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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

The Holiday of Postponement

This could have been a High Holy Day message.

I am not kidding.

Here is what I had been thinking, back in May. If COVID would still be an issue in September, perhaps we would simply – are you ready? – postpone them until Hanukkah. Yes, of course, the Jewish year would begin at Rosh HaShanah. But, we would postpone its celebration until Hanukkah.

Actually, my plan was to do Yom Kippur in the beginning of December. We cleanse ourselves of our sins. Five days later, we would do Sukkot. And then, we would be ready for Hanukkah – the festival of re-dedication. Just as the Maccabees re-dedicated the ancient Temple in Jerusalem after the Syrian-Greeks had defiled it, we would have been able to re-dedicate our local synagogues, after our period of medical defilement.

I had based the idea on the certainty that, by December, COVID would have been history. I was wrong. We all were. This was a crazy idea, and it went nowhere – for good reason.

But, then again, the idea has strong historical precedent. Why do I say that?

Because the ancient texts that teach about the Maccabean revolution make it very clear: that the Maccabees celebrated the first Hanukkah with palm fronds.

Wait. What? Palm fronds – as in lulav? Isn't that a Sukkot thing?

Absolutely right. The Maccabees were so busy fighting the war that they didn't have time to celebrate Sukkot. Hanukkah began as a late Sukkot!

And, why, therefore, do we celebrate Hanukkah for eight nights? Not because of a mythical miracle of oil that lasted that long; that was a much later addition to the story. No – we celebrate Hanukkah for eight nights because that is the length of the festival of Sukkot.

COVID is now entering its eighth month. And, with the length of this pandemic, we find ourselves in that moment of postponement. Postponed travel plans; postponed plans to see our families; postponed plans to engage in the larger world – all on hold.

As Sukkot was on hold, once upon a time.

There will come a time when the postponement will end, when all our hopes will once again become real.

But, as for me, and perhaps for you – we will kindle our Hanukkah lights with the prayer that those lights will provide us with the warmth of resolve. **Join us for The Lights of Hope – Our Night of 100 Menorahs, on Thursday, December 17, at 6 pm.**

When there is darkness, increase the light. What else can we do?



From the President

Marty List

Let There Be Light(s)

With December just around the corner, our days seem shorter as the darkness of evening comes earlier. For years, we have looked forward to our annual tradition of kindling the Hanukkah lights together in our Sanctuary on our “Night of 100 Menorahs,” and we had hoped to continue that tradition again this year – albeit socially distanced and in the open air of our courtyard.

Rabbi Salkin and Karen Szteinberg, in collaboration with several of our leaders who are in the medical field, have developed very detailed plans that would allow us to hold small outdoor gatherings of our members, socially distanced and compliant with CDC guidelines. We had hoped the eighth night of Hanukkah would be our first opportunity to dip a toe in the water of re-experiencing our holidays together at Temple Israel.

Unfortunately, the current increase in COVID cases in Florida and in Palm Beach County has delayed our plans. The good news is that our plan to reopen temple safely and in appropriate phases is ready to go, when the time is right.

Hanukkah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek army. With every night, we add an additional candle, in order to increase the light.

As we add more candles to our *hanukkiot* each night in appreciation of the increasing miracle of light, may we become messengers of hope and optimism as we “defeat” the darkness of 2020 and celebrate the miracles to come in 2021 with all our friends and families.

A Thank You from the Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee thanks you for your commitment and participation during the election process and looks forward to working with everyone on healing and moving forward. What’s Your Passion? We want to know!



RACE FOR THE CURE

Save the Date to join the **Temple Israel TaTa Society** team – your Temple Israel family and friends – for the 2021 Komen Virtual Race for the Cure on January 30th, 2021 in West Palm Beach.

Register at KomenFlorida.org – click on REGISTER, then select “Join an Existing Team” and enter “Temple Israel TaTa Society 2021” when prompted.

Let’s race to find a cure and stomp out breast cancer together!



From the Executive Director

Karen Szteinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

Like mostly everyone else, I am still reasonably social distancing and always concerned about the health of my loved ones. Darkness comes earlier each day, both literally this time of year and figuratively as Covid counts continue to rise. We all have new protocols to follow – no more hugging, no more travel, no more blowing out birthday candles. Zoom, Skype and FaceTime have enabled us virtual time together but we are still limited. So how do we become excited about holidays?

In my childhood days at Hanukkah, my 3 siblings and I stood around the *hanukkiah* and repeated the prayer said by my mother as she lit the candles. (My father most likely had his Polaroid camera in hand.) We ate potato latkes and received a gift from our parents which we cherished. It meant we were thought of. It meant we were loved. It meant that we were Jews celebrating a special holiday.

When I had my own daughters, we spent a night of Hanukkah at each side of the family. With my side, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents gathered around the menorah with one family representative lighting a candle of the *hanukkiah*. We said the prayer in unison, sang “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel”, exchanged gifts and enjoyed jelly munchkins and latkes. My sister usually prepared questions to amuse the kids, such as “What makes this night different than any other night?” (Yes, a familiar question but a different answer.) It was a wonderful and fun family bonding time.

Celebrating at my in-laws was different in many aspects, perhaps because of their Israeli culture. Each person had his or her own *hanukkiah* to light, we sang many songs in both English and Hebrew (most I never heard before), we sometimes squeezed jelly into homemade *soufganyot* and grated potatoes for the latkes, and there were multiple gifts (sometimes one for each of the Hanukkah nights; I had never before heard of a gift for each night.)

I think back to my own childhood when we had not as many gifts, no homemade *soufganyot*, no Hebrew songs... but I was with my family and we celebrated and embraced Judaism – that’s what Hanukkah is for me and I am warmed by that thought. I think forward to what this year will look like, as we cannot be physically together. It will be different, it will be creative, it will be illuminating... and it will be exciting because we will make it that way. We will light our candles simultaneously on Zoom. We will probably use the same latkes recipe... or perhaps Streit’s instead. We will send each other gifts... or perhaps *gelt* or gift cards instead of shopping. We will chat and laugh and smile together. For 8 days we will celebrate the miracle of our existence – as Jews now and as Jews over 2000 years ago – and that we have been fortunate to have survived and are still thriving.

This Hanukkah, I hope that my family – the people I love and care for including my TI Family – collectively lift the *shamash* as a light of hope... and engage with us at Temple Israel’s Lights of Hope – Night of 100 Menorahs via Zoom. I wish you and yours a very Happy Hanukkah!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Zelda Mason and Rabbi Howard Shapiro who generously sponsor our Simply Jewish series. Many thanks also go to Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Linda Solomon for helping put together these programs of talented presenters.

Keep your eyes open for the Simply Jewish 2021 programs, coming soon!



Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School & Youth Programming Director

Thoughts from Hebrew School Land.

Victoria and Emma - First Edition

I sat down with Victoria and Emma, middle school students who spent some time exploring the opening blessings *N'sim B'chol Yom* from our morning service. These blessings look at different actions and reasons to thank G-d.

They had the chance to explore this series of blessing in the back and forth discussion style of *chevruta*. *Chevruta* is a study method done as a pair where together a text is looked at and explored by asking and answering questions of each other. This was their first time doing *chevruta* together. We spent three weeks exploring the blessings.

In the Talmud, there are many stories where you see the close relationship that is formed in friendship through sitting and learning together throughout one's life. A *chavruta* is more than just a learning partner; often they are true friends. As a teacher, it was a joy to see two of our students get to know each better as they learned they both really enjoyed anime (hand-drawn and computer animation.) Often times the subject would come up in examples. It has frequently become a source of laughter and new knowledge for me as one of the students always has a new representation of anime to show as her virtual background. May their friendship continue to grow. I hope to continue to feature more of these moments of life in the classroom throughout the year.

I asked them:

What do you like about *chevruta*?

Victoria felt it was calming way of learning and she was able to learn new material from our prayer service. Emma liked that it was a new way of study and allowed for each person's opinion.

What was different about this in comparison to other moments of learning?

They both really appreciated the opportunity to not just hear from a teacher lecturing but to be able to share their own knowledge on the topic.

What a wonderful learning experience!

OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAS "S.T.E.A.M."!

Temple Israel is very proud of its innovative programs including bringing science to its Religious School. In December, our Religious School will be sponsoring the *Mirror Hanukkiot* projects that are packaged by URJ 6 Points Sci Tech Academy, a URJ Summer Camp.

These projects are a way of building engineering and math skills through the use of Jewish ritual objects. Every student will receive one box as a Hanukkah gift, to design and build on their own.

As a follow up, a staff member from URJ 6 Points Sci Tech will lead an activity with our youth that dives deep into its scientific explanation. We are grateful to Rabbi Salkin for his contribution from Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to sponsor this additional activity to go along with the building of the individual projects.



Our Hebrew class went hunting for their Mezzuot throughout their homes and look what they found! Sometimes Zoom classes can feel lonely but being able to be brought into each others' homes as part of the Jewish learning experiences makes class time less lonely.

(Left is Ben, Right is Jack)



TEMPLE ISRAEL SINGS

Temple Israel welcomes two new Music Enrichment Teachers to enhance our Religious School's Sunday programs as well as *Madrichim* Development.



Lara Tessler, from Wellington, Florida, is in her second year of Rabbinical School at HUC (Hebrew Union College) and has been highly involved in NFTY North American programming as well as regional programming. Lara has been a songleader at URJ Camp Coleman for many years, having enjoyed being one in high school. She has two primary roles for music. First, to help lead service for Religious School and teach music to our students. Second, to provide guidance and mentorship to our three music *madrichim* to enable them to build their own music leadership skills which they would bring to our community.



Jacob Shippel is coming to us livestreamed from Georgia where he is currently a senior at Georgia Southern University. Jacob started playing the guitar thirteen years ago and has enjoyed making Jewish music since 2010. He was the Music Specialist at URJ Camp Coleman from 2017-2020 and has held many leadership roles at his Hillel and Alpha Epsilon Pi chapters including the latter's Jewish Identity Chair. Jacob is looking forward to songleading and mentoring our students at Temple Israel, including at our Tot Shabbat.



Our "Mirror Menorah" project from 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy, which will be distributed to all of our students, will be on December 16th at 6:30pm. What a fun learning experience!

Temple Israel Sisterhood

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

Many thanks to everyone who participated in Sisterhood's Count Your Blessings fundraiser for Temple Israel, and a big thanks to our at-large board member Nancy Horowitz who chaired the event.

Every year, Sisterhood sponsors a Mitzvah Menorah to provide Hanukkah gifts to children who are being served by Alpert Jewish Family Service. Our goal is to provide each child a \$50 gift card of their choice.

Requested cards include Target, Burlington and Amazon. You can buy the card yourself and send it with the receipt to Temple Israel (Attention: Sisterhood) or send a check made payable to "Temple Israel Sisterhood" in any amount you choose. If you prefer to use a credit card (we will add a 3% convenience fee), please contact Fundraising Vice President Lynn Levy at (561) 632-1877 or LRL5194@aol.com.

We hope that you will join us in helping to kindle the Hanukkah lights for children in our community. Please donate by December 1st.

We thank our Social Action Vice Presidents Janice Rosenberg and Jane Herring for chairing our Mitzvah Menorah, along with at-large board member Ellen Goldenson. Please contact Janice at (561) 640-7657 with any questions.

We'd also like to thank our Supporting Members and welcome our new members at a brunch on Sunday, January 10th at 11 am. Our advisor and art guru, Karen List, is hosting this in-person event outdoors on her patio, which will be followed by our "Add Sparkle to Your New Year" craft and cooking program at 1pm as Karen shows us how to add pizzazz to serving pieces and chef Susie Rieser shares one of her favorite recipes. Individual bites and drinks will be provided, and masks are required. RSVP to Michell Escobar at (469) 360-6488. If you aren't already a Supporting Member, please consider becoming one for only \$36. It's a great way to start 2021, and we would love to have you join us.

On behalf of Sisterhood, we wish our Temple Israel family a Hanukkah filled with light and love.

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Temple Israel Brotherhood

Mike Strauss, Brotherhood President

As 2020 draws to a close, I'd like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended one of our Brotherhood's events. While some of our bigger events had to be canceled, we did enjoy some new virtual ones. Hopefully next year we'll be able to have more in-person events starting with a great idea that Rabbi Salkin came up with where we go to a local brewery and try some new beers.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun new year!

"I AM SARGE"

On November 21st, our Simply Jewish series introduced comedian and motivational speaker Sarge. The presentation gave heartwarming insight into his life as a Black Jewish individual, using humor to describe the challenges and acceptances he has experienced. We thank Rabbi Salkin for interviewing Sarge throughout the evening and both Zelda Mason and Rabbi Howard Shapiro for underwriting our Simply Jewish series. Stay tuned for our next presenters – Esther Safran Foer: "I Want You To Know We Are Still Here" (December 5th) and the musical duo of Kol BeSeder (January 23rd).

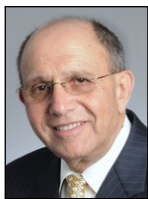


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The *Mussar* Moment

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

Eileen and I are watching a Webinar called “How To Eat on Thanksgiving” with Mark Bittman, former food editor for the New York Times and author of several books about food and cooking. It began with a survey, asking people how they felt about Thanksgiving this year. The overwhelming response was concerned/cautious and how to scale back. I know this is a December column but among the insights I am hearing from Mark is: Simplify. And isn’t the turkey the least exciting food on the table? It’s the sides; it’s the stuffing; it’s the corn pudding; the pecan pie.... The turkey is almost a decoration.

It’s the people around the table or the people on Zoom and the laughter and shared moments. It’s talking about issues and the plight/pain/hopes/prayers for our country. It’s about thinking about how much we have and how we can live our gratitude and it’s of course about the parade and football. One of the traditions I like to process on Thanksgiving is asking everyone to share what they are grateful for. We offer a lot of predictable responses. But listening to this webinar, I am reminded of that beautiful phrase in the old Union Prayer Book: “How much we owe to the labor of others.” Especially in this Holiday season when food is at the center of so many celebrations.

One of the Mussar teachings about gratitude is that we have a gratitude muscle which we strengthen and grow by giving. And not necessarily in one large donation (although there certainly is nothing wrong with that). We grow it by using it consistently and continually. To stay with our theme, the webinar highlighted the difficult challenges of restaurant workers, tipped workers and service providers during this pandemic. Take a look at the website of One Fair Wage: <https://ofwemergencyfund.org/> It is a good reminder of what we take for granted; it is a good reminder of how we can bulk up with placing gratitude and simplicity at the heart of our celebrations.

So Happy Hanukkah and Happy 2021. May it be a lighter and brighter year.

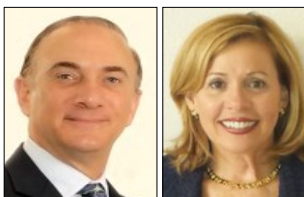
JUST BREATHE! CHAIR YOGA via Zoom

Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am – 11:30am



Chair Yoga is a wonderful experience, both physically and mentally. Led by our dynamic yogini 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 uses 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. Check your emails or contact the Temple Office for Zoom access or more info: (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com.



President's Circle

Michael and Amy Jonas, Co-chairs

The Fruit of the Vine

Noah was the first to plant a vineyard (Genesis 9:20). Since he landed the ark on the mountains of Ararat, we can assume that the first vineyard was planted somewhere in Turkey, Armenia or Iran.

So, we know who made the first wine and where it was made, but we do not know the qualities of the wine or whether it was good or had potential to become good. For those determinations, we need the knowledge and guidance of a sommelier.

The first known sommelier is described in the Torah. He was the cupbearer who Joseph saved from Pharaoh with an interpretation of the cupbearer's dream. But the first Jewish sommelier may have been King David's wine steward, Zabdi the Shiphmite who served over the produce of the vineyards for wine cellars (I Chronicles, 27: 27).

For centuries, wine sommeliers were only men and, until recently, only men achieved the highest designation of Master Sommelier. Fewer than 275 wine experts internationally have achieved this status and today, fewer than 30 are women.

Before Shabbat on November 6th, our President's Circle and Life & Legacy members were celebrated through a virtual and delightful wine tasting with the 25th female to become a Master Sommelier, Rebecca Fineman. During her presentation, we learned about the history of winemaking in Israel and the making of kosher wine. And then, we tasted a fine bottle of a kosher Bordeaux style red blend from Israel - Tzora "Judean Hills".

Rebecca, who is Jewish and, among other distinctions, formerly a Fulbright scholar, guided us through the winemaking regions in Israel. Of particular emphasis was the Tzora region and the Tzora kibbutz and winery which produced the bottle of wine we each enjoyed. It was a very informative and enlightening event. We learned that kosher wine for Passover not only can be something other than Manischewitz, but it can also be a wine that could be served in a fine restaurant. It was a great way to enter into Shabbat.

Thank you to Don Carter for being inspired to generously underwrite the tasting in honor of Amy Fromer's birthday.

Thank you to Rabbi Salkin for bringing Noah to the event - not the biblical one, but Noah Aronson who premiered a wonderful version of *L'cha Dodi* before our wine tasting.

Thank you to Fred Apel, Gee Gee Eisenberg, Ellen Goldenson, Nancy Horowitz, Carole & Paul Klein, Roslyn Leopold and Fred Weissman for helping deliver the wine bottles to our President's Circle and Life & Legacy members.

Thank you to Rebecca Fineman for her excellent presentation.

And thank you to our 2020 President's Circle and Life & Legacy members who, through their significant additional contributions, help sustain Reform Judaism at 1901 N. Flagler Drive.

Please join us as a member of the President's Circle for our next event in the spring of 2021.



Did you know the letters of the dreidel are different in Israel compared to everywhere else in the world? Our dreidels show *nun*, *gimel*, *hay* and *shin* which stand for "a great miracle happened there" but in Israel, the *shin* is replaced with a *peh* which means "here"!

As you spin the dreidel this year, let's all hope for great miracles – here, there and everywhere!

Zoom Etiquette

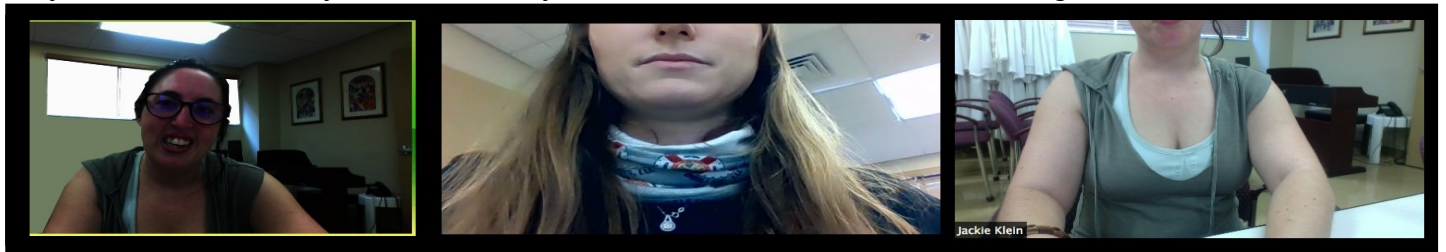
Through the months, we've all become familiar with Zoom but there's always more to learn! Here's a good tip – when the facilitator is sharing his or her screen, you can make that presentation larger to see the words better or smaller to see the speaker more. Also, do you know the difference between Speaker View (shows only the speaker) and Gallery View (you can see many participants as well)?

There's another view we need you to know about – how others see you! We love seeing you swaying to the music, smiling during a class or service, and the sparkle in your eyes as you learn something new. But unfortunately we see much more than that at times... so we've put together a few suggestions we hope you consider (our staff had fun creating these visuals for you!)

- Don't replace courtesy with comfort – whether clothing or position. It's wonderful that you're relaxing in your comfy PJs, but we would appreciate the courtesy of your wearing proper attire, especially for services, if your video is on. Or perhaps that lounge chair is quite comfortable, but what we see are two big feet closest to the camera.



- That virtual background with the Western Wall is beautiful. But every time you move, we miss you. Seriously, we miss you as you suddenly have no ear, no arm, no face... it's frightening and quite distracting. Unless you have no appropriate background, please don't use a virtual one. And always check what's behind you in the background including poorly situated artwork (one member had a painting of a deer directly behind him which made it appear as if he himself had antlers. Oh dear!)
- Lights, Camera, Action! As with any camera, a light behind you will cast you into darkness. Try to have a light on in front of you so we can see your *shana punim*. And don't forget the angle... that's important! We'd love to see more than just your forehead. Angle your camera so that it's eye-level and check yourself out on your screen to see what we're seeing.



- We say Kiddush and HaMotzi every Friday night at the end of services. While we understand you may have just come home from work or perhaps it's dinner time, please consider stopping your video while you're preparing and eating dinner. We've seen a large ketchup bottle blocking a screen, too many mouths full of food, and people walking back and forth getting dinner ready. It's quite distracting for everyone.

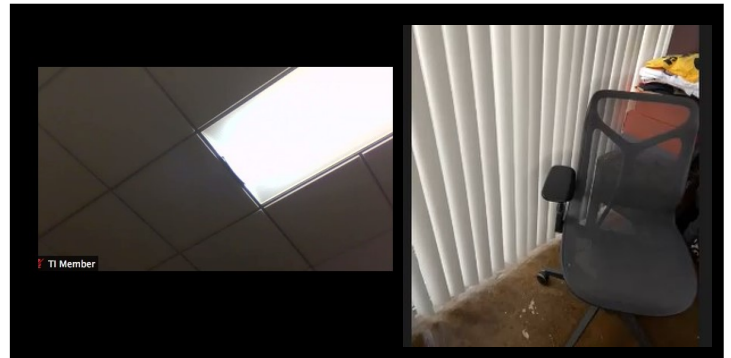


- We understand an occasional distraction, but we ask that you try to be attentive during our services or programs. Please be courteous by not chatting or texting, reading a newspaper or looking totally bored... or at least stop your video in the interim.

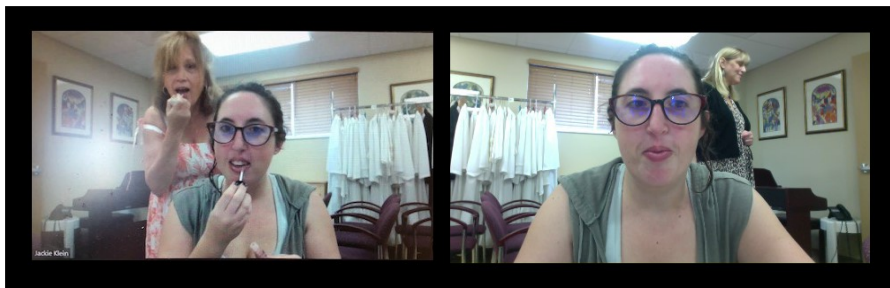


- Many times our participants have the ability to mute and unmute themselves so they can join the discussion. However, once you're unmuted, we can all hear your television, radio and private discussion (whether on the phone or with someone in the room.) As a safeguard, please keep yourself on mute until you're ready to chime in.
- Laptops, iPads and mobile phones are so accessible that you can carry them anywhere. But the changing backgrounds as you walk are distracting... and there's one place you should never take your device when you're on Zoom (the room that has a porcelain bowl.)

- Are you still there? It's obvious that you walked away as all we see is an empty room or ceiling. If you need to leave, consider stopping your video until you're back. And if you walk away to speak privately with someone, make sure you first mute yourself! We've heard quite a few interesting (private) things!



- Anyone else there? Let them know you're on Zoom before they pass by inappropriately. Yes, it's happened. Names are withheld to protect our members... but some of us are still smiling at the images.



- Speaking of protecting our members, our worship services and some programs are recorded, livestreamed to our website and on Facebook. How wonderful that we now reach and serve many more people through the internet, including members who can't participate at the immediate time. Please consider that you may be seen on the internet so look your best! And also realize that your name may be seen so you may wish to "rename" yourself once you're on to retain privacy (perhaps use only your first name, but certainly nothing inappropriate please.)

Questions? Contact the Temple Office and we'll try to help navigate Zoom with you!
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Recipe

Our TI Cooking Class in December made this delicious

APRICOT BARS WITH CARDAMON-BUTTER GLAZE with Sarajane Marell

FILLING:

1 large orange
2 cup chopped apricots
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 Tbs butter
2/3 cup water

GLAZE:

1/2 cup powdered sugar
2 Tbs butter, melted
1/8 tsp cardamom
1-2 tsp warm water

COOKIE BASE:

1 pouch Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix
1 tsp ground cardamom
1/2 cup cold butter cut in cubes
1/8 tsp almond extract
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/2 cup sliced almonds



Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom and sides of a 13"x9" pan.

In a saucepan, bring grated orange rind, squeezed orange juice, apricots, sugar and 2/3 cup water to a boil, lower to simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and add butter. Mash or process until smoothly chunky.

In a food processor, mix cookie mix, 1 tsp cardamom and cold butter until crumbly. Add almond extract and egg. Reserve 1 cup for topping. Stir in almonds into 1 cup reserved for topping.

Press into bottom of pan and bake 15 minutes. Spoon filling on top and sprinkle crumb topping. Bake 25 minutes longer. Cool 10 minutes and then squeeze glaze on top.

Cut into 8 rows by 4 rows when cool. Enjoy!

Recipe

Our TI Cooking Class in December will be making this scrumptious

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP with Dr. Barry Horowitz

Serves 8-10 and freezes well

INGREDIENTS:

4-5 lbs butternut squash
2 golden delicious apples
2 sweet onions
1-1½ cups good apple cider
2+ qts chicken or vegetable stock
1 tsp ground sage
1 Tbs fresh or 1 tsp dried thyme
¼ tsp nutmeg
1-1½ cups heavy cream or coconut cream
Salt/pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (use convection if you have one). Place racks 2 from top and 2 from bottom.
2. Peel and core apples and cut into 1" chunks
3. Peel onions and cut into 1" chunks
4. Cut squash into 6-8 pieces and remove seeds (leave the skin on)
5. Place apples and onions onto a baking sheet with silpat and place squash cut side up onto another baking sheet with silpat. Season both with salt and pepper and drizzle olive oil on top.
6. Place sheet with apples and onions on top rack and squash on bottom rack. Roast for 30 minutes, stirring apples and onions halfway through. Apples and onions should be soft and caramelized, so remove them from the oven and move squash to top rack. Roast another 30 minutes or until soft and brown when tested with a fork.
7. Using a spoon, take the squash off the skin after it has cooled a bit. Put squash and apples/onions into a stock pot.
8. Add about 2/3 cup apple cider and chicken/vegetable stock to pot to cover vegetables by 1½" and add spices, salt and pepper
9. Bring to a boil and then simmer 10-15 minutes
10. Blend at high speed for 1 minute (will need to do in batches)
11. Return to stock pot and add cream and more apple cider to taste.
12. Adjust seasonings to taste
13. Simmer for 20 minutes until desired consistency

OUR SPIRIT IS IMPACTFUL

Recently the Temple Office received a call from Kamae Haltaufderhyde of Sonoma Bay residences in Riviera Beach. Her management company had allotted her a small amount of funds for their holiday decorations. While the residents are diverse in race and religion, she doubts that any are Jewish and yet she wants to include a Hanukkiah menorah among their holiday decorations.

Kamae and her family have been to Temple Israel's *Erev Shabbat* worship services honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. where our entire community is always invited, a truly inspiring event with two choirs, multiple speakers, wonderful story-telling and a beautiful bonding time. She believes others in her area have also enjoyed our community services through the years. She was touched by the outpour of warmth and understanding Temple Israel has and asked if we have a menorah she could borrow.



Unfortunately we do not, but her story did inspire one of our members to generously buy her a new menorah which is now proudly displayed at Sonoma Bay. May the lights of that menorah and the story behind it spark in all of our hearts, to reach out to others, to Pay it Forward when possible, to be united. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that." Even the light of a Hanukkiah can do that.

JOIN US AT SERVICES EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AWAY!



Did you know that our *erev Shabbat* services are not only available on Zoom but also live-streamed to our new website? You can still experience services with us when you're out of town or without Zoom! Services are also saved for later viewing, on our website temple-israel.com and Facebook page (Temple Israel, West Palm Beach).

Do You Have Your TI Program Guide?

Keep your eyes open for our next Program Guide coming soon! Keep it handy as a great reference with detailed descriptions and a calendar of what's happening at Temple Israel! And remember to always check your Monday and Friday emails. Scroll through each email and click on the individual programs and services for more information too!

Wine Tasting



A fun winetasting treat took place in November for our honored President's Circle and Life & Legacy members. Pictured are hosts Amy & Michael Jonas (President's Circle Co-Chairs), Rebecca Fineman (Master Sommelier) and the gifted wine bottles beautifully presented by Amy and delivered by our volunteers. To join such fun and wonderful experiences and make a collectively significant difference – whether as a President Circle member contributing to our current times or a Life & Legacy member enabling us for the future – please contact our Administrator/Executive Director Karen Szteinberg at (561) 833-8421 or karen@temple-israel.com.



THE LIGHTS OF HOPE – OUR NIGHT OF 100 MENORAHS HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 17th at 6:00pm

Celebrate Hanukkah with us as we join to light candles in unison, a truly heartwarming experience. More information will be emailed or contact our office closer to the date!
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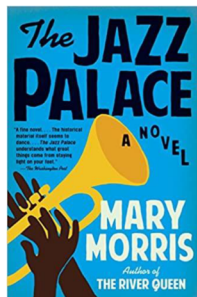
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
		Hebrew School Deadline for: Mitzvah Menorah & Latkes Orders	Hebrew School and Community Jewish High School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	6:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30pm Art Class: L'Chayim in Style	6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service	9:30am Torah Study 5:00pm Simply Jewish Series: Esther Safran Foer - "I Want You to Know We Are Still Here"
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Religious School 4:00pm Online Cooking Class: Butternut Squash Soup		Hebrew School and Confirmation Class 7:00pm Mussar in a Time of Crisis	Hebrew School and Community Jewish High School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	1st of Hanukkah 7:30pm Art Class: L'Chayim in Style	1:30pm Tot Shabbat on Facebook Live 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service	9:30am Torah Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Religious School 3:00pm (TBD) Madrichim Training 7:30pm TI Film Club Discussion: "The Hebrew Hammer"		Hebrew School 7:00pm Board Meeting	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm Religious School Mirror Menorah Project 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	6:00pm The Lights of Hope: Night of 100 Menorahs 7:00pm TI Reads: "The Jazz Palace"	6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service	9:30am Torah Study Emma Strauss Bat Mitzvah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Look for Zoom information in our "THIS WEEK & NEXT" emails which are sent every Monday morning. For more information, contact Mary Arpe at mcarpe@gmail.com or the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@Temple-Israel.com.

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MUSSAR IN A TIME OF CRISIS
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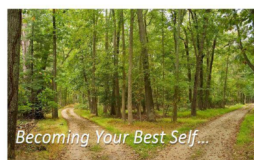


Facilitators: Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro & Dr. Barry Horowitz

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6 Sessions: Tuesday evenings 7:00pm-8:30pm
Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9

A student of Mussar is someone who wants to change, to become the best possible version of the individual he or she already is.



Given the current extraordinary times, we will focus on teachings that help us to better manage the inevitable times of crisis that come into our lives. In the Mussar view, life is a curriculum with lessons that teach us who we are and who we may become. We will study *middot* (soul traits) such as Sadness, Equanimity, Gratitude, Patience, Faith and Trust to assist us in navigating this journey. This class is open to all who are willing to study themselves in light of our spiritual traditions.

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ONLINE TI FILM CLUB

Where film lovers share their love of films and the discussions are as good as the films.

THE HEBREW HAMMER (2003 Film in English)

Available to rent on Amazon Prime or Netflix

Sun., December 13th at 7:30pm

A wacky comedy of an Orthodox stud who goes on a mission to save Hanukkah. Mordechai Jefferson Carver, aka "The Hebrew Hammer" joins forces with Esther (the gorgeous and dangerous daughter of the world's top Jewish leader) and his friend Mohammed (head of the Kwanzaa Liberation Front) to stop Santa Claus' evil son Damien from eradicating Hanukkah.



Watch the film before you join the online discussion!

Facilitated by Karen Davis who presents and lectures on films at the Norton Museum of Art, the Armory Art Center and FAU's Lifelong Learning Center. Karen has been an active member of Temple Israel for 40+ years.

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The list of ingredients and the recipe is in our Koleynu but will also be sent with Zoom access codes closer to the cooking date.

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This event is organized by Janice Rosenberg, Jane Herring & Ellen Goldenson.

Questions? Call Janice at (561) 640-7657.

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- 2 Sara Gould
- 2 Benjamin Horowitz
- 2 Ellis Kern
- 3 Jack Feuer
- 3 Wolfgang Greiter
- 4 Michael Mora
- 7 Cathy Solomon
- 10 Jill Douglas
- 11 David Partheniou
- 12 Kenneth Aaron
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- 26 Mark Feldmesser
- 29 James Eisenberg
- 29 Sarah Lazow
- 29 Isabel Lucas
- 30 Roger Hork
- 30 Bob Marell



MAZEL TOV to...

Shelia Lutin on the birth of her great-granddaughter Olivia Paige Schlossberg on October 4th, as well as to Olivia's grandmother Jodi Lutin Steben and parents Meredith & Adam Schlossberg.

Eunice and Jim Baros on the recent engagement of their daughter Hope Baros to attorney Alex Platt, son of Patt & Lyle Platt of Wellington.

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- 18 Stephen & Nancy Schwartz
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- 21 Scott & Georgia Newman
- 24 Michael & Diane Steiner
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