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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

Want to Do a Mitzvah? VOTE in the World Zionist Congress Election!

Want an easy (and inexpensive) way to support Reform Jewish values in Israel? Every 5 years, the World Zionist Congress Elections are held and Jews worldwide have the opportunity to vote. We all know what can happen when we leave voting to someone else, so I wanted to help everyone understand why we ALL need to vote.

The World Zionist Congress (the legislative body of the World Zionist Organization) is the only body in which all of World Jewry is represented democratically. It determines policy, designates its course of action, and chooses the leadership of the World Zionist Organization as well as JNF Israel. The decisions influence hundreds of millions of dollars in funding and paid portfolios. Importantly, the Congress makes decisions that affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel and across the world and allocates considerable funding available to Progressive Jews in Israel.

Each year, the Government of Israel allocates nearly 4 billion shekels (that's with a "b") to Orthodox and Haredi institutions who then block support of pluralistic streams by the Israeli government. In fact, only 10 million shekels are allocated to non-Orthodox streams. Our votes can help fix this imbalance.

How does voting for the Reform slate in the WZC Election help correct this problem? The more votes the Reform platform receives, the more delegates the Reform Movement has in the Congress, the more influence the Reform movement will have allocating money to Progressive Jewish causes, determine the leadership of Israeli national institutions and policy in Israel and worldwide. **In short, the WZC election in the US is critical for growth and influence of the Reform Movement in Israel and around the world.**

Who can vote? Any Jewish person who is 18 years old as of June 30, 2020, who is not a dual citizen of Israel who votes in Israeli elections.

When can I vote? Voting will take place from January 21-March 11, 2020.

How can I vote? You can vote from any desktop computer or mobile device. It will take less than 2 minutes to vote.

Is there a fee to vote? Yes, there is a minimal fee (\$7) to cover the administrative cost of the election. (This is not a charitable donation and does not support any individual organization.)

During the election period, I will be sharing significant ways of how your vote really DOES make a difference during our worship and at events. I also hope you will speak with our Election Captain, Dr. Howard Green, as well as our other key volunteers for this "get out the vote" campaign, Harry and Maggie Kaufman, who are happy to help explain why YOUR vote matters. This effort will really require ALL of us to come together and I hope you will join Temple Israel in this important endeavor.

May each of us take advantage of this opportunity to make a real difference in Israel, bringing our progressive values of fairness, justice, and equality to our homeland. As always, my door is open ... please let me know how I can help you on your Jewish journey.



From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

TRANSITIONS

In Hebrew there are three words for transition.

Ma'avar, which means to cross over or to pass

through; a second Hebrew word for transition is *shinui*

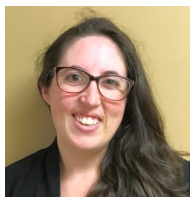
which literally means change; the third biblical word for transition is perhaps the harshest. It is the word *chiluf*, which means to move on in the way that new grasses sprout after the old sproutings have dried up and passed away.

Transition need not be a passing away but rather a prudent and healthy passage, a healthy exchange, from one situation and one set of challenges to another, with the emphasis on “healthy.” As the first term for transition, *ma'avar*, can also mean to “overstep” or to “transgress”; each path to transition has its negative aspects. A blessed transition is one that is healthy, without recriminations, suspicions, second guessing and unrealistic clinging to the past.

So it is with emphasis on a “healthy” transition that we pass through our Co-Presidency at Temple Israel. It has been an enlightening, challenging and exciting opportunity for us to serve as your Co-Presidents for the past two years. We inherited a proud congregation with a complete campus and hope you feel we will leave it in even a better place than we found it. Many changes occurred during our time that leave us stronger and better equipped for the future that awaits us.

We are grateful for the opportunity of service. In that spirit we humbly hand the Temple Israel Leadership baton over to Marty List and his Board of Directors and know he will approach his role in the recent Hebrew term for transition, *geshirah*, coming from the word *gesher*, to “bridge”. We know Marty will lead us across that bridge with strength and fortitude into the next phase of our future. We will never be far from Temple Israel, because Temple Israel is in our hearts forever. But it is time for a transition... a change.

Wishing love and peace for all in our community.



Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School Director

I hope that everyone had a Chanukah filled with much happiness, music and food. Our students and youth group had a fantastic time these last few weeks celebrating Chanukah with our larger Jewish community in Rosemary Square as well as in-house at our Night of 100 Menorahs. Our students came to sing and dance at both occasions and of course eat lots of *latkes* and *sufganiyot*. Many of our families enjoyed a morning out at the bowling alley where our youth group enjoyed bowling and candle-making, and the families took home these special candles for the last night of Chanukah.

I can't believe our school year is halfway through. Our new youth group board is hard at work helping to plan some of our programs and we are all looking forward to relaxing with yoga led by our own Ellen Jad and Jill Douglass. It will be a great way to start our new semester!

Wishing all a very happy new year.



President's Circle

Nancy and Barry Horowitz

The President's Circle Holiday Boat Parade Party in December was a smashing success! We are so grateful to our incredibly gracious and generous hosts, Judy and Alan Shuster, who sponsored the event at their very lovely home. Close to 100 people enjoyed a picture-perfect evening with wonderful weather, a beautiful backdrop of decorated boats on the Intracoastal plus fabulous food and drink. Most important, we celebrated community and camaraderie among Temple Israel President's Circle members. In keeping with the seasonal spirit, gifts were collected at the dock for Toys for Tots. What a winning way to say, "Thank you!" to our PC members for their very important commitment to Temple Israel.

At the party, we had the opportunity to express our deep appreciation to this assembled group for the honor of co-chairing the President's Circle for the past six or seven years. Over this period of time, we have watched the Circle expand, both in breadth and depth, including many new members and increased giving from old members. We appreciate each and every one of you whose contributions have made the PC a vital part of the temple's annual budget. In concert with Rabbi Olshein, we have instituted the annual President's Circle Shabbat that many of you have participated in over the years. (This special service will be held on February 28th this coming year.) We have added in other special events to our programming each year, often as part of Rabbi Shapiro's "The Next Person I Want You to Meet" speakers series.

We have been able to make the President's Circle an important and integral part of our temple by learning from and implementing the extraordinary example of leadership, dedication, commitment and generosity that Zelda Mason, the founder of the President's Circle, exhibits. Now, we are proud to turn our responsibilities over to Amy and Michael Jonas. We are extremely confident that this dynamic duo will add their own creative and thoughtful ideas to take the President's Circle to the next level. We wish them the best of luck and ask that you make their transition easy and their stewardship successful.

It has been an honor for us to be the Co-Chairs of the Temple Israel President's Circle and we look forward to serving the temple in new ways in the future.

With love and thanks.

DILEMMAS OF FAITH

Wednesdays, January 15th, 29th, February 26th, March 11th & April 1st 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 8th.** Call the Office at (561) 833-8421 for more information or to register.



Temple Israel Brotherhood

Mike Strauss, Brotherhood President

As we welcome a new year here at Temple Israel, I want to reach out with some wishes and news. I hope that everyone had a joyous and meaningful Hanukkah. The brotherhood finished off the year 2019 with two successful events. The first was our annual Hanukkah candle distribution led by brothers Bill Baker and Jim Baros, I want to thank them again, as this event would not have happened without their dedication and leadership. Hopefully you were able to use these candles in lighting your own Hanukkah.

Another event is the Temple's annual "Night of 100 Menorahs" which took place on December 27th. As always, the evening was lovely, with tasty latkes and donuts, and magical lights. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make this event wonderful.

Year 2020 is the beginning of a new decade, and our vision of the future here at Temple Israel is as clear as 20/20. It is "eyeing up" to be a wonderful year. We'll be starting things off with the Annual MLK Shabbat on January 17th. Always keep an EYE out for emails about upcoming events. And that, folks, is the end of the vision puns.



Temple Israel Sisterhood

Sandra Sternfeld, Sisterhood President



The Temple Israel Sisterhood sponsored a New Members brunch at the home of Beryle Goverman in November. So much camaraderie, conversation, fun and food... and a warming welcome to our newer members!





The *Mussar* Moment

Barry Horowitz, M.D.

On the plane home the other day, I had the occasion to watch “Ask Dr. Ruth,” a documentary which chronicles the incredible life of Dr. Ruth Westheimer, a Holocaust survivor who became America's most famous sex therapist. Her life took many twists and turns before she became well known, but it is her perspective and how she has lived life that makes her truly shine.

Born outside of Frankfurt, she was an only child of loving parents who sent her to a town in Switzerland on a Kinder Transport as the Nazis rose to power. There, she lived in an orphanage where she was a second-class citizen, having to work and take care of the Swiss orphans. She was only allowed to attend grade school, but a boyfriend who could attend high school taught her his lessons every night.

She received a weekly letter from her parents until they ominously stopped, causing much pain and suffering. After the war, the children were shipped to Palestine, where she almost lost her legs in a bombing. She married and later moved to Paris where her husband studied medicine. She entered a 1-year program at the Sorbonne for those who could not go to school during the war and did well enough to matriculate there. She divorced, remarried and had a child, and using money from war reparations, travelled to New York where she divorced again.

As a single mother, she got her Ph.D. in psychology from Columbia University and then went to work for a famous sex therapist at Cornell. She married again (to Fred Westheimer) and had another child. A producer from a WNYW radio station came to Cornell and asked for someone to do a show for their educational programming FAA obligations. No one wanted to do it because it was unpaid, except Dr. Ruth. The rest is history.

She reflects at the end of the movie after the celebration of her 90th birthday: “When I look back, it was exactly 70 years ago when I was wounded in Jerusalem and it is 80 years ago I left Frankfurt because of the Nazis. If I could talk to that girl now, I would say that despite the fact that you lived through some tragic events, look what has happened to you in your life! From my background and all of the things that I survived, I have an obligation to live large and make a dent this world.” This is truly a Mussar Moment from which we all can learn in starting the New Year.

INTERFAITH FAMILIES

“Love and Religion: Monday, January 27th & February 3, 10 & 24th at 7:00pm



In partnership with InterfaithFamily, Temple Israel is sponsoring **Conversations for Interfaith Families** on select Monday evenings at 7:00pm, including the upcoming **Love and Religion** sessions which begin on January 27th, 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. For more information, please call the Office at (561) 833-8421.



From the Executive Director

Karen Szteinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

Just before my niece left for her Birthright trip in December, I gave her \$10 and asked her to give it to a charity in Israel – something I've always done when people go to Israel. My request baffled her, as it has others.

The concept of giving money to those going to Israel (or any other destination) stems from the *Gemara* in the *Talmud* which discusses "*Mitzvah Messengers*", those bringing money for charity. Esteemed Rabbi Eliezar said that those on the path of performing charity and throughout their giving to charity will be protected from harm (which includes their safe return home.) In essence, my \$10 giving was to provide my niece with a safe flight and overall trip – and of course it had charitable implications as well.

When we give to charity – whether as a monetary donation, in-kind goods or services, or as a volunteer – we do it primarily for two reasons: first because *tzedukah* is our ethical obligation, whether defined as justice, righteousness or the more common definition as charity, and second because we feel good about ourselves when giving. Simply stated by one of our own volunteers recently, "it's the right thing to do."

There have been many articles written about the personal benefits of giving and performing *mitzvot*. Giving brightens your mood while it brings upon positivity to those in need. Giving is a way to teach your children how impactful people can be, fosters their innate ability to be generous and encourages them to be positive among those less fortunate and to develop a sense of philanthropy in their own right. Giving is a way of reciprocating from those times in our own lives when we needed help, and a way of paying it forward.

May this new year bring forth new opportunities when each one of us can give of ourselves – our resources, time and/or ideas – and may we always encourage others to give of themselves. We all can make a difference, individually and together.

And on that note... please come to Temple Israel's Annual Meeting on January 28th and please make sure your voice is heard by voting for the Reform Movement at the World Zionist Congress election (see our Rabbi's message on page 3.)

OUT OF THE BOX SHABBAT

Saturday, January 11th and February 1st 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.

**BELOW IS A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT'S COMING UP AT TEMPLE ISRAEL.
PLEASE REFER TO OUR PROGRAM GUIDE, WEBSITE, INFO WITHIN THIS
KOLEYNU OR CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO RSVP.**

Wed., January 8	11:45 am	Israel Current Events Discussion
Wed., January 8	1:00 pm	Coping with the Loss of a Child (1 st of 4)
Wed., January 8	7:00 pm	Travel Pearls (1 st of 3)
Fri., January 10	6:00 pm	<i>Proneg, Erev Shabbat</i> Service, viewing of "Shtisel" and <i>Oneg</i> reception
Sat., January 11	10:45 am	Out of the Box <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Worship
Sat., January 11	1:00 pm	Conversations About Race (1 st of 3)
Sun., January 12	2:30 pm	Film: "BlacKkKlansman"
Tue., January 14	7:00 pm	Mussar and Transformation class (3 rd of 6)
Wed., January 15	1:00 pm	Coping with the Loss of a Child (2 nd of 4)
Wed., January 15	7:00 pm	Dilemmas of Faith / Human Responsibility (1 st of 5)
Fri., January 17	6:00 pm	<i>Proneg, Erev Shabbat</i> Service with special acknowledgement to Martin Luther King Jr., and <i>Oneg dessert</i> reception
Wed., January 22	1:00 pm	Coping with the Loss of a Child (3 rd of 4)
Wed., January 22	7:00 pm	Travel Pearls (2 nd of 3)
Fri., January 24	-	RSVPs due for Chai/High Tea
Fri., January 24	5:00 pm	Dinner, <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Service with "Simply Jewish" presentation by "Shtisel" Co-Creator and Writer Yehonatan Indursky, and special <i>Oneg dessert</i> reception
Sat., January 25	morning	Temple Israel's TaTa Society Team joins forces for the 2020 Komen Race for the Cure
Mon., January 27	7:00 pm	Conversations for Interfaith Families / Love & Religion (1 st of 4)
Tue., January 28	6:00 pm	Annual Meeting (6:00 pm Pizza Dinner, 6:30 pm Meeting)
Wed., January 29	1:00 pm	Coping with the Loss of a Child (4 th of 4)
Wed., January 29	7:00 pm	Dilemmas of Faith / Spiritual Role Models (2 nd of 5)
Thu., January 30	1:00 pm	Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit (1 st of 4)
Fri., January 31	6:00 pm	<i>Proneg, Erev Shabbat</i> Service, Board Installation and <i>Oneg</i> reception
Sat., February 1	10:45 am	Out of the Box <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Worship
Sat., February 1	1:00 pm	Day Spa for the Soul
Mon., February 3	7:00 pm	Conversations for Interfaith Families / Love & Religion (2 nd of 4)
Wed., February 5	11:45 am	Israel Current Events Discussion
Wed., February 5	7:00 pm	Travel Pearls (3 rd of 3)
Thu., February 6	1:00 pm	Learn to Play American Mah Jongg (1 st of 6)

Temple Israel's Sisterhood Presents ♫ "High" Tea

You are invited to join the Sisterhood at our Tea and Luncheon

2pm on Sunday, February 9th, 2020

At Temple Israel West Palm Beach, 1901 N Flagler Dr, WPB

Bring your Mothers, Sisters, Daughters and Friends to an amazing

afternoon of Fun and Friendship

Enjoy a Fashion Show by Evelyn & Arthur

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RSVP & payment due by January 24th



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Joanne Green

Jennifer Strauss



LEARN TO PLAY AMERICAN MAH JONGG

Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12 at 1:00-2:30pm

Want to learn to play Mah Jongg or need a little refresher? Elaine Feldmesser encourages anyone who is interested in learning to play, or in picking up some tips, to join us! Bring a friend or make a new one! Bring a current Mah Jongg card and your set, if you have one. The cost for this fun course is \$18 members, \$25 non-members. Open to all, minimum 4 people needed. If interested or to RSVP, call the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.

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For more information, contact Lynn Levy or the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.



Temple Israel's Sisterhood presents...

Day Spa for the Soul

Saturday, February 1st

Soothe the soul, clear your mind and live in the moment!

9:30 am - Torah Study

10:45 am - "Out of the Box Shabbat" Creative Morning Worship

12:15 pm - Light Kiddush Luncheon

1:00 - 4:15pm - Day Spa Activities to feed your soul... with
raffle prizes throughout the afternoon!

Attend all day or choose only one or two of the planned activities.

Open to all... invite your friends!

Complimentary to members (\$18 for non-members)

RSVP by 1/28 to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com
if you plan to attend the Kiddush luncheon and/or Day Spa for the Soul.

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ARZA ארצה

Recently Anat Hoffman and Rabbi Olshein spoke about voting in the 2020 World Zionist Congress elections.

This is a very important vote!
Please read Rabbi Olshein's message on page 3.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE BOAT PARADE

On December 2nd, Judy & Alan Shuster graciously hosted the Temple Israel President's Circle Boat Parade Party at their beautiful home for our wonderful President's Circle benefactors. The evening was simply extraordinary – an elegant yet casual event where President's Circle members mingled, shared stories and laughter, and kindled their passion for Temple Israel, our members and our mission. Nancy & Barry Horowitz were thanked for the incredible work they have done as current President's Circle Chairs, and Amy & Michael Jonas were warmly welcomed as the incoming Chairs.

If you would like to join this esteemed Circle, please contact Karen Szeinberg at (561) 833-8421 or karen@temple-israel.com. New plaques will be ordered in the next few weeks, so call ASAP!







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

*Leeann Albin
Marlene Bogard
Peter Eckstein*

*Jeff Gingold
Suzette Gingold
Howard Green*

*Joanne Green
Terry Resk
Ruth Salkin*

*Mark Simkowitz
Tracy Simkowitz
Jennifer Strauss*

If you too would like to be a greeter, please contact:
Mark Simkowitz, mgoose54@aol.com, (561) 762-7947
Hugo Ottolenghi, hugoott@aol.com, (561) 818-2946

Have you signed up yet for being a part of our Greeters Corps?

You can make an incredible first impression!

Our 2020 Calendar will be on display and available for you to sign-up during our *Pronegs* and *Onegs*.

Join this amazing, warm and welcoming group!

Meet existing and new friends, guests and members!



Come join the **Temple Israel TaTa Society** team for the 2020 Komen Race for the Cure on January 25th, 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!



Our Volunteers are So Appreciated!

Temple Israel is so fortunate to have such caring and energetic individuals who always offer to help us in so many ways. Setting up for events, volunteering in our choir, answering our phones, sending out cards, or greeting our members and guests... we simply couldn't do without you!

In December, our office staff and office volunteers gathered for an Appreciation Luncheon – a small gesture considering all the voluminous work they have done! We asked a simple question:

“Why do you volunteer?”

“It's my way of giving back.”

“I like the camaraderie, the feeling of family. It's something you can do to give back.”

“I just do it. I don't need a reason.”

We all agreed – “giving back” is good for your heart and soul. And from our hearts, thank you all!



DAY SPA FOR THE SOUL

Saturday, February 1st at 1:00 pm

Rabbi Olshein and TI's Sisterhood has designed this day to soothe the soul, clear your mind and live in the moment... even if for just one day. The day begins with our *Torah* Study at 9:30 am, Out of the Box *Shabbat* Worship Service at 10:45 am, a light *Kiddush* lunch following, and Day Spa activities at 1:00 pm. Attend all day or choose only one or two of the planned activities. RSVP by 1/28. Open to all. Complimentary to members, \$18 for non-members. Call the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 for more information or to RSVP.





TRAVEL PEARLS WITH DR. ALAN SHUSTER

**WEDNESDAYS, 1/8
1/22, AND 2/5**

7:00–8:15PM

**FREE ... BUT RSVP ASAP
TO (561) 833-8421 TO
LET US KNOW YOU'RE
COMING!**

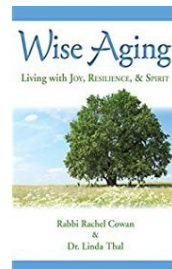
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BOOKING TRIPS, PACKING TIPS, STAYING SAFE,
PERSONAL AWARENESS, AND ETIQUETTE
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EXPERIENCES!**

WISE AGING: LIVING WITH JOY, RESILIENCE AND SPIRIT

Thursdays, January 30th, February 13th, 27th & March 12th at 1:00 pm

This course is for those seeking more consciousness surrounding the aging process, exploring meditation, journaling, movement and blessings from Judaism and other faith. A phone interview with our specially training facilitator is required beforehand.

Please call the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 for more information or an interview.



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH
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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 26, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 1, 2020

Through video lectures, text study
and lively group discussion, we are
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- Dilemma of Faith and Politics
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Sun, Jan 12th
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6 TWO HOUR LESSON SERIES

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- Minimum of 8 players needed to offer this class.

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"Shtisel"
Co-Creator/Writer
Yehonatan
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at Temple Israel of WPB!

Friday, 1/24/20
Service/speaker @ 6:30pm

***Free and open to
the entire community.
RSVP required by 1/20.**

"Binge-worthy"
- NY Times

**"The American Jewish response to
Shtisel has been rapturous."**
- Peter Beinert, The Atlantic

Presented by the "Simply Jewish" series,
which is supported by the Kraft Cultural Fund and
the "Next Person I Want You to Meet" Fund in honor
of TI's Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Howard Shapiro.
We thank all the donors who contributed to these
funds to make events such as these possible.

JOIN US AT SERVICES EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AWAY!



Our *erev Shabbat* services are live-streamed and saved on Facebook so you can still experience services with us when you're out of town or can't attend (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.

“Simply Jewish” brings us *Shtisel* and Yehonatan Indursky

Friday, January 10th – Viewing of *Shtisel* episode

Friday, January 24th – Presentation by Yehonatan Indursky, Co-Creator & Writer

So here's a confession. I started “Shtisel” several times before I fell in love with the characters, the story line, the attention to detail, the settings, the conflict between generations and the interplay between Orthodox tradition and modernity. If you haven't started it, it's not too late to see an episode viewing with us on Friday night, January 10th and to have a great opportunity on Friday night, January 24th to join us at Temple and meet one of the co-creators and writers of the series, Yehonatan Indursky.

The New York Times reviews the series with the words: “what makes the Israeli series “Shtisel,” currently on Netflix, such groundbreaking television is that the characters are the black-hatted, side-curved men and bewigged women of ultra-Orthodox Judaism, a group that is known in Hebrew by the umbrella term Haredim and includes Hasidim.”

There is much to learn and admire here. And there is much to be repelled by. There are characters to fall in love with and characters to be repulsed by. There are Hasidic Jewish customs and traditions to learn from and admire as well as remember why we like them at a distance. The Times reviewer says it has all the components of a soap opera but one with a twist which fascinates and entralls us.

I am amazed at how this series gets into your soul. I am curious as to who your favorite character is or which story line captivates you. I am excited to have the opportunity to hear from the creator and ask what his inspiration for the show was. I am curious how *Shtisel* spoke to you on a personal and Jewish level. I look forward to seeing you at TI on the 24th.

Yehonatan's appearance at Temple is made possible by the Kraft Cultural Fund and The Next Person I Want You To Meet Fund. Zelda Mason and I are committed to bring to our community the many varieties and facets of the Jewish experience. We call this effort: “Simply Jewish”. Join us on January 24th.

Rabbi Howard Shapiro



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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

**Saturdays, January 11th, March 28th &
 April 25th 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.

ISRAEL CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP (BYOL)

Wednesdays February 5th & March 18th at 11:45 am

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON FILM: "BLACKKLANSMAN"

Sunday, January 12th at 2:30 pm

RSVP by January 10th by 3:00 pm



Our Sunday Afternoon Films have a general theme of discrimination and the different forms it takes. BlackKlansman is a fascinating, true story of Detective Ron Stallworth, an African-American who became an American hero in the early 1970s when he bravely infiltrated and exposed the Ku Klux Klan. Enjoy some snacks as we watch this intriguing film together. RSVP by January 10th 3pm to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.

Mazel Tov to Jordan Elizabeth Matias on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

I'm a kind loving person who cares about the environment.
I embrace all of life's creatures. Like my Mom, we are animal lovers.
A new kitten would be great!

I like to learn something new every day. As much as I dislike doing homework, I guess it serves a purpose. "Just get through the process." That's what my Papí says.

Unlike most, I like the color orange. "Orange is a power color. It is one of the healing colors. It is said to increase the craving for food. It also stimulates enthusiasm and creativity. Orange means vitality with endurance. People who like orange are usually thoughtful and sincere. Lady Luck's color is orange." Orange fits me so well.

I learned to be independent and helpful so early in life that I help anyone who needs it. Being the oldest, I helped my younger brothers with school and how to learn new games to play. Also most importantly, I learned how to manipulate our dad so we get what want. Most of the time.

I believe my experiences, values and beliefs, along with future endeavors, will lead me to my goals.



Anat Hoffman, "Warrior for Religious Freedom"

On December 6th, Temple Israel members and guests were delighted with an enlightening presentation by Anat Hoffman, the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Founding Member of the Women of the Wall. Combining significant knowledge and insight with humor, she left us all with much to reflect upon regarding the injustices felt by Reform and Conservative Jews as well as all women in Israel.



January Birthdays

- 1 Kristine Thurston
- 2 Rabbi Paul Menitoff
- 3 Jacqueline Kandel
- 6 Tiffany Kapner
- 6 Michael Strauss
- 7 Gayle Bard
- 7 Beryle Goverman
- 7 Michelle Jacobson
- 8 Herbert Siegel
- 8 Ruth Smith
- 10 Henry Bagatell
- 10 Jennifer Shuster
- 10 Stella Small
- 11 Bailey Bone
- 11 Barbara Hatzfeld
- 13 Benjamin Bagatell
- 13 Cordelia Chislak
- 13 Linda Solomon
- 14 Richard Cohen
- 14 Vera De Chalambert
- 14 Ellen Flaum
- 16 Robert Blank
- 17 Phyllis Gurwin
- 17 Nancy Roth
- 17 Ira Warshaw
- 18 Mollie Roth
- 21 Leonard Gray
- 22 Beth Levinson
- 22 Rhona Shugarman
- 22 Kenny Sims
- 23 Robert Wacks
- 25 Richard Greene
- 26 Maxwell Horowitz
- 27 Joan Goldberg
- 27 Samantha Jonas
- 27 Michael Steiner
- 27 Millicent Zahn Rudnick
- 29 Georgene Eisenberg
- 29 Marcus Hirsch
- 30 Maddie Leibowitz
- 30 Nicholas Marell
- 30 Lauren Sachs
- 30 Glenn Smith
- 31 Ilene Weinstein

January Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Sherry Jacobs
- 2 Harry & Maggie Kaufman
- 10 Michael Goldstein & Ludmilla Goldberg
- 12 Richard Greene & Ellen Morris
- 18 Alvin & Bryna Jagoda
- 24 Stan & Marcie Gorman Althof

Mazel Tov

MAZEL TOV to Zawra & Scott Bentolila on the birth of their daughter, Zoe Lee, born December 3rd. Our congratulations to big brothers Aden and Dylan as well!

Temple Israel's Mitzvah Menorah



What a wonderful season of giving and a big thank you to all who participated. The gifts purchased for these much deserving children brought smiles and laughter all around!

Heartfelt gratitude goes to Ellen Goldenson, Terry Resk, Mary Arpe,

Barbara & Len Gray and all those who helped perform this true *mitzvah*!

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed	2	3 Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	4 Torah Study 9:30 am
5	6	7	8 Coping with the Loss of a Child 1:00 pm Travel Pearls 7:00 pm Hebrew School	9	10 Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service Special Viewing of "Shtisel" episode	11 Torah Study 9:30 am Out of the Box Shabbat 10:45 am Conversations About Race 1:00 pm
12 Religious School Film "BlackKkKlansman" 2:30 pm	13	14 Mussar & Transformation 7:00 pm	15 Coping with the Loss of a Child 1:00 pm Dilemmas of Faith 7:00 pm Hebrew School	16	17 Erev Shabbat honoring Martin Luther King Jr. 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	18 Torah Study 9:30 am
19	20 Office Closed	21	22 Coping with the Loss of a Child 1:00 pm Travel Pearls 7:00 pm Hebrew School	23	24 Erev Shabbat "Simply Jewish" presentation featuring Yehonatan Indursky 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm - Service	25 Torah Study 9:30 am
26 Religious School	27 Conversations for Interfaith Families 7:00 pm	28 TI Annual Meeting	29 Coping with the Loss of a Child 1:00 pm Dilemmas of Faith 7:00 pm Hebrew School	30 AARP Defensive Driving Course 9:45 am - 4:30 pm Wise Aging 1:00 pm	31 Erev Shabbat With Board Installaion 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	Feb 1 Torah Study 9:30 am Out of the Box Shabbat 10:45 am Day Spa for the Soul 1:00 pm



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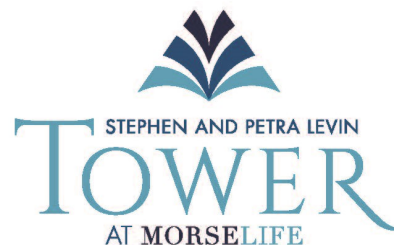
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