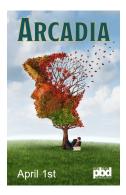


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Calendar Highlights

Torah Study every Saturday. **April 1** | 5:00 pm

Temple Israel Sisterhood and Brotherhood Theatre

Night

April 7 | 6:45 pm (Dinner) Sisterhood *Shabbat* and dinner

April 11| 6:00 pm Temple Israel's Second Night Community Seder

April 15 | 11:00 am Out of the Box Shabbat

April 21 | 6:30 pm Acknowledging Yom Hashoah and Erev Shabbat Services

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From the President

Michael Jonas

Our Book Clubs

Temple Israel has two book clubs. One club meets at congregants' homes and pertains to literature. The other book club pertains to liturgy. The Liturgy Book Club has a weekly meeting on Shabbat in which we read the *Mishkan T'filah* and it also has special meetings on a variety of holidays.

The last Liturgy Book Club of the Holidays meeting was on *Purim*, which we celebrated this past March (during the Hebrew month of *Adar*) by reading the *Megillah*. Approximately 30 days later, we will celebrate Passover in April (during the Hebrew month of *Nissan*) at which time we will read another book - the *Haggadah*. Redeemed from Haman in Persia by Mordecai and Esther in approximately 357 B.C.E. and redeemed approximately 1,000 years earlier from Pharaoh in Egypt by God, each year we celebrate these holidays by reading specific books together as a congregation. But, celebration takes preparation.

Preparation is vitally important to the quality of our understanding of and insight into these holidays. The High Holy Days, require significant preparation which is why we have the month of *Elul* before *Rosh Hashanah*.

According to tradition, the month of *Elul* is the time that Moses spent on Mount Sinai preparing the second set of tablets after the incident of the golden calf (Ex. 32; 34:27-28). Thoughts of repentance and redemption build during *Elul* as we venture to *Selichot* which leads us to *Rosh Hashanah* and finally to *Yom Kippur*. But, how do we create the mood for redemption in our synagogue?

Previously we used pamphlets and inserts for our services during that month. Now, in keeping with our tradition, we have obtained a prayer book for the month of *Elul*. This special prayer book was written in coordination with our *Shabbat* prayer book - *Mishkan T'filah* and our High Holy Day prayer books - *Mishkan HaNefesh*. Our prayer book for the month of *Elul* is *Mishkan HaLev* and it will be arriving at a temple near and/or dear to you during the next couple of months. So, now we not only have a book of the week and books of the holidays, but we will also have a book of the month.

Whether it's the book of the week, books of the holidays or book of the month, you have a choice. By making a relatively inexpensive donation for these prayer books, you can join the club and dedicate a book in honor or memory of someone special or some special event. Reading the dedication when you open a prayer book on *Shabbat* or a holiday can be a source of joy or remembrance. Prayer books are frequently exchanged during services so that a congregant is given a book with a dedication by or to a family member. It's like a book club because it is a book club and it's our book club.

Please look in this *Koleynu* for the listing of our prayer books and the amounts to donate to receive a dedication. You too can become a member of our Liturgy Book Club. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the temple office to dedicate a book.

Help our office help you!

Our members make generous donations to Temple Israel and often ask the Temple to allocate them to two or more purposes.

Because not all of our accounts are held at the same bank, it would be a great help if donations going to different banks were written on different checks (this does not pertain to credit card donations).

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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

Renewing Our Seders and Ourselves...

The return of spring not only means the return of baseball (and spring training), but it also means that we are moving towards the holiday of Passover, the Jewish holiday with the highest percentage of participation (some estimate that 80% of Jews attend a Passover *Seder*).

But attending a *Seder* is merely one way to observe Passover. In ancient times, Passover was one of the three "Pilgrimage Festivals" when the Israelite people were instructed to bring a sacrifice to the Temple in Jerusalem. (At the end of the Passover *Seder* each year, we say, "next year in Jerusalem," reminding us of our people's journey from slavery to freedom and our sacred connection with the land of Israel.)

Today, we no longer bring sacrifices; instead, we make sacrifices, with our modern sacrifices usually meaning we are giving up something. We choose to forego eating chametz/leavened food products made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, and spelt, meaning ritually-inappropriate foods. This becomes our modern sacrifice.

However, what about taking the idea of making a personal sacrifice for Passover shaping it as a way to honor our liberation story? Perhaps we can give a gift to organizations that work with modern day slaves? Perhaps we can commit to learning about sex trafficking or forced child labor or debt bondage or child soldiers? Or perhaps we can remember that Passover is the ultimate story about refugees and immigration?

I know that many of our Temple Israelites supplement their printed *haggadot* by including readings from organizations who work on these issues. This year, I suggest visiting the websites of the Religious Action Center (RAC.org) regarding human trafficking, American Jewish World Service (AJWS.org) on poverty, or Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS.org) on the refugee crisis. Visit these sites and add a reading or two on these modern topics in order to remind us how modern our sacred story remains. If you need help, drop me a note and I will happily send you some readings to consider ... I promise your *Seder* will be enriched by every addition.

Another way to experience Passover is to attend *Yizkor* on the last day of Passover, on Monday, April 17th, at 11:45am. We remember those we have loved and lost at a short worship service overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway (folks often bring a lunch to enjoy following the service).

Lastly, if you do not have a place to attend a Passover *Seder*, please let me know ... I am always happy to make a *shidduch* (a match) for those who would otherwise be alone. We can always find a place for you within our Temple Israel community.

My blessing for each of us this month is that each of us finds a way to be intentional about creating our own opportunities for renewal: renewing our commitment to learning, renewing our commitment to connecting with God, and renewing our commitment to connecting with each other. Please let me know how I can help you meet these goals to create the Jewish life of your dreams in the Palm Beaches.

-Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein.



New *Chesed* Committee Can Provide a Helping Hand

Temple Israel has a newly formed *Chesed* (Caring)
Committee and we are reaching out to all temple
members. If you are sick, injured, need assistance
(such as a ride to *Erev Shabbat* services), or if a loved one has passed
away, we may be able to help you in your time of need. We are only a
phone call away. Please contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 for
further details.



Rabbi Olshein and Cantor Kruk on Purim



The Mussar Moment

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

The world seems to be spinning faster than it did last year at this time. At times it feels like it is almost out of control. Events just keep piling up one on top of the other and it is hard to know what is true and what isn't. Some people like it that way. It keeps us off guard and off balance. Easier to push us over; easier to upend our sense of knowing who we are and where we are going; easier to fall and harder to stand up for

what you believe is right.

Enter Passover. Enter the lessons of being a free people who remember that once we were slaves. Enter the story we tell and the symbols we use to remind us of our value structure. They sit there right in front of us all evening; they are of different shapes and colors, tastes and textures. They ground us in some of our most fundamental truths.

The *Mussar* teacher, Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler (1892-1953), explained one of these truths in these words: "When Redemption comes, we will look back over the road we have traveled and understand that all that we experienced was to our benefit. The afflictions only appeared as such in our imagination, in a kind of dream sequence. But in their true essence, they were a blessing and a good." This is one of the ways that lesson plays out on our Seder tables. The bitter herb of oppression, harsh and sharp, gets dipped into Charoset (sweet and sticky, no matter what recipe we use). Alan Morinis writes that the very act of dipping transforms the darkness of slavery into the sweetness of light. It is a transformational moment and a spiritual message for living.

It is likely impossible to see from the landscape and plane upon which we sit/stand but in the Jewish scheme of things, history has a beginning, middle and end. The world is not out of control; it just feels that way. The *Haggadah* goes from slavery to freedom, from the pit to the peak, from yesterday to tomorrow. (Yes, tomorrow – that's what "Next year in Jerusalem" means.)

From a *Mussar* perspective, Passover is about walking the path to redemption. Passover is about faith that we will persevere. Passover knows spring has come and parsley in salt water is a delicacy. Passover is tasting optimism in a hidden piece of *matzah* we call dessert. Passover is our journey and our story. It is our struggle to believe that we have the power and the freedom to insure that this too shall pass.

Hag Sameach.

Rabbi Howard Shapiro





Ad Journal/Directory News

Eileen Shapiro and Amy Jonas

It is our pleasure to announce that we are co-chairing the 2017-2018 Annual Journal and that our close friends, Elaine and Mark Feldmesser, have been selected as the honorees. Elaine and Mark are a very special couple who over the three and a half decades since they joined the temple have time and time again answered *Hineni*. Currently serving as Vice President for Transformation and Treasurer respectively, Elaine and Mark both serve on the Executive

Committee and play a key role in the daily operations of the temple. In addition to handling their specific portfolios, they are always willing to pitch in to help everyone else successfully carry out their temple tasks. The Feldmessers are a dynamic duo at Temple Israel and their passion and devotion to their temple family has enriched all of us.

The Ad Journal is an integral part of temple life and our fundraising efforts. It provides a directory of all temple families with up-to date contact information as well as key dates for events during the year ahead. The journal will be distributed during the High Holy Days and while that is many months away, we are already busy laying the ground work for what we hope will produce a stellar success. We believe a team approach is the key and to this end we have set about to create a broad-based committee. We are thrilled that to date our committee already includes Lori Ackerman, Mary Arpe, Lora Baum, Howard Berman, Traci Braun, Mark Cohen, Karen Davis, Amy Devore, Valerie & Charlie Eaton, Gee Gee & Jim Eisenberg, Marsha Fishbane, Michael Gelfand, Debbie Hirsch, Nancy Horowitz, Carole & Paul Klein, Roslyn Leopold, Evelyn Lilienfeld Cynnie S. List, Alisa Maltz, Esther Perman, Stefanie & Rob Raifman, Herman Robinson, Bonnie & David Sax, Caren Zisson and of course Elaine and Mark's two children, Alan Feldmesser and Lisa Seymour. We truly do believe the more the merrier and we welcome both long term as well as newer temple members to join our committee. Whether you have a lot or only a little time to devote to helping us sell ads and produce a wonderful journal, you can make a difference. We promise that you'll have fun being a part of our committee and getting to work alongside all of us while together we do something good for our temple.

Later this month, we'll be sending out more information about the journal including deadlines and prices for ad submissions. If you have any questions or want to join our committee, please contact us. We thank you in advance for your participation and continued support of Temple Israel.

From the Educator

Iris Koller | Director of Youth, Family Engagement & Learning

Learning for Every Age – Passover Resources

Reb Nachman of Breslov taught that one should never do the same thing twice. Given that our Jewish Holy Days and Festivals come ever year and that we are taught to value traditions, this is quite a challenge. Yet, the good news is that with just a few clicks it is easy to find new ideas and explore concepts anew, enriching the experience for yourself and others.

Below are some great resources to explore as you plan for the festival of Passover from the seder to the last day.

Add to your own knowledge bank at My Jewish Learning.

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/passover-pesach/

If you have young children, you can enjoy these videos together.

http://m.shalomsesame.org/#passover

Seeking a bit of a review for yourself or with your older children? If so, check out this video – and then, if you have an Apple device, enjoy downloading the apps linked at the bottom of the page.

http://www.g-dcast.com/pesach/

Here are some recipes and Kid-friendly ideas from PBS

http://www.pbs.org/food/passover/

Dr. Ron Wolfson has been a champion of *seder* innovations for many years. Enjoy this article and bring an idea or two into your family's gathering!

http://www.interfaithfamily.com/holidays/passover_and_easter/ Ten_Tips_to_Enliven_the_Seder_Ways_to_Delay_That_Fifth_Question.shtml

Finally, no *seder* is complete without songs. There are certainly many traditional songs and melodies that enhance the joy and fun, yet in the spirit of bringing something new to the experience, this link will offer you 17 pages of songs set to melodies from theater, movies and more. Do let us know which you enjoy the most!

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox

Whichever resources you choose to explore, may your Seder table be filled with more joy than matzah crumbs. May you make it a meaningful journey. Chag Pesach Sameach!

God's Hand and Man's Will: Lessons on Redemption from Purim and Pesach

The Sages of the Talmud link Purim and Passover. Both festivals teach lessons about redemption (physical and spiritual) but with a difference. Whereas Israel was coerced into accepting the Torah at Mt. Sinai, they willingly accepted the Torah upon themselves during the time of Purim. Why the difference? What crucial lessons can we learn here about our own agency and the will of God in our own lives when we, too, have it before us to take steps in the direction of Torah and redemption? We will explore these guestions by striving to answer a riddle from a

Mussar-based perspective: if Passover comes before Purim historically, why do we celebrate Purim before Passover on the calendar?

INSTRUCTOR Dr. Barry Horowitz

Dr. Barry Horowitz is a local physician and has been a Temple Israel member for the past 20 years. He has studied and practiced Mussar for several years and is a graduate of the Mussar Institute's Manchim course, which teaches how to facilitate a Mussar group. For the past six years, Dr. Horowitz has facilitated a similar course of study.

WHERE Temple Israel

WHEN Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00-8:00 PM







President's Circle

Nancy and Barry Horowitz

As of the writing of this article, the President's Circle has 64 members, which is a 10 percent increase from last year. We have 8 new members, 7 at the Silver level and 1 at the Platinum level. Two members increased their commitment from last year, one moving from Diamond to Opal and another from Gold to Platinum. We have exceeded our budget goals and will

contribute almost \$250,000 to the revenue of the Temple this year. The plaque in the List Lobby is in the process of being updated to reflect the new membership and should be completed by the time the Koleynu is published or soon thereafter. There is still plenty of room on the plaque for new members, so please contact us or Jennifer at the Temple office if you are interested. Remember that President's Circle dues are inclusive of your regular dues.

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Sisterhood Shabbat is scheduled for April 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm. All members of Sisterhood (effectively all women of TI) are welcome and encouraged to participate. Notices were sent out through email, but we know a few people may have been missed. If you don't have email, didn't get an email, or can't find your email (!) and were not otherwise notified, please feel free to call Marcia Stiles (561-791-1879) or Mary Arpe (561-818-7161) to sign up.

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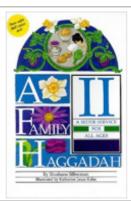


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Purim



A Gift is Waiting for You at TI

For years, the custom at Temple Israel has been for the concluding announcements at Shabbat services to include a line asking those visiting the temple to take a blue mug during the *Oneg*. We have done this so that we could warmly welcome our visitors.

Our Board, wishing to extend a warm greeting every day to all of our temple families, has decided to give every TI family a special TI mug that you can use at home to enjoy your favorite beverage. At this past January's Annual Meeting, we started distributing these blue mugs to each of our temple families. If you haven't already received yours, you may pick it up the next time you are at services.

During the *Oneg*, members of our TI Greeting Corps will be able to assist you in obtaining your family's mug.

They will also be able to help anyone who hasn't yet gotten their copy of this year's Annual Journal /Membership Directory.

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						Torah Study 9:30-10:30 am Theatre Night 5:00 pm - Dinner
2	3	4	5 Mussar Class by Dr. Horowitz 7:00 pm	6	7 Sisterhood Shabbat and Dinner 6:45 pm - Dinner 7:30 pm - Service	8 Torah Study 9:30-10:30 am
9	10 Erev Passover	11 Office Closed Second Night Community Seder 6:00 pm	12	13	14 Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	Torah Study 9:30-10:30 am Out-of-the-Box Shabbat 11:00 am
16	17 Office Closed Yizkor 11:45 am	18 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	19	"Reel Theology" Media Center 2:00 p.m.	21 Acknowledging Yom Hashoah & Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	Torah Study 9:30-10:30 am
23	24	25	26 Chai Life 60+ Lunch 11:30 pm	27	28 Acknowledging Yom Hazikaron & Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	Torah Study 9:30-10:30 am
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