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# **CLERGY VOICE**

Dear Friends.

Albert Einstein said, "Life is like riding a bicycle: to keep your balance you must keep moving." Throughout the course of the pandemic, we have kept moving, pivoting from in-person services and programs to online, online to hybrid, and hybrid back to online, all while continuing robust and meaningful offerings. As we keep moving, we work to keep our values in balance. We continue watching the pandemic's track with our COVID working group to determine the best ways to keep risk of transmission low at Temple Israel, while ensuring we are able to remain connected as a community as we live out our other values. This spring,



we continue moving, balancing, and living our values as we seek to live Jewishly and navigate our ever-changing world.

One of the things we value most is our relationships. On Friday, March 11, we will gather in person and online to celebrate Rabbi Sim Glaser's rabbinate at our 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service (if you would like to attend in person, please call Temple or visit our website to sign up). Rabbi Glaser served Temple Israel for more than 20 years, and has shared his teachings, music, guidance, and humor as a rabbi for more than 30 years. Our celebration will include Nefesh Shabbat favorites, with many melodies written by Rabbi Glaser, as well as reflections from special guests and Rabbi Glaser himself. Join us as we honor and thank him for all he has contributed to our Temple Israel community.

As a synagogue community, another of our values is following the Jewish calendar. We pedal our way toward a spring filled with Jewish celebrations and commemorations. Purim will be a festive time with two main celebrations. JEWL learners will complete in "March Mishegas" (forgive us for the sporty Yiddish pun). Teens and adults will experience digital revelry celebrating "Purim in the Metaverse" on Zoom. Passover is special this year and next, for Passover, Easter, and Ramadan overlap—this will not happen again for more than 30 years. Fostering strong interfaith relationships is another of our values, and so on two Sundays in April, the downtown churches, mosques, and Temple will join in interfaith dialogue and worship about the concept of redemption in each of our traditions.

Finally, at the end of April, we will live out our value of Jewish pride, as we convene the Jewish community in recognition of the strength of our Jewish history and future. This year, Temple is hosting the annual community Yom HaShoah commemoration, partnering with the JCRC on a program titled "The Legacy of Memory is Infinite."

There are many powerful moments for our community to engage in as we keep our balance, keep moving, and keep living out our values. Please read through these and other opportunities in this issue of HaKol and join us as we add balance and value to our lives through our Temple Israel community.

B'virkat Shalom-With Blessings of Peace,

Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman Alvin & June Perlman Senior Rabbinic Chair





# MARCH EVENTS

### VISIT TEMPLEISRAEL.COM FOR LINKS AND MORE INFORMATION

### The Dragon Who Liked to Spit Fire A New Musical by Rabbi Glaser

February 26 - March 6

Barry Family Campus at the Sabes JCC Center, 4330 Cedar Lake Road South

Darius the dragon and Princess June are the best of friends, but there are special challenges at the palace when you have a dragon for a pet! Come join them as they explore how they can create the fire they need to be true to themselves. Script, music, and lyrics by Rabbi Glaser. Visit tinyurl.com/dragonmusical for ticket information.

### **Erev Shabbat Service: HIAS Immigration Shabbat**

Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.

In person and Online

As the Jewish community, we understand our immigrant history. The Hebrew



Welcome the stranger. Protect the refugee.

Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) helped bring many of our families to this country. HIAS continues to do wonderful work in upholding the central Jewish tenet of "welcoming the immigrant." Come to this Erev Shabbat service to celebrate our immigrant history as well as learn what we can do today to help families coming to the United States. Rabbi Ricky Kamil will speak on the ways everyone can get involved.

#### **Pre-Purim Tot Shabbat**

Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.

In person; email Darcy at dschnitzer@templeisrael.com for location

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

### **Kavod HaRav: Shabbat Service Honoring** Rabbi Glaser's Rabbinate

Friday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.

In person and Online

Join us for a Nefesh-style service as we honor Rabbi Glaser and his many contributions to make Temple a wiser, more musical, mystical, good-humored, and justice-seeking community. During the service we will pray and sing with several of Rabbi Glaser's musical compositions, present him with words of gratitude and a gift, enjoy a few numbers from his new musical, and hear from Rabbi Glaser himself.





### **Food for Thought**

Becoming Jewish: Warhol's Liz and Marilyn

A Virtual Tour of the Jewish Museum in New York

Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.

Becoming Jewish: Warhol's Liz and Marilyn explores Andy Warhol's fascination with Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor and the tabloid world they embodied. The fact that these Hollywood stars both converted to Judaism was significant: it signaled a growing popular acceptance of Jewish public figures. Warhol's portraits of these two subjects explore the complex, manufactured nature of identity. For more information, contact Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com.



Installation view of Becoming Jewish: Warhol's Liz and Marilyn, September 25, 2015 - February 7, 2016, the Jewish Museum, NY. Photo: Will Ragozzino

# MARCH EVENTS

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman A Child of Christian Blood: The Infamous Blood Libel and the Beilis Trial Saturday, March 12, 11:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

In 1911, a boy's body with its throat cut was found in Kiev in the then-Russian Empire. Witnesses claimed Mendel Beilis did it to make matzah for Passover. The trial caused a worldwide sensation. Even though flowers are still put on the boy's grave to this day, the real murderer was never found.

**Torah Study with Guest Teacher** Rabbi Joseph Edelheit Tzav: What Does Making a Sacrifice Mean Today?

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

We will explore the weekly Torah portion together. All are welcome.



#### **Youth Group Events**

TIPTY: Temple Israel Program for Temple Youth (grades 9-12) TIMSY: Temple Israel Middle School Youth (grades 6-8)

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

For information on TIPTY and TIMSY events, contact

Delia Koolick at dkoolick@templeisrael.com

For information on KiND events, contact

Rafi Forbush at rforbush@templeisrael.com

Sunday, March 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

KiND: Minute to Win It Challenges

Saturday, March 19-Sunday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

TIPTY: Lock-In at Temple

Sunday, March 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

TIMSY: Skyzone, Bus from Temple



## Leading Through Awareness with Dr. Ramón Pastrano

A program by The Shofar Calls: Conversations about Racism

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

We will view some short films that present how different people talk about race when they are with other people who "look like them." We will explore what it means to be self-aware and how becoming more self-aware can improve the way we turn our beliefs into action. We will also explore why—at this moment in history-many people prioritize connecting with others who share their beliefs, even when it is at the expense of truth, and consider how these reflections can allow us to lead though awareness-in our families, social circles, and the wider community.

Dr. Pastrano is an architect of system change and human transformation. In 2007, he founded ImpactLives, a nonprofit organization that combines leadership training, education and



service learning experiences with works of social justice. Through awareness-based leadership and critical thinking, his model is designed to assist individuals and organizations in developing new frameworks from where to solve the world's most challenging problems.

# PURIM CELEBRATIONS

**EREV PURIM FOR FAMILIES & JEWL LEARNERS** 

Wednesday, March 16

Are Jew ready for this? Prepare to sing, chant, and cheer at the palace's courtside seats! Things are not always as they seem as the King's star player's agility does not go as planned. Penalties pile up as Esther and Mordechai sub in; the rule book is consulted and there might even be a half-time parade! Mordechai's intentional foul does not seem to be a foul at all, and when Esther assists with a timeout party or two, this Cinderella team has had quite the ball!



JEWL K-6 learners convene for courtside songs and games, followed by the family Purim service.

#### 5:00 p.m. For Children and Families (online only)

Family Purim service, Megillah reading, and Spiel for families with children up to 6th grade, featuring a parade of three-point baskets (wastepaper basket + crumpled paper is shot enough for us!),



#### **EREV PURIM FOR TEENS AND ADULTS** (ONLINE ONLY)

### Wednesday, March 16

6:45 p.m. Haman on the Rocks: Our Meta-Bartender 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: "Purim in the Metaverse" high schoolers and adults (online only)

Join us on Zoom in the Shushan Metaverse, where things are not as they seem! Tech companies and oligarchs vie for power and prestige, and the Jews get caught in the virtual crossfire. Can Esther and Mordechai save the Jews from obsolescence?! Come in costume or virtual background to this multimedia Megillah reading and win real-life prizes through our Heritage Judaica ritual objects giveaway!

# TEMPLE'S NEW SENIOR CANTOR

### CANTOR INBAL SHARETT-SINGER JOINS TEMPLE THIS SUMMER

The process of selecting Cantor Abelson's successor was a sacred task indeed, as the Cantorial Search Committee, Board, clergy, and staff met with a diversity of strong candidates. In a special meeting, our Board of Directors confirmed Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer as our next musical leader. Cantor Sharett-Singer is a graduate of HUC-JIR's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Born and raised in Israel, she served in the IDF (Air Force) before moving to New York City and graduating from the Conservatory of Music at Brooklyn College. She has performed throughout Israel, Europe, and the United States. Cantor

Sharett-Singer currently serves as Cantor of Riverdale Temple in New York City. She and her husband Jonathan are parents to Amit. Noa. and Emmanuelle. All of us who met her were touched by her warmth and her uplifting voice.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Cantor Sharett-Singer and her family CANTOR SHARETT-SINGER

when she joins our Temple Israel community this summer. Stay tuned for opportunities to get to know her.













# Kavod Ha Pav: Than

Join us for Rabbi Glaser's new children's musical and for the



















# k You, Rabbi Glaser!

Erev Shabbat Service honoring him. See page 3 for information.









# **APRIL EVENTS**

#### VISIT TEMPLEISRAEL.COM FOR LINKS AND MORE INFORMATION

#### **Pre-Pesach Tot Shabbat**

#### Friday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.

In person; email Darcy at dschnitzer@templeisrael.com for location

Join us for this fun evening of story and song. For our youngest members and their families—enjoy the Shabbat service with a Passover twist. Sing Passover songs in preparation for the Seder. Tot Shabbat will be meeting on the first Friday evening of the month for the spring.



### The Power of Redemption: **An Interfaith Conversation**

In person and Online

This spring and next, Passover, Ramadan, and Easter coincide. After 2023, this convergence will not happen again for another 32 years. We, the downtown congregations, are planning two events this year to mark this shared season of redemption.

### Interfaith Panel Discussion on Redemption

Plymouth Congregational Church & Online 1900 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403

#### Sunday, April 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

A panel of clergy will convene to discuss redemption from each of our religious traditions. In-person and virtual participants will have the opportunity to reflect on our own experiences of redemption and ask questions to the panelists.

#### Interfaith Service

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church & Online 3355 North Fourth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55412

#### Sunday, April 10, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

We will gather for a redemptive worship service with a blend of song and inspiration from each of our religious traditions.

Participating congregations include Central Lutheran Church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), First Covenant Church, First Unitarian Society, First Universalist Church, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Islamic Community Center of Minnesota/Masjid Al-Iman, Masjid An-Nur, Plymouth Congregational Church, Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, St. Olaf Roman Catholic Church, Temple Israel, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

#### **Youth Group Events**

Sunday, April 4, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

TIPTY/TIMSY/KiND: Virtual Chocolate Seder

Friday, April 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

TIPTY: ShabbatLuck

#### **Passover Workshop**

Tuesday, April 5, 7:10 p.m.

Via Zoom

Join Temple Israel's Introduction to Judaism class for one evening as Rabbi Klein 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! RSVP to Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com for the Zoom link.

## Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman Justifying Injustice: Lawyers and Lynching

Saturday, April 9, 11:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

Lawyer Hans Frank helped craft the 1935 Nuremberg Laws and administered the massive Jewish Reservation in Poland after 1939 that sent nearly three million Jews to be murdered. Judge Roland Freisler, inspired by racist laws and practices in the United States, ordered judicial killings of dozens of anti-Hitler conspirators between 1944 and 1945. Why did German jurisprudence and jurists succumb?

## Food for Thought: How to Lead a Seder and Preparing for Passover with Rabbi Klein

Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

A multigenerational, multisensory experience told from multiple perspectives has been the cornerstone of telling the story of the Exodus from Ancient Egypt for thousands of years. We will share different Jewish perspectives on the "do's and don'ts" of preparing for the holiday and explore a diversity of seder customs as we seek to personalize the story in our own generation. We'll take some time for an exchange of conversation starters and traditions that you have tried or experienced and want to share with others. Feel free to email any questions you'd like covered in advance to Wendy Schwartz at wschwartz@templeisrael.com.

# **APRIL EVENTS**

#### **Erev Shabbat, Erev Pesach Service**

Friday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.

Online

Before you start your Seder, join our clergy for a short service to welcome in Passover and Shabbat. Kaddish will be recited.

# First Day Pesach Morning Service and Torah Study

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

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

#### Second Night Seder

Saturday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Why is this night different from all other nights? 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, Seder plate, and tasty holiday food as we connect our ancient story of liberation to our broken world and envision a more just and equitable future.

#### **Counting the Omer E-List**

#### April 16-June 4

The seven weeks that link Passover and Shavuot are a period of gratitude, preparation, and reflection. Count the 49-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. Since 5782 is a Shemitah year, a sabbatical year for the produce of the land of Israel, when the land lays fallow, this year's Omer reflections we will focus on the theme of letting go—what is Jewish about minimizing, downsizing, and throwing off the ballast of accumulation of things, wasted time, speech, and actions? 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.

### Erev 7th Day Pesach Service

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Mark the beginning of the last day of Passover with an evening service with our clergy. Kaddish will be recited.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach Morning Service with Healing and Yizkor Prayers

Friday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.

In person and Via Zoom

Join Temple Israel's clergy for a service for the seventh day of Passover, a day we associate with our ancestors crossing the Sea of Reeds and continuing the journey toward freedom. The service will include Hallel Psalms of praise, healing, and Yizkor (Memorial) prayers.

## Temple offices will be closed in observance of Passover Friday, April 22

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the Temple answering service at 952-988-5787. Seventh Day of Passover Morning Services and Erev Shabbat Services will take place in person at Temple and on Zoom.

# 2022 Twin Cities Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration:

The Legacy of Memory is Infinite

Thursday, April 28 | 27 Nisan 5782

Hosted by Temple Israel, In person and Online

6:00 p.m. Unto Every Person There is a Name

(led by families of survivors and community members)

7:00 p.m. Community-Wide Commemoration Service

Please pre-register at www.templeisrael.com/yomhashoah for in-person participation and to receive the Zoom link.

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Temple Israel, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Minneapolis Jewish Federation, St. Paul Jewish Federation, Generations After MN, and the Micki & Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.



# THE CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP TEKO:



Renovating Camp TEKO has been a dream for our congregation for many years. The current site was purchased in 1965 by the Temple Israel Men's Club, and as anyone who has visited recently can attest, it is in dire need of upgrades and repairs in order to continue safely hosting campers and staff each summer.

We knew that achieving this dream would require strong leadership. "We were deeply honored when Eloise & Elliot Kaplan and Susan & Gary Rappaport accepted our invitation to co-chair the Campaign for Camp TEKO," says Rabbi Zimmerman. "I admire their longstanding commitment to our community, and I knew that their leadership would make an enormous difference."

Both the Kaplans and the Rappaports (pictured) have deep connections to TEKO, having sent many children and grandchildren to camp. Gary Rappaport attended Camp TEKO himself in the 1940s at its original site at Lake Nokomis. It is this history that, in part, inspired both families to take a leadership role in this campaign. Elliot notes, "Through Camp TEKO, many members of my family have strengthened their Jewish identity, built lifelong friendships, and had countless wonderful experiences that have continued to shape their lives."

Susan and Gary especially love "the uniqueness of the site, and how it brings people together. There is something so wonderful about being together in such an extraordinary outdoor space. This project also presents such a special opportunity to further Temple's commitment to sustainability."

Both families made significant leadership gifts that helped the campaign gain traction early on, and hope that their investment will set an example, inspiring others to



# FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

contribute. "We are optimistic that the community's participation will be broad," Susan says. "I hope that everyone will join in at whatever level they can, and that those who are in a position to do more, will do so. You will never regret giving—it enriches your life in so many ways." Elliot adds, "I feel blessed to have been given this great opportunity to help raise funds to build a first-class camp that serves not only children from Temple, but from throughout our entire Jewish community. I hope that many will participate to strengthen TEKO."

As we look forward to the project's completion, both families are excited to see the impact of the new site, which will serve more campers than ever before. Improvements to Camp TEKO will include an expansive Discovery Center, which will be able to safely house the entire camp community in inclement weather. It provides much-needed programming space, as well as a teaching kitchen. An updated chapel will allow for more seating, expanded worship experiences, and improved views of Lake Minnetonka. Significant improvements to the waterfront include a new pathway between the boating and swimming beaches, a beach pavilion with room to store items during swimming, a retaining wall to prevent erosion, and a new boathouse. Integrated throughout the project are sustainable upgrades. TEKO will become a zero-carbon emissions camp, which will be healthier, less expensive to operate, and better for our planet.

"The reimagined Camp TEKO will impact children for generations to come," Elliot says. "There is nothing more rewarding than helping young people strengthen their Judaism, and develop the values that will help guide them throughout their lives."

To learn more about the project and the campaign, visit templeisrael.com/teko-campaign or contact Jerry Waldman at waldman.jerry@gmail.com or 612-965-0690.

#### **CAMP TEKO 2022 DATES**

(Camper grade in fall 2022)

- Aleph (K-6): June 20-July 1
- Bet (K-6): July 5-15
- Gimel (K-6): July 18-29
- **Gimel TEKO Boat Builders**\* (grades 7 & 8 only): July 18-29
- Dalet (K-6): August 1-12
- Dalet + OSRUI Atid (grades 2-4):
   August 1-14 (7 days at TEKO + 5 days at OSRUI)

\*TEKO and Urban Boat Builders are piloting a partnership for a leadership and team-building program during Session Gimel in Summer 2022. Campers in grade 7 and 8 will enjoy some of their favorite TEKO chugim in addition to building a boat with their peers!

#### 9<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROGRAMS

(Summer 2022)

Kris & John MacDonald TEKO Leadership Programs

- Avodah (grades 9 & 10): June 20-August 12
- Machon (grade 11): June 20-August 12

#### **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 Rafael Forbush for more information: 612-374-0321 or rforbush@templeisrael.com.

**❖ VISIT TEKO.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS ❖** 





# SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 CHEF YOTAM OTTOLENGHI

**VOICES 2022 CHAIRS** 

Sylvia & Sam Kaplan | Sue Zelickson

We are thrilled to welcome the Israeli-born, London-based chef, Yotam Ottolenghi, to Temple Israel for our VOICES event on May 5. Ottolenghi is widely beloved for his beautiful, inspirational, and award-winning cookbooks, the first of which he wrote with his business partner, Palestinian chef Sami Tamimi.

For Ottolenghi, food is about more than what we eat. It is about "joy, pleasure, and surprise... a sense of place and home. It is about commonality, an act which brings people together." We look forward to this year's VOICES event as we will explore the ways in which food helps us come together, honor our heritage, and recall cherished memories.

Tickets will be on sale in March. Due to COVID-19 and safety protocols, this year's event may look different than it has in the past.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit

## www.templeisrael.com/voices,

or contact Roberta Bonoff, Director of Advancement & Membership, at rbonoff@templeisrael.com or at 612-374-0348.



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