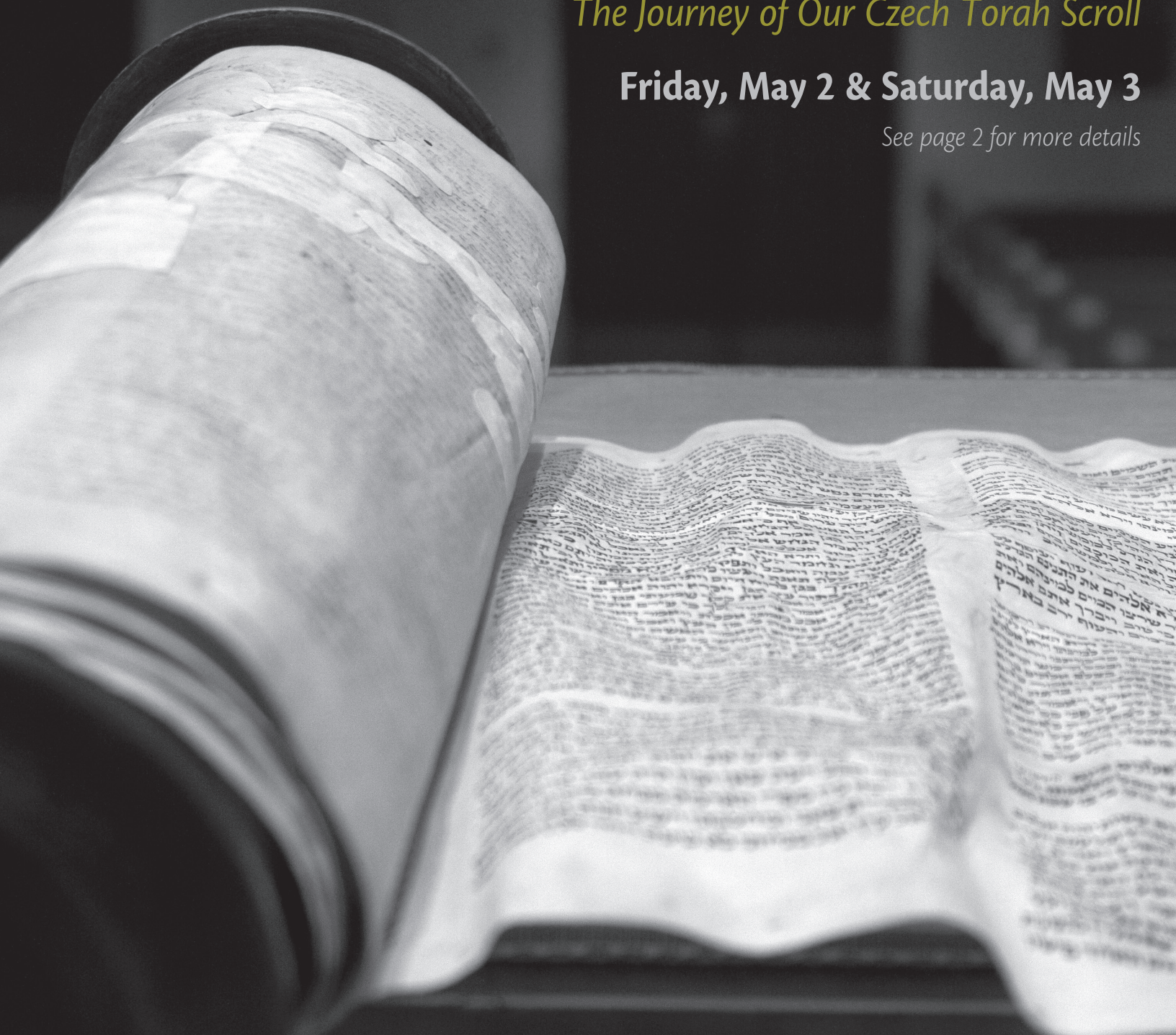


Rededication of our Tabor Holocaust Torah

The Journey of Our Czech Torah Scroll

Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3

See page 2 for more details



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Dear Friends, Lovers of Torah, Witnesses to History,

On the occasion of our Holocaust scroll's repair and return we thought this would be a good time to refresh our memories and enlighten our congregation as to the origin and history of this precious possession.

From our bimah we have long spoken of the Tabor scroll as having been rescued from a museum the Nazis intended would testify to the extinction of the Jewish race. As with so much of complex historical narratives, this is an oversimplification, and not an entirely accurate depiction of the actual events surrounding the scroll's journey from Czechoslovakia to London and on to Minneapolis.

There are lamentably few stories from World War II and the *Shoah* that detail the courage and faith of so many Jews under horrible circumstances, but the history of the Prague Jewish Museum is one. An enormous collection of Czech treasures removed from decimated synagogues and gathered together even during the darkest years of the war was conceived by a desperate group of Jews at the Jewish Museum in occupied Prague. These determined Jews actually submitted their plan to the Nazis to save and catalogue those precious items for preservation. Torah scrolls taken from destroyed Jewish communities were among those treasures and our scroll is one of them. The Jews who gathered this collection of over 100,000 items were effectively prisoners of the Nazis. Though their ongoing work would keep their names off the transport lists for a while, most were eventually transported to Auschwitz and killed. Their perseverance and determination that European Jewry not be forgotten continues to inspire. Bottom line: The Museum and rescue of these ritual items was a Jewish idea.

The scroll we read from almost every Shabbat morning was stamped, not unlike a concentration camp inmate's tattoo, with the number 248. It is one of 1,564 Torah scrolls that were discovered in three warehouses when Prague was liberated in 1945, and then housed at the Michle Synagogue in Prague beginning in 1956, two years after the Communists took over

Czechoslovakia. Many of the scrolls were in bad shape and in danger of becoming *pasul* – or unfit - for use until they were placed in suitable storage places. In 1964, thanks to the largesse of British congregants at London's Westminster Synagogue, the scrolls were shipped to England and began their second life. This became the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust which eventually sought new homes for these scrolls. Number 248 became ours.

We understand that our scroll comes from Tabor, a fairly sizeable town in Bohemia (later the Czech Republic) about 90 kilometers south of Prague. There may well have been several synagogues in Tabor, and a large number of the Trust scrolls are considered to have come from that region. Precisely which scroll comes from exactly where is still a matter of conjecture. What is most important for our commemoration and our ongoing use of scroll 248 is that, unlike so many of the six million Jews who were annihilated in the Holocaust whose names are still unknown, we are connected to a holy survivor that was once at the center of a vibrant faithful community.

Sifrei Torah – Torah scrolls - are not meant to be museum pieces, and if abandoned to deteriorate must be buried like a body in a Jewish cemetery. Our scroll lives! It breathes under the loving youthful eyes and minds of our precious 13-year-olds as they are called to the bimah to bless and chant from this scroll. Can there be a greater tribute to the lost communities of the *Shoah*?

We are grateful to Tom and Rhoda^{z"l} Lewin for funding the repair of the scroll, and we welcome its return to our ark, repaired, renewed, made *kasher* – fit for reading and transmitting from generation to generation – *mi dor l'dor*.

Hazak, hazak, v'nit-hazek – Let us continue to be strong, and to strengthen one another.

Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman

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Torah Re-dedication Events

Friday, May 2

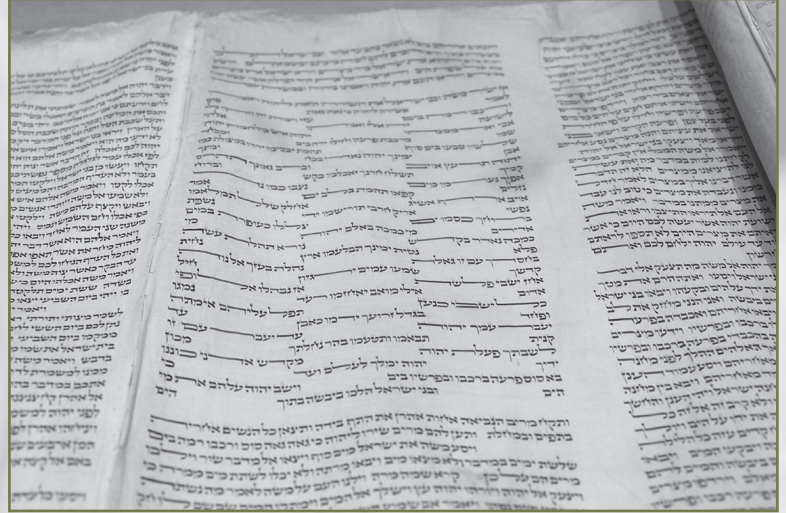
6:00 p.m.

Special Shabbat Service honoring the Lewin family and sharing the story of the Tabor Torah

7:30 p.m.

Extended Oneg Shabbat and Tabor Torah Scrolls Documentary Film Clips and Discussion

Temple congregant and filmmaker, Dale Bluestein, is producing a documentary film about the Czech Torah Scrolls. Through the years, the story of these significant and evocative scrolls has evolved and been carried forward. During this extended Oneg Shabbat following the service, Dale will show clips from his film and discuss his trip to London to visit the Memorial Scrolls Trust.



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

Tabor Torah Study

EMERSON AVENUE & 24th St entry



CELEBRATE RABBI GLASER'S 25 YEARS IN THE RABBINATE

Sunday, May 18 at Temple

Reception, Comedy Show and "After Party"

Watch your mail for your special invitation.

Worship Services

• • • May Worship Services • • •

Friday, May 2 - "First Friday" Shabbat

- 5:15 p.m. Oneg Shabbat Reception
6:00 p.m. • Erev Shabbat Service and Re-dedication of our Tabor Torah
• Tot Shabbat Service followed by a family-friendly dinner
• Final Scholar-Led Study Session with Rabbi Wirtschafter on the works of Rabbi Leo Baeck

Saturday, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Gertman: Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the B'nai Mitzvah of Daniel Lifson and Ethan Ginsberg followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, May 9

- 6:00 p.m. Gospel-Style Shabbat Service featuring the *Sounds of Blackness*

Saturday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman: B'har, Leviticus 25:1-26:2
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah of Rey Berman-Jolton followed by a Kiddush luncheon
10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Friday, May 16

- 6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service including 6th Grade/Dalet Graduation and a Tribute to our Teachers
Complimentary childcare available made possible by the Temple Israel Kellar Kennen Childcare Fund. For reservations, contact Liz at 612-374-0318 or liz@templeisrael.com.

Saturday, May 17

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser: B'chukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Maya Chadda followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, May 23

- 6:00 p.m. *Beyond Words: The Sublime Music of the Classic Cantorial Art* Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Gertman: B'midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the B'not Mitzvah of Amaya Wolpert and Carli Wolpert followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, May 30

- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service, Guest Speaker Shlomo Berihun

Saturday, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Gertman: Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Joely Gendler followed by a Kiddush luncheon

• • • June Worship Services • • •

Tuesday, June 3

- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot Service including the Confirmation of our Tenth Grade Students
8:30 p.m. Cheesecake Dessert Reception
9:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study Program with Rabbi Joseph Edelheit

Wednesday, June 4

- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shavuot Morning Service including Healing and Yizkor services followed by a light Kiddush luncheon

Friday, June 6

- 5:15 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service followed by a Congregational Shabbat dinner
Dinner reservations required, see page 7.

Saturday, June 7

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser: B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1-12:16
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Seiler followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, June 13

- 6:00 p.m. Carlebach Shabbat Service including the presentation of the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award

Saturday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman: Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1-15:41
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Ryweck followed by a Kiddush luncheon
10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Friday, June 20

- 6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service
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Saturday, June 21

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser: Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah of Steven Salz followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, June 27

- 6:00 p.m. *Beyond Words: The Sublime Music of the Classic Cantorial Art* Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 28

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Gertman: Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Fogel followed by a Kiddush luncheon

What's Happening

Information about these events
can be found on our website
www.templeisrael.com/calendarevents.htm

Torah Study

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

Free and open to all. Come when you can!

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

Tabor Torah Re-Dedication

Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

During the Friday night Shabbat service and during Saturday morning Torah Study we will be celebrating the restoration and re-dedication of this significant Torah scroll.

New Horizons Dinner and Entertainment

Patty Chodosh sings "Jazzy Tunes You Know"

Sunday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

Temple members over 70, join us for an evening of good friends, good food and fun entertainment. Reservations required; \$15 per person. Please contact Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Yom HaZikaron Ceremony

Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Adath Jeshurun Congregation

Please join us as we gather on Israel's Remembrance Day to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives for the State of Israel.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel's 66th Independence Day Celebration

Monday, May 5, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m., Sabes JCC

A community-wide program for all ages, featuring Synopsis, the P2G dance troupe from Tiberias, and a premiere screening of *Beneath the Helmut: From High School to the Home Front*. Family fun, Israeli food, games and activities for all.

A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?

Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Free and Open to All • Instructor: Rabbi Jennifer Gertman

This engaging three-session class for beginners—Jewish or not—explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values. Designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of Jewish tradition and are looking for an entry into Jewish life, this class welcomes those who are curious about Jewish tradition: unaffiliated Jews, interfaith couples, those considering conversion and those of all religious backgrounds. To register, contact Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Movie Screening

Inequality for All: A Passionate Argument on Behalf of the Middle Class

Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Join Temple Israel and Jewish Community Action for a free screening of "Inequality for All." The film follows Robert

Reich – professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member – as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has impacted the American economy. Reich uses humor and a wide array of facts to explain how economic inequality affects each and every one of us. Join us for this important film that is being screened and discussed in synagogues and faith communities across the country. RSVP to gabe@jewishcommunityaction.org.

We're bringing Temple to YOU!

We invite the women of Temple Israel to join one of our rabbis for a casual evening of community and conversation.

Thursday, May 8 – dpHUE, Edina

Hosted by Donna Pohlad

Thursday, May 15 – Creative Kidstuff, St. Louis Park

Hosted by Roberta Bonoff

Thursday, May 29 – The Wow Bar, Minneapolis

Hosted by Parrel Caplan

Each evening will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hear about the exciting things happening at Temple.

Light snacks will be served. No charge, but a reservation is required for each event. Space is very limited.

Please reserve your spot with Liz Mack at liz@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0318.

Gospel-Style Shabbat Service featuring the *Sounds of Blackness*

Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

See the back cover for full details.

Book Club

Wednesday May 14, 7:00 p.m.

And So It Was Written by Ellen Brazier

All are welcome. RSVP to Dana Rubin at drubes@comcast.net or Deb Bomberg at debabteacher@gmail.com.

Cook for Moms and Kids at Jeremiah Program

Thursday, May 15, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Jeremiah House, 1510 Laurel Ave, Suite 100, Minneapolis

Provide dinner for single moms and their kids who reside at Jeremiah. RSVP to Sue Smukler at 612-377-9692 or ssmukler@usgo.net and let her know if you can bring a side dish or dessert.

What's Happening...

Sisterhood Installation

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

The outgoing Sisterhood board will be recognized and the incoming board will be installed. The cost of this event is \$25, dinner will be served by DECO. If you would like to attend, contact Betsy Langer at elizabeth_langer@hotmail.com. For more information, contact Kim Wolson at kimwolson@gmail.com.

EMERSON AVENUE & 24th St entry

Rabbi Glaser's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 18

4:00 p.m. Dessert Reception Celebrating Rabbi Glaser

5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Program "Rabbi Sim Stands Up"
Music and Comedy

6:30 p.m. "After Party" Food, Spirits and Live
Entertainment ("After Party" reservations
required, \$20 cover)

Please join us as we celebrate and honor Rabbi Sim Glaser for his 25 years in the rabbinate, and 15 years of sharing his wisdom, music and humor with our Temple community. Watch your mail for your special invitation.

For more information, contact Liz at 612-374-0318 or liz@templeisrael.com.

Valleyfair Trip for Temple Youth Groups

Monday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attention all Temple Israel youth in grades 4-12! Please join us and other youth groups for a fun-filled day at Valleyfair. The cost of this event is \$25, and includes transportation and entrance fees. Download the permission slip from the Calendar of Events page on our website. RSVP by submitting the completed permission slip and payment to Temple by Monday, May 19. For more information, please contact Amy Sandler at amy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0321.

Confirmation Class of 1978 Reunion

It's an unpredictable reunion of the unpredictable Confirmation Class of 1978. Definitely not a high-school reunion! For more information about this liberating look at where 36 years has gotten us all, contact Andy Halper at andy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0390.

Erev Shabbat Service with Shlomo Berihun

Journey to Jerusalem: From Ethiopia to Israel

Friday, May 30

5:15 p.m. Oneg Shabbat Reception

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Guest speaker Shlomo Berihun, an Ethiopian Jew, will share his story during our Shabbat service. Shlomo Berihun was born in the Gondar region of Ethiopia. In 1984, at the age of twelve, he came to Israel on the Operation Moses rescue mission. His parents, who had ten children, stayed behind. Come learn about Shlomo's journey to Jerusalem and the accomplishments and challenges faced by Ethiopian Israelis.

Celebrate Shavuot at Temple Israel

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, June 3

**6:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot Service including the
Confirmation of our 10th Grade Students**

8:30 p.m. Cheesecake Dessert Reception

Usher in the holiday marking the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai with an evening of prayer, food and study. The Erev Shavuot service will include the Confirmation of our 10th grade students. A reception including traditional dairy desserts is free and open to all, followed by our late night study session.

9:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study Session

***The Words on the Tablets: An Exploration of
Martin Buber's Moses* with Rabbi Joseph Edelheit**

On this night of Shavuot, study Martin Buber's *Moses: The Revelation and the Covenant* in which the famous philosopher unpacks "The Words on the Tablets." Buber was always a brilliant critical reader of Torah and in this 1947 classic text we find insights that still resonate with us. Rabbi Joseph Edelheit will lead this special Torah Study. *Rabbi Edelheit is the Director of Religious and Jewish Studies and Associate Professor of Philosophy at St. Cloud State University.*

Shavuot Morning Service, Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

Join our clergy for a congregational Shavuot morning service which will include Healing and Yizkor Memorial services. We will come together to remember those we cherish. A Healing service is included to bring comfort to those who are facing physical, emotional or spiritual challenges. A light Kiddush will follow this service.

Counting of the Omer E-List

Now – June 3, 2014

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

Annual Meeting and Shabbat Service

Friday, June 6

5:15 p.m. Special Oneg Shabbat and Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Please join us at 5:15 p.m. for our Annual Meeting and special Oneg Shabbat in honor of the newly installed Board of Directors, and the leadership of our Foundation Board, TIPTY, Sisterhood and Men's Club Auxiliaries. Heavy appetizers will be served. Watch your mail for an invitation and join us for this special evening.

New Horizons Dinner and Entertainment

The Minneapolis Brass Ensemble Presents Classical and Popular Tunes

Sunday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.

Temple members over 70, join us for an evening of good friends, good food and fun entertainment. Reservations required; \$15 per person. Please contact Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Volunteer for Temple Israel's Homeless Shelter

Sunday, June 15 - Sunday, June 29

Temple Israel will host families through our partnership with Families Moving Forward (FMF) this June. We need help cooking, serving and dining with our families; playing with and entertaining the children; helping with homework; packing lunches; and one guy and one gal to stay overnight at Temple one evening during our hosting session, serve breakfast and see our guests off in the morning. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marcy Frost at mfrost@marcyfrostlaw.com or 612-382-7966. Please watch E-News for more information.

Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Reflections on the Most Important Study of American Jewry in the 21st Century:

"Portrait of Jewish Americans" by the Pew
Center for Religion and American Life

Steven M. Cohen, Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy at HUC-JIR,
and Director of the Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner

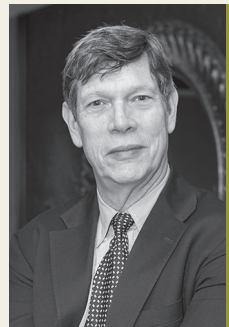
Monday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.

This Event is Free & Open to the Public

The recently completed national survey of American Jews conducted by the Pew Research Forum revealed dramatic variations in population patterns. These results have created major debates among scholars and communal leaders, as the widely-cited study points to several challenges for American Jewry. While the Orthodox population is surging, other groups appear to be in decline. What does the future hold for the size and profile of American Jews? How can communal policies address some of these trends?

This event is co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies along with Temple Israel.

For more information, contact the University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies at 612-624-4914, jwst@umn.edu or <http://jwst.umn.edu>.



VIEWS from the PEWS

Summer 2014

We are delighted to present *Views from the Pews* during our Erev Shabbat services this summer. Each week a member of our congregation will speak from the bimah on their area of expertise and its connection to our Jewish values. Please watch E-News for more information.

Save the Dates!

Camp TEKO Shabbat Picnics and Services

Fridays, July 18 and August 8

5:15 p.m. Arrival

5:45 p.m. BBQ Picnic, Shabbat Service to Follow

All are invited to our Men's Club-sponsored BBQ picnic followed by an outdoor Shabbat service overlooking the lake with our clergy.

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Marilyn and Harvey^{z"l} Chiat to receive 2014 LOUIS GAINSLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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In our Temple community, we are blessed with individuals, couples and families whose leadership and commitment touches all of us. Each year, the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award recognizes the outstanding volunteer efforts of Temple Israel members who have made a significant impact in the Temple community and the Jewish community at large.

On Friday, June 13, the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Marilyn and Harvey^{z"l} Chiat. Marilyn will be honored at the 5:15 p.m. Oneg Shabbat and during the 6:00 p.m. Shabbat service.

From the time they met at North High School when Marilyn was a sophomore and “Harv” was a senior, to their engagement when Marilyn was a high school senior and their marriage the following year, Marilyn and Harvey sought and created a sense of “home” in all aspects of their lives.

Always ahead of their time, Marilyn supported Harvey through her job as a dental hygienist while he finished his degree in architecture, started a master’s degree in math, and then began his esteemed career in computer engineering while the field was in its infancy. True to his word, Harvey then supported Marilyn as she earned multiple degrees, which culminated in a Ph.D. in Art History focused on religious art and ancient synagogue architecture.

It was during Marilyn’s quest for her Ph.D. that she and Harvey found their spiritual home at Temple Israel. Marilyn needed a recommendation from a rabbi in order to study at Hebrew Union College. This was not easy to come by at a time when women’s options were seen as limited. But Rabbi Shapiro wholeheartedly supported Marilyn’s endeavor



Marilyn and Harvey^{z"l} Chiat

and provided a recommendation. More importantly, from the moment she first met with Rabbi Shapiro at Temple, he created and exemplified the feeling of “home” that Marilyn and Harvey had been seeking ever since they were married. They immediately joined Temple Israel.

Having been raised in a modern Orthodox community, where the synagogue was simply an extension of his home, Harvey immediately treated Temple Israel in the same manner. He became an usher and a daily service reader, two volunteer positions that are quintessentially welcoming and create community.

He also found an outlet at Temple to spend time with people of diverse faiths and cultures, something Harvey had great comfort with because of his world travels for work. Together, along with Rabbi Shapiro, Harvey helped to found the Annual Interfaith Forum, gathering diverse faith communities together to learn about one another’s traditions and to study together, sharing their unique perspectives and finding commonality along the way.

Marilyn and Harvey thrived on hosting guests at Temple Israel, from a pure desire to learn about other faith traditions and to share Jewish traditions with others – to demystify Judaism and create stronger bonds among people of different faiths. Marilyn continues to host a table at Temple’s annual Knelman Interfaith Seder – something that she and Harvey did together since its inception - ensuring that each participant feels welcome and “at home.”

With her unique expertise in religious art and synagogue architecture, Marilyn chaired the Temple Art Committee for many years. She imagined and created beautiful displays of

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Camp TEKO 2014

*SESSION ALEF

June 16-27 (Day Camp)

*MACCABI MADNESS

June 30-July 3 (Day Camp)

A NEW 4-DAY SESSION LEADING UP TO JULY 4TH. COME JOIN US FOR A DYNAMIC PROGRAM INSPIRED BY THE REAL MACCABI GAMES.

*SESSION BET

July 7-July 18 (Day + Overnight Camp)

*SESSION GIMMEL

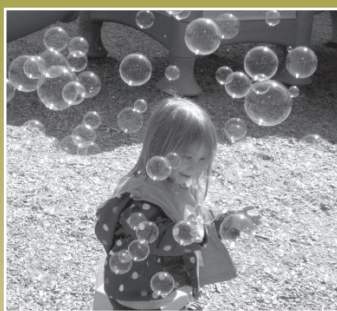
July 21-August 8 (Day + Overnight Camp)



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We've got ruach, how 'bout you?



At the ECC we have tons of ruach!

Call 612-374-0334 for a tour or more information about our spectacular summer camp options and our fabulous fall options.

• MAY/JUNE • Youth & Education Dates

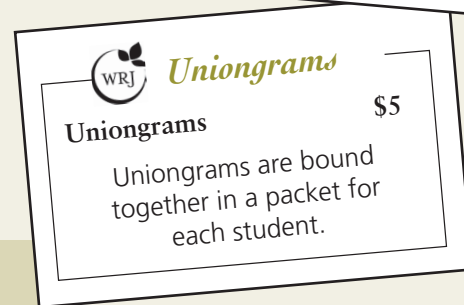
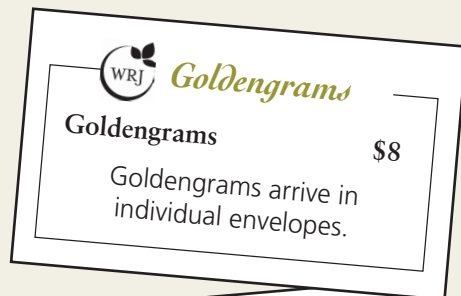
3	Final Haggigat Shabbat Pre-Kindergarten Class
4	Siyum Alef (All 3 rd Grade Families Attend on Sunday) Final 7 th /8 th Grade Program
7	ECC Closes at 12:30 p.m.: Conferences 10 th Grade Confirmation Class Picture and Service Rehearsal
8	ECC Closed: Conferences
11	Sunday School Parent Day Service
14	Final 11 th /12 th Grade Program
15	ECC Closed: Conferences
16	Dalet Graduation and 6 th Grade Recognition Service
17	Final Saturday of Haggigat Shabbat
18	Final Day of Sunday School Final 9 th Grade Program
19/20	Final Days of Hebrew School
21	10 th Grade Confirmation Service Rehearsal
22	ECC Pre-K Graduation (6:30-7:30 p.m.) ECC Last Day of School for 2-Day Classes
23	ECC Last Day of School for 3 and 5-Day Classes
27/28	B'nai Mitzvah Training in Session
28	10 th Grade Confirmation Service Rehearsal
26	4.5.6., 7/8 and TIPTY Youth Groups: Valleyfair
JUNE 3	Confirmation Service

Uniongrams and Goldengrams

Temple Israel Confirmation Class 5774/2013-2014

The Shavuot Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulate your sons and daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who are about to confirm their faith in Reform Judaism with a lovely note printed and hand-signed by Sisterhood. The Confirmation Class of 5774 will become the new clergy of 5784, and your notes can help get them there! Support the YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund of the Women of Reform Judaism by purchasing a Uniongram or Goldengram for your beloved Confirmands today. The YES Fund provides financial assistance to rabbinical and cantorial students, youth, and Reform organizations in North America, Israel and around the world. Cards will be delivered to students on the evening of the Confirmation ceremony. Our future clergy, and NFTYites thank you for your support!



Uniongrams
Goldengrams

Confirmand

- Charles Samuel Berg
- Joshua Henry Berman
- Elizabeth Claudia Bukingolts
- Mikaela Nadeau Bush
- Jonah Jergen Edelman
- Elyse Samantha Friedman
- Reed Emanuel Goldstein
- Sari Judith Hattis
- Matthew William Harrison Howard
- William Barron Kieffer
- Sydney Lauren Krelitz
- Mimi Jae Marion
- Holden Michael Platt
- Shira Rose Rabkin
- Madeline Brooke Richter
- Daniel Samuel Scal
- Shawn Richard Stiles
- Margo Brenna Strifert
- Gloriana Faith Wolf

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Slate of Sisterhood Officers

Proposed by the Sisterhood Nominating Committee

The Sisterhood Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following women's names for election as Sisterhood officers:

Officers serve two-year terms, except as noted:

Co-VP of Administration: Kayla Wright

Co-VP of Programming: Jenni Friedman

Co-VPs of Membership: Sheryl Newman; Dana Rubin (1 year term)

Co-VP of Ritual and Education: Jennie Teichman

Co-VP of Community Service: Donna Fredkove

Correspondence Secretary: Mary Ann Rosen

Membership Secretary: Leslie Held

Gift Shop Management Team: Lil Fallek and Marni Bumsted

The following women will continue in office:

President: Beth Birke

Co-VP of Administration: Marsha Seltz

Co-VP of Programming: Deb Bomberg

Co-VP of Ritual & Education: Kim Wolson

Co-VP of Community Service: Sue Tish McMorris

Recording Secretary: Anita Motolinia

Treasurer: Karen Malver

Past Presidents and Presidium team serving with Beth Birke:

Sheri Yarosh, Denise Fogel, Betsy Michel, Julie Zimmerman Berg and Esther Schak

The following women have been appointed to the Executive Committee by the President:

Communications Coordinator: Susan Duchon

Parliamentarian: Marcy Frost

We extend our gratitude to the following women who will complete their terms of office and leave the Executive Committee in May: Kris Arkis, Suzi Gerber, Betty Kriedberg, Betsy Langer, Aviva Weisberg and Carol Weitz. We further extend our gratitude to Sheri Yarosh who will complete her term as Co-President but will remain on the Executive Committee as Past President and member of the Presidium Team.

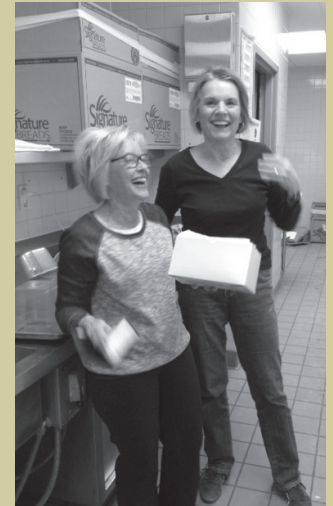
Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Denise Fogel (chair), Maia Aarsheim, Kris Arkis, Gayle Deshong, Lil Fallek, Pat Fatchett, Marcy Frost, Leslie Held, Betsy Michel, Suzanne Prass, Sharon Salz, Esther Schak, Aviva Weisberg and Julie Zimmerman Berg.

Todah Rabah

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make the Temple Israel Hamentashen Pop-up Bake Shop an extraordinary success this year.

Over 6,000 cookies were lovingly handcrafted and sold to our Temple families.

It was a fundraiser that was truly "full-filling."



Sincerely, Marsha Seltz and Betty Kriedberg
Sisterhood Co-VPs of Development

Gift Shop Talk

Featuring Talitot—in a variety of styles, fabrics, and prices for your upcoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah events and for adults, as well. It will be our pleasure to assist you in selecting a Talit that you will be proud to wear for the rest of your life. Our shelves are stocked with very special gifts for upcoming graduations, weddings and birthdays. You may just want to treat yourself, as well. We invite you to stop in, browse and visit. We enjoy your input! For shop hours, please call Temple Israel at 612-377-8680.

Spring Cleaning Means Garage Sale Time

Drop Off Dates:

Sunday, July 20: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, July 21: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sale Dates:

Sunday July 27: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, July 28: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Please mark your calendars. We need your donations, but more importantly your time to volunteer at the sale!

Questions: For more information, call Marsha Seltz at 612-920-7337.

Keeper of the Flame By Doug Nathan

The walls of Tom Lewin's Kenwood apartment are blanketed with photos and memorabilia, from a painting of his grandfather and photos of family vacations to a Ph.D. diploma earned by his beloved late wife, Rhoda. It's a tapestry of a full and well-lived life.

A history buff who has chronicled his family's ancestry – including his escape, and that of his father, from Berlin in 1939

– Tom is passionate about the continuity and endurance of the Jewish people, and of all people in the world who have persevered in the face of adversity and persecution.

This is one reason that Temple Israel's Holocaust Torah is particularly meaningful for Tom, whose grandmother died at the hands of Nazi oppressors. The other is that he was instrumental in bringing the Torah to Minneapolis.

Tom was with the late Temple Israel Senior Rabbi Max A. Shapiro in the early 1960s when, he recalls, "his secretary entered the office with a smile on her face and said, 'We have just been granted a Westminster Torah.'" On the spot, Tom generously offered to help with the funding necessary to bring the 19th-century scroll – which had been stolen from the Ark of the Reform Synagogue in Tabor, Bohemia (now the Czech Republic), during the Nazi occupation – to Minneapolis. One of more than 1,500 Torahs rescued from Eastern Europe by Westminster



Tom Lewin and Cantor Abelson with the newly restored Holocaust Torah

Synagogue in London, the Tabor Holocaust Torah is on permanent loan to Temple Israel. For many years, it has been a centerpiece of the Temple's B'nai Mitzvah program, underscoring for today's young people the dynamic, unfolding stories of past generations.

When the Torah eventually fell into disrepair, Tom says, he and Rhoda welcomed the opportunity to

underwrite its restoration: "Two years ago, when my grandson Simon read from the Tabor Torah, it was mentioned that we would likely have to stop using it because it was in such bad shape. Rhoda and I offered to pay for the repairs."

Upon the Torah's return to Temple Israel in late March, Cantor Barry Abelson showed Tom what had been done to restore portions of the parchment and text. Intricate, detailed work and obvious care had been taken during the restoration. The newly restored Tabor Torah will be rededicated during Shabbat services on May 2.

As for why he so generously supports Temple Israel, Tom says, "It is important to me to pass along my feelings about the worldwide Jewish community, and that we support it however and whenever we can to ensure the continuity of our people. The Tabor Torah gives tangible proof of our continuity. That's what ties it all together, and that is what is important to me."

Temple Israel
Legacy Circle

www.templeisrael.com

Save the Date

Join Temple friends for an evening of memories, stories, celebration and time together.

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The Legacy Circle recognizes and honors those who have included Temple Israel in their estate plans.

Marilyn and Harvey^{z"l} Chiat to receive 2014 LOUIS GAINSLEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Temple's religious artifacts, which she carefully catalogued, and which are shared regularly with Temple congregants and tour group visitors. Marilyn also wrote a pamphlet guide to Temple's religious art and artifacts, including photographs and item descriptions, which is always available in the first floor gallery across from the ritual art display cases.

As a tour guide, Marilyn continues to demystify the Jewish traditions for so many group visitors. From the beginning, she imbued Temple's docent program with the philosophy that by celebrating what we share in common and by respecting our differences we are more successful at engaging and informing those seeking to learn about Judaism.

The foundation of Marilyn's and Harvey's involvement at Temple was the feeling that Temple will always be their second home, and that they will be surrounded by people who would be there in times of need and times of great joy. They had endured difficult times, including the death of Marilyn's father on the same day their son Bill was born and when Harvey's brother died months prior to their daughter Penny's birth. They had celebrated the birth of their children, took joy in Penny's and Bill's great professional accomplishments and their marriages to Paul and Jim,

respectively. Marilyn and Harvey kvelled over the birth of their grandchild, Heidi, and took great joy in watching her grow up. Following the beautiful example of her grandparents' marriage, Heidi married Todd, and they provided Marilyn with two great grandchildren, Evalyn and Torrin. Marilyn and Harvey shared many of these simchas with their Temple friends and provided this same strong sense of community to others, supporting friends through challenging times and delighting in their joys.

Harvey and Marilyn loved and respected Rabbi Zimmerman from the moment they first met her, and she reciprocated. "The Chiat's, Marilyn and Harvey, were

two of the first to welcome me to Temple Israel. They showed me that Temple Israel is a serious center of Judaism through their creation of the American Influence on Religion conference, where national scholars were brought to Temple to contemplate the future of Judaism. The Chiat's gave us the gift of significant scholarship, which elevated Temple in our local and national Jewish communities."

Please join us on June 13 as we honor Marilyn, the memory of Harvey, and the years they spent together at Temple Israel creating a second home for themselves and enhancing ours.

Join us on Friday, June 13 at
our 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
as we honor Marilyn Chiat
and the memory of Harvey.

Sharing Our Lives

May Anniversaries

5th	Melissa Favero & Brooks Nagel	5/1
10th	Tasha & Joe Moskowitz	5/2
10th	Susan & Rich Solomon	5/16
15th	Lisa & Paul Gendler	5/1
15th	Julie & David Worwa	5/15
15th	Cara Helper & Herb Cohn	5/23
20th	Maggie & Robert Rosenbaum	5/1
25th	Sarah & Paul Karon	5/20
25th	Cynthia & Barry Alper	5/21
25th	Donna & Ed Magarian	5/27
30th	Jane Korn & Rob Madoff	5/19
30th	Susan & Jeff Byers	5/26
35th	Cathy & Marty Kirsch	5/27
35th	Joanne & Bruce Gruen	5/28
35th	Darcy & Bobby Schnitzer	5/29
40th	Linda & Bob Barrows	5/25
60th	Adrienne & Mort Bank	5/23

In Memory

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

Caryl Hurwitz, *Mother of Tom (Kellie) Hurwitz*
Ann Kamel, *Mother of Ronna (Dick) Locketz*
Alvin Kirsner, *Brother of Roz (Art) Jaffee*
Pearl Daniels Munic, *Mother of Martin (Barbara) Munic*
Naomi Ruth Salloway, *Sister-in-law of Mike Salloway and Sister-in-law of Polly Salloway*
Gerald Lee Schwartz, *Husband of Betty Schwartz and Father of Marna Reed, Karen Schwartz and Robert Schwartz (Brandon Engdahl)*
George Sitkoff, *Father of Steve (Betsy) Sitkoff*
Robert N. "Bob" Stone, *Father of Gary (Lisa) Stone*
Ruth Tolchiner, *Sister of Don (Joy) Belzer*

New Members

Jennifer & Chad Bickett
Russ Heilbrun & Trevor Senn
Elisabeth & Samson Palkar

June Anniversaries

10th	Jamie & Joseph Margolis	6/6
10th	Beth & Wes Pfeifer	6/6
10th	Mary & John Liddicoat	6/12
10th	Marissa & Harrison Grodnick	6/17
10th	Mary & Bob Weil	6/27
15th	Jessica & David Frattalone	6/5
15th	Anna & David Rozhansky	6/25
15th	Tamar & David Bagley	6/27
20th	Wendy & Andy Goltzman	6/5
20th	Eden Bart & Paul Beverage	6/12
20th	Meredith & Les Forgosh	6/12
20th	Anastassia & Naum Bukingolts	6/16
25th	Sue Smukler & Brian Milavitz	6/11
25th	Merry & Lowell Gordon	6/22
25th	Ronni & Neil Posnansky	6/24
30th	Eileen & Steven Lesk	6/3
30th	Jodi & Sandy Shapiro	6/10
35th	Cheryl & Rod Shilkrot	6/10
35th	Liz & Tom Mack	6/17
35th	Cheryl & Jerry Kaplan	6/24
35th	Debbie & Scott Rosenthal	6/24
35th	Judith & Steven Elkins	6/30
40th	Rita & Larry Covin	6/1
40th	Beth & Pete Choukalas	6/7
40th	Andrea & Robert Kircher	6/12
45th	Carole & Mark Confeld	6/8
45th	Diane & Howard Kaplan	6/8
45th	Myrna & Gary Bell	6/15
45th	Edie & Larry Zidel	6/16
45th	Linda & Kenneth Cutler	6/22
50th	Marsha & Malcolm Blumenthal	6/6
50th	Rollie & Stuart Shanedling	6/28
55th	Irene & Edward Kaplan	6/13
60th	Sukie & Mort Newman	6/1

Mazel Tov To...

- Abbey (6), Eli (3), and their parents Michelle & Peter Dankwerth for the national recognition they are receiving for their donation of “Hope the Hip Hippo” books to Gillette Children’s Hospital, helping children to communicate on their level about the surgery, pain and fears they experience when treating hip dysplasia.
- Judy & Andy Halper, and Cindy & Doug Kanter on the engagement of their children, Molly Halper and Danny Kanter. A 2015 wedding is planned.
- Sid Hartman, who will be honored Sunday, May 18, by the Minnesota Twins, the Star Tribune and WCCO Radio at Target Field during a special pre-game ceremony prior to the 1:10 p.m. matchup against the Seattle Mariners. A legendary Minnesota sports reporter and broadcaster, Sid will be recognized with Sid Hartman Day and events throughout the day.
- Terry & Roger Hork on welcoming a new grandson into their lives on March 3. Henry Miles Weckstein is the son of Dana Hork & Brad Weckstein. Brad’s parents are Paula & Jeff Weckstein.
- Sue & Marty Kanter on the birth of their new granddaughter, Sloane Emily, on March 15. Sloane is the daughter of Debra Kanter Auerbach & Brad Auerbach. Brad’s parents are Jill & Myron Auerbach.
- Robin Landy, on being honored with Jewish Family and Children’s Service 2014 Spirit Award. Robin has been a JFCS volunteer since 1990 as a host with the Resettlement program, a BIG with the Big Brother/Big Sister program, Annual Benefit committee member and most recently, Board President.
- Sawyer Michaelson on receiving two second place awards for his prose “Struck” and his poetry “Creatures of the Night” in the Keren Or Arts Competition. Sawyer is a 7th grader in the Na’aseh V’nishma program and son of Beth Winnick & Christopher Michaelson.
- Jordan Ottenstein, grandson of Joan Noun, who has accepted a position as assistant Rabbi at Beth El Congregation in Fort Worth, Texas. A long-time

camper and counselor at Camp TEK0, Jordan will be ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in May.

- Jason Rodich, who will be ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles on May 18. Rabbi Rodich has accepted the position of Assistant Rabbi/Director of Lifelong Learning at Shir Tikvah synagogue in Minneapolis.
- Sara Deshong-Rojas who was awarded WRJ’s Woman of the Year Award for Temple Beth El in Alexandria, VA. Sara is the daughter of Gayle & David Deshong and granddaughter of Marion Dorfman.
- Joe Romeo, who recently opened Medichoice Insurance, specializing in Medicare Insurance for seniors.
- Hanna Schechter for receiving a second place award for her photography “Arouse” in the Keren Or Arts Competition. Hanna is an 8th grader in the Na’aseh V’nishma program and daughter of Kelly Schechter and Michael Schechter.
- Deborah Jiang Stein on her compelling and powerful new book, “Prison Baby,” an autobiographical story of her search for her true origins; her struggle to overcome the stigma and shame of being born in prison; and the redemption and peace she finds by helping others. The new nonprofit she has founded, the unPrison Project (unprisonproject.org), is empowering women and girls in prison by cultivating critical thinking, life skills, self-reflection and peer mentoring.
- Sully & Heidi Tarshish, and Melanie & Dave Klamet on the engagement of their children, Karinne Rose Tarshish and Dan Klamet. They look forward to an October 2016 wedding in Kansas.
- Stephen C. Weisberg on receiving the Men of Distinction Award from the Education Foundation-Champions for Learning. This award honors men for their outstanding commitment and service to the children of Collier County in Naples, Florida.

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