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Purim, Passover, and More**

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Clergy Voice: Purim

TO THE TUNE OF "CHAG PURIM"



RABBI GLASER

Zoom Purim, Zoom Purim

Kings and Queens in quarantine!

Knavery, then bravery,

When Esther makes the scene!

Turn on your laptop, click click click

Haman will make you sick sick sick

Up, once again, to his old shtick

This year he'll come clean!

Zoom Purim, Zoom Purim

Here's a tale of one great team!

Mordechai, quite a guy

Esther, queen of dreams!

This holiday you might get soused

'specially when you're stuck in your house

Nothing to do but grouse grouse grouse

Things aren't as they seem...

Zoom Purim, Zoom Purim

Can't wait for that nice vaccine

Poke my arm, no more harm

From COVID-19

For now don your earbuds, cram cram cram!

Haman's been caught on the video-cam

Now he is on the lam lam lam

His hat is our cuisine!

Zoom Purim, Zoom Purim

Try not to Delete the screen

Cameras boot, press unmute

You'll see what we mean!

Option and Tab, Control, Command,

Log into ancient Shushan land

This year we're streaming on demand

Complete with Purim memes!

Zoom Purim, Zoom Purim!

Data like you've never seen!

Watch your backs, Shushan hacks

Our firewalls can't be breached!

Storing us in your cloud cache

On this intriguing holiday

Will give you bandwidth to come play

On this Zoom Purim!

Chag Purim Sameach,

Rabbi Sim Glaser

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PURIM AND FEBRUARY EVENTS

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PURIM AND FEBRUARY EVENTS

New Member Shabbat

Join us to welcome all those who joined Temple Israel in 2020. We wish we could meet in person, but know that warmth and kindness will be felt though the computer screen as we officially bring our newest members into the community. There are two ways to welcome Temple Israel's new members:

Pre-Purim Tot Shabbat Welcoming New Members

Friday, February 5

Meet and Greet 5:00 p.m.

Service 5:30 p.m.

For our youngest members and their families—enjoy the Shabbat service with a Purim twist! Join us in costume for this fun evening of story and song.

Erev Shabbat Service Welcoming New Members

Friday, February 5

Service 6:00 p.m.

Meet and Greet with Clergy and Staff to follow

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Parashat Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23

Saturday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.

No one can lead alone, not even Moses. Join Rabbi Hartman as we explore Moses' feelings of inadequacy and the place he finds solace and counsel.

Food for Thought

Rabbi Glaser Presents Stuck-Home Syndrome: Some Observations in Quarantine by the Inappropriate Rabbi

Tuesday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.

Join in some pre-Purim levity and laughs. Rabbi Glaser will entertain us with music and humor (and don't we all need a little laughter in our lives during these times?).

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12-13

Shabbat Shekalim recalls the census taken in the wilderness, described in Exodus 30:11-16. On this Shabbat, we read about the census and that everyone is to contribute a half-shekel to be counted, the rich shall not pay more and the poor may not pay less for all are equal in the community. It teaches us that every single person is valuable in Judaism.

Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Ari Ne'eman for JDAIM

Friday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.

As we recognize Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion month, Rabbi Klein will welcome Ari Ne'eman to Temple Israel for a conversation about the experience of autistic people and public policy issues around disability. Ari is the cofounder of ASAN, the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, and served for ten years as its executive director. He served as one of President Obama's appointees to the National Council on Disability, consults with a variety of organizations interested in health and public policy. He is currently a PhD student in health policy and author of the forthcoming *The Right To Live In This World*.



ARI NE'EMAN

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat Shekalim

Parashat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18

Saturday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi Klein welcomes Rabbi Ruti Regan as a guest teacher for Torah study. Rabbi Regan is a disabled disability advocate, a proponent of democracy, and a feminist rabbi working at the margins of Jewish community. She runs the weekly #ParshaChat Twitter Torah study group, and is the author of *realsocialskills.org*. She was ordained by JTS in 2017, and prior to that studied at Drisha and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. As we read the Torah portion that starts to establish a legal system for which the Jewish tradition is famous in its detail, we will learn a disability-informed approach to Torah and justice.



RABBI RUTI REGAN

PURIM AND FEBRUARY EVENTS

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Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman

The President's Appointments: Three Jewish Firsts

Saturday, February 13, 11:00 a.m.

Explore the lives of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the first Jews to serve in these positions. How controversial were these appointments? What are their legacies?

Pre-Purim Drive-Through Experience for Families with Young Children

Sunday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

For goody bag, RSVP by February 7 to Rabbi Hartman at jhartman@templeisrael.com.

Embrace the Purim spirit as you decorate your car for a drive-through experience in Temple Israel's parking lot! You will be able to sneak a peek at the Purim Spiel characters, participate in a car costume contest, and receive a goody bag filled with snacks and inspiration for your own Purim costume! Then, be sure to wear your costume for our Purim celebration on Thursday evening, February 25. This will be an in-car, contact-free event.

The Shofar Calls: Conversations about Racism

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss the film *Little White Lie*, a personal documentary about the power of telling the truth, which you may watch in advance by following the links at www.littlewhiteliethefilm.com.

SHABBAT ZACHOR

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19–20

On the Shabbat before Purim, the holiday when we celebrate the foiling of Haman the Amalekite's plot to destroy the Jewish people, the weekly Torah reading is supplemented with the Zachor ("Remember!") reading. In one of the most violent moments of the Torah, the villain Amalek attacks the Israelite people who were wandering in the desert. What made this especially egregious is that it was a surprise attack that came upon the Israelites from the end of the group - where the most vulnerable were walking. In a realization that even in war there are rules, we are taught not to forget to blot out the memory of Amalek (which is the origin of using noisemakers on Purim!). A paradox for sure, and one worth much exploration.

Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Pastor Jia Starr Brown

Friday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

As we recognize Black History Month, Rabbi Zimmerman will welcome Reverend Jia Starr Brown to our virtual bimah to join us for services and share her own teaching and preaching. With over twenty years of experience in community education, engagement, and outreach, Pastor Jia currently serves First Covenant Church Minneapolis. Rev. Starr



Brown is also a PhD student, focusing on the intersection of religion and education—studying people within marginalized populations who resist systemic and cultural forces to participate in their own oppression.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat Zachor

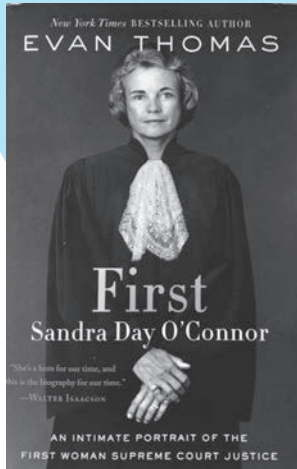
Parashat T'rumah, Exodus 25:1–27:19

Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.

To remember or to forget? That is the Pre-Purim question. Shabbat Zachor highlights the trauma that Amalek wrought upon the Israelites, and presents two seemingly contradictory mitzvot. Can we resolve this contradiction? Or do we just have to live with it? Don't forget(!) to join Rabbi Moss for this Torah study.



PURIM AND FEBRUARY EVENTS



First: Sandra Day O'Connor

Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Spend an evening with Evan and Oscie Thomas, the best-selling authors of *First: Sandra Day O'Connor*, the intimate and timely biography of America's first woman Supreme Court Justice. Justice O'Connor's life and legacy present hopeful lessons about repairing American civic life.

In addition, we welcome the commentary and reflections from two distinguished former O'Connor judicial clerks: Ivan K. Fong, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, 3M; and Lisa Kern Griffin, Professor of Law, Duke University.

Program Chair, Cliff Greene. Co-sponsored by: Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law, University of Minnesota Law School, ClassACT HR73 (Harvard-Radcliffe), Stanford Law School Minnesota Alumni Chapter.

Purim Disney-Style Mash-Up Erev Purim Celebration, Megillah Reading, Spiel

Thursday, February 25

4:15 p.m. JEWEL K-6 learners convene for a song session and virtual carnival, followed by the family Purim service

Join TIPTY leaders in fun and engaging Purim games and activities! In breakout rooms, you will be able to join a scavenger hunt, trivia games, dance party, and more. Join one activity or join them all: get ready to experience all the fun of a Purim Carnival from your home!

5:00 p.m. Family Purim service, Megillah reading, and Spiel for families with children up to 6th grade

Hear ye! Hear ye! We're Zooming in on Shushan!

The Scroll of Esther in stunning Zoom-e-scope

Come bear witness to the spectacular tale of bravery on the part of Queen Esther as she stood up against the hateful Haman in defense of the Jews of Shushan. Listen and watch via Persian Purim-vision to the ancient tale portrayed in vivid detail by your clergy, educators, and TIPTY teens, and thrill to the musical magic of Disney tunes oldish, newish, and definitely Jewish! Be sure to be in costume for our first-ever Zoom parade!

6:45 p.m. Haman on the Rocks:

Mixar Studios presents a quick mixology lesson (Ages 21+)

Raise your mocktails and cocktails to life! L'chaim!

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Purim After Dark: "Magic Kingdom" (Teens and Adults)

Each chapter of the Megillah is brought to life through enchanting chanting, sing-along singing, the wit of a skit, and the cacophony of comedy. Come in costume and virtual background! Win real-life prizes through our Heritage Judaica ritual objects giveaway!



Purim Celebration for Young Children and Their Families

Friday, February 26, 9:00 a.m.

RSVP to Sharon at sharon@templeisrael.com
The Temple Israel Early Childhood Center (ECC) invites all families with young children to put on their costumes and join us on Zoom for our Shabbat and Purim celebration. Our learners look forward to singing and celebrating with you!

Erev Shabbat Service: Shushan Purim

Friday, February 26, 6:00 p.m.

What do you get when you combine Shabbat with Shushan Purim? Prayer, Spiel, and lots of laughter. Join the clergy in worship and judge their sermon prowess with "Last Rabbi Standing" including a surprise guest. How quickly can your clergy create a sermon on their toes? Find out as improvisational comedy meets Torah in our first ever sermon-off. It is sure to be a Shabbat like no other!

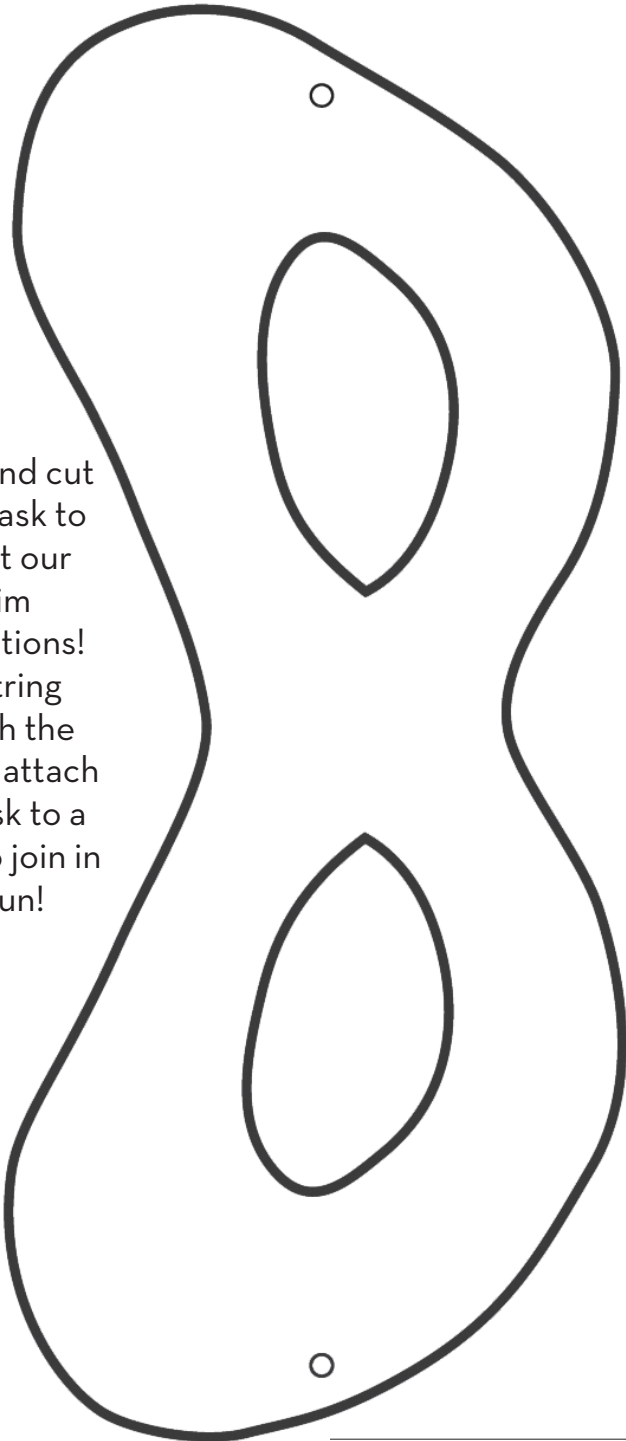
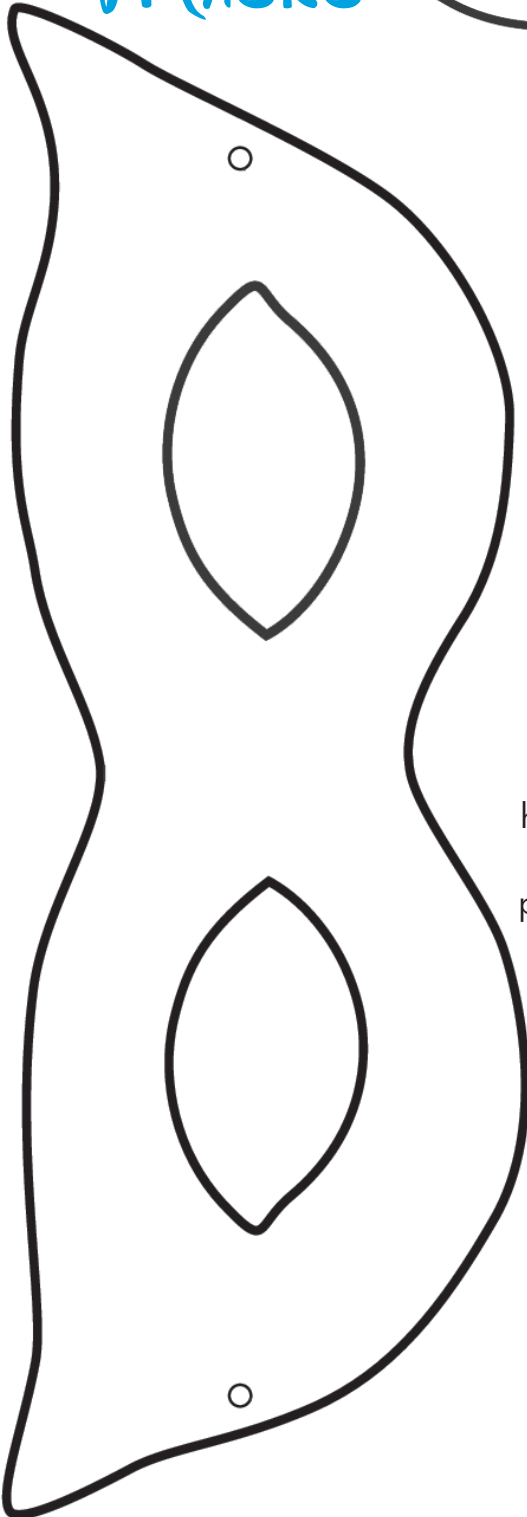
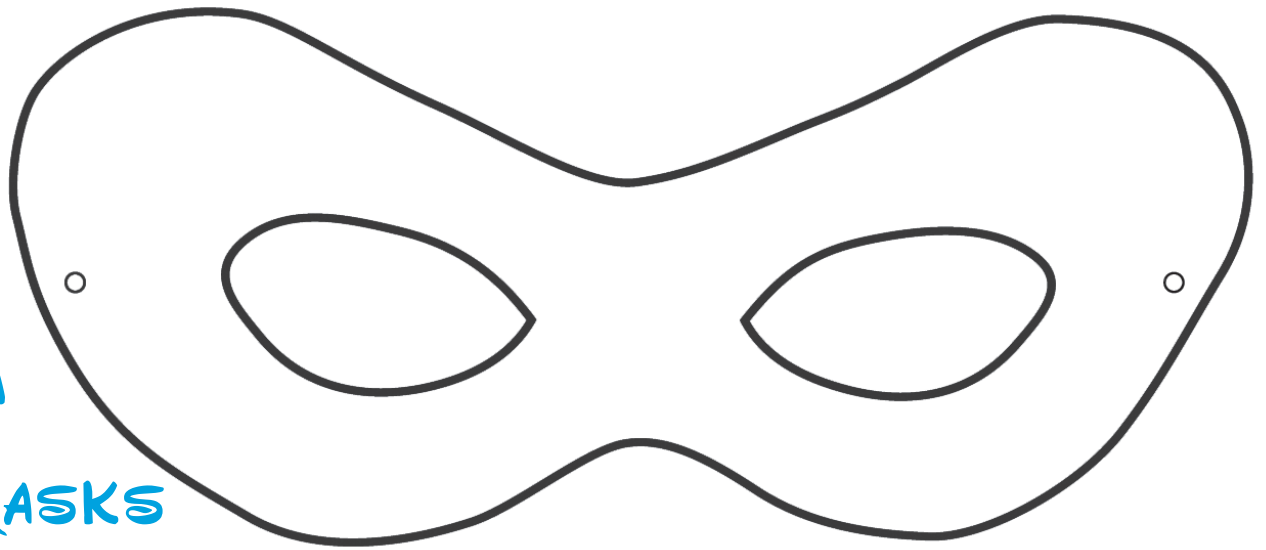
Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shushan Purim

Parashat Tzaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10

Saturday, February 27, 9:00 a.m.

Humorous stuff in the Torah—a celebratory survey for the Purim season! Join Rabbi Glaser for a rollicking tour of his favorite funny material in the Five Books of Moses! (Seriously folks, where do you think Jewish comics get their best material?)

PURIM MASKS



Color and cut out a mask to wear at our Purim celebrations! Use string through the holes or attach the mask to a pencil to join in the fun!

CLERGY VOICE: PESACH

How do you live a year of Jewish communal life without coming together in person? We—you, we clergy, and the Temple Israel staff—have answered this disorienting question with a remarkably rich year of study, prayer, and schmooze breakout rooms.

How do you have a seder when your seder plate is empty? Some years ago, I found myself grappling with this similarly befuddling question.

Amelia, a cantorial student, and I were invited to lead communal seders in Crimea. It was 2015, just a year since the peninsula had shifted from Ukrainian to Russian control. Understandably, the Jewish community was dealing with various complicated challenges.

Amelia and I arrived at the synagogue for the first night seder armed with haggadot, seder plates, songs, and insights. We were ready to lead and we knew what to expect—or so we thought.

A moment before the seder was to begin, we learned that due to communal politics—even though 60 people, mostly elderly, were arriving—we actually had no food whatsoever, aside from endless boxes of matzah. Bewildered and frustrated, but also feeling a deep sense of responsibility, Amelia and I led a quasi-seder with as much spirit as a foodless meal can generate. We all gained a new understanding of matzah as the bread of affliction.

After the seder, Amelia and I slumped back to our motel with an unsatisfied feeling both in our stomachs and our souls. Upon arriving, we agreed that we could not just let the night pass by, but rather we had to be vigilant to guard this precious festival and its ritual. We each went back to our rooms to gather whatever food items we could find, rejoining in the motel eatery. As we surveyed our meager provisions, we wondered how we would assemble a meal, and more importantly, a seder plate.

Here's how we put together our Passover pastiche:

Karpas: A bag of Lay's potato chips, as they are root vegetables with a lot of salt.

Charoset: Smashed some berries into the sugar we found on the tables.

Maror: Took coffee grounds from the eatery—very bitter.

Chazeret: Ripped the greens off the head of a carrot.

Beitzah: Used hard-boiled eggs left over from the morning's breakfast.

Zeroa: Grapes, which figure into the wine libations of other sacrifices, served as the symbolic bridge to the shankbone.

4 Cups of Wine: Those same grapes...why not?

With this improvised seder plate and bizarre bare-bones meal, Amelia and I spent several hours going back through the Haggadah, singing melodies from our homes, and celebrating the small ways that redemption had occurred over the course of that night.

This peculiar Crimean seder night has guided me through the challenges of this past year. We can preserve the spirit of a holiday even when the trappings are unavailable. We can work towards seder (order) even as the world seems to tilt towards disorder. Within a period of constraint, we can celebrate liberating moments.

Chag Sameach,



Rabbi Tobias Moss



PESACH & MARCH-APRIL EVENTS

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PESACH CELEBRATIONS

Pre-Pesach Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.

Cleaning Your House, Cleaning Your Soul: Sustainability as a Spiritual Practice

Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.

Pre-Pesach Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.

Passover Workshop

Tuesday, March 16, 7:15 p.m.

First Night Multi-Generational Seder with Rabbi Hartman, Rabbi Glaser, and Cantor Abelson

Saturday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. RSVP Required

First Day of Pesach Morning Service

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Second Night Seder with Rabbi Zimmerman, Rabbi Moss, and Rabbi Klein

Sunday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. RSVP Required

7th Day of Pesach Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Service: 7th Day of Pesach

Friday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

7th Day of Pesach Torah Study: From the "Red" Sea to the "Med" Sea

Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.

7th Day of Pesach Shabbat Morning Service with Healing and Yizkor Prayers

Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

MORE EVENTS

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Friday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat Parah

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m.

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NEED HELP WITH SEDER PLANNING?

Are you planning or leading a Passover Seder this year and want some direction—
from traditions that engage people to how to approach the use of technology?
Email Wendy Schwartz, wendy@templeisrael.com, and she will point you in the right direction.

PESACH & MARCH EVENTS

SHABBAT PARAH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 5-6

Shabbat Parah marks the beginning of formal preparations for Pesach. The special Torah reading of Parah details the laws of the red cow. When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, every Jew had to be in a state of ritual purity in time for the annual Passover offering. The directions in this week's portion teach us what we need to know to be ritually pure and ready for our liberation. Today, we fulfill the ritual spiritually by studying the laws.

Pre-Pesach Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.

For our youngest members and their families—enjoy the Shabbat service with a Passover twist. Review Passover songs in preparation for the Seder. Join us for this fun evening of story and song.

Erev Shabbat Service: HIAS Immigration Shabbat

Friday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Many Jewish families can trace their immigration story to HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which began by assisting Jews fleeing persecution. Today it helps people all over the world who are trying to escape conflict and oppression. We will hear one woman's story of resettlement in 1940 from Nazi Germany to St. Paul, Minnesota with the help of HIAS.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat Parah

Parashat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Parah, named for the special extra Torah reading assigned to it, is one of the four Shabbatot that leads up to the climax of Passover. While there is some mystery that shrouds the Haftarat with which each of the four Shabbatot is associated, each offers a different piece of the Passover puzzle. Join Rabbi Hartman as we look at these connections and uncover what challenged the Israelites as they traversed the desert.

HIAS Immigration Havdalah

Saturday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Moss for an international online HIAS Havdalah.

Food for Thought

Cleaning Your House, Cleaning Your Soul: Sustainability as a Spiritual Practice

Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.

As Pesach approaches, so much of the Jewish community prepares to give extra attention not only to what we do and do not eat, but also sanctifies the process of preparation that we might otherwise just call “spring cleaning.” The entire holiday is about uplifting the everyday to remind us that our liberation is held in being able to make daily choices and—as spring begins—bring a lens of sustainability and respect for the planet's climate and seasons. Rabbi Zimmerman, along with Julie Dean, a master of Mussar, and Temple Board member Lissie Rappaport Schifman, a master of sustainable practices and teaching, will lead us to increased mindfulness about how we clean, how we eat, and how we prepare our inner selves for Pesach.



LISSIE RAPPAPORT SCHIFMAN



JULIE DEAN

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Israeli Judaism and Diaspora Judaism: What's New Under the Sun?

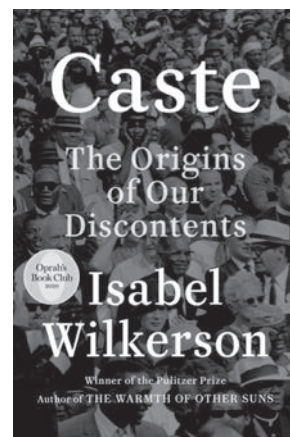
Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.

Israeli Jews and Diaspora Jews share one religion but with many variations. The emergent “Nationalist Judaism” among fourth generation Israelis demonstrates how an ancient tribal religion is thriving in the age of artificial intelligence today. Is Israeli “Nationalist Judaism” a synthesis between “political Zionism” and “religious Zionism?”

The Shofar Calls: Conversations about Racism

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Please read the book or watch Wilkerson's conversation with Bryan Stevenson on YouTube prior to this discussion.



PESACH & MARCH EVENTS

SHABBAT HaCHODESH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 12-13

A special Torah reading called “HaChodesh” recounts God’s historic communication to Moses regarding the Jewish calendar, the month of Nissan, and the Passover offering. This Shabbat that announces the new month, and the beginning of the first of the months also prepares us for our liberation from slavery. We read that we are to eat the Passover sacrifice with our sandals on our feet and our staff in our hand in order to be ready to leave ancient Egypt and slavery immediately.

Erev Shabbat Service: Reproductive Rights Shabbat

Friday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

We stand with the National Council of Jewish Women and their work to ensure reproductive rights for all. Please follow NCJW for #ReproShabbat on February 12-13. In addition, we will explore the importance of reproductive rights and the Jewish sources that support these rights at this Shabbat service.



National Council of Jewish Women

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat HaChodesh

Parashat Vayak'heil - P'kudei, Exodus 35:1-40:38

Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.

We may be at the end of the book of Shemot, Exodus, but Shabbat HaChodesh also reminds us that we are at the beginning—that Nissan, the month of Passover, is the time of year we start counting our months. As Passover approaches, join Rabbi Klein as we explore a theme that has its origin in this special Torah portion—the idea of four children who ask questions about the story, and imagine how they show up for us and in us throughout the ages.

Passover Workshop

Tuesday, March 16, 7:15 p.m.

RSVP to Wendy Schwartz for the Zoom link.

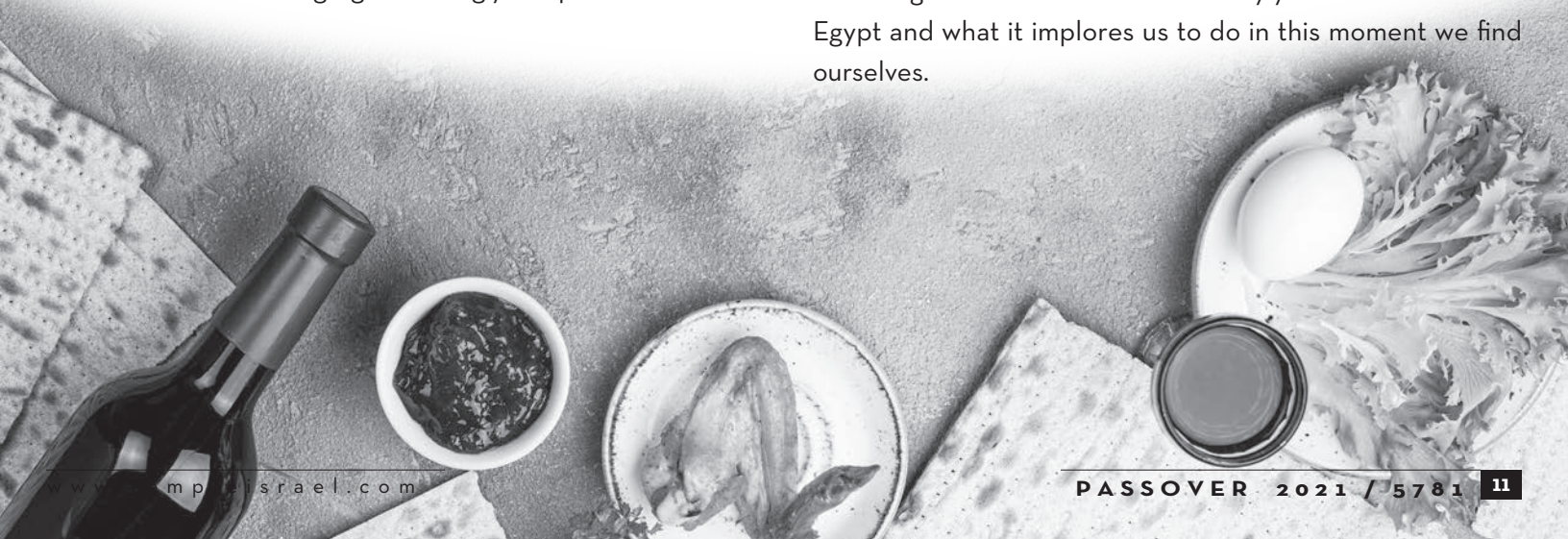
Join Temple Israel’s “Introduction to Judaism” class for one evening as Rabbi Hartman and Wendy Schwartz teach about Passover, model the order of a Passover Seder (Seder means “order” after all!), and share some favorite family traditions. Whether you are brand new at this, want a refresher, wish to enhance your family’s observance of Pesach, or are considering how to observe the holiday from a distance, this is an opportunity to learn with fellow congregants. Bring your questions!

Shabbat Service and Torah Study Liberation Theology: Making Theology Real

Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.

During this Torah study with Rabbis Zimmerman and Moss, we will deepen our understanding of how the seminal Jewish liberation story, the liberation from slavery, informs religious people all over the world and throughout the ages to work for the values of equality and social justice. On this Shabbat one week before Passover, we will deepen our understanding of why we sit together and tell and retell every year the Exodus from Egypt and what it implores us to do in this moment we find ourselves.



PESACH & MARCH EVENTS

SHABBAT HaGADOL

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 26-27

The Shabbat before Passover is called Shabbat HaGadol (“The Great Shabbat”) in commemoration of the miracle that occurred in Egypt on this day, heralding the Exodus five days later. It is the last Shabbat of slavery when we are ready, we are able, and we are determined to leave slavery behind.

Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Shabbat of song and story as we prepare to welcome Passover.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study: Shabbat HaGadol

Redemption Song: Exploring Liberation, biblical and beyond Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1–8:36

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.

The special Haftarah for Shabbat HaGadol, the Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach, describes the prophet Malachi’s vision of a reconciliation across the generations. Join Rabbi Klein as we explore liberation song throughout the ages and examine when liberation is bound up with reconciliation and how it is about disturbing the status quo.

First Night Multi-Generational Seder with Rabbi Hartman, Rabbi Glaser, and Cantor Abelson

Saturday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by Sunday, March 14 to Liz Mack, lmack@templeisrael.com or 612-377-8680

Join Temple’s clergy for an interactive, multi-generational first night Seder. We look forward to singing, storytelling, and sharing traditions. We will take a new look at our ancient ritual as we incorporate food and traditions from around the world. We look forward to a virtual seder table at which we hope to see many of you with your friends and family. We know that being online, even with its limitations, can be a source of beauty and meaning when multiple generations, from near and far, gather for a shared experience.

First Day of Pesach Morning Service

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Join together for a festive service on the first morning of Pesach. Services will include special melodies, and Hallel Psalms of praise.

Second Night Seder with Rabbi Zimmerman, Rabbi Moss, and Rabbi Klein

Sunday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by Sunday, March 14 to Liz Mack, 612-377-8680 or lmack@templeisrael.com. Also, let us know if you are interested in a Seder speaking part.

Why is this night different from all other nights? Our long-time annual tradition goes online for a second year in a row! Join Temple’s clergy as we share the Haggadah, the story of the Exodus from ancient Egypt, at one virtual table. Bring your own matzah and prepared Seder plate as we connect our ancient story of liberation to our broken world and envision a more just and equitable future.



PESACH & APRIL EVENTS

7th Day of Pesach Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

For our youngest members and their families—enjoy the Shabbat service with a Passover twist. Share who found the afikomen and other Passover Zoom traditions. Join us for this fun evening of story and song.

Erev Shabbat Service: 7th Day of Pesach

Friday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

The seventh day of Passover is associated with crossing the Sea of Reeds, so the Torah portion records our most ancient song of freedom. Usher in the seventh day of Passover and Shabbat with a special musical service focusing on songs of freedom throughout Jewish tradition and beyond.



7th Day of Pesach Torah Study: From the "Red" Sea to the "Med" Sea

Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.

We will be joined by Roy Mittelman, PhD, to learn about the past, present, and future of the Jewish community in Morocco. Dr. Mittelman, who directs the Jewish Studies Program at the City College of New York, has spent over 40 years throughout his academic career studying the Jewish community of Morocco and Jewish-Muslim relationships there.



ROY MITTELMAN

7th Day of Pesach Shabbat Morning Service with Healing and Yizkor Prayers

Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

Join Temple Israel's clergy for a service for Shabbat and the seventh day of Passover, a day we associate with our ancestors crossing of the Sea of Reeds as we continue the journey toward freedom. We will be joined by Temple Israel's own David Fhima to learn about the Jews of Morocco, whose tradition and history is enriched by a festival called Maimuna, which marks the end of Passover each year and whose history is bound up in Moroccan Jewish customs, special foods, and interfaith relations.



DAVID FHIMA

Counting the Omer E-List

March 28 - May 16, 2021

The seven weeks that link Passover and Shavuot are a period of gratitude, preparation, and reflection. Count the forty-nine day period between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah with a daily e-mail that includes a reflection from Jewish sources. 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.

Jewish mystical traditions pair each week of the Omer with one sefira, one of the ways that God's presence flows into the world. As we renew our commitment to be God's partners in creation each day, we will focus on responsible stewardship of our Earth, and the sustainable and restorative practices we need to integrate into both our consciousness and our actions. We hope these Omer meditations will inspire both reflection and action toward a more sustainable, livable and equitable planet.

SEDER RITUALS & READINGS

WHEN POURING WINE OUT WHILE RECITING THE PLAGUES

On the surface, the beloved ritual of pouring out one drop of our wine for each of the Ten Plagues to lessen our joy seems clear enough: even though we were redeemed, it came at the suffering of others. Some people choose to name other contemporary “plagues” after these ten—racism, greed, disease, destroying natural resources, and so on.

AFTER RECITING THE PLAGUES

Besides one verse in “Dayenu,” the Haggadah does not give a lot of attention to where we will be seven weeks after the Exodus: receiving the Torah. At Mount Sinai, *Aseret Ha'makot*, the ten plagues, are replaced by the Decalogue, *Aseret HaDibrot*, ten utterances, that are famously referred to as the “The Ten Commandments” (though if you read them closely, you’ll find more than ten). Pharaoh’s *power over us* is replaced with God giving us the *power to make good choices* at every step of our lives. The number ten is also significant in Jewish mystical tradition; there are Ten Sefirot, ten ways in which God flows into our world. Rabbi Isaac Luria, one of the foremost Kabbalists of the medieval period, arranged his Seder table so that the three matzot, together with the six items on the Seder plate and the plate itself, resembled the shape of these Ten Sefirot interconnected, a tradition that continues to this day.



BEFORE SINGING DAYENU

Sometimes we give so much attention to figuring out what to do with the wine on the tip of our fingers, our napkins, or our appetizer plates, that we may have not noticed the next section of many Haggadot (yes, even the Maxwell House ones!). Arithmetic meets the rabbinic practice of not taking anything for granted, of recognizing the value of multiple perspectives, of questioning everything. Just when we thought the biblical tradition was quite clear that there were *aseret makot*, ten plagues, our sages call that into question by citing a few Torah verses in the book of Exodus: if one plague in Egypt was implemented by the “finger of God,” and our ancestors saw the “hand of God” (which, when we imagine God in human terms, has five fingers) while crossing the Sea of Reeds, isn’t that five times as many plagues? Are ten plagues really fifty? The questions go on, even leading to an interpretation of 250 plagues!

A PRAYER (AT THE SEDER BEFORE THE BLESSING FOR THE SECOND CUP OF WINE)

Go’el Yisrael, Redeemer of Israel, our sages of blessed memory teach us *b’chol dor va’dor*, in every generation, to imagine ourselves as if we had personally left ancient Egypt. Just as we use our own privilege to call out oppression of others, may we feel the care of allies who would risk life and limb to make sure no harm befalls us. May we recognize that so many of the world’s plagues today are human-made, and that means that we must be Your hands, Your fingers, O God, striving to create anew each day a world that is just, a world that is equitable, a world that is compassionate, a world that is healing.

Just as our sages found ways of seeing ten plagues multiplied into hundreds of moments of awe that expressed Your presence, may we find Your awesome presence in justice, in equity, in compassion, and in healing. May the “Ten Commandments” of Mount Sinai be among 613 commandments of the Torah, and these 613 multiply into thousands upon thousands of moments to bring Your presence into the world as we uplift one another.

And let us say, Amen.

YOUTH EVENTS

TIPTY (9th - 12th Graders) and **TIMSY** (6th - 8th Graders)

Contact Delia Koolick, dkoolick@templeisrael.com, for more information and to register.

KiND (3rd - 5th Graders)

Contact Noah Gerber, ngerber@templeisrael.com, for more information and to register.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 6

8:00 p.m. TIPTY/TIMSY Havdalah

Sunday, February 7

12:00 noon KiND Pictionary

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. TIMSY Event

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIPTY Event

Sunday, February 21

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. TIPTY Lights, Camera,
Social Action! Club

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. TIPTY Cooking
Adventure Club

Saturday, February 28

12:00 noon KiND Watercolor Painting
TIPTY/TIMSY Purim Event(s) TBD!

MARCH

Sunday, March 7

12:00 noon KiND Baking:

Banana Bread

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. TIMSY Event

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIPTY Event

Sunday, March 14

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. TIPTY Lights, Camera,
Social Action! Club

Sunday, March 21

12:00 noon KiND BINGO

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. TIMSY Event

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. TIPTY Cooking
Adventure Club

APRIL

Saturday, April 10

8:00 p.m. TIPTY/TIMSY Havdalah

Sunday, April 11

12:00 noon KiND Mad Libs

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. TIMSY Event

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIPTY Event

Sunday, April 18

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. TIMSY Event

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. TIPTY Lights, Camera,
Social Action! Club

Sunday, April 25

12:00 noon KiND Cooking:
Guacamole and Salsa

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. TIPTY Cooking
Adventure Club





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Zoom Into Judaism: A Crash Course

Sundays, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

March 7, 14, 21; April 11, 18, 25

Instructors: Temple Israel Rabbis

Fee: \$18 for Temple members;

\$36 for community members

Kids coming home from JEWL with questions you can't answer? Grandchildren know the Shabbat blessings better than you? Friends asking you questions and you don't have a response? Calling the curious and the confused to learn or re-learn some Jewish basics including rituals, holidays, life cycle events, and to understand the world through a Jewish lens.

Registration required. Contact Wendy Schwartz, wendy@templeisrael.com, for the registration link.

Coffee with Clergy

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Back by popular demand... Coffee with Clergy! Join members of Temple's clergy team Wednesdays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. with your coffee, tea, breakfast—and whatever is on your mind!

We look forward to these opportunities to converse and connect.



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