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Calendar Highlights

Torah Study every Saturday at 9:30 am

April 6 | TI Office Closed

April 6 | 11:45 pm *Yizkor*

April 7 | Sisterhood Coffee &

Coloring Program **April 8** | 9:00 am

Religious School

April 10 | 7:00 pm Mussar

April 11, 18, 25 | 10:30 am Yoga

April 11, 18, 25 | Hebrew School

April 14 | 11:00 am Out of the Box Sabbat -Family Service

April 17 | 7:00 pm Board of Directors meeting

April 18, 25 | 6:30 pm iEngage

April 19 | 7:00 pm TI reads

April 20 | 6:30 pm Aufruf of Don Carter's daughter

April 22 | 9:00 am Religious School

April 22 | 9:00 am 6th & 7th graders immigration experience

April 27 | Courageous Conversations

April 29 | Kristen Smith & Michael Sloan Wedding koleynu





Kate Anderson is Guest Speaker at the Kraft Cultural Series Luncheon.



Families come for the Purim Celebration - Some Dressed in Costume



A Religious School Child Gets Assistance in Making Hamantaschen for Purim





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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

The Difficulty of Remembrance ...

We negotiate everything in life and, indeed, even the dates of secular Jewish holidays have been negotiated. After the Holocaust, some Israelis wanted to schedule a day of remembrance as close as possible to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, while the more religious believed that observing this day too close to Passover would diminish the *halachically* - required joy of the holiday.

Some speculate that there were payoffs nudging the ultimate compromise, which has resulted in the 27th of *Nissan* being named as *Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah* (*Devastation [Holocaust] and Heroism Day*) by the Israeli Knesset in 1951. Interestingly, this date has no special connection to the historical events of the Holocaust, but instead appears to be a date which evenly upsets both sides. The Gregorian date this year will be on Wednesday - Thursday, April 11-12, with our community following the custom of acknowledging the day at the Friday before, on Friday, April 6th.

Too many children did not survive the trauma to tell their stories, however; their art, poetry, music and writings live on. This year, we will be looking at the Holocaust through the eyes of the children who lived through the unspeakable, often left with no one to remember them.

For many years, one of our members, Eunice Baros, has taken on the obligation to say *Kaddish* for a child lost in the Holocaust with no one to remember her, her name is *Gittel*. Please let me know if you would also like to take on this obligation and we will connect you with a child to remember on request. We say every life matters and this small ritual reminds us that every life mattered.

Additionally, if your family was impacted by the Holocaust, please let me know so we may invite you to participate in our annual candle-lighting remembrance ceremony at the beginning of *Shabbat* services on April 6th. We would love to help your family honor those in your family who were impacted by the Holocaust.

My prayer for you this month is that you might stop for a few minutes to think about how the idea of memory is incorporated into your life and how you find meaning in loss.

Do you say *Kaddish* for those you have loved and lost? Do you light a *yahrzeit* candle? Do you tell your loved one's stories on the anniversary of their passing? Are you intentional about remembering them and making certain their legacy is not lost? How can we help you create rituals that would be meaningful for you to do this?

Remembering can be both a blessing and a curse - please let us know how we can help make your memories a blessing for all those you have loved.





From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

One of our many goals as TI's Co-Presidents is to encourage more of our TI family members to get involved in our synagogue. As part of our engagement plan, we will be spotlighting a member of the Board of Directors in each issue of the *Koleynu*. We want you to get to know us and we want to get to know you. So, we will begin with our Temple Israel journeys.

In 1983 Elaine and Mark moved from northern New Jersey to Palm Beach Gardens with two school-aged children. They needed a temple for their son Alan to study to become a bar mitzvah and for their daughter, Lisa, to continue her Jewish education and become confirmed. Their Rabbi in NJ knew Rabbi Shapiro and suggested they contact him to visit Temple Israel. They did just that and it immediately became their spiritual home.

Mark served as TI's Budget Chair while building his CPA practice in Florida after working many years as a CFO for national and international companies in NYC. He currently serves as TI's Treasurer.

Elaine taught school, gave private piano lessons and then worked in the marketing department at a locally based international financial planning company. She was part of our Rabbinic Search Committee, taking on additional leadership roles at the Temple, such as; serving as Sisterhood President for several years, then as a Vice President on Tl's Executive Committee in 2015. And now serves as Co-President with me for the next two years.

Mark and Elaine's children, Alan, an artist; Lisa, a media specialist; and son-in-law, Brian, a shareholder at Gunster, live locally. Lisa and Brian are the proud parents of Elaine and Mark's two wonderful grandsons, David and Jacob.

My journey began in 1991, when I, my husband, Alan, and our 18 month old daughter, Jennifer, moved up to Palm Beach County from Miami so that Alan could open his Ophthalmology practice in Jupiter. Fellow congregants and new friends, Amy & Michael Jonas, invited us to Temple Israel one Friday night. The rest became history ... we felt an instant connection to Rabbi Shapiro and knew this would be our spiritual home.

For as long as I can remember, I have served on TI's Board, on committees and in leadership roles at TI. I first served as the Membership Chair for many years then I shifted gears and chaired many of Temple's fundraising events, served as a member of TI's Nominating Committee, as a Vice President and now as Co-President with Elaine.

TI has enriched my family's life in countless ways - from travelling with Rabbi & Eileen Shapiro on a life changing congregational trip to Israel; to celebrating with our TI family as our daughter, Jen, became a bat mitzvah and then a confirmand. The Temple has provided me with many opportunities to grow and to give back.

Although our stories and journeys are different, our common Jewish and community values are the same. Our commitment to ensuring the vibrancy and vitality of Temple Israel drives us every day. We deeply appreciate the guidance of our past Temple leaders; especially the mentoring from our Immediate Past President, Michael Jonas. Throughout the years, their vision, hard work and dedication has sustained and enriched our Temple.

We are humbled and honored to serve together as Temple Israel's Co-Presidents. It is our hope to engage as many of you as possible and to become a part of your journey here at TI, as together we will write the Temple's next chapter.



The Mussar Moment

Bitachon (Trust in God)

The burden of stress weighs heavily on people's minds and bodies these days. There is a Jewish response to stress that has been known and practiced for at least a thousand years. This approach addresses stress by bringing about a fundamental shift in how a person sees his or her life. The perspective is manifested through the soul-trait of *bitachon*, which translates as "trust" but means more specifically trust in God. Putting one's trust in God is a core Jewish method for reducing stress. When you cultivate *bitachon*, you attack the deep causes of stress because most anxiety reflects a discrepancy between what we want and reality. The foundation for trusting God is recognizing what is truly under your control and what is not.

Stress is the ailment and trusting God is far from a simple prescription. First, there is the issue of God. Does a person need to have a firm belief in a "Divine Being" in order to access this method? We do not need to believe in God, but if we want to grow spiritually, we do need to know God. We need to be able to identify where in our experience the divine touches us and we touch the divine. The more we know God, not just intellectually but in our hearts, where our own experience informs us, the more we are equipped to trust God.

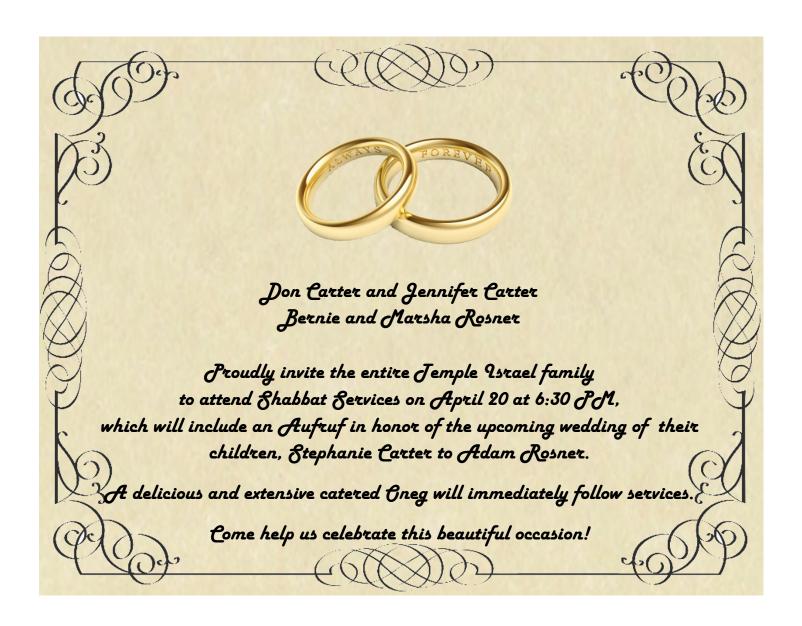
One who instills deep trust in God will reach a profound inner peace beyond any technique that may deliver momentary relief from stress but does not address the underlying fallacy of absolute human agency, popular as those short-cuts may be. Please join us on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center as we conclude our *Mussar* course for this year and discuss *bitachon*.

On Thursday, April 26th at 6:00pm - Please Join Rabbi Olshein for "Peace in the Streets" (Social Action Walk) with Dinner Following

For the past four-plus years each month, the City of West Palm Beach sponsors a walk with the WPB Police Department through the streets of a neighborhood in transition called "Peace in the Streets". This one-hour walk is a great way to interact with people with whom most of us do not normally interact, including our police officers.

The group will meet in the Northwest Historic District at the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, located at 801 8th Street. (Tabernacle is one of our partners for our annual MLK Interfaith Freedom Shabbat Celebration, as well as other programs.)

Please let Rabbi Olshein know if you are planning to join us so she can look for you!



Saturday, April 7th ... 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Coloring, Coffee, and Chai (Tea) with the Sisterhood Ladies!

Sisterhood members are invited to a relaxing afternoon of Adult Jewish Coloring on Saturday, April 7th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

If you are seeking an enjoyable, stress-free *Shabbat* afternoon, please join us as we listen to relaxing music and color to our heart's content. We have beautiful new markers, crayons, and colored pencils and a variety of engaging Jewish coloring sheets!

Free and open to the entire community. RSVPs welcome, but not required. Put everything aside and just come!





President's Circle Update

Nancy and Barry Horowitz | Chairs

The President's Circle brunch on March 11th was a smashing success. Although the weather forced us to move the event from our home to the Media Center at the Temple, the room was beautifully decorated, the catered buffet was delicious and the comradery was delightful. Over 50 members of Ti's President's Circle were in attendance. Many thanks to Rabbi Olshein for being flexible with the religious school dismissal schedule and to Rabbi Shapiro for bringing Sayed Kashua, as a scholar-in-residence, to Temple Israel as this year's "Next Person I Want You To Meet". Mr. Kashua's remarks were both personal and provocative and a lively discussion ensued.

We would like to warmly welcome our newest members to the President's Circle: Valerie & Charlie Eaton, Carol Safran & Peter Eckstein, and Robyn & Dale Rands. There is still plenty of room on the plaque for new members and our goal is to continue to grow membership enabling us to raise much needed funds for the Temple's operating budget. President's Circle dues are inclusive and not in addition to Temple members' annual commitment, so please consider joining as a new member or by increasing your level of giving. For more information about the PC levels of commitment, feel free to contact us directly or Jennifer at the Temple office. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

The next President's Circle event will be a special *Erev Shabbat* service honoring members in the fall. Stay tuned for further details.













Breakfast for Dinner? People In Costumes?









It must be Purim!



Getting Involved Nationally and Locally



As a Rabbi and a lawyer, Rabbi Olshein recently participated in the Hadassah Attorney's Council US Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony with special guest US Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg.



Jordyn Strauss and her cousin, Garrett Frederiksen, met with Rabbi Olshein and Marco Rubio's Regional Director, Greg Langowsky to talk about safety in their schools.

Courageous Conversation

On Friday, February 23rd, Temple Israel created an environment for its congregants and members of the community to "walk in the shoes" of people facing challenges that are different than the ones most of us are exposed to on a daily basis. Under the title, "a poverty simulation", the evening started with a simple meal - PB&J sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, beans and veggie burritos, followed by Shabbat service. During the service Rabbi Olshein painted a somber picture of poverty in Palm Beach County where we learned that the average age of a homeless person in our county is seven vears old.

The most meaningful part of the evening was during the program following services. Attendees were invited into the social hall, which had been transformed into a mini city. Each person was assigned either the role of a "citizen" or a "vendor". "Citizens" were each given an envelope with an identity and miscellaneous items (financial status, money, insurance information, etc.) with which they had less than an hour to navigate through the bureaucracies of society with the objective of securing transportation, food and shelter. Failure to meet these objectives would result in a whole family being directed to "the alley" to join other homeless people for an indefinite portion of time (in this case



Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice & Beans for Dinner

the end of the night). Bureaucracies (both public and private) were represented by attendees playing the role of "vendors" - i.e. a government housing office, a low income medical clinic, a grocery store or a food pantry.

Long lines and less than helpful vendors were part of the equation. Frustrations ran high when citizens could not acquire basic needs for themselves and their families. Most attendees, by the end of just one hour, expressed a feeling of being stonewalled and beaten down. One attendee, who played the role of a vendor, summed it up as follows: "I considered it a major victory when one participant got so frustrated with my treatment of her that she swore loudly and harshly at me".





Long Lines to Find Jobs and Housing

Hopefully, people left with a heightened sensitivity of the plight of others - a sensitivity which as Reform Jews needs to be translated into meaningful action on a regular basis.

A special thanks to the community partners who helped to make the evening successful: The Lord's Place, Habitat for Humanity, CROS Ministries and the Muslim Community of West Palm Beach.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Courageous Conversation on April 27.





If fortunate enough to get a job, the next step is to secure transportation



With all possible resources exhausted, the only option left is homeless in the alley



Food stamp office closed while there were people still in line, seeking help



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April Anniversaries





- 12 Neal & MJ Rothschild
- 24 Eric Lieberman & Diane Buhler

Mazel Tov



Irma Morris is a great-grandmother for the second time. Great-granddaughter, Ava Ruth Goldfarb, was born to Irma's grandson, Eric and his wife, Victoria.

April Birthdays



- 1 Barbara Gray J. D. Small Marcia Stiles
- 4 Rex Bone

S. Lawrence Schlager

- 6 Susan Sachs
 Diane Trust
- 7 Clinton Cimring Audrey Green
- 9 Donald Carter Jacob Green Debbie Haft
- 13 Dick KleidDavid Rothman
- 14 Brian Miller
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- 17 Roslyn Leopold
- 18 Magnolia DouglasSylvia DouglasMorgan KornblumSheila Lutin
- 19 Tali Green
- 20 Kate List
- 21 Madeline Hackman
- 22 Nancy Horowitz
- 25 Isaiah Torres-Nussbaum
- 26 Ruth Abramson Valerie Eaton Alexa Hartley
- 27 Brett Golov
- 28 Mark Cohen Georgia Newman
- 29 Pamela Wiener
- 30 Norman Berman
- 30 Karen Davis
 Ashley Devore
 Hugo Ottolenghi
 Judy Preefer

Sisterhood Spotlight - Doris Ellenbogen

Please tell us about your early life.

I was born here in WPB at Good Samaritan Hospital, just one month after the big hurricane of 1928. My parents owned a laundry and dry cleaning business, which my husband, Stanley eventually took over.

When did your family join Temple Israel?

My family joined TI when I was 5 years old because they had a religious school.

Why did you and your husband choose to remain a part of the TI Family?

Before WW2 there were only 350 Jewish families in Palm Beach County. Temple Israel was the center of religious and social life for Reform Jews in the area.

Where did you meet your husband?

I met him at Penn State, when we were students there. We were married at TI in 1948.

We have 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter.

Our oldest son, Paul, manages campaigns for Jewish organizations.

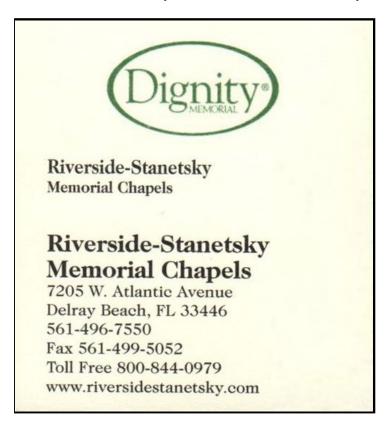
Our daughter, Marci had a landscaping design business and now runs a company that offers ex-felons a second chance. Our son, Mark is a real estate developer and builder.

What is something that we may not know about you?

I opened an art gallery in a group of shops at Phillips Point.



Doris is moving to New York State to be near family. She will be greatly missed by so many TI congregants who have shared many memories with her over the years.



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