the House, and the government. That night, we welcomed Shabbat with song, dinner, and services and became acquainted with the work of the Religious Action Center (RAC). We participated in a program on homelessness, how we relate to other people, and the importance of challenging our assumptions.

Shabbat morning began with services and an advocacy simulation called Kesef, Koach, and Politika (money, power and politics), where students split into two groups with differing opinions on gun control. Students practiced lobbying, writing letters, demonstrating, and managing money on behalf of their organization while exploring how money, power, and politics affect law. It was a unique growth experience, particularly for those advocating for a position with which they did not agree.

Shabbat afternoon included powerful visits to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the Holocaust Museum. We marked the end of Shabbat with havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial. Overlooking the Tidal Basin, each student held a candle and we



sang together while the ritual was framed with hopes and dreams for the United States, as well as a recognition of the opportunities we enjoy in this country.



On Sunday, students focused on issues of interest to them as they wrote, revised, and practiced speeches for our members of Congress. Our students' writing was thoughtful, passionate, creative, and articulate, and by the time we arrived on Capitol Hill early Monday morning, everyone was prepared to lobby, beginning with the Senate. In Senator Smith's office, students delivered three presentations on three issues: Robbie, Aidan, and Noah advocated to support a two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians; Rachel advocated for better access for people with disabilities; and Sophie and Domenic advocated for measures to prevent gun violence. At Senator Klobuchar's office we also had three presentations: Annie, Isaac, Adam, and Jackson advocated for reforming the criminal justice system while emphasizing ending systemic racism; Ella and Michelle advocated for better access for people with disabilities; and Ben advocated for campaign finance reform. After lunch, we walked to the House and the students lobbied their representatives -Representative Phillips, Representative Omar, and Representative Craig – on the same issues. All spoke beautifully and passionately.

While there were many jokes about returning to a Minnesota that was going to be 70 degrees colder than DC, our learners were happy to take some of the bonds created and passion generated into their lives back home.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT TEMPLE

Our Social Justice Task Force is publishing an ongoing list of opportunities you may be moved to pursue, working alongside fellow Temple congregants and bringing tikkun (repair) to a broken world.

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE AT TEMPLE

In 2018, Temple Israel's Board of Directors passed a resolution endorsing Temple's commitment to Immigration Justice, envisioning a program of education, advocacy, and action in support of immigrants and refugees. If you are interested in learning more about Temple's Immigration Justice initiative and opportunities to become involved, please email Allison Wolf at allison.l.wolf@gmail.com.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

Jefferson's Media Center needs assistance re-shelving books and help with checking out, the arts class is looking for aides, and the after school classes need adults who would be interested in teaching a special skill once a week. Volunteers can also assist with other classes. Contact Roger Conhaim at 612-374-9454.

SHOLOM HOME

Volunteers at Sholom Home West in St. Louis Park are the heart and soul supporting that community of elders. Responsibilities include transporting residents, calling BINGO, delivering mail, Music and Memory classes, visiting and reading, or just kibitzing. There are many opportunities, and the work is much appreciated! Contact Avi Economos at 612-799-7429.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Volunteers are needed to serve dinners every other month on the fourth Tuesday (March, May, July, October, November) at St. Stephen's School (22nd and Clinton) from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. We are especially looking for families with children ages 12 and above. Contact Nancy Proman at 612-281-9415 or nproman@aol.com.

THE BRIDGE FOR YOUTH

Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. for Tacos & Trivia! Bring your team in to show off your cooking and trivia skills as you connect with youth experiencing homelessness. Contact Amanda at 612-230-6685 or a.beckett@bridgeforyouth.org.

ST. STEPHEN'S SHELTER FOR MEN BREAKFAST

Help with meal preparation and serve a hot breakfast at the shelter on a Sunday morning. Adults and teenage volunteers welcome. Contact Jed Marquisee at jmarquisee@aol.com.

READING PARTNERS

Provide students in under-resourced schools individual reading support to help them learn specific skills necessary to become proficient readers. Reading Partners is currently serving 550 students at 11 schools across the Twin Cities. Contact Sam Rosenbaum at samuel.rosenbaum@gmail.com.

WORK AT CAMP TEKO

SPEND YOUR SUMMER ON LAKE MINNETONKA!

Camp TEKO is looking for day camp staff and junior counselors to work with children entering grades K - 6. We hire staff of all backgrounds and faith traditions willing to engage with Jewish values and promote a Judaic camp experience for their campers.

Contact Abby Kirshbaum for more information: akirshbaum@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0321.





TORAH HOTDISH

THIS MONTH IN LIFELONG LEARNING

Generations of Jewish children and teens growing up in Minneapolis have come to associate Temple Israel's Camp TEKO with the greatest joys of their childhood. In the past few years, we have expanded this connection to TEKO as our 6th grade JEWL program has come to include several kαllot, weekend gatherings throughout the year — most of which take place at TEKO.



Over the weekend of January 18, about 40 of our 6th graders arrived to a TEKO complemented by snow and ice. These youth immersed themselves into a relaxing yet challenging Shabbat experience, as the weekend focused on the Holocaust and on Israel. On Friday evening, our learners reflected into the night with a movie about Anne Frank and The Number on Great Grandpa's Arm, sharing family stories, and wondering what the world has learned:

Has this happened to other peoples at other times in world history? Is it still happening?



On Shabbat morning, we joined together for a spirited service, anticipating a similar $ru\alpha ch$ as each of our learners approaches the age of B'nai Mitzvah. The Torah portion, Beshalach, spoke of the Egyptian army drowning in the Sea of Reeds at the first Passover.

Again, we wondered. Was it fair that they were all punished? How are we complicit today? Couldn't God have stopped the Nazis the same way the Torah tells us the ancient Egyptians drowned?

As a Shabbat afternoon of edible map-making, art exploration, and sledding in the "The Bowl" waned, our learners sat in rapt attention with Temple Israel member and Holocaust survivor Mary Neuman, drawing nearer when she rolled up her sleeve and asking to hug her after she told her story of survival.



When you got to Auschwitz, did you see anyone else whom you recognized? How did your experience affect what you believe about God?

When we think about bringing more justice into the world, we often cite the Talmudic teaching that while it may not be our duty to complete the work, we are not exempt from it either. Considering this timeless idea – from the days of the Exodus to the horror of the Shoah, to appreciating the freedom Jewish people enjoy in the world we live in today - is one way we prepare our youth for B'nai Mitzvah, the age of adult Jewish responsibility.

MY TEMPLE STORY

A MULTI-FACETED, MULTI-HYPHENATE ALL-AMERICAN FAMILY

When he met his future wife Melissa, Devin Del Rosario, a child of Dominican immigrants who was raised Catholic, was not interested in religion. He says he was turned off by politics he had experienced and didn't care to follow creeds for their own sake: "They'd say to do three 'Hail Marys at confession... so if I do two, I'm not OK?" By contrast, Melissa, daughter of Gloria & Daniel Goldberg, always considered Judaism a "huge part" of her identity. She went through consecration and confirmation at at Temple, was involved in NFTY, and was the president of her BBG chapter, among other things.

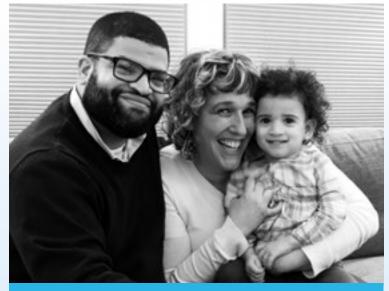
Luckily, they joined Match.com at the same time.

As these things sometimes go, the speed with which they connected surprised them. After their second date, Melissa thought to herself, "This feels different." Devin felt the same way and "dropped the L(ove) bomb," he says, after about five or six weeks of dating.

While things were getting serious between the two, Melissa was "synagogue shopping," because she did not want to assume that the Temple Israel of her childhood would be the best fit for her as an adult. Melissa cites Temple's open discussions about race, religion, and culture as a driving factor to come back, saying that this openness "allowed me to bring Devin in."

Devin did not realize how comfortable he would feel at Temple Israel until the couple got engaged and did premarital counseling with Rabbi Zimmerman. Devin said she made it clear that though he is not Jewish, he's part of the community. Rabbi Zimmerman also helped Melissa navigate their differences in religious observance: "In my head," Melissa says, "it was an all or nothing deal." Rabbi suggested that, instead of viewing these identities in a rigid way, they periodically check in with each other about their evolving beliefs. Melissa says that eased a lot of the angst she felt about the couple's seemingly divisive backgrounds.

The thought of diverging from her Jewish background also made Melissa anxious as the two formed a family – she now laughs about the identity crisis of going from "having the most Jewish last name to the most Catholic last name" (Del Rosario means "of the rosary"). Through discussions with Temple's clergy and Devin, she's realized that "We have a Jewish identity and those other things don't matter."



DEL ROSARIO FAMILY

Melissa and Devin grew together through Temple's openness toward interfaith families, which Devin says "makes Judaism a lot more accessible." Something Devin greatly appreciates is that Judaism places deed before creed: "Jewish values are more about what's good for mankind vs. doing what's good according to a rule book." These ethics are vital for Devin. "I generally feel uncomfortable many places I go as a person of color," he says, but seeing Temple's efforts to bridge the diversity gap bolsters his confidence in our community. When asked what Temple can do better in our inclusion efforts, Devin puts the onus back on himself: "What can I do to help with the diversity piece at Temple? I want to make sure that she feels comfortable there."

"She" is the couple's daughter, Payton (after Manning – Devin's a Colts devotee), who goes to a Dominican daycare and speaks as much Spanish as English. Melissa and Devin dub their spunky girl "Jewminican."

Like many, the family has created a complex, compound-worded life for themselves built upon open minds, shared values, and ultimately, open hearts. "I never imagined I would have the Jewish life I wanted and not marry someone Jewish to have that life," Melissa says. As Payton walks around the living room and appears to ask for something in bilingual two-year-old-ese ("I think that's a pickle, what do you think?"), it's clear that the things that forge families and communities, though they may be expressed in different languages, are very much the same.

TALMUD TODAY

NEW COLUMN STARTING IN APRIL

As Jews, it is our intellectual legacy to engage different opinions in order to arrive at the best solution. Nearly two thousand years ago, two rabbis formed a lifelong bond as well-matched sparring partners. Rabbi Yochanan and Resh Lakish created a system in which Rabbi Yochanan argued a point, and then Resh Lakish challenged him 24 times, forcing Rabbi Yochanan to refine his answer each time. When Resh Lakish died, Rabbi Yochanan was inconsolable, realizing he would never find a more fitting partner in challenging thought and study (Baba Metzia 84a).

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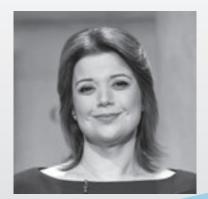
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In the coming months, Temple Israel will be hosting opportunities for interfaith families to connect with Jewish life in easy, welcoming, no-pressure ways.

Our first get-together will be a chat with Rabbi Zimmerman during our Purim Carnival on March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

We'll enjoy delicious hamantaschen while meeting other interfaith families. Please join us before the chat for games and snacks at our Tot Carnival, and stick around for our Mary Poppins-themed Purim Spiel and our Carnival for older kids (ages 5+)!

In addition, we invite you to join our private Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/TI.InterfaithFam to connect with other interfaith couples and families.

Please contact Lisa Keathly, Clergy Assistant, with questions at lkeathly@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0315.

EASTERN EUROPE TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Explore the sights, sounds, and flavors of Prague, Poland, and Berlin with Rabbi Zimmerman and Representative Hornstein — there's also an optional Budapest add-on.

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MAZEL TOV

to Rabbi Jennifer & Michael Hartman and big brother Fred on the birth of their son and brother

Jonah Samuel Hartman

on Thursday, January 31

May Jonah be blessed with a life of Torah and learning, loving relationships, and Ma-asim Tovim — never-ending devotion to family and community, justice and giving.

Expressions of best wishes for the Hartmans may be sent to Temple Israel 2323 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405

SHARING OUR LIVES

March Anniversaries

55 th	Gail & Ronald Lehman	3/22
55 th	Wallys & Roger Conhaim	3/24
50 th	Sharon & Gerald Schraber	3/29
45 th	Eleonora & Mark Goldburt	3/16
45 th	Candice & Charles Nadler	3/24
40 th	Judith & Stephen Elston	3/15
35 th	Patrice & Michael Colich	3/25
15 th	Stephanie Bell & Howard Fink	3/14
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Mazel Tov to...

- Sara & Jonathan Confeld on the birth of Maime "Mimi" Jack Confeld, who was born on January 4. Sara is a teacher at Temple Israel's Early Childhood Center.
- Temple Israel ECC Director Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl and Teacher Miriam Malamud on presenting at this year's Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MNAEYC) State Conference.
- Eliah Fink, who won a recent American Jewish World contest with his Chanukah drawing. Eliah is the son of Stephanie Bell & Howard Fink and brother of Eleanor.
- Temple Israel JEWL Director Jeri Saad and Music Education Conductor Ben Bitton on participating in the Partnership2Gether School Twinning educators' seminar. In December, they traveled to Rehovot, Israel, to work with colleagues and acquire tools to bring back to Temple's classrooms.
- Veronica Ocasio-Johnson & Yale Johnson on the birth of Frances Colette on December 28. Grandparents are Elaine & Michael Johnson; great-grandparents are Gerry & Sheldon Feldman and Gloria & Lynn z" Johnson.
- Sara Paul & Bobby Kahn on the birth of Edwin Paul Kahn on January 1. Grandparents are Barb Berris, Sandy & Eugenez" Paul, and Rick Kahn.
- Emily & Matt Kramer on the birth of Layla Mae on September 21. Layla was welcomed home by big brother Gabriel: grandparents are Diane & Steve Arenson.
- Brooke & Adam Moss on the birth of Zoe Stein Moss on January 24. Zoe's grandparents are Ellyn Wolfenson & Michael Belzer and Robert Stein and Susan & Jack Moss. Great-grandparents are Elayne & Marvin^{z"} Wolfenson.
- Sesha Patel on being named Medical Director of North Ridge Health and Rehab in New Hope.
- Nataly & Hen Rachum, who were married on January 1 in Israel. Nataly is one of Temple Israel's JEWL teachers.
- Jody & Fred Rappaport on the birth of Sydney Schay Rappaport on January 27. Sydney was welcomed home by brothers Jack and Roger. Grandparents are Diane & Jon Rappaport and Nancy & Bobby Schostak.
- Jori & Rob Sherer on the birth of Evelyn Miller Sherer. Grandparents are Jennifer Melin Miller & David Miller and Donna & Jim Pohlad. Great-grandparents are Marlene & Marshall Miller.

- Cheryl Ravich and Mark Ravich on the wedding of their daughter Alyssa Ravich to Garron Robinson.
- Sharron Steinfeldt, who was awarded the Kipnis-Wilson/ Friedland Award at the International Lion of Judah Conference in January. The award honors extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism.
- Cheri & Michael Sudit on their new grandchildren Gillian Phila and Blake Stanly, who were born on November 19. Parents are Liz & Geoff Sudit. Gillian and Blake were welcomed home by big sister Mazie and big brother Asa.
- Erin Striker Waller & David Waller on the birth of Jack on January 3. Jack's grandparents are Sue & Michael Striker and Michelle & Steve Waller.
- Irv Weiser as he steps down from his years of service on the Board of the Bush Foundation, which invests in people and organizations working on issues important to communities within Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the 23 Native nations that share the geography.
- David Weissbrodt on his retirement after 40 years at the University of Minnesota Law School. David joined the Minnesota Law Faculty in 1975 and in 2005 became the Law School's first Regents Professor.

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

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Celebrating Purim at Temple

Purim Carnival and Spiel

Sunday, March 17

Throw on your costumes and join your friends and our clergy for a fun-filled Purim Carnival and Spiel, where we'll have food, games, a bounce house, and more!

Along with our usual festivities, this year Temple will host a sensory-friendly Purim Carnival in conjunction with the rest of our festivities to provide a space for our kiddos who need a lower level of sensory input in order to enjoy our Carnival. We will have games, activities, and fun for everyone! Our sensoryfriendly environment will be quiet, low-light, lightly trafficked, and equipped with a calming break space. We are so excited to provide more people in our community the opportunity to have a blast this Purim!

Tickets for games, lunch, hamantaschen, and other treats can be purchased the day of the Carnival. It's fun for the whole family!

9:30 a.m. Tot Purim Carnival (with sensory-friendly space) 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Families chat with Rabbi Zimmerman

10:45 a.m. Purim Spiel in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Purim Carnival following JEWL(with sensory-friendly space)

Erev Purim Service and Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 20 - Erev Purim, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Hear the Megillah read and enjoy some Purim fun at our Erev Purim service co-led by our JEWL learners!



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