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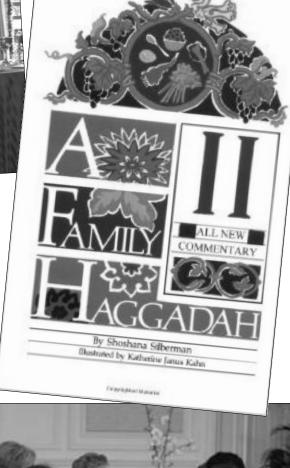
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Saturday, April 23 David and Pauline Carter Ballroom

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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

Finding Ourselves Anew Each Passover...

In the Reform movement's old *S'lichot* prayer book, there is a reading which seems out of place here in Florida (it talks about the leaves changing in the fall). Here, we have the same problem when Passover comes since it never really feels like we observe the holiday at the beginning of "spring"...our blessings of great weather year-round here sometimes mean that the change of seasons is lost on us.

But Passover is truly meant to be a holiday of renewal, with its message of recreating ourselves as free people as we journey towards the Promised Land. This year, when we celebrate Passover in our new David and Pauline Carter Ballroom, we will also be renewing our Community Second Night Seder experience. Thanks to a generous gift from Judy Goldblatt, we will be celebrating Passover together with new Haggadahs, one that is deeply meaningful, yet family-friendly, and meant to inspire lots of questions!

In order for our Religious Practices Committee to decide on this new Haggadah, we ordered a variety of new Haggadahs to examine...so, if you are looking for a new Haggadah for your family's seder, or perhaps you are looking for some ideas, please stop by the office to take a look at them!

Also, if you are interested in helping decide the focus of our Community Seder as we use our new Haggadahs, you are invited to join me on Saturday, April 2, from 10:45 - 11:45 am, as we study the text of our new Haggadah and discover some of the creative ways we can celebrate our people's journey to freedom.

On another note, please always remember that this is YOUR congregation and we are here to help you. Therefore, in this season of renewal, we are taking a fresh look at some of our programming and would love your input.

For example, in addition to our Haggadah session, we are also interested in finding out what you would like to learn through "TI Learns," our fabulous Adult Education program. To facilitate this process, we are inviting you to share your thoughts and ideas at a "sharing session" on Tuesday, April 12, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. That night, we are going to be sharing some ideas we are considering and want your input to find out if you think we are on the right track! If you can't make it to the "sharing session" on April 12, please drop me a note (Rabbi@Temple-Israel.com) or give me a call at the office at (561) 833-8421 so your voice can be heard.

I leave you this month with the following questions: what are you doing to renew yourself this spring? Are you continuing to learn? Are you trying new things? Are you stepping out of your routine? Remember, it took time for the Israelites to "find themselves" and learn who they were on the path to the Promised Land. How can we help you on your journey?

May each of us find meaning in this season of celebrating our people's journey to freedom, and may this celebration be filled with family and friends supporting us along the way.



Israel Bonds "Unity for Israel" event honoree from TI, Bette Gilbert, with Karen Gilbert List, Sherri Gilbert, Laurie Gilbert Max, and Marsha Gilbert.



Do you have an extra spot at your Passover Seder table? Do you need a place to celebrate Passover? Please contact the office to let us know and we will do our best to match you up!



From the President

Michael Jonas

I was looking for a source of inspiration for this report and I found it sitting in an Executive Committee meeting. Our temple officers are remarkable, interesting and dedicated people; we are very fortunate to have them in leadership. If you do not know who they are, please meet: Don Carter, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Marty List, Vice President/Chief Development Officer, Elaine Feldmesser, Vice President/Chief Transformation Officer, Judy Shuster, Vice President/Chief Celebration Officer, David Sax, Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer, Traci Simkowitz, Secretary and Mark Feldmesser, Treasurer.

If you are looking for a Chief Inspiration Officer, please look no further than Rabbi Olshein. Yes, I embedded the rabbi's Inspiration, Celebration and Transformation mantra into the way we function as an institution. And yes, we now have a lot of "Chiefs" (perhaps we always did), but these positions are all occupied by people who care deeply about Temple Israel and are making the effort to see our synagogue succeed. Whether your friends are on the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees or one of our many committees, please express your thanks to them, as I do, for "stepping up to the plate" and please help them be successful by becoming their teammate on a committee. When you lend your effort and support to the leadership efforts being made by your friends, our temple will not only continue to be a success story, but it will also shine a light unto the possible.

What is possible? Inspiration, Transformation and Celebration are all possible through the Temple Israel Experience. What is the Temple Israel Experience? It is the transformation you feel when walk through our entranceway doors and see the beauty of our spaces, when you connect with friends and make new friends at our proneg, when you take a breath and leave the week behind at our services and when you enjoy something sweet at our oneg; it is the inspiration that you feel at our services or by participating in one of our social action programs or by learning from one of our many Temple Israel Learns educational programs or by seeing a child's enthusiasm for our growing religious school; and it is a celebration of the Temple Israel Experience like the upcoming Second Night Seder in our new David & Pauline Carter Ballroom that reflects the best sense of the joy of Jewish life at our synagogue. Join our leadership and your friends; together we will shine a light unto the possible at Temple Israel.



President's Circle Update

Nancy and Barry Horowitz | Chairs

We are excited to report that we have had a tremendous response to the President's Circle for 2016. Almost all of our 2015 members have re-committed and we are waiting to hear from the last few.

In addition, we have six new members and one member who increased their category of commitment. We are also pleased to report that a new Titanium level for a gift of \$25,000 has been created for Don Carter. We are so very grateful for his ongoing generosity.

The President's Circle plaque for 2016 will be updated in April. There is still plenty of time for new members to sign up so that we may fill in all the blank tiles.

April Celebrations





April 1
Barbara Gray
JD Small
April 3

Linda Berley

April 4

S. Lawrence Schlager

April 6 Susan Sachs Diane Trust

April 7

Clinton Cimring

April 8

Lori Oullette
April 9
Don Carter
Melissa Miller

April 10 Nathaniel Frederiksen

April 12 Marvin Rosenberg

April 13
Richard Kleid
David Rothman

April 15 Dena Seigel April 16

Sandra Hollin

April 17

Roslyn Leopold April 20

Kate List

April 22 Nancy Horowitz

Kristen Sacks

April 26

Ruth Abramson Valerie Eaton

April 27 Brett Golov April 28 Mark Cohen Georgia Newman

April 29 Pamela Wiener

April 30 Norman Berman Karen Davis

Karen Davis Hugo Ottolenghi Judy Preefer

Wedding Anniversaries

April 2

Hess and Renee Kline

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Michael and Jill Botnick

April 11

Jeff and Amy Devore

April 12

Neal and MJ Rothschild

April 24

Eric Lieberman and Diane Buhler

Best wishes for a Happy Passover!





Photo Album: Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

March 4-5, 2016



Rabbi Olshein and event co-chairs Eunice Baros and Aileen Josephs welcome Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, head of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida. Dr. Jefferson addressed the congregation at services on Friday, March 4. On Saturday evening, March 5, dinner was followed by the Judaica Antiques "road show" program where Judaica was donated by congregants for the UF collection.







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Social Action Committee Report

Roslyn Leopold | Chair

Due to need at the West Palm Beach Food Pantry, Temple Israel will be running the pantry now on the first Friday of the month in addition to the third Friday of the month. A huge thank you to Ellen Flaum for spearheading the third Friday of the month. There is always a need for more volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering the third Friday of the month, please contact Ellen Flaum. Thank you to Ellen Goldenson who has graciously volunteered to run the pantry on the first Friday of the month. If you are interested in volunteering then, please contact Ellen Goldenson.

We are still working on getting our refugee assistance project up and running. Please contact Pam Wiener if you are interested in getting involved.

Happy Passover!



From the Educator

Iris Koller | Religious School Director

Where will you be on the night of April 22?

If the most recent studies of the Jewish community are any indication, you will be sitting at a Passover *Seder* on the night of April 22. Even amid the concerns about the decline in Jewish community engagement, the 2013 Pew study found that 78% of respondents attended a *Seder* in 2012.

The *Seder* offers the quintessential model of excellence in Jewish education. Thanks to the wisdom of our ancient rabbis and scholars, the multi-step experience provides a learner centered, question based "lesson plan" (the *Haggadah*) that has been "dining room tested" and adapted for centuries. The *Seder* engages every guest, regardless of learning style or age. It's a hands-on, sensory, experiential, home based family Jewish education encounter.

Deeply rooted in Jewish text and dialect of answers and questions, the *Seder* has the potential to be filled with opportunities for drama, singing, games, role play, reenactments, storytelling, history, art, math, science and lots and lots of snacks. The responsibility of making this ancient story come alive is in our hands.

The Passover *Seder* offers us time with family and friends as we relive our freedom story, sharing and making memories with every step. Consider moving "beyond the book," asking questions well beyond the "traditional four." For instance, after you dip the parsley in salt water, why not invite quests to share a moment in the past year that brought them to tears, or a moment they experienced new birth in their life. Consider inviting guests to bring the one thing (beyond family, pets, clothes and rations) they would take with them if they had to leave their community as quickly as the Israelites left Egypt, sharing the meaning of these items as you recount our escape from Egypt. As you come to the Four Rabbis in the *Haggadah* text, people might speak about those from whom they have learned the most.

So, where will you be? How will you make the story relevant to our times? Will you begin your *Seder* at an elegantly set dining room table? Or will family and friends relax and recline in your living or family room as you recount the experiences of our ancestors? Or, will you take advantage of our coastal setting and sit at the shore of the sea?

Will you use the same Passover *Haggadah* that you read at the tables of your grandparents and parents or will you find an intriguing new set? Might you invite guests to bring their own, and encourage questions about the differences in language, focus, and art? You can create your own; a simple internet search of "make a *Haggadah*" will bring you to a variety (mostly free) DIY *Haggadah* sites, like http://www.haggadot.com. In addition to offering a variety of interpretations of our ancient text, some of these sites invite you to upload photos and your own family stories so that you can truly make the Jewish people's collective story your own.

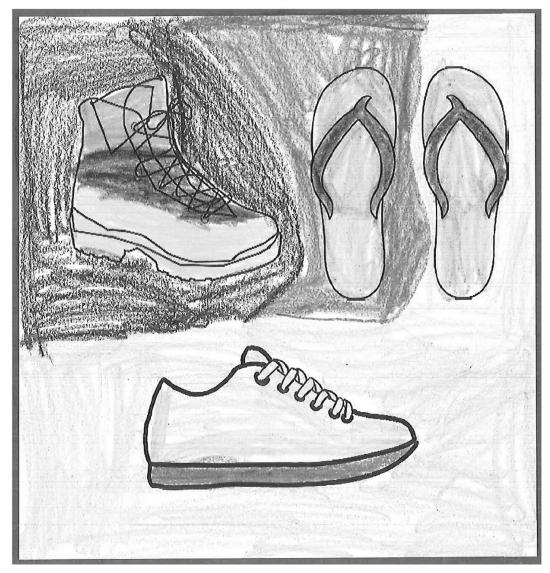
I could go on and on. Instead I invite you to "like" Temple Israel-West Palm Beach on Facebook if you are looking for ideas to enrich your *Seder*, including many that will engage children. I'll be posting resources throughout the coming weeks. We hope you'll offer comments, and share the resources with others.

No matter which *Haggadah* you select or what questions you ask, remember that the essence of the *Seder* is the experience of rich discussion. As we retell the story of our ancestors, it reminds us of a more universal truth - that as we journey through life's struggles and joys, we need to have faith that a Power beyond our own two feet is alongside.

May your Seder table be filled with more joy than matzah crumbs. May you make it a meaningful journey. Chag Pesach Sameach!

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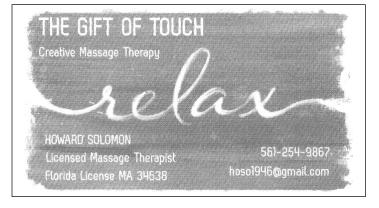
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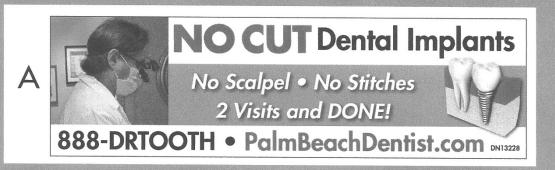


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3	4	5	6	7 TI Learns: God's Hand and Man's Will: Lessons on Redemption from Purim and Pesach	8 Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	9 "Out of the Box" Shabbat 10:45 am
10	11	12 Idea-Sharing Session for New "TI Learns" Programs 6:00 - 7:00 pm TI Learns: Mussar 7:00 pm	13 TI Learns: The Best Hebrew Roots to Know for Prayer 7:00 pm	14 TI Reads: In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist by Ruchama King Feuerman 7:00 pm (at the home of Marcy Allen)	15 Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	16 Canoe Trip - Jewish Environmentalism
17	18	19	20 TI Learns: The Best Hebrew Roots to Know for Prayer 7:00 pm	21	22 1st Night of Passover Shabbat 4:30 pm - Service	23 1st Day of Passover Second Night Seder at TI
24 2nd Day of Passover	25 3rd Day of Passover	26 4th Day of Passover	27 5th Day of Passover	28 6th Day of Passover	7th Day of Passover 11:45 am - Yizkor Shabbat Service 6:30 pm TI office closed	30 8th Day of Passover