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# From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

## Finding Light in the Darkness with Something New

The Hebrew language is built on a system of roots, meaning that within most Hebrew words, you can find three letters with a core meaning onto which the word you are examining is built. For example, any Hebrew words with the core letter pattern of *Kuf-Dalet-Shin*, which make the “k-d-sh” sounds, are translated as having something to do with holiness. From there, we can add a variety of vowels, prefixes, and suffixes to create words having to do with holiness (my favorite is “*kiddushin*” which is the holy act of marriage – and, of course, we say “*Kiddush*” when say the blessing over the wine).

As we approach *Chanukah*, let us consider the Hebrew root of the holiday’s name: *Chet-Nun-Chaf*, which is often first translated in modern times to mean “education.” So where do we get the idea that *Chanukah* means “dedication”?

Cambridge Professor Stefan Reif teaches that the basis of the word really means “to inaugurate,” “to initiate” or “to begin,” and that, over time, there has been an (he says incorrect) addition of holiness to the definition. This means that we have, in modern times, inappropriately created a new English understanding of “initiating holiness,” i.e., we say that that the definition of *Chanukah* is “dedication” to God.

Does this change our understanding of *Chanukah*? For most of us, *Chanukah* is really about the story behind the holiday, either the later added story of the miracle of the oil necessary to light the Second Temple’s *Ner Tamid* (Eternal Flame) lasting eight days. For others, the story reminds us of right triumphing over might when a small band of Maccabees beat the Seleucids/Greeks.

Regardless of whether you include the idea of holiness in your definition or not, I like the focus on creating newness during the darkest days of our calendar. Out of darkness, we can be intentional about taking (smart) risks and initiating something new in our lives – and perhaps incorporate the modern Hebrew definition of “*chinuch*” meaning “education” (which is really a constant renewal) – so we can learn something new along the way.

My questions for you this month then becomes: what new action might we start in our lives during this season of darkness? How can we renew ourselves? For some, perhaps it is learning about something new ... perhaps you might want to hear our special guest, Anat Hoffman, the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Founding Member of Women of the Wall, on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>?

Or, perhaps you’d like to see an Israeli film with us that you’ve never seen, “Fill the Void”, on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>? Or, perhaps you will join us at a special presentation by our member, Dr. Stuart Bagatell, and other special guests, called “Lessons from Grandma Rose” on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>?

Even in these darkest nights, may each of you feel enlightened as you experience new opportunities to pray, connect, and thrive with Temple Israel. My door is always open ... please let me know how I can help you on your Jewish journey.



### **OUT OF THE BOX SHABBAT Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am**

Our informal one-hour(ish) Out of the Box *Shabbat* Morning Worship will challenge you through its music, delivery and message, exploring prayers and the meaning of *Shabbat*. Have some faith in trying something new! A tasty *Kiddush* lunch follows. Open to all, no cost. For more information, please call the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.



## From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

As you read this issue of the Koleynu, Thanksgiving Day has either come and gone at your home or is about to happen. Whichever is the case, this time of year we typically reflect on that for which we are thankful. This Thanksgiving holiday, as you search your memories for tidbits of thankfulness, be mindful that at times it will be impossible to know the good from the bad as your stories unfold. Sometimes, in fact, the good would never have happened if not for the bad.

Our ancestral rabbis tell the story of a man who was bitten by a wasp and ran to the river to ease the sting in the cool water. When he got to the river, he came upon a child who was drowning and the man saved him. The child thanked the man, saying, "If not for you, I would have drowned." The man replied, "If not for the wasp, I would not have been here to save you."

Talmudic tradition says we are expected to bless the bad as well as the good, though the blessings we are told to say are not the same. "On good news say, 'Blessed be He who is good and beneficent.' On bad news say, 'Blessed be the true Judge.'" Our blessing on a negative event or news is not meant to be a statement of gratitude but rather an acknowledgement that God, or whatever word you use for a greater power, is sovereign and, through these words, we submit to the scheme of divine righteousness, even though we might have no way of understanding how this particular misfortune could be just.

Finally, as finite human beings we cannot claim access to the large master plan for life and the playing out of history. Our knowledge and capacity to understand are very limited, and we do not have the capacity to draw final conclusions about difficult times, or even good ones, for that matter. We are obligated to choose the good and to strive for the good, but we do not have the capacity to be the ultimate judge of what goes on in our lives. "Blessed be the true Judge," we say because we ourselves are not the true judges. That capacity lies elsewhere.

As students of the Mussar movement, founded in 19<sup>th</sup> century Lithuania, when writing about thankfulness and gratitude (connected but not the same), one goes automatically to the teachings and writings of Alan Morinis, founder of the Mussar Institute. Much of these words and all of these thoughts are either direct quotes or paraphrasing from Alan's writings.

Recommended reading for more on this topic: "Everyday Holiness" by Alan Morinis.

*B'Shalom*

### JUST BREATHE! JEWISH CHAIR YOGA Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am – 11:30am



Chair Yoga is a wonderful experience, both physically and mentally. Led by our dynamic Ellen Goldenson, join us as we engage in gentle stretching and balance postures to strengthen our bodies and souls through the use of a simple chair! This relaxing class combines Jewish ideology with ancient yoga tradition and is designed for all ages and physical levels. While there is no cost to this class, we suggest a donation of your choosing to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.



# President's Circle

Nancy and Barry Horowitz

It's never too late to join Temple Israel's President's Circle, but now is the perfect time to **get on board** for three great reasons!

**Saturday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, Judy and Alan Shuster will be hosting the 2019 Annual Boat Parade at their home on the Intracoastal for members of our President's Circle. This spectacular event includes a cocktail buffet and a glorious setting to enjoy a truly delightful evening with friends in the temple community. Thank you to the Shusters for their gracious hospitality!

Sign up now for the 2020 calendar year as a new President Circle member and join us at the Boat Parade! If you sign up before the end of 2019 and pay for you 2020 membership before year-end, you'll garner a tax advantage too!

Most importantly, please join the President's Circle because your extra commitment to Temple Israel is greatly needed.

With your generous support, we can cast a wider net in both the immediate Temple family and the greater community at large. We are not expected to safeguard all the seas, but we do have the responsibility to provide buoys in our paths whenever and wherever we can.

Join us before the parade passes by and the ship sails!

## BAUBLES & BANGLES!

## BABIES TO BUBBES!

## GIFT FOR ALL AGES!



*Chanukah* is right around the corner. Start shopping now! The Judaica Shop will be open on Friday evenings for your shopping pleasure... stop by to say hi and browse our wonderful selection of jewelry and Judaica merchandise. A *mezuzah* makes a perfect housewarming gift and a *Chanukiah* or *Seder Dish* will help newlyweds start their lifelong family traditions. For a wedding gift, perhaps a *tallit* or a special glass to break under the *Chuppah*! The ideas are endless. You can even place orders for handmade, one-of-a-kind necklaces and bracelets!

If you prefer, you can also make an appointment with Lynn Levy at (561) 632-1877 to see our incredible items and get gift ideas. Or speak with Karen in the Temple Office who would be happy to open our shop for you during the workday.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

Saturday afternoons on January 11, March 28, April 25 at 1:00 - 2:15 pm



Temple Israel's Social Action Committee will be facilitating four "Conversations About Race" this year as the next iteration of its successful "Courageous Conversations" series. Focusing on seeing race through a Jewish lens and figuring out actions we can take to combat race and bias issues in America, the entire community is invited to participate (no cost.) RSVP to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.



# Temple Israel Brotherhood

Mike Strauss, Brotherhood President

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I would like to say thank you to the Brotherhood for allowing me to be the President of such an amazing group. I'd also like to say thank you to all the brothers who have volunteered or attended events this year. With the year coming to an end, we have two more chances to volunteer in 2019 – the first is the *Chanukah* candle distribution which will be on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am and the second is the Night of 100 *Menorahs* on Friday evening, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, thank you all for your hard work for the benefit of the Brotherhood and Temple Israel. I am always available to you via email at [TIWPB.Brotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:TIWPB.Brotherhood@gmail.com) or [mikestrauss79@gmail.com](mailto:mikestrauss79@gmail.com).



# Temple Israel Sisterhood

Sandra Sternfeld, Sisterhood President



October and early November gave us two very successful major events – Sisterhood's Break-the-Fast and Temple Israel's A Trip Down Memory Lane. Other events that we've enjoyed was a new member brunch on November 17<sup>th</sup> with appreciation to Beryle Goverman who graciously offered her home and "Laughter is the Best Medicine" presented by Deborah Cox on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our Sisterhood has also been busy with meetings that include a presentation of our new Constitution and our Slate of Officers.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, our meeting will include Adult Coloring with music mentored by Rita Holz. The Constitution and Slate of Officers will be voted on at our December meeting and we would be very pleased to have these meetings well attended as it will bolster the future of our Sisterhood.

Ellen Goldenson will be doing our *Mitzvah Menorah* for *Chanukah* which will enable a happy and more heartfelt holiday for many. Gift cards from Publix will be added as so many are in need.

I wish all a very happy and meaningful holiday season.



## DILEMMAS OF FAITH

**Next: Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm**

Dilemmas of Faith is an in-depth learning opportunity from the renowned Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel. This series will explore the foundational issues of faith, engaging in broad and deep analysis of some of the dilemmas that faith in the modern world raises, and will address the intersection of faith and reason, faith and history, faith and politics, and the faith experience. Video presentations by Hartman Institute scholars, in-class text study and group discussions will help analyze and address such dilemmas. Open to all, with a minimal fee. **You MUST pre-register by January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Call the Office at (561) 833-8421 for more information or to register.

**A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT'S GOING ON AT TEMPLE ISRAEL IN DECEMBER**  
**CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM GUIDE OR CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO RSVP.**

**Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm**

*Erev Shabbat Service* and "Simply Jewish" Cultural Series' "Anat Hoffman: Warrior for Religious Freedom" – Our guest speaker will be Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Founding Member of Women of the Wall, who is an effective and courageous fighter for social justice and equality. Please join us beforehand for a special "Proneg" at 6:00 p.m. A special *Oneg Shabbat* reception immediately follows services and the presentation. RSVP requested as this speaker and subject will surely attract many members and the community.

**Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 pm**

"Fill the Void" – Come watch this special film with us as we explore our Sunday afternoon monthly films with a general theme of discrimination and its different forms. This film is set in the ultra-orthodox Jewish world and describes the imbalance of power for girls/young women in one version of this traditional society.

**Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm**

*Conversations for Interfaith Families - "Interfaith Meet-Up: The December Holidays"* (1<sup>st</sup> of four stand-alone conversations) – In partnership with InterfaithFamily, this rewarding workshop is for couples to work on creating their unique religious lives together.

**Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

*Youth Group Bowling & Candle Making* – Fun for our Youth bowling at a local alley & making candles for *Chanukah!* \$15/child. RSVPs a must to Jackie Klein by 12/10.

**Wednesday, December 18 at 11:45 am**

*Israel Current Events Discussion* – A stimulating conversation and wonderful learning opportunity regarding Israel current events and the impact these events have on our lives here in the USA and for Jews around the world. Free and open to all. Bring your own lunch.

**Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm**

"Lessons from Grandma Rose...over Pizza" – A thought-provoking conversation with medical and rabbinical professionals regarding Advanced Care Planning. Learn and discuss what you need to consider for accepting and celebrating life's natural conclusion. Free and open to all, includes a pizza dinner. *Please RSVP by December 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm**

"TI Reads" Book Club – An invigorating intellectual and stimulating conversation as we delve into a wide range of published works with some thread of Jewish connectivity. This month's book is "The Long Lost Tribe of Fatherless Girls" by T. Kira Madden. For more information and location, call the Temple Office.

**Sunday, December 22 at 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

*A Community Chanukah Event* – Enjoy the festivities and come visit our table at West Palm Beach's *Chanukah* event at Rosemary Square in City Place (in collaboration with the Jewish Federation.) Live entertainment, story-telling and more! For more information, go to [rosemarysquarewpb.com](http://rosemarysquarewpb.com).

**Wednesday, December 25 (time TBD)**

*Cook & Serve Christmas Dinner* – Join us for a Christmas *Mitzvah!* Temple Israel volunteers will be cooking and serving dinner at St. George's Episcopal Church in Riviera Beach to spread the holiday cheer to those in need. For more information and to volunteer, please call the Temple Office.

**Friday, December 27 at 5:30 pm**

"Night of 100 Menorahs *Chanukah* Celebration" and *Erev Shabbat Service* – Celebrate *Chanukah* with Temple Israel as we enjoy dinner together at 5:30 pm followed by a worship service at 6:30 pm. Bring a *chanukiyah* (*Chanukah* menorah) and 7 candles to light in unison before the service. A special *Oneg Shabbat* dessert reception follows services. Open to all at no cost. *RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**REMINDER: JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup> IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE !**



# Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School Director

As we catch our breath after the High Holy Day season, we celebrate recent activities and we also look ahead to the next couple of months of activity.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to spend the night at a sleepover here at Temple Israel during *Sukkot*. It was an evening filled with lots of singing and building a craft favorite – a *CANDY SUKKAH!*

Some of our High School students had the amazing opportunity to attend the Fall *Kallah* – a gathering of teens with our region of NFTY-STR (North American Federation of Temple Youth). This exciting and empowering weekend included community-building, worship and programming – which we also focus on in our Temple Israel Religious School.

Our youth programming at Temple Israel has expanded to include a monthly program for our youngest kids called Temple Tots. We are working with PJ Library to share a story, do crafts, enjoy snacks and of course relish in lots of music with Ms. Carol each month. We have had two separate sessions at this point and it is not too late to join us! Please share the program with any Jewish little ones that you might know (aged VPK/Preschool).

In conjunction with the Global Day of Jewish Learning, our older students had the opportunity to create memories with their peers and connect to the memories of their families by baking their own *challah* on November 17<sup>th</sup>. What fun they had!

December includes many activities. We are looking forward to Rabbi Olshein leading our Learn with Parents on December 8<sup>th</sup> with an exploration of the Winter Holidays. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be going bowling with our students at Tropicana Verde Alley. They will also have the opportunity to make their own *Chanukah* Candles there. On *Erev Chanukah* (December 22<sup>nd</sup>) from 1pm-4pm, we will be taking a group of our students to the *Chanukah* Festival hosted by the Jewish Federation at Rosemary Square where we'll be singing and sharing some *Chanukah* Joy! There will be lots of fun activities and food for all ages to enjoy. I hope to see you there!

On a personal note, I can't believe my first semester of learning with our students is coming to a close and I'm very excited about continuing with motivational and educational projects next semester. We have many students to be proud of here at Temple Israel. Recently I was helping to prepare a student to become a *Bat Mitzvah*. Her Torah portion was *Lech L'Cha* which encourages us to try new opportunities in life. At Temple Israel, we aim to offer incredible opportunities throughout the year for our students to take part in and engage their Jewish self. May we all learn from this Torah portion and look within to whom we are and can be.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions about our school and youth programs.

Pictured right: Jordyn Strauss and Maya Green both were very excited to be heading to Fall *Kallah*, joining other Jewish teens in Florida.

They had a fantastic time with lots of singing, dancing and learning! We hope to see more teens join them in the future!





## From the Executive Director

Karen Szteinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

I have fond childhood memories of skipping to my synagogue every Friday night and Saturday morning, and even fonder memories of celebrating holidays together with my extended family. Holidays were always important to us as we helped each other prepare the table, assemble the dishes and even clean up afterwards. It wasn't just the actions we performed but our togetherness and the stories and laughter we shared. And yet our family celebrations were only at Jewish holidays... and Thanksgiving.

My favorite gathering was for Thanksgiving. While the turkey was delicious and the autumn colors were delightful, we were each asked to say what the holiday meant to us and what we were most thankful for. I can't recall who was thankful for an A+ on an exam or who was happy about an upcoming ski trip, but I do remember the story of Thanksgiving extending beyond the original pilgrimage to America; to us, it was also a salute to our own plight and journey – that of my family and of Jews throughout the world.

Many of the Pilgrims came to escape religious persecution, similar to many Jews who came to America – including my mother's family. We spoke of how the Pilgrims' story reflects that of *Sukkot*, the time when the Israelites wandered in the desert on their way to Canaan to live in freedom, similar to the original Pilgrim settlers' travels. *Sukkot* is our harvest festival, similar to the autumn Thanksgiving. To my family, Thanksgiving was a "pseudo" Jewish holiday.

At our family's *Chanukah* celebration, we each brought our own *chanukiah*, similar to Temple Israel's 100 Nights of Menorahs. (Some of our *chanukiot* were amusingly from our pre-K days awkwardly created by wood, glue and bolts.) We would light the candles in unison and say the prayer (some faster than others, hoping to grab the first *latke*.) There was always an extra *chanukiah* that we lit for those who could not celebrate – including those in Romania where some of our family members were still hiding their Judaism in fear of persecution. And as we lit that last menorah, we said, "*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam*, thank you for allowing us to be together, for having the freedom to practice our faith and for providing the miracles that have brought us here today."

I wish you all the very same... that you embrace Temple Israel and continue to celebrate the holidays with us... that you always feel the comfort of our services and the warmth of our open arms... and that you create wonderful and meaningful traditions within your own families to remember our past, appreciate the present and pass on for the future.

### TRAVEL PEARLS

Next: **Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm**



This 3-part course by world-traveler Dr. Alan Shuster offers practical pearls in choosing and booking trips, packing tips, handling obstacles, staying safe, personal awareness and etiquette – to provide maximal travel experiences and lifelong memories. Free and open to all.

Other course dates are January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, call the Office at (561) 833-8421.

# Here's to the Past, Present & Future! Celebrating 25+ Years of Membership and Life & Legacy Partners

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel honored those members who have been with us for over 25 years as well as those who have made a Legacy Gift for our future. What a wonderful evening socializing with our Temple Israel Family! Much appreciation goes to our incredible hosts, Karen & Marty List, who graciously opened up their home as well as their hearts for this Social.



## From Rabbi Howard Shapiro:

I am sorry I will miss seeing Anat Hoffman on Friday night December 6<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict. She is known as a Jewish warrior for social justice in Israel where she serves as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Director and Founding Member of Women of the Wall. She cares deeply for the religious freedom for all in Israel. She cares deeply for marriage equality in Israel. She has been named Person of the Year by the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* and has ranked fifth in a list of the top fifty most influential Jews by the Jerusalem Post. Known as a “professional troublemaker” who is “hopelessly optimistic”, Anat Hoffman is one of my heroes.



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Love to play the clarinet or saxophone? Some other musical instrument? Contact Rabbi Olshein at (561) 833-8421 if you'd like more information about how you help enhance our worship by sharing your talent with us!



## The *Mussar* Moment

Barry Horowitz, M.D.

My most recent *Mussar* Moment occurred on an evening flight from Fort Lauderdale to Las Vegas. For the 5-hour flight, I had booked an extra legroom seat on the aisle. As I sat down, a woman in the middle seat asked if I would change seats with her husband who was sitting in the window seat of the extra legroom row in front of us. She asked this because of her autistic daughter who was sitting in the window seat of my current row, who would need help during the flight.

It would have been nice for my immediate internal response to be “of course!”, but admittedly it was not, as I focused on my own need to be comfortable on the flight. However, outwardly I quickly acquiesced and changed seats. In my new row was a man in the aisle seat and the middle seat was empty. Was God going to reward me for my actions?

A few minutes before the door closed, a young man with a *kippah* sat down in the middle seat with a wild 2-year old lap child. Again, I was tested and actually called the stewardess over to tell her my story and ask if there were any other seats (there were not) and this probably made the father feel badly (and I felt badly for doing so.) So, I relented and accepted the situation. My solace was my Bose earphones, but when I went to plug them into the jack to watch TV or a movie as a distraction, the jack was broken. A final exam was taking place!

So much of what occurs in our lives is beyond our control. And what is in control should be in service to others and not to ourselves. It is important that we use these moments in our spiritual curriculums to reflect so that we can change, strive for *Shelumut* or wholeness and ultimately elevate our choices and be holy in our conduct. Doing so will let the light of our *Neshamas*, our souls, shine into the world and make it a better place.

### INTERFAITH FAMILIES

Next: Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm



Supporting Interfaith Families Exploring Jewish Life

In partnership with InterfaithFamily, Temple Israel is sponsoring **Conversations for Interfaith Families** on select Monday evenings at 7:00pm, including the upcoming “**Interfaith Meet-Up**” workshops on December 9<sup>th</sup> (“The December Holidays”) and January 13<sup>th</sup> (“The Secular New Year and Resolutions”), open to all and free of charge. These informal workshops offer a safe environment for couples to work on creating their unique religious lives together and help each other find answers to their questions and challenges. Continuing workshops will be posted, as well as our “**Love and Religion**” sessions which begin on January 27<sup>th</sup> followed by February 3<sup>rd</sup> and other dates. For more information, please call the Office at (561) 833-8421.

## JOIN US AT SERVICES EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AWAY!



Did you know that our *erev Shabbat* services are live-streamed and saved on Facebook? You can still experience services with us when you're out of town or unavailable to be with us... and you don't even need a Facebook account to watch!

If you're on Facebook, please LIKE our page and join us at "Temple Israel, West Palm Beach!"

For more information, call our Office at (561) 833-8421.

### FILM FESTIVAL

Next: Sunday, December 8 at 2:30pm



Join us for our Film Festival on select Sunday afternoons with award-winning, sensitive and intriguing films, each with a general theme of discrimination and the different forms it takes. Our next showing is **Fill the Void** on December 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by **BlackKlansman** on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP by 3:00pm on the Friday afternoon before each film. For more information or to RSVP, call the Office at (561) 833-8421.

### COPING WITH THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Next: Wednesday, January 8 at 1:00pm



Grieving parents face the painful reality that only other parents who have suffered such a terrible loss can relate to. Participate with others who are experiencing the same feelings and find connections that may help you overcome your grief. This ongoing support group is led by a facilitator who has learned how to live with the same loss and grief. Participants are welcome to come as frequently as they wish. Future dates are January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Free and open to all. Please call the Office at (561) 833-8421 to sign-up

Special Thanks Go Out to These Members of **Temple Israel's Greeting Corps**  
who served during November:

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and those who served as **Ushers** for our A Trip Down Memory Lane fundraiser:

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**NIGHT OF 100 MENORAHS CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**  
**Friday, December 27 at 5:30pm**



Celebrate *Chanukah* with us as we enjoy dinner together at 5:30pm followed by a worship service at 6:30pm. Bring a *chanukiyah* (*Chanukah* menorah) and 7 candles to light in unison before the service. An *Oneg Shabbat* dessert reception immediately follows services. This illuminating event is open to all at no cost. Please **RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup>** to the Office at (561) 833-8421.

Come join the **Temple Israel TaTa Society** team for the 2020 Komen Race for the Cure on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 along the Flagler Drive waterfront in West Palm Beach. To register, go to the Komen Florida website and find "Race for the Cure." Click on Register, then select Join a Team and choose Temple Israel TaTa Society or donate directly to the team via Sherri Gilbert's page (the Team Captain). Let's race to find a cure and stomp out breast cancer together!



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**~ Jennifer & Michael Strauss**



**Temple Israel is Family. Please consider creating a legacy to provide for future generations and continuity of services and programs. For more information and ways to participate, please contact our Administrator, Karen Szteinberg, at (561) 833-8421 or [karen@temple-israel.com](mailto:karen@temple-israel.com).**

## A HOLIDAY MITZVAH

For almost 20 years, Temple Israel volunteers have been cooking and serving a **Christmas meal** to 100-125 people at **St. George's Episcopal Church in Riviera Beach**. It is truly an amazing experience for all! Please join us as we help those who truly need this holiday cheer! We are in need of cooks, provisions and servers.



If you can't be there on Christmas Day, you can still help with one or more of the following:

- **Cook 2 turkey breasts** in your own home. Slice it and deliver it to Temple Israel beforehand or to St. George's that morning in a disposable foil container so it can be reheated.
- **Make or buy desserts**. Pumpkin Pies have always been a favorite at the dinner (Costco has terrific oversized ones that feed a lot of people), but we are open to any other desserts as well.
- We always make the meal special by serving Sparkling Cider that day, so perhaps **purchase multiple bottles of Sparkling Cider**.

And most important, **we need servers on Christmas Day itself**.

If you'd like to participate in any way or have any questions, please contact Patti Abramson at (561) 371-2392 or [pabramson13345@gmail.com](mailto:pabramson13345@gmail.com).



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## SEE YOU AT TI READS!

### Fall - Winter Book Selections

Did you read *Just Mercy* yet?  
We're still talking about it at Temple Israel!

Dec 19 - "Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls"  
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For more information about Temple Israel Reads  
Contact Chair: Mary Arpe at [mcarpe@gmail.com](mailto:mcarpe@gmail.com)  
or Temple Israel's office at 561.833.8421

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## DILEMMAS OF FAITH

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evenings listed below  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

- January 15, 2020
- January 29, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- February 26, 2020
- March 11, 2020

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Bottom left: Rabbi Olshein thanking Co-Chairs Nancy Horowitz, Zelda Mason and Judy Shuster (from R to L)

Bottom right: Raffle Co-Coordinator Adrienne Weissman at the Raffle Board.  
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## ISRAEL CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP (BYOL)

Wednesday afternoons on

December 18, January 8, February 5, March 18 at 11:45 pm



Back by members' requests, Rabbi Olshein will lead a lively discussion group on current events in Israel. Sign up and receive an email about the discussion topic in advance. Discuss the impact these events have on our lives here in the USA and for Jews around the world. Bring your own lunch. This class is free and open to all.

Please RSVP by calling the Temple Office at  
(561) 833-8421.

# December Birthdays

1	Patricia Abramson	13	Zachary Cohen	23	Leslie Maurer
2	Sara Gould	13	Michael Hackman	25	Cynthia Friedman
2	Benjamin Horowitz	13	Samuel Leopold	25	Eileen Shapiro
2	Ellis Kern	13	Alyssa Lunin	26	Mary Ann Ehrlich
3	Jack Feuer	13	Joseph Maryuma	26	Mark Feldmesser
3	Wolfgang Greiter	14	Allison Alexander	28	Daniel Wacks
4	Michael Mora	15	Taylor Smith	29	James Eisenberg
5	Judith Goldblatt	17	Jeffrey Devore	29	Sarah Lazow
6	Matthew Rothman	18	Stephen Goldstein	29	Isabel Lucas
7	Cathy Solomon	18	Angelica Sandoval	30	Roger Hork
10	Jill Douglas	19	Suzu Cohen	30	Bob Marell
11	David Partheniou	20	Michael Alexander	31	Elizabeth Green
12	Kenneth Aaron	20	Joshua Simkowitz		
12	Eunice Baros	22	Hope Baros		
12	Gene Devore				

# December Anniversaries

10	Keith Braun & Traci Pincourt-Braun
18	Stephen & Nancy Schwartz
19	Harris & Sande Hollin
21	Scott & Georgia Newman
23	Jim Garrett & Carol Robbins-Garrett
24	Michael & Diane Steiner
25	Nate & Mara Frederiksen
31	Michael & Amy Jonas



# “Mazel Tov” to

- Judy and “J” Goodman on the marriage of their son Adam Goodman to Miriam Iken on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Judy and “J” Goodman’s on the birth of their grand-daughter Abigail Flora born October 23 in Washington, D.C. to Josh and Veronica Goodman, joining sister Sarah  
*(Both Josh and Adam Goodman grew up attending Temple Israel.)*
- Casey Cook and Geoffrey Richards on their wedding on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Irv Silver and his family on the wedding of his daughter Danielle Silver to Billy Butler on November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Glen Smith and Ruth Smith and their family on the wedding of their daughter/ granddaughter (respectively) Taylor Smith to Daniel Herz on November 9<sup>th</sup>

May all the happy couples and families enjoy a lifetime of happiness with many *simchas* and much *nachas*!

# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brotherhood Candlemaking Morning 9:00 am	2	3 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	4 Yoga 10:30 am Marketing Meeting 5:30 pm Hebrew School	5 What Does it Mean to be a Good Jew? 2:00 pm	6 Erev Shabbat With special "Simply Jewish" presentation featuring Anat Hoffman 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	7 Torah Study 9:30 am Boat Parade President's Circle (By invitation)
8 Religious School Film "Fill the Void" 2:30 pm	9 Conversation for Interfaith Families 7:00 pm	10	11 Yoga 10:30 am Mussar and Transformation 7:30 pm Hebrew School	12	13 Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	14 Torah Study 9:30 am
15 Youth Group Bowling & Candle Making 11:00 am	16	17 Social Action Meeting 5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Yoga 10:30 am Israel Current Events 11:45 am Lessons from Grandma Rose... over Pizza 5:30 pm Hebrew School Make Up Day	19 What Does it Mean to be a Good Jew? 2:00 pm TI Reads Book Club 7:00 pm	20 Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	21 Torah Study 9:30 am
22 A Community Chanukah Event at Rosemary Square 1:00 pm First night of Chanukah	23	24	25 Cook and Serve Christmas Dinner at St. George's Episcopal Church (Riviera Beach) TBA Office Closed	26	27 Erev Shabbat Night of 100 Menorahs 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm - Service	28 Torah Study 9:30 am Jordan Mattias Bat Mitzvah
29	30	31				



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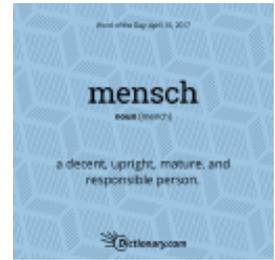
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**SUNDAYS IN THE KITCHEN WITH YOUTH GROUP**  
**Sunday afternoons on February 23, April 5 at 12 pm**



These three cooking sessions were designed with the Youth Group in mind. If you are an adult and interested in participating, please contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 to find out if there is room.

Feb. 23 – Purim Prep / April 5 – Matzah Baking



**LET'S BAKE!** In our Temple kitchen, let's bake up some goodies to serve for our Friday night *Onegs*! Either bring your own recipe and ingredients or learn to bake something new. We can have some fun together and maybe pick up some "sweet" new tricks to take home. Plus, we are providing delicious snacks for future *Onegs*.

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Please note that Temple Office will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

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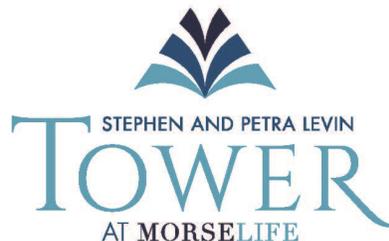
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