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From the President

Marty List

A Fresh Start

While many in our families are still lamenting the dark, cold days of a northern winter, we are able to bask in the “perfect” temperatures of our South Florida winter. This is our annual recognition that there is no better place to be than in the Palm Beaches – and this is true even during a pandemic.

Even with the challenges of Covid-19, we have accomplished so much this past year. We have continued our commitment to making social action a priority, donating food and gift cards to the food insecure in our community, providing much needed items for families in distress and even offering a new twist on our 20+ year tradition of serving at a soup kitchen by preparing and delivering boxed holiday meals. We’ve counted our blessings, laughed with Sarge, brightened the night by celebrating together, cooked, learned and prayed as only a family can do!

There are so many wonderful things going on at Temple Israel – ok, via Zoom: inspiring shabbats and enlightening torah study, children’s programs and religious school, adult education, stimulating discussions, thought-provoking lectures, book and film clubs, social action, spiritual and physical wellness, art classes, and so much more. Please check out the upcoming program guide for more ways to connect with your Temple family.

I appreciate the uniting opportunity that getting together by Zoom presents – we have congregants, our families and friends participating in all that we offer from points across North America! Hopefully, in the near future, we will be able to begin holding more and more “in-person” programs and activities. The strength of Temple Israel resides in all of you – we need your creativity and leadership to develop, plan and lead inspiring programs. I hope you will reach out to me with your ideas or to express your willingness to work on a program or a committee.

We will be electing and installing our new Board of Directors at Temple Israel’s annual meeting later this month (January 19th at 6pm.) I want to thank all of our current officers and directors for their support and guidance this year, especially as we closed our facilities and necessarily pivoted to virtual meetings and activities, and to welcome our incoming Board.

We have learned that together we can meet any challenge and overcome all obstacles. Let’s use our togetherness to keep Temple Israel vibrant and engaging in 2021. Here’s to a happy and healthy New Year for all!

RACE FOR THE CURE - SAT., JANUARY 30th



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!

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



From the Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

The *Aleph Bet* of Synagogue Life

When we speak of what it means for the synagogue to truly be a synagogue, there are few better words than those of my late friend and colleague, Rabbi Peter Knobel: *"Any real change in synagogue life will require a new way of thinking. This process can be begun by the use of value-laden Hebrew terminology to reorient our thinking and the thinking of congregants about the synagogue. By abandoning the language of the corporation, the synagogue can be re-shaped according to an internal Jewish model."*

The language of the corporation is a vocabulary list of such terms as "bottom line," "efficiency," "management," etc.

But the language of the synagogue is very different.

I would like to create an *aleph-bet* of Jewish terminology for synagogues. It emerges from the mystical idea -- that when God began to create the world, God did so by using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. What would that task of re-imagining look like?

Let's start as God did – at the beginning. With aleph and bet.

Aleph *Eemunah*: Faith and Trust

Why doesn't Moses enter the land of Israel? Because he lost it with the Jewish people. Wandering through the wilderness, our ancestors cried out for water. God tells Moses to speak to the rock, and water would flow out. Instead, Moses *strikes* the rock. Water *does* in fact flow from the rock. But God punishes Moses for his disobedience. Moses will die before he sees his greatest life goal fulfilled – to lead the people of Israel into the Land.

Why is Moses punished this way? Because God told him to *speak* to the rock. Moses disobeys God. Moses strikes the rock. God says to him: "Because you did not believe in Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the Land which I have given them."

Moses' sin is not only his anger. It is his lack of *emunah*, his fundamental lack of trust and faith – *not only in God at this crucial moment*, but in his people as well.

In these challenging and even distressing times, we need faith in each other, and in the synagogue. We have to have that inner faith, that inner trust in the worthiness of our endeavors. We have to have that inner faith, that inner trust, that inner confidence that if we synagogue people inject enough faith and trust into the system, that it will come back to us.

There will be times when, like Moses, we will feel like hitting the rock. Don't. Only twice did water come out of a rock because it was struck. If we speak words that are resonant with our higher strivings, the water will come out.

Beit *Brit: The Covenant*

This leads us to the second letter of the aleph-bet. Beit – brit, covenant.

One of my favorite passages in the Talmud asks the following question. How many covenants were made at Sinai? One sage said that the number of covenants was 603,550. Each adult pledged himself and *herself* – to God. Another claimed that those 603,550 covenants were made 603,550 times: the people pledged themselves *not only to God*, but to each other as well. There was personal responsibility *and* responsibility for others. There was the responsibility not only to observe the stipulations of the Covenant oneself. There was also the responsibility to see that they would be observed by the entire community as a whole.

We need to make sure that we maintain and strengthen what Temple Israel stands for. That is the best criteria for success – and it is perhaps the best bottom line that we can imagine.

Imagine if this became the criteria for all synagogue programming and endeavor. How does any particular item on our lengthy synagogue agenda and calendar advance the covenant that God made with us? How does any decision that we make, in any matter, resonate with the words of the Covenant that God made with us at Sinai and that we renew every time we worship together here?

I quote the late Dan Schechter, a former synagogue president and one of the great lay leaders of our movement: *"Judaism does not offer us a two-tier religion. There is no Hebrew word for 'lay person'. We stand as a community before God. We must speak of a religion that speaks of demands and a wholeness of visions and practices which set us apart, which make us kadosh from secular life."*

That is the bottom line. That is the open question. How does our leadership reflect and amplify the brit that exists between God and us – and between God and us and each other?

Just two letters – the first two. But, let us begin our learning together on this journey.

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Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School & Youth Programming Director

We are now in the Spring semester of this crazy, crazy world of pandemic times. While we all hoped and prayed that things would be normal by now, we are certainly on that path with new vaccines. Unfortunately it will be much longer before we return to full normalcy... or to whatever defines the new normalcy.

Tu BiShvat (January 27/28) is considered the birthday for trees; it is one of the New Years in Jewish tradition. It is a time and space for renewal. May the year 2021 be one of Return and Rejuvenation, and yes, even Resilience.

As I look toward the trees for a reminder of resilience, I see they have grown stronger despite the storms. Many may look vulnerable and they sway from time to time, but their roots are often deep and their core is sturdy. Interestingly, many trees will sustain their strength through the storm while man-made items may not.

Strength often stems from a deeply rooted foundation, and at Temple Israel we have formed deep connections that we are all looking forward to renewing.

I miss sharing pizza and natural conversation with our students. I look forward to when I can hear multiple voices simultaneously discussing our lessons. I miss seeing everyone. Some of our students are on "Zoom overload" between their secular studies and life in general and thus do not participate in our Zoom sessions. I want to see the actual smiles on our students' faces during *T'fillah* or while engaging in Rabbi Salkin's lessons with spirit and resilience.

We have had a committed group of post B'nai Mitzvah students who have continued on with profound leadership during our Zoom classes; these are our *madrichim*. They are role models for our students and help to engage them in song and conversation. They have been resilient in navigating these changes with grace and care.

Creativity is essential in maintaining our core and connection while still weathering our current environment. Our students have participated in trivia games which they designed and it is inspiring to hear the answers and see our staff so engaging. During class time, some of our students play along to our music with their own instruments, a joy to watch. Between the mentoring, games and music, our classes are filled with encouragement and positivity... the basis for how we should proceed this coming year. And perhaps some of these creative moments are ones that will continue with pleasure when we return to in-person programming.

May we all continue to find rejuvenation no matter the conditions and may we stay resilient. This storm too shall pass. *Gam Ze Avor.*

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR SUCH A SUCCESSFUL LATKES FUNDRAISER!

Not only did the proceeds benefit our Religious School programs, but we all enjoyed this tasty Hanukkah treat! A special thank you to Jennifer Strauss, Rabbi Salkin and Jackie Klein for the deliveries! Pictured below receiving their latkes: Mark Feldmesser, Marvin Rosenberg, Stu Bagatell and (group photo) Rabbi Salkin, Alex, Sammy, Sylvia Siegfried, Ira, and Samantha Skaletsky.



Mirror Menorah Project – Our students had a terrific time creating and learning about angles and the math behind light spectrums. Many thanks to Six-Points Sci Tech for a well thought-out program. Also much appreciation to Rabbi Salkin for sponsoring the lesson to create our menorahs. We look forward to many more learning opportunities!





From the Executive Director

Karen Szteinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

I was recently shopping with my daughter, taking advantage of the holiday season's late night hours with minimal shoppers around. As I passed the toy section, I recalled one of my earliest Hanukkah gifts. When I was barely 7 years old, my mother took me and my sister to "TSS" (Times Square Stores) and told us to pick out whichever doll we wanted. My sister, just a year older, quickly chose "Twiggy". Twiggy was the moniker of Lesley Hornby, a model and actress whose ultra skinny frame resembled a twig. She and her mod look defined the fashion industry in the 1960s.

I too knew exactly which doll I wanted. I was so excited as I pulled the box off the shelf and hugged it. My shrieks caught the attention of others who looked at me and my doll quite perplexed. I proudly showed her off... I had chosen "Julia". And when we checked out, the cashier asked me why I had chosen Julia and I responded that she was my hero.

Who is Julia? Julia Baker is a television character who was portrayed by Diahann Carroll. Julia was the first African-American professional in a television series, a nurse. The show was cutting-edge. I recall when her clinic fired all minority workers except for her. She was defiant yet professional, a crusader of Civil Rights in its infancy stages. I didn't see the color of my doll; what I saw was someone who stood up for herself and her friends, someone I admired. But I also knew that what others saw was a little white girl with a black doll, an oddity – perhaps even taboo – in those days.

Several months before, "Society's Child" was quite popular, a song by Janis Ian. I loved the song and knew the lyrics by heart, but they confused me. The boyfriend's face is "shining black as night" and "honey, he's not our kind". The girl is told she needs to stop seeing him and she finally agrees. I recall asking, "why?" Why can't she date someone of a different color? Why do the "teachers all laugh, they smirk and stare"? Why is she listening to everyone and not standing up for herself? Why are we accepting this?

This month we celebrate a man who wouldn't accept this. Martin Luther King Jr. was the foremost spokesperson for Civil Rights, a voice against racism and a leader in non-violent activism. He was also an important ally in the fight against antisemitism and a supporter of the state of Israel. He once said, "peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist." It is no wonder that for his overall humanity and support, we at Temple Israel honor him with a special *Erev Shabbat* service and welcome our community to join in.

My wish for this new year is that we all rally together for a cause in support of each other, to protect each other and to enhance each other's lives. May we stay safe and healthy. And may we never forget those before us and continue in their footsteps.

Interesting Fact: In 1948, Martin Luther King, Jr. won the Pearl Plafker Award for being the most outstanding student at Crozer Theological Seminary. It warms me to know that my family was involved; my maiden name is Plafker.

Acknowledging with Much Gratitude Those Who Have Generously Given This Month Towards The Following Campaigns (in addition to those previously listed):

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Brotherhood would like to thank all those who made donations in recognition of our Hanukkah candle program. (If you have made a recent donation, it will be reflected in our next list of persons to be thanked.) Your donations help Brotherhood in its goal of helping our young people and our youth programs.



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Jim Eisenberg, Brotherhood Treasurer



The *Mussar* Moment

Barry Horowitz, M.D.

At the end of *Parashat Tol'dot*, our patriarch Jacob conspired with his mother, Rebekah, to deceive his father, Isaac, into granting him the choicest blessing, which Isaac intended for his elder brother, Esau. Rebekah then convinces Isaac to send Jacob away, to her own hometown, there to escape his brother's wrath and build a family.

Some two decades later, Jacob returns a rich man, but despite this, Jacob is “terrified.” He is about to encounter his brother—who, for all he knows, still intends to kill him. While we can understand why Jacob is worried, we may also ask whether he might have more *bitachon*, trust in God, that his encounter with Esau won't be disastrous. After all, as he was leaving home all those years earlier, God had promised to bring him back safely.

Alan Morinis addresses this: “We can see this as a paradox—our fate is in God's hands and yet we are still obligated to take action. But it isn't such a contradiction. To rely exclusively on *bitachon* is to imply that *all* capacity is on God's side and that we have nothing in our hand to bring about change, when that is seldom the case. You do have some powers that are gifted to you, and it makes sense that you should put these capabilities to work to bring about the outcomes you see to be the best, rather than relying totally on God. God is the source of these capabilities, so wouldn't it dishonor those gifts and especially their giver not to put them to use?”

The Coronavirus pandemic presents us with cause for fear resembling Jacob's. We and our loved ones—and our possessions, too—could be lost to disease and to the economic devastation accompanying it. Each of us must do our part to partner with God to save our lives and the lives of the people around us. We must socially distance, wear our masks when we must go out for necessities, sacrifice holidays, and even forego fulfilling *mitzvot* that require being physically present with others. Then, let us pray that God will reciprocate, partnering with us as with Jacob—supplementing our actions with miracles that will enable us to transcend this pandemic—sparing our lives, our loved ones, and our wellbeing.

Memorial Plaques



Remember a loved one by adding a Memorial Plaque in our sanctuary and be a part of a longstanding Jewish tradition and practice. The plaque – produced and mounted for a \$500 donation – will feature the English name and dates of birth and passing. You will receive advance notice of your loved one's *yahrzeit* each year and, accordingly, the plaque will be lit on that *Shabbat*. Many of our members also reserve a plaque for themselves to ensure their name remains an illuminating part of Temple Israel.

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Temple Israel Sisterhood

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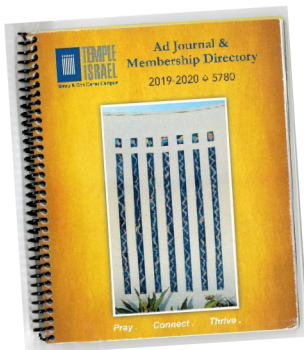
Save the Date: On Sunday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m., Ibby Lucas will share her famous rugelach recipe and teach us how to make these delicious pastries via Zoom. Participants will receive a list of ingredients and utensils needed ahead of time. For more information, contact Michell Escobar at (469) 360-6488.

Chaired by our at-large board member Nancy Horowitz, Sisterhood's Count Your Blessings fundraiser raised more than \$11,000 for Temple Israel. Many contributors sent beautiful, introspective musings about the meaning of gratitude along with their donations. Nancy and the entire Sisterhood board appreciated the moving sentiments, as well as the generous donations.

Sisterhood's annual Mitzvah Menorah was able to provide Hanukkah gift cards to 28 children being served by Alpert Jewish Family Service. The \$50 cards, from such vendors as Amazon and Target, were accompanied by a hand-written Hanukkah card from Sisterhood. We appreciate the donors who helped to kindle the Hanukkah lights for children in our community. Many thanks to our Social Action Vice Presidents Janice Rosenberg and Jane Herring for chairing this event, along with at-large board member Ellen Goldenson.

On behalf of Sisterhood, we hope our entire Temple Israel family was able to celebrate a Hanukkah filled with light and love, and that the secular new year brings you much health and happiness.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR INFORMATION VERIFICATION REQUEST YET?



Our **Membership Directory** will be published soon and we need to verify that your information is up-to-date and accurate. Please return the letter previously mailed to you or contact our office to verify the data by January 11th.

This year, in lieu of an honoree, we will be celebrating ***all of us*** with a unique journal. As such, we're asking our members to submit well wishes, inspirational words of wisdom, your own poetry or photos (those taken at TI), ads and some other innovative ideas. More information is forthcoming. We're looking forward to 2021... both the year and our Journal and Membership Directory!



Our Brotherhood has a trip planned to a local brewery on January 24th at 6pm!
Keep your eyes open for more information but save the date!

WE HAVE SO MUCH COMING UP... AND OUR NEW PROGRAM GUIDE WILL INCLUDE MORE DETAILS! AMONG OUR PROGRAMS IN JANUARY ARE:

COFFEE WITH RABBI SALKIN

JANUARY 5th at 9:00am (Continuing on the first Tuesday of Each Month) – Enjoy your breakfast with Rabbi via Zoom in a casual setting with an open discussion.

ZOOM FOR HOSTS

JANUARY 7th at 7:00pm – Our tech guru, Carol Anne Albee, will show us how to host a Zoom meeting. Designed for our members who facilitate TI programs but open to all who need this skill.

ZOOM FOR PARTICIPANTS

JANUARY 14th at 7:00pm – Wondering how to make the shared screen larger to read? Not sure how to communicate via Zoom chats? Join Carol Anne Albee as she takes us on a journey through Zoom basics and beyond. We'll show you just how easy it is to participate in all that Temple Israel has to offer!

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JANUARY 15th at 6:30pm – A special Interfaith Freedom service with Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church, their ministers and choir, and esteemed guest speaker Khalil Gibran Muhammad. An evening of tribute, unity and faith, open to all.

SIMPLY JEWISH VIRTUAL SERIES: KOL B'SEDER

JANUARY 23rd at 5:00pm – Enjoy this delightful musical duo who has been called “the Jewish Simon & Garfunkel” with their blend of Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, the Beatles and Motown, with the fervor of Israeli and Chassidic songs! The evening includes a concert, Q&As and Havdalah service.

BROTHERHOOD BREWERY TRIP

JANUARY 24th at 6:00pm – A fun trip with your TI Brothers

VIRTUAL RACE FOR THE CURE

January 30th – Join Temple Israel's TaTa Society as we race for the cure together. Registration required, see page 3.

Erev Shabbat Service: “Interfaith Freedom”

January 15th - 6:30pm



Temple Israel joins Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church in celebrating the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , which will include their ministers and choir. Special guest speaker **Khalil Gibran Muhammad**, a featured author and an esteemed professor at Harvard Kennedy School and Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, examines the intersections of race, democracy,

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Lights of Hope: Night of 100 Menorahs was endearing as some of our members shared stories of past Hanukkahs and family traditions. We enjoyed favorite Hanukkah songs with our Musical Specialist Jacob Shippel. Looking into the flames, we found hope and joy surrounded by our TI family and friends.

Speakers pictured above: 1st row: Sy, Jill Douglas, Maggie, Marcia Stiles

2nd row: Maggie Kaufman, Harry Kaufman, Ellen Goldenson, Irma Morris

Right: Renee Kreisworth



ESTHER SAFRAN FOER

On December 5th, our Simply Jewish series brought us author Esther Safran Foer for a heartfelt conversation behind her book "I Want You to Know We Are Still Here". In her research about her family, she gained much insight and discovered the atrocities that her family went through during the Holocaust, information which could be lost between memory, history and a previous generation's silence. We thank Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin for facilitating this conversation and both Zelda Mason and Rabbi Howard Shapiro for underwriting our Simply Jewish series. Stay tuned for our next presentation, the musical duo of Kol B'Seder on January 23rd.

12-05-2020 Simply Jewish Series Esther Safran Foer



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“TIFF” = Temple Israel Family Forever



Through the years, many of our members have moved away but once Temple Israel is in your heart, we'll always be TI Family. One of our former members, Jean Feldman, passed away recently and her son wrote this heartwarming email to us describing their time at Temple Israel:

From: Martin A Feldman

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020

To: TI Office

Subject: Death of Jean Feldman, Past Temple Israel Sisterhood President

My name is Marty Feldman. In February 1966, I had my Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. At the time, my mother, Jean Feldman, was Sisterhood President at your congregation. Mom passed away at 86, in Atlanta, from COVID yesterday afternoon, December 9th. Some of the happiest times of her life were spent volunteering at Temple Israel. We lived in WPB for 11 years. I have fond memories attending Sunday and Hebrew school at Temple Israel. I always looked forward to Sunday school, knowing I would get a lox and bagel after Sunday school because, at the time, my Mom and other Sisterhood women sold lox and bagels, wrapped in cellophane, for \$1 a piece to raise funds. Can you believe they made money at that price? The rabbi, his name escapes me, was a nice man. After school on an occasional weekday, I sat in the Temple office while Mom was doing Sisterhood work. Sometimes the rabbi would stop what he was doing and spend time teaching me something about our faith, which made me feel special. One thing I remember about the rabbi, that stuck with me, was we studied comparative religions, and he preached tolerance and respect for other faiths, which we could use a lot more of in these troubled times. I was so short at the time I had to stand on a wooden box to be seen at the Bimah during my Torah portion. Shortly after that, we moved back to Atlanta and joined the much larger, less intimate, conservative congregation Mom was raised in. They used a lot more Hebrew and I never felt at home there. They didn't want to accept my Bar Mitzvah, coming from a reform congregation, saying I didn't have enough Hebrew school, until my grandmother put her foot down. I found that odd since my Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel was more difficult than one at Ahavath Achim. I had to memorize the vowels for my portion, and was involved in more of the service, while at the time the kids at Ahavath Achim did less and got to read their portion with the vowels. I have fond memories growing up in South Florida, which was a magical place in the 50's and 60's when Miami Beach and the South Florida Jewish community was at its zenith. Anyway, I felt the urge to let you know of the passing of one of your former members.

Thank you, Marty, for letting us know how special Temple Israel remains to your family. Our sincerest condolences on the loss of a very special lady, your mom, Jean Feldman.

Mazel Tov to Emma Strauss

On Becoming A Bat Mitzvah (December 19th)

A heartfelt Mazel Tov to Emma for her dedication, studies, Torah reading and becoming a Bat Mitzvah this December!

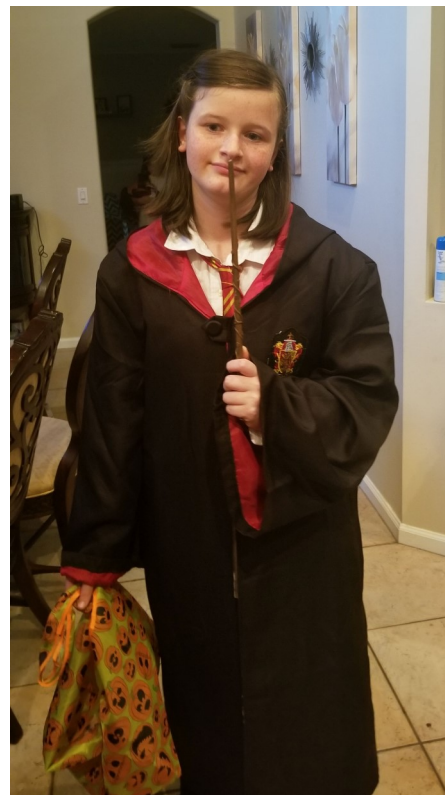
We think the world of Emma but wanted to hear more from Emma's parents, Jennifer and Mike, who told us:



Emma loves video games, coding, Harry Potter and to cosplay as her favorite Anime characters. She loves animals and is in the Animal Rescue Club. She is in 7th grade at Christa McAuliffe Middle School. It makes perfect sense that she wants to work with computers or animals.

One of the first reactions often said about Emma is that she is so sweet. She has a kind heart and a loving spirit. She cares about others and the world as a whole. She is generous and always willing to help. Whatever she does, she always goes above and beyond.

Here at Temple Israel, we know that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree – Emma and her family are very active members of Temple Israel, always going that extra step to serve others! Thank you... and Mazel Tov!



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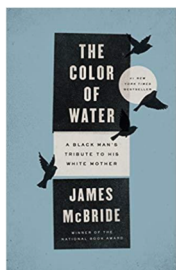
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This Month's Selection Is:

**THE COLOR OF WATER:
A BLACK MAN'S TRIBUTE TO HIS
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By James McBride



An autobiography and memoir, as well as a tribute to McBride's mother, a white Jewish woman who chose to marry a black man in 1942. McBride depicts the conflicting emotions and struggles that he endured as he discovered who he was while his mother narrates the hardships she had to overcome.

"The two stories, son's and mother's, beautifully juxtaposed, strike a graceful note at a time (we are constantly told) of racial polarization. Together, I think, they give new meaning to some tired phrases. Try "multicultural" and, even more, "family values." – *New York Times*

Look for Zoom information in our "THIS WEEK & NEXT" emails which are sent every Monday morning. For more information, contact Mary Arpe at marpe@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

via Zoom



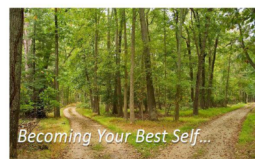
Facilitators: Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro & Dr. Barry Horowitz

Cost: \$54, payable to the Mussar Institute for the use of their materials and guidance with this course

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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NOV 4, 11, 18, DEC 2, 9, 16, JAN 6, 13, 20, 27, FEB 3, 10, 17, 24

WHO ARE WE? WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO ANYWAY?

Join us as Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin offers this thought-provoking 14-week learning opportunity from the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Through video lectures, interviews and text, we will address the contemporary challenges to the Jewish people in an era in which the Jewish people have moved from having no home to having two different, vibrant homes in Israel and in North America. Today Jews face new challenges to their unity including nationalism, anti-Semitism, dual loyalty and identity politics.



The curriculum includes examining forces that today divide the Jewish people and imagining new ways to sustain and grow the story of the Jewish people for a new millennium.

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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 Linda Solomon
- 14 Richard Cohen
- 14 Vera De Chalambert
- 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
- 24 Karen Lederman
- 25 Richard Greene
- 26 Maxwell Horowitz
- 27 Joan Goldberg
- 27 Michael Steiner
- 29 Georgene Eisenberg
- 30 Nicholas Marell
- 30 Lauren Sachs
- 30 Glenn Smith
- 31 Ilene Weinstein

January Anniversaries

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



MAZEL TOV to...

Patti & Larry Abramson on the marriage of their son and to the new happy couple, Liz & Marc Abramson, on December 5th.

Joanne & Howard Green on the recent engagement of their daughter Audrey to Rishi Bandopadhyay.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
					(Office Closed) 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service	9:30am Torah Study
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
		Hebrew School 9:00am Coffee and... with Rabbi Salkin	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	7:00pm Zoom Class for Hosts	6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service led by Rabbi Howard Shapiro	9:30am Torah Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Religious School 3:00pm (TBD) Madrachim Training		Hebrew School 7:00pm Mussar in A Time of Crisis	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	7:00pm Zoom Class for Participants	6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service honoring Martin Luther King Jr. - "Interfaith Freedom"	9:30am Torah Study
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4:00pm Online Cooking Class: Cheese & Tomato Tart	(Office Closed)	Hebrew School 5:30pm Teen Confirmation Class 6:00pm ANNUAL MEETING	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	7:00pm TI READS: The Color of Water	6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service	9:30am Torah Study 5:00pm Simply Jewish Series: Kol B'Seder
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Religious School 11:30am (TBD) Religious School Science Program 6:00pm Brotherhood Trip to local Brewery		Hebrew School	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Hartman Institute - Together & Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood	Tu BiShvat 7:00pm Zen-Tangles: Yoga for the Brain	4:30pm Family Shabbat on Facebook 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service	9:30am Torah Study
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