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CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

The Megillah shows where we've been,
Ten chapters of biblical spin:
A Queen named Esther,
And Mordechai, where?
In Shushan, the Tigris basin.

Achashverosh deposed Queen Vashti,
After she said loud and clear, "Not me."
A contest was made,
Esther, queen proclaimed.
Persia could not predict what would be.

The king also had a strong notion,
That someone deserved a promotion.
Haman thought he was hot,
Drew purim, those are "lots,"
The plan to harm us put in motion.

First a foiled regicide threat,
A parade beyond Macy's best,
Then gallows construction,
And, fasting—no luncheon,
Prayers for strength and salvation met.

Some say Esther's name means "hidden."
A closeted Jew for the win.
Yet when it was time,
Put herself on the line:
Came out for all Persia's Yidden.

A new holiday was invented,
A day bright, happy, joyful, precious.
It's named after those lots,
Purim's not just for tots,
As Haman's plot was circumvented,

Our story is quite the full ride,
No mention of God, yet turned tide!
Some say "baruch hashem,"
Let's be ourselves again.
A festival of Jewish pride.

The week of Purim we'll embrace,
March 8, Daylight Saving, posthaste!
Spiel with Frozen II songs
Carnival, all along,
Tumult and sensory-friendly space.

Perhaps you've heard someone like Haman,
Doing some anti-Jewish blamin',
Our community's bold,
With our heroes of old,
Belonging, believing, behavin'.

So on Monday, March 9 we'll emote,
Hear the story, make shalach manot.
Give to those in need,
And with friends share treats,
Jewish pride is the best antidote!

The whole clergy team looks forward to sharing Purim 5780/2020 festivities with you starting Sunday, March 8, and continuing on Purim itself, beginning Monday afternoon and evening, March 9. Please let us know if you have questions about various Purim traditions, how to celebrate the holiday with loved ones, or how to embrace the holiday's messages of being true to yourself and taking care of friends and neighbors we know and we have yet to know.

L'shalom,



Rabbi Jason Klein
Director of
Lifelong Learning

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celebration details!**



RABBI KLEIN

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DAILY & SHABBAT WORSHIP

DAILY WORSHIP

Saturday – Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

These volunteer-led, 20-minute services are of particular meaning to those saying Kaddish in memory of a loved one.

EREV SHABBAT WORSHIP

Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

First, Fourth, and Fifth Fridays—Erev Shabbat Service

Our Erev Shabbat service features Shabbat readings and prayers along with meaningful musical accompaniment.

Second Friday—Shorashim Shabbat Service

The Shorashim ("roots" in Hebrew) experience is a mindful journey of spiritual connection that will allow us to better understand what is in our hearts as individuals and what makes us a unified community. We will guide you through the music that surrounds us as well as the beauty of silence.

Third Friday—Nefesh Shabbat Service

Nefesh Shabbat, meaning "Soul of Shabbat," is a musical service featuring multiple vocalists as well as a rotating cast of instruments to bring the most out of our music.

SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service including B'nai Mitzvah ceremony.

Saturdays, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28

TOT SHABBAT

First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. September – May

Second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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

TORAH STUDY

Every Saturday, 9:00–10:15 a.m.

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by our rabbis and guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue in community. *Free and open to all. Come when you can!*

MARCH

March Food Drive

Spreading the Mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim

Matanot l'evyonim are gifts given to those in need on Purim. Help perform this mitzvah by donating to the Temple Israel Food Drive, where your gift will directly benefit members of the Twin Cities community. To contribute, send a check payable to Temple Israel noted for the Food Drive to Temple Israel.

Calling Hamantaschen Lovers

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, March 6, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 9:00 until sold out

Buy your hamantaschen at Temple! Price is \$20/dozen or \$10/half dozen; all proceeds go to fund Sisterhood initiatives.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.

Get out of the house and join us for some mahj! Sisterhood will be holding various mah jongg dates at Temple for those who are interested in some gaming fun. Free and open to all.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS VOTE

Erev Shabbat with Guest Speaker Rabbi Yair Tobias

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

Our guest speaker will be Israeli Reform Rabbi Yair Tobias. Rabbi Tobias was ordained in Israel and completed an MA in Jewish Philosophy and Talmud and Halacha in The Schechter Institute. He currently leads faculty in *Midreshet Hashiluv* ("Mixed Yeshiva") *Natur* in Philosophy, Literature and Jewish Thought. **Last chance to vote Reform—visit zionistelection.org by March 11.**



RABBI YAIR TOBIAS

Torah Study with Guest Teacher David Bernstein

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.

David Bernstein, Deputy Director General of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, will join us to discuss the World Zionist Congress and what it means to vote Reform.

MARCH

Frozen in Shushan

Purim Spiel and TIPTY's Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. JEWL K-5 meets at regular time

9:30 a.m. Tot Purim Carnival (including sensory-friendly space)

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

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

Put on your costumes and join your friends and our Temple clergy for a fun-filled Purim Spiel. Celebrate at the TIPTY Purim Carnival with food, games, prizes, and a bouncy house. It's fun for the whole family! Tickets for games, lunch, and sweet treats can be purchased the day of the carnival.

Purim: A Festival of Jewish Pride

Congregation-Wide Purim Celebration and Megillah Readings

Monday, March 9 - Erev Purim

4:15-6:15 p.m. JEWL Grades 3-6 learners meet in lieu of regular Tues/Wed classes

5:15-6:15 p.m. Families and Tots through Grade 6 gather for a Megillah Reading, sing-along, and holiday games led by JEWL learners and our clergy

6:15-7:00 p.m. Grade 7-12 learners, young adults, adults, and elders meet for hors d'oeuvres and festive holiday drinks

7:00-8:15 p.m. Multimedia Megillah reading for adults and teens: from dramatic English and Hebrew chant to interpretive songs, comics, and comedy

Dress as your favorite character, in your favorite costume, or just your best version of yourself! Come out as Jewish with Esther and drown out Haman's hate. Prepare mishloach manot treats to spread the joy of the holiday to your friends and neighbors at school and work the next day. And visit Heritage Judaica all night long to adopt a Jewish ritual item for yourself or a friend or donate a gently used piece of Judaica.

Immigration Justice Weekend, March 20-22

Friday, March 20, 6:00 p.m. | National Refugee Shabbat

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. | Torah Study

Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. | Music with Revival

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m. | Welcoming the Stranger

Join us for a full weekend of learning, opportunities to help, and inspiration as we discuss the worldwide issue of immigrant justice. See page 5 for full details.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joseph Goldman

Judeo-Bolshevism: A New Attack on Jews and Israel from an Old Canard

Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.

When the Bolsheviks won power in 1917, many Jews were top leaders and broad base supporters. In fascist and anti-communist propaganda, a new myth called Judeo-Bolshevism arose, with terrible consequences for Jews everywhere in Europe before and since WWII.

Sisterhood Input Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m.

Please join Temple Israel Sisterhood for an open dialogue session about Sisterhood. All input is welcome and we encourage those who are interested to attend. RSVP to Dana at 612-618-4456 or drubes@comcast.net.

Hasidism and the Ba'al Shem Tov

Kabbalah Sparks with Rabbi Glaser

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Hasidism is a mystical movement. Explore the world of the Hasidim and the Ba'al Shem Tov, the Hasidic master, and a wider view of the connection of Hasidism (then and now) to Kabbalah. Learn the historic and modern practices of the Hasidim and their mystical underpinnings. *Recommended Reading: Chapters 23, 24, and 25 in A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader.*

For more information, contact Wendy at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com.

20s/30s Shabbaton: A Minnetonkodus

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28

Join 20s/30s from around the Twin Cities for a soulful overnight Shabbat retreat at Camp TEKO. Eat, pray, sing, study, rest, and sneak in a little pre-Passover prep. For registration and additional information, please visit templeisrael.com/minnetonkodus. This event is co-organized by Temple Israel and Moishe House.

Torah Study Guest Scholar Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, PhD

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

Come study the weekly Torah portion, Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26, with American-Israeli thought leader, writer, teacher, and public speaker, Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi.



RABBI BEIT-HALACHMI

YOUNG LEARNERS
TEENS AND ADULTS

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE WEEKEND

WE OBSERVE. WE REMEMBER.
AND INSPIRED BY OUR HISTORY AND OUR FAITH, WE WILL ACT.

The Torah tells us to "welcome the stranger who sojourns with you in your land." Temple Israel has an ongoing commitment to immigration justice. While our tradition of embracing the stranger is historical, for today's immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, it is current, real, and vital.

This March, we are offering a weekend of educational programs where you can learn more about the Jewish response to issues of immigration today. Over the weekend of March 20-22, which corresponds with National Refugee Shabbat, we will explore Jewish themes of immigration, hear from local leaders on what's being done in our community, be uplifted by Artists-In-Residence Revival, and connect with opportunities to engage in the work of immigration justice.

National Refugee Shabbat

Friday, March 20

5:15 p.m. Oneg Shabbat Reception

6:00 p.m. National Refugee Shabbat

Come join us for worship, music featuring members of the group Revival, and a message of embracing the immigrants in our community. Services will feature Rabbi Glaser, who will lay out the Jewish tenets surrounding the immigration conversation, as well as others who will share their immigration experiences.



RABBI GLASER

Torah Study

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi Glaser will discuss the Torah portion Vayak'heil-P'kudei, Exodus 35:1 - 40:38 along with scriptural themes of welcoming the stranger into our midst.

Revival: A spiritual folk-rock show with themes of love and justice

Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.

Followed by a light dinner and Havdalah

Revival features original story-driven music by Kristen Plylar-Moore performed by a small ensemble of singers and instrumentalists. Inspired and uplifting, the songs draw largely from Hebrew biblical texts and are rooted in universal themes of love, justice, and the celebration of the divine in each of us. RSVP to Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.



REVIVAL

Welcoming the Stranger— Acting on the Jewish Imperative

Panel and Opportunity Fair

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of reflection, discussion, and action. We will begin our afternoon with music by Revival, followed by a panel discussion on immigration in our city and an opportunity to sign up to further engage in the work of immigration justice.

Panelists will include Rabbi Glaser; Robert Aronson, Board of Directors Chair of HIAS, the global Jewish nonprofit that protects refugees; and Michelle Rivero, Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs for the City of Minneapolis. The panel will be moderated by KARE11 journalist Jana Shortal.



ROBERT ARONSON



MICHELLE RIVERO



JANA SHORTAL

TEMPLE PURSUES LEED CERTIFICATION

In 2019, Temple Israel's Board of Directors set two goals around sustainability: **net-zero carbon emissions** and **net-zero waste** by 2030. Under the direction of Board Member Melissa Rappaport Schifman and the Sustainability Task Force led by Brian Zakem, Temple Israel is also pursuing LEED certification. This endeavor broadens our focus to include three other important sustainability topics: water usage, site/landscaping practices, and healthy indoor air.

WHAT IS LEED?

LEED, an acronym for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a holistic green building rating system that encompasses best practices in five key areas: energy, materials and waste, water, landscaping/site, and indoor environmental quality. Its point-based system was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to address the enormous impact buildings have on our health and our environment: buildings are responsible for 39 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions.

CAN AN EXISTING BUILDING GET LEED CERTIFIED?

Yes! The USGBC launched the rating system for both newly designed and constructed buildings. Recognizing that most buildings are *existing* buildings, they developed a robust LEED system that is even more impactful—because it takes into account ongoing operations.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND BENEFITS?

Pursuing LEED provides a framework to help Temple adhere to the 2018 strategic plan, which states that we “Integrate sustainability and its practice across all Temple Israel facilities, programming, education, planning, and operations.”

LEED CERTIFICATION HAS FIVE MAIN BENEFITS:

1. Reduces Operational Costs
2. Improves Occupant Health and Productivity
3. Reduces Environmental Impact
4. Enhances Public Perception
5. Helps Prepare for the Future

Temple Israel's *Ner Tamid Fund for Sustainability* has already paid for the \$900 LEED project registration fee. Temple will evaluate additional costs against competing priorities as well as the financial benefit. In the long run, Temple Israel will save more money by going through LEED certification.

WHAT IS THE TIMING?

We have already started measuring our energy and water. Measuring and improving waste and adopting sustainable policies are in the works. We are hoping to submit for approval in 2020, but we have a lot of work to do! If you would like to learn more, please email communications@templeisrael.com.

MEET TEMPLE'S STAFF



THE CURTISS FAMILY

As Temple Israel's Facility Manager, Josh Curtiss is behind the scenes, making sure that everything related to Temple's building runs smoothly. While a comfortable, efficiently-run building might seem status quo, to Josh, it represents the work carried out by his team every single day.

Josh leads the Facilities team in ensuring our spaces are prepared. He also works with vendors, property management, clergy, and staff to meet needs, respond to facility issues, and work on upgrades. Per Temple's 2018 Strategic Plan, Josh works closely with leadership to make decisions with an eye on

sustainability. For example, over the past year, Josh has helped Temple transition to using LED lighting, which is both more environmentally-conscious and far less costly than traditional bulbs. Josh began his tenure during the construction in 2016, the demands of which suited him: “What I do is the right kind of challenge, because Temple is always evolving. My job is never stale,” he'll tell you with a smile.

Outside of Temple, Josh does community game design with multiplayer videogame developers. In 2019, he was invited to be a panelist on a talk about gaming map design at a conference in Chicago. He also enjoys playing disc golf.

Josh has been married to Ashlie since 2012; the two celebrated daughter Evie's first birthday on February 16. Josh loves spending time with family, “reading” with Evie, visiting the park near their home, and watching Blue's Clues—or at least watching it with Evie.

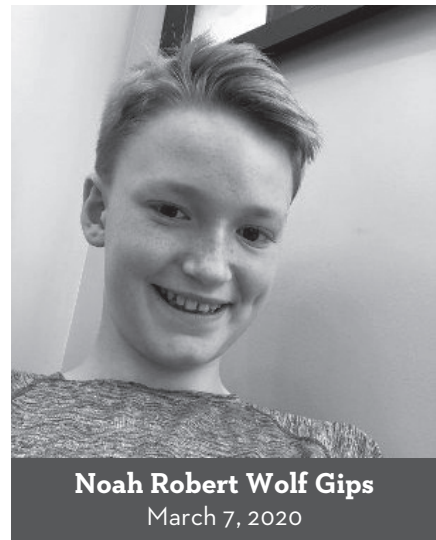
TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 142nd Annual Meeting of the Congregation

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

- 5:00 p.m. Oneg Shabbat Reception
- 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting & Board Installation
- 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service & Board Blessing

Join us for our Annual Meeting and special Oneg Shabbat in honor of the newly installed Board of Directors. At our Shabbat service we will bless the incoming 2020-2021 Board of Directors and honor the recipient of the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award.

Please join us for this special evening.



Noah Robert Wolf Gips
March 7, 2020

T'tzaveh Noah is the son of Annalee Wolf and Terry Gips; brother of Gloriana Wolf, Adam Gips, Aaron Gips, and Teddy the dog; and grandson of Marlyss Wolf & the late Robert Wolf, and the late Ann & Walter Gips. Noah enjoys singing with the Minnesota Boychoir, playing piano and cello, French, soccer, baseball, reading, art, and cubing. At St. Louis Park Middle School, his favorite subjects are math and Spanish. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I'm excited to share this moment with family and friends."**



Zoraya Levin
March 14, 2020

Ki tissa Zoraya is the daughter of Cori & Gennady Levin, sister of Bex, and granddaughter of Francie & Barry Ross and Irina & Val Levin. Zoraya enjoys hockey, skiing, camping, and arts and crafts. She also likes making challah. At Minnetonka Middle School East, her favorite subject is science. She would like to be an architect one day. About her Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm looking forward to spending this special day with my friends and family and becoming a Jewish adult!"**



Adeline Singer
March 21, 2020

Vayak'heil-Pekudei Adeline is the daughter of Andrea & Reuben Singer, sister of Jonah, and granddaughter of Sue & Mickey Singer and Julia & Steve Goldberg. Adeline enjoys playing fastpitch softball and the flute, riding horses, listening to music, and helping with the Jeremiah Program. She likes Jewish holidays with family and eating her Bubbie's food during Passover. At Minnetonka Middle School East, her favorite subjects are science and band. She would like to be a zookeeper or a pro softball player. About her Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm excited to become a Jewish adult and continue to contribute to the Jewish community."**



Samantha Stever-Zeitlin
March 28, 2020

Vayikra Samantha is the daughter of Jill & Richard Stever-Zeitlin, sister of Benjamin, and granddaughter of Jeanne Stever and Gerald Zeitlin. Samantha enjoys dance, piano, and music. She also likes celebrating Chanukah. At Minneapolis South High School, her favorite subjects are English and Spanish. She would like to have a career in the arts, like dance. About her Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm excited to become a Jewish adult and to see my family from all over the U.S. and England."**

TALMUD TODAY

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RABBI GLASER SAYS

It is true that the Jewish people are known for our holidays that celebrate "They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat!" In fact, we are a very positive religion, hoping for a brighter future that awaits us.

There is a well-known Talmudic discussion about the candles on the Chanukah menorah: While the school of Shammai wished to light one less candle each night to symbolize the decreasing oil, the school of Hillel insisted that each night an additional candle be kindled in order to increase joy (especially at the darkest time of the year!)

At the conclusion of the Passover Seder we sing: next year in Jerusalem! A resounding declaration of hope for the freedom of all peoples!

From the time that the month of Av begins, we decrease in happiness.

From the time that Adar begins, we increase in happiness.

—B.T. Taanit, 29a

RABBI MOSS SAYS

Carnival in Brazil, and Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Songkran for the Thai people, and Holi for Hindus. Purim for the Jews. Though each of these holidays has a different history and religious connotation, they all share in common the human need to schedule happiness, pride, and celebration into the calendar itself.

RABBI HARTMAN SAYS

As Minneapolis begins to come alive again with winter drawing to a close, we greet the change in weather with joy and anticipation. At Temple, we come together as community to celebrate the bravery of two women that changed the course of the Jews of Persia.

RABBI ZIMMERMAN SAYS

The psalmist encourages us to flex our muscle of joy. In our world today, and it seems true of the psalmist's time as well, certain feelings are culturally validated over others. What I know about feelings is that there should be no judgment applied: feelings are what we as humans do. But we know that cultural norms can move us to control our emotions - often, we ignore our feelings because our expression of feelings might upset others. Well, as the psalmist and the tradition says: defy that norm. Feel wholly and deeply - joy and sorrow. When we express feelings and talk about feelings with those around us, we will all be healthier for it.

SHARING OUR LIVES

IN MEMORY OF...

Ginger Bell, Sister-in-law of Carolyn & Edwin Bell, Sandra Wallack

Angela Faubion, Sister of Cheylenna Salter

Javier Garrigos, Brother of Ignacio (Carole) Garrigos

Beverly Karon Bunin-Gillman, Mother of James Bunin

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Allan Kaplan, Father of Nancy (Larry) Sperling

Roland King

Elle Krelitz, Mother of Brian (Suzy) Krelitz

Penny Gutman- Leafman, Sister of Joni (Sparky) Corwin

Janna Paley, Mother of Beth Mutnick (Avi Elad)

Martin Reznick, Uncle of Ron (Nancy) Silver

Joan Sanger, Godmother of Steve (Kris) Prince

Irving Shapiro, Father of Ann (Willy) Stern

Jill Anne Silverman, Sister of Jane (Robert) Ketrosor

Dawn Mccoy, Sister of Cheylenna Salter

Barbara Reiss, Mother of Helenbeth (John) Reynolds

Dorothy Sipkins

Harold Trestman, Brother of Frank (Tootie) Trestman

Allee Willis, Sister of Marlen Frost, Aunt of Marcy Frost (Mark Ratner)

Marios Zigmolas, Father of Genna (TJay) Middlebrook

MAZEL TOV TO...

- Harriet Bart on her art retrospective at the Weisman Art Museum, "Harriet Bart: Abracadabra and Other Forms of Protection" and its companion show at Mia, "Harriet Bart: Artist Books + Works on Paper."
- Patti Baskin on the engagement of her granddaughter Samantha Ezrilov to Micah Berman. Samantha's parents are Jennifer & Richard Ezrilov.
- Kimberly & Selah Ben-Haim on the birth of Gideon Genz, who was born on December 28. Gideon was welcomed home by siblings Noam and Emira; his grandparents are Sandy & Meir Ben-Haim and Kathy & David Steele.
- Kara & Ted Bigos, who were married on January 4.
- David Benowitz, who was nominated for Outstanding Restaurateur at the 2020 Charlie Awards, which celebrates the Twin Cities food and beverage community.
- Laura & Dan Bernstein on the birth of Audrey Suzanne, who was born on on January 22. Audrey's grandparents are Linda & Robert Fisher and Kathleen Chaikin Bernstein & Gerald Bernstein.

- Cathy & Troy Buchholz on the birth of their grandson Ira Sidney Sanks, who was born on January 8. Ira is the son of Schyler & Brittany (Jaekel) Sanks.
- Mariana Espinosa, Miriam Malamud, and Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl on presenting at the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children state conference. Mariana and Miriam are teachers at Temple's Early Childhood Center; Sharon is the Director of the ECC.
- Kim Lear & Jake Fishman on the birth of Aviva on December 22, 2019. Aviva was welcomed home by big sister Mira.
- Rosalie & Andy Gellman on the birth of their grandson Perry Hart Gellman. Perry is the son of Cassie & Adam Gellman.
- Annie & Jason Guzman on the birth of Penelope Diamond, who was born on January 2. Grandparents are Denise & Marshall Hertz.
- Julie & Barry Landy on the birth of Gabriel Ezra, who was born on September 30. Gabriel was welcomed home by siblings Ethan and Emma; his grandparents are Sandie & Mark Kaster and Robin & Bryan Landy.
- Brooke Moss and Lauren Sundick for the recent article on their venture The Skin Sisters in *Mpls. St. Paul Magazine*.
- Jori Miller Sherer on being named President of the Minnetonka Moccasin Company.
- Patti Soskin, who was nominated for Outstanding Restaurateur at the 2020 Charlie Awards, which celebrates the Twin Cities food and beverage community.
- Bonnie Kaufman Sussman, who was honored by the City of Minnetonka for her 8.5 years of service on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.
- Claire Thomas & Ivy Fae Baumgarten on their recent wedding. Claire is a teacher in Temple's ECC.

NEW MEMBERS

Caprice & Gavin Bart

Karen Ganitsky & Luis Wasserman

Karl Hailperin

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CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

A few Aprils ago, I received a phone call from my good friend Loren, a fellow rabbinical student. “Hey Tobias, would you come spend Passover in prison with me?” Loren was going to be leading the first night’s seder at a Rikers Island Correctional facility and was looking for a partner. I hesitated. Passover has always been my favorite and most meaningful holiday, and I couldn’t help but ask myself: would its celebration of freedom seem like a cruel joke inside a jail? Would the story of the Haggadah seem absurd to inmates who had their own unresolved stories to tell? Challenged by these questions and motivated to make the most of the holiday for the inmates, I agreed to join Loren.

When you enter a prison, even in a privileged role as guest clergy, all your possessions are examined, and you leave anything metal or potentially weaponizable in a locker. Our cheap single-use aluminum kiddush cups were not allowed in. I charmed the guard and was able to bring in my harmonica. I had learned to play *Dayeinu* and hoped that the group would find enough blessings in their lives that the song’s theme of gratitude would still make sense.

Loren and I were ushered into a gymnasium where fifty men and ten women awaited us for the seder. Though we sometimes tell ourselves otherwise, many Jews—from all denominations—end up in the criminal justice system. I met some from the poorer neighborhoods of New York City, and others from the wealthy zip codes of the Upper East Side and Long Island.

Despite the setting, despite guards looking on in close proximity, and despite my own moments of fear, we had a meaningful seder—questions, moments of chaos, expressions of faith and doubt, singing, and lots of matzah. We asked the inmates what was keeping them from being free. Some spoke of the guards and the jail, some spoke of

false accusations against them, and others spoke about the poor decisions they themselves had made.

A special moment happened when we got to the four questions. Loren and I were going to just lead the questions as a group, but the youngest inmate, an eighteen-year-old man, stepped forward and claimed this ritual for himself. Though it was sad to see that such a young person had already found his way into this kind of trouble, his recitation was uplifting.

Over the course of the evening I learned not to underestimate the wisdom that is packed into our traditions, rituals, and prayers. *Mitzrayim*, the Hebrew word for ancient Egypt, comes from the linguistic root for narrowness and confinement. The same Haggadah that guides us at Temple to reflect on our limitations and appreciate our blessings of freedom could also help inmates make meaning of their confinement, their narrow place.

As the seder continued we reached the *Dayeinu*. I snuck out my harmonica, began to blow the recognizable melody, and the group joined their voices. No one in that room—not the guards, not the inmates, not Loren and me—had only blessings in our lives. But we could still muster *Dayeinu*—the blessings we had were enough.

Enjoy this Passover holiday at home and at Temple. Share with your friends and families the blessings for which you can say *Dayeinu*. May we all find more freedom for ourselves and others in the year to come.

B’virkat Shalom,

Rabbi Tobias Moss
 Rabbi Tobias Divack Moss



RABBI MOSS



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DAILY & SHABBAT WORSHIP

DAILY WORSHIP

Saturday–Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

These volunteer-led, 20-minute services are of particular meaning to those saying Kaddish in memory of a loved one.

EREV SHABBAT WORSHIP

Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

First, Fourth, and Fifth Fridays—Erev Shabbat Service
Our Erev Shabbat service features Shabbat readings and prayers along with meaningful musical accompaniment.

Second Friday—Shorashim Shabbat Service
The Shorashim (“roots” in Hebrew) experience is a mindful journey of spiritual connection that will allow us to better understand what is in our hearts as individuals and what makes us a unified community. We will guide you through the music that surrounds us as well as the beauty of silence.

Third Friday—Nefesh Shabbat Service
Nefesh Shabbat, meaning “Soul of Shabbat,” is a musical service featuring multiple vocalists as well as a rotating cast of instruments to bring the most out of our music.

SHABBAT MORNING WORSHIP

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service is combined with Torah Study when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony. **April 11**

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service including B’nai Mitzvah ceremony.
Saturdays, April 4, April 18, April 25

TOT SHABBAT

First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. September–May

Second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. September–May

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

TORAH STUDY

Every Saturday, 9:00–10:15 a.m.

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week’s Torah portion led by our rabbis and guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue in community.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT TEMPLE

Congregational Passover Morning Service

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a Passover morning service followed by a light Kiddush.

Congregational Passover Seder

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Passover with a second night Seder led by our clergy. Purchase tickets at templeisrael.com or contact Courtney at 612-374-0372 or cmault@templeisrael.com by March 25.

Counting of the Omer E-List

April 9 – May 28, 2020

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.

Passover Morning Service with Healing and Yizkor Prayers followed by Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.

Mark the last day of Pesach with a congregational Passover morning service, which will include Healing and Yizkor Memorial prayers. Enjoy lunch after the service along with a program. RSVP by contacting Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

Temple offices will be closed in observance of Passover

Thursday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 15, 2020

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

If you are interested in being connected with others for a gathering this Passover, contact Liz Mack at 612-374-0318 or lmack@templeisrael.com.

A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

JOIN TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY WITH RABBI KLEIN AND SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE LORI HOPE LEFKOVITZ, PH.D.

The *kaddish d'rabanan*, said after study, includes praises of God and prayers for our teachers, their students, and the students of their students. In our desire to be a center of inclusive Jewish learning at every stage of life, Temple Israel's mission and vision statements put Jewish wisdom and innovation at their core. Two years ago we added the position of Director of Lifelong Learning to our clergy team. Now, in Rabbi Klein's second year at Temple, we invite you to meet and learn with one of Rabbi Klein's favorite teachers and celebrate education in all forms with a weekend of learning.

Lori Hope Lefkowitz is the Ruderman Professor of Jewish Studies at Northeastern University, where she is a Professor of English and Director of the Jewish Studies Program and Humanities Center. Her books include *In Scripture: The First Stories of Jewish Sexual Identity*; *Shaping Losses: Cultural Memory and the Holocaust*; and *Textual Bodies: Changing Boundaries of Literary Representation*. Under her leadership as founding director, Kolot, the Center for Jewish Women's and Gender Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, developed the website, ritualwell.org and *Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl's Thing*.



RABBI KLEIN



DR. LEFKOVITZ

Creating the Self

Erev Shabbat Services, April 17, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Lefkowitz will consider how the Bible's Creation story establishes the categories through which we interpret the world and define our humanity, from our sexual and ethnic identities to family roles. Over the weekend, we will look at how the history of interpretation disrupts these received truths.

Leadership and Moral Ambiguity: Torah study on Parashat Shemini

Shabbat Morning, April 18, 9:00 a.m.

Extending our consideration of Jewish classification systems, we will focus on the reading's regulation of purity and the deaths of Aaron's sons, Nadav and Avihu, who were punished for bringing "strange fire." The Haftarah reading includes the punishment of Uzzah, who steadied the falling ark, and King David's wild celebratory dancing, which his wife, the princess Michal, found egregiously undignified. What does Judaism have to say about models of leadership and acceptable moral behavior?

Not a Man: Joseph and the Character of Masculinity in Judaism and Islam

Sunday Morning, April 19, 9:15 a.m.

Joseph (the favored son of the patriarch Jacob) is famously beautiful and chaste. A hero shared by both Judaism and Islam, Joseph comes to be understood over time in radically different ways, with the Jewish Yosef a compromised masculine ideal, and the Quranic Yusuf a model of powerful manhood. This textual twin experiment invites us to think about what our interpretations teach us about ourselves and our religious cultures.

CARE AND HEALING WITH TEMPLE

Temple clergy connect with members of the community in times of celebration and loss. We also want to be available to you in times of transition, crisis, or illness.

Our clergy and congregational nurse are available to visit you and others to provide pastoral care and other resources. If you are interested in a care visit from Temple's nurse, Stephanie Shapiro, or a member of our clergy, please call 612-374-0316.



STEPHANIE SHAPIRO

APRIL

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joseph Goldman

Where Did the Jews Come From?

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

The question “Where did the Jews come from?” still intrigues religious, philosophical, linguistic, archaeological, cultural, and historical scholars because it cannot be answered by any of them to the satisfaction of the others.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.

Get out of the house and join us for some mahj! Sisterhood will be holding various mah jongg dates at Temple for those who are interested in some gaming fun. Free and open to all.

Shabbat HaAtzmaut

Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

In anticipation of Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, our service and D'var Torah will be inspired by the memory of Rabbi Moss's late grandmother, the Israeli folksinger Tova Ronni. Tova was among the first of Israel's musical emissaries, who helped sing modern Israel into existence for a generation of American Jews.



20s/30s Israeli Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 24, 7:15 p.m.

Join Rabbi Moss for a dinner of Israeli food accompanied by more singing and stories. RSVP at templeisrael.com/20s30s or by emailing tmoss@templeisrael.com.

The Mystical Elements of Worship and Ritual

Kabbalah Sparks with Rabbi Glaser

Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

How do Kabbalists practice their Judaism? How do mystical tenets influence the prayer service and the celebration of holidays and life cycle events? Almost every Jewish ritual, prayer, and event can be imbued with Kabbalistic meaning. We will look at Shabbat in particular, as well as other holidays on the Jewish calendar. *Recommended Reading: Chapter 22 in A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader.*

For more information, contact Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.



THREE MODERN JEWISH HOLIDAYS HONORING ISRAEL AND OUR PEOPLE

2020 Twin Cities Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

[Adath Jeshurun Congregation, 10500 Hillside Lane West, Minnetonka](#)

In Israel, Yom HaShoah is a national memorial day and public holiday to remember those who died in the Shoah. The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Minneapolis Jewish Federation, St. Paul Jewish Federation, Generations After MN, and the Micki and Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.

Erev Yom HaZikaron: Israel's Remembrance Day

Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

[Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul](#)

On this day, we recall and mark the pain of our losses in public and in private. Originally designated to commemorate the loss of those people who fought and were killed in the IDF, the Israel Defense Forces, the day has now also been accepted as the appropriate moment to bring together families and friends and officially recognize all those who lost their lives under any form of attack.

Twin Cities Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration: Israel @ 72!

Sunday, May 3, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

[Sabes JCC, 4330 South Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park](#)

Celebrate Israel's 72nd birthday with family activities, music, art, food, and a day of community. Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, marks the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. It is observed on or near the 5th of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar. Free for all ages.

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RABBI HARTMAN SAYS

Judaism is a living religion. It does not only tell the stories of the past, but it tells our personal stories. Metaphorically speaking, we have all been in and/or are still in Egypt in some aspect of our lives. It is with God and in community that we are able to find our way to freedom.

RABBI GLASER SAYS

We are encouraged to personalize the exodus experience, which is easier in some times than others. During my year studying in Israel to become a rabbi, a group of my classmates visited Egypt just before Passover, and on their way back had some difficulties with their passports. They had to remain in Egypt until the day after Passover. No plagues were involved, but they did make it back!

In every generation, everyone must regard themselves as if they personally had gone out of Mitzrayim (ancient Egypt), as it is said: “And you shall tell your child on that day, saying: ‘It is because of what Adonai did for me when I came forth out of Mitzrayim.’”

—Mishnah Pesachim

Commenting on Exodus 13:7

RABBI ZIMMERMAN SAYS

This is one of my favorite passages in Jewish text and I believe the secret to the survival of Judaism. Medieval Torah commentator Rashi says “There is no early and late in Torah.” In other words, history is not linear or chronological but fluid and cyclical. That is why the child who divorces themselves from history (“what THEY did in Egypt”) rather than including themselves in the story is labeled a Rasha, or wicked one. When we think that history is only to be read in books, we miss the point. Jewish history is our history and we are the living product of that history: we live it each and every day - for better and for worse.

RABBI KLEIN SAYS

The Mishnah also considers the difference is between the Pesach Mitzrayim—the very first Passover, and the Pesach Dorot—the Passover for every generation since. Paradoxically, our ancestors celebrated the first Passover in Egypt, when we were still physically in the land of our enslavement. Perhaps then, every Passover for the generations should be anticipatory too: there are some forty million people in the world in slavery today and that is forty million too many. Watching the TED Talks of Kevin Bales and Richard Lee online is a way to learn more about people who are enslaved and how we can bring an end to slavery today.



Levi Samuel Pesky
April 4, 2020

Tzav Levi is the son of Naomi & Greg Pesky; brother of Talia; and grandson of Irwin & Marion Spirn and Wendy & Alan Pesky. Levi enjoys soccer, basketball, reading, and hanging out with family, cousins, and friends. He also enjoys going to OSRUI. At Blake School, his favorite subjects are science and math. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I am excited to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with friends and family."**



Shayna Feinstein
April 18, 2020

Shmini Shayna is the daughter of Ruthie & Jim Feinstein, sister of Eliana, and granddaughter of Terry & Hyman Orbach and Bobbie & the late Howard Feinstein. Shayna enjoys tennis, baking, singing, and theater. She also likes going to Herzl Camp. At Wayzata East Middle School, her favorite subjects are language arts and math. She would like to be an attorney one day. When asked about her Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I can't wait to celebrate with all of my special family and friends!"**



Samuel Striker
April 25, 2020

Tazria-Metzora Samuel is the son of Barb & Todd Striker; brother of Eli and Annabelle; and grandson of Toba & Allen Freeman and Sandy & Myron Striker. Samuel enjoys basketball, football, spending time at the cabin, and volunteering with House of Charity. He also enjoys traveling through Israel with family and summers at camp. At Minnetonka Middle School East, his favorite subjects are science and social studies. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I'm excited to become a Jewish adult and to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with family and friends."**

RECHA LEWIN SCHOLARSHIP

Funds available for travel to Eastern Europe

Deadline: April 15

Temple member Tom Lewin^z once described his travels to the Pale of Settlement as hugely rewarding, as he was able to learn about the resilience of Jews who lived in the Pale from the late 18th to early 20th centuries. Tom set up the Recha Lewin Scholarship in honor of his grandmother, Recha, who died in 1943 en route to a Nazi death camp, and in remembrance of all who perished in the Holocaust.

Travel scholarships are available for high schoolers, college students and young adults who wish to travel to Eastern Europe and the former Pale of Settlement—present-day Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova and Poland. Travel must be on an organized trip, with an emphasis on Jewish history, the Jewish Holocaust experience and the state of Jewry today. Scholarships are open to all. Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2020. For scholarship application information or questions, contact Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com.

SPEND SUMMER WORKING 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.

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