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the Date
to
Celebrate!*



Join Temple Israel as
we celebrate Rabbi
Howard Shapiro's 50
years in the Rabbinate!

Jan 19, 2018. More
details to follow in the
coming months.

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the latest info/updates
about events and
programs.

Calendar Highlights

Torah Study every Saturday.

June 15 | 2:00 pm
"Reel Theology" Movie

June 16 | 6:30 pm
Summer Erev Shabbat in
the Media Center

June 20 | 7:00 pm
Board Meeting

July 4 |
Holiday—Office Closed

July 18 | 7:00 pm
Board Meeting



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From the President

Michael Jonas

A Few Confessions Before Summer

I am going to start this summer by making a few confessions. I admit that these are not the important confessions for the High Holy Days, but they are a beginning.

For the sins when I write these articles of:

- 1) Citing too many Jewish sources;
- 2) Focusing on what is interesting to me and probably not so much to you;
- 3) And, as my wife tells me, sounding like former President Obama - "too professorial"

For all these transgressions - please forgive me.

But, I do have some explanations for committing these sins:

- 1) I don't know enough, so I frequently Google topics and consequently, cannot claim the *Torah/Talmud* analysis as my own;
- 2) I don't want to repeat what's on the calendar or what you can read on our web site or on Facebook so I try to relate Jewish studies to life at Temple Israel;
- 3) And, my articles may be "too professorial" but, at least they're not thoughtless tweets.

Enough of my confessions and explanations for now - the summer is upon us and let's talk about it.

Things to do at TI during this summer:

Traditional summer activities are available to you all year round in Florida except perhaps during the summer when it is too hot. If you are in town and want to change your routine, we have interesting programs and an extensive range of committees available for your participation. And, these events and meetings happen in our air conditioned spaces. Beat the summer heat and get involved at Temple Israel!

From Beautification to Social Action, you can find something interesting to do at our synagogue. Besides enjoying the program or committee, you will meet new people, make friends and work with your Temple family to benefit both our congregation and community. Start this summer. Please review this newsletter and contact the Temple Office for more information.

If you are in town this summer, please also join us for services. As they have been for many years, summer services are less formal and a great way to unwind from the week. As many of us know, there are few more peaceful moments than sitting in summer Shabbat services while viewing the Intracoastal Waterway from the Media Center.

Please note that beginning this summer and moving forward, all Shabbat services, unless part of a special event, now begins at 6:30 p.m. Please also note that our "Pronegs" begin at 6:00 p.m. before services. Come to the "Proneg" and enjoy a little food and wine so that you do not feel hungry during services and so that you can meet and greet new and old friends, congregants and visitors.

Whether in town or travelling, we hope that all of you enjoy this summer and find a renewed spirit to pursue the good work of Temple Israel.



Chesed Committee Can Provide a Helping Hand

Temple Israel has a *Chesed* (Caring) Committee and we are reaching out to all temple members. If you are sick, injured, need assistance (such as a ride to *Erev Shabbat* services), or if a loved one has passed away, we may be able to help you in your time of need. We are only a phone call away. Please contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 for further details.



From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

Opening Our Hearts to Asking for What We Need at the High Holy Days ...

When I first interviewed at Temple Israel (now more than five years ago), I was told that the summer was sleepy here, especially with so many snowbirds. As I begin my 6th year as Temple Israel's Rabbi, I can tell you that summer is anything but sleepy here now!

Not only do we have a higher percentage of year-round residents now, but we also spend the summer planning for and creating our High Holy Days' programming and beyond (most of our programming year is actually planned before July 1st), which means that, even though it isn't even July, it is time to talk about the High Holy Days (the "HHDs," as we call them around the Office).

And so I want to ask you two questions this summer while we prepare ...

My first HHDs question is: Have you considered joining the Choir? Our longtime, fabulous accompanist, David Block, will be leading our Choir this year (he is an experienced Choir Director, having worked with many church choirs). While many members of our Choir has sung together for many years, we are always interested in adding new voices ... and, no, you don't have to already sing like a superstar to join ... that's why the Choir practices!

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday nights beginning at 7pm, beginning on August 9th. If you have any questions about how our Choir operates, the necessary commitment, or our repertoire, feel free to contact either me or our HHDs Choir Chair, Fred Weissman. We'd love to add your voice to our beautiful music!

My second HHDs question is: If you've never felt moved by the High Holy Days' liturgy or music, what are you seeking and why do you come? Would understanding the special prayers of the season help bring deeper meaning to your experience? Would having someone to sit with enhance your connection? Would reading from the Torah lift up the holiness of your season? Do you even want to change your relationship with the High Holy Days?

As we are in the midst of preparing for the HHDs, we would love to hear your answers. Please drop me a note to let me know what we can do to create a more meaningful connection for you ... while I can't promise anything, who knows? Maybe we can help one of your answers come to life!

The HHDs have many names, including the "Days of Awe" and the "Season of Return," and (to some) it is the "Season of Forgiveness." My prayer for you is that you find time to sit down for a moment to think about what you really want from your Jewish experience and what you are willing to do to ensure that your needs are fulfilled. May your Jewish journey be awe-filled with a sense of return and forgiveness, for both yourself and others.

Please remember that my door is always open ... I look forward to discussing where you are on your Jewish journey soon.

Brotherhood

Charlie Eaton, President, Temple Israel Brotherhood.

TI Brotherhood held the 2017 Annual Supporter Dinner on May 24. Once again, Brother Jeff Gingold outdid himself preparing a delicious steak dinner for all.

Elections were held for the 2017-2018 Brotherhood Board of Directors.

Speaker, Harvey E Oyer III, gave a fascinating review of true Florida historical material used in his award-winning children's book series "*The Adventures of Charlie Pierce*" and went on to review the history of Temple Israel. The Brotherhood decided to purchase and donate books from this series to local public elementary schools. It was an engaging, enjoyable, and productive event.

Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Supporter Dinner in June 2018!





From the Educator

Iris Koller | Director of Youth, Family Engagement & Learning

What a Year

Here is just a “taste” of what was learned and lived in our classes this year!

- Raised over \$1200 for The Kids Cancer Foundation
- Collected over 220 cans and boxes of food for the West Palm Beach Food Pantry
- Planted a fig tree – the third of our “Biblical trees”
- Learned about Maimonides’s 8-rung Ladder of *Tzedakah* – and developed their own
- Built a partnership with students in Israel
- Shared their learning with the congregation by leading prayers, songs and offering presentations at services
- Celebrated the 4 *mitzvot* of Purim with families
- Discussed what it means to welcome guests and visit those who are ill
- Explored the meaning behind many of the steps of the Passover *seder* through an active (aka – throughout the entire campus) celebration of the 15 Steps to Freedom
- Learned about what it means to be a *kehilla*- a community – and then continued to learn and do as a community that cares for others
- Learned about modern Israel
- Read, sang, and discussed the texts of our tradition and the values that they teach us today

And now, as we enter summer, our students and families are being challenged to live the *Chai*-Life! We invite you to join them! We’d love for *you* to document the ways you “do Jewish” this summer and share your list and pictures with us!

2017 Summer Challenge! **The Summer *Chai* Life Do “Jewish” 18 Times!!**

What Does It Mean To “Do Jewish?” Here’s just a few ideas:

- Run a lemonade stand to collect for *tzedakah*
- Celebrate *Shabbat* at home
- Take care of our world – bring some bags and gloves to pick up trash when you head to the beach or for a hike
- Use your *tzedakah* to feed the hungry
- Come to services
- Read a Jewish book
- Watch a movie like *Prince of Egypt* or *American Tale*
- Visit the elderly in your neighborhood
- Care for your garden
- Help your mom or dad
- Learn to cook some Jewish holiday foods
- Go through your books and toys and donate some to those in need
- Write a letter or draw a picture for an elderly relative you don’t get to see very often
- Visit a synagogue or Jewish museum when you travel
- Practice Hebrew

So many more ideas - what will you do? Can you do 18 things over the summer?

KEEP A LIST – TAKE SOME PICS FOR US TO SEE...



President’s Circle Update

Nancy and Barry Horowitz | Chairs

With the addition of Meg and Jay Axelrod at the Diamond level, we now have 65 President’s Circle members for 2017. The plaque outside of the social hall (see picture on facing page) has been updated to reflect the current roster of members. We are so pleased and grateful for everyone’s support.

It is our pleasure to announce that Judy and Alan Shuster have graciously offered their beautiful home for the boat parade on Saturday evening, December 2nd. More details will follow, but delicious food and wonderful libations will be served. All current 2017 President Circle members will be invited.

There are still plenty of open spaces on the plaque and new members are always appreciated and welcome. Please contact us or Jennifer at the Temple office for more information.

SISTERHOOD'S CHAI 'n TEA

On Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. the place to be was Temple Israel enjoying Sisterhood's Chai 'n Tea.

Ten Tables - uniquely set by the Table-Scapers with their personal china and gorgeous flowers - filled the David and Pauline Carter Ballroom with wonderment. The tables literally took your breath away and transformed our space into a fabulous afternoon tea that could have been held at Mar-a-Largo or perhaps the Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong.

My Co-Chair, Joanne Green, took the lead in creating a terrific and diverse committee that guaranteed success! Every committee member took on a task to make this event not only beautiful but enjoyable to all who attended. The Bellini Bar, savories and sweets were created by our own Sisterhood women. Our fabulous items for the Chinese auction were achieved by our committee members asking local businesses for their support. And to round out our event, the Evelyn & Arthur fashion show made the afternoon spectacular.

A huge thank you to everyone involved ... you know who you are. Your piece of this event made it as wonderful an afternoon as it ever could have been. My warmest memories are of everyone working together, helping one another during the set-up and the break-down. And of Earnton ... standing in the doorway of the ballroom, hands on hips, shaking his head back and forth, saying quietly under his breath, "Beautiful. Just Beautiful!" He's seen it all at Temple Israel and his words say it all!

Elaine Feldmesser



Help our office help you!

Our members make generous donations to Temple Israel and often ask the Temple to allocate them to two or more purposes.

Because not all of our accounts are held at the same bank, it would be a great help if donations going to different banks were written on different checks (this does not pertain to credit card donations).

Payments for the following can all be on one check and will be allocated according to your instructions:

General Donations
High Holy Day Appeal
Koleynu Ads
Annual Commitments
Religious School
Sisterhood Dues

Fundraising Events
Yarzeits
Class Payments
Annual Journal Ads
Brotherhood Dues

Payments made to any "fund" (see list above), can be together on one check and will be allocated according to your instructions. Contact the Temple office if you have any questions.

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Next Person | Rabbi Shapiro

I have recently been told that around the office and in the TI circle, the program is being called: RHS's "NPIWYTM". I don't know but it sort of looks like a typing test to me. The "IT" is the program that was graciously endowed in my honor when I retired from Temple Israel in 2008. It was originally called, "Five People I Would Like You To Meet."

It began with a generous gift Stacy and Keith Palagye presented to me with the suggestion that I use the funds to celebrate my 27 years at Temple Israel. That's when we came up with the idea of bringing five people to Temple whose works resonated with what was important to me as a Rabbi. It was a wonderful gift and a wonderful year when these five people came during my retirement year.

But that was only the beginning. At the end of that year, members of the congregation created a fund to continue to bring in speakers, artists, musicians, scholars, who represented some of the different values that spoke to my heart. That fund still lives today and is responsible for "The Next Person I Want You To Meet" ("NPIWYTM"). And as a matter of fact the Next Person has already been selected and you should be hearing about him shortly. I am very excited that he has accepted our offer.

It could not have been done without Zelda Mason - who along with Linda Solomon - worked together with Judy Goldblatt and Judy Shuster. I am immensely grateful to them and to all who contributed to make this lasting tribute a reality. We are all blessed by the foresight and generosity of all who made and continue to make this possible.

Thank You

Judy Goldblatt
Barbara & Mort Mandel
Zelda & Allen Mason
Stacy & Keith Palagye
Anonymous
Bill Bone
Linda & Ray Golden
J. Ira & Nicki Harris
Ron Pertnoy
Judy & Alan Shuster
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Amy & Michael Jonas

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Nancy & Wolfgang Greiter
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Phyllis & Herbert Siegel
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Bernie Taub & Rhea Harris
Ellen & Robert Wacks
Bernie Weinstein
Adrianne & Fred Weissman
Caren & Bud, z'l, Zisson



Annual Journal Update

Eileen Shapiro and Amy Jonas

By now you know that our Temple is honoring Elaine and Mark Feldmesser.

We've told you about them, all they've done and continue to do for Temple Israel and why they are so deserving.

We hope that you realize placing an ad in the Journal is the perfect opportunity for you to show your appreciation and a wonderful way for you to also support TI.

If you have not placed an ad, we encourage you to do so. We ask that you approach your hair salon, nail place, favorite restaurant or other businesses that you frequent and sell an ad to them.

But we're realistic and know that for many, thinking up what to say or how to design a creative ad can be daunting.

So that's why we are letting you know that Jim Eisenberg is the "King of Quotes" and he would love to help you find one that is appropriate for your ad? Call Jim at home 561-659-2019 or cell 561-371-2386 and he will make your ad just perfect.

And why we're letting you know that - Amy Devore would love to help you format your ad in a sleek and professional style. Call Amy at home 561-626-3510 or cell 561-373-8796.

So now, we hope everyone knows that it is easy to submit an ad. For your convenience, a form has been enclosed.

Please remember we're here to help you with anything you need. We can also provide you with a letter and form specifically for vendors.

We know that TOGETHER we can make this the best ANNUAL JOURNAL and DIRECTORY ever.

Thanks in advance.

Legacy Society of Temple Israel

In last month's Koleynu our president, Michael Jonas, announced that Temple Israel has partnered with the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to create a legacy program at our synagogue. In addition to the primary benefit our synagogue will receive from legacy gifts, we will also receive a grant from the Jewish Federation if we obtain at least 18 legacy gift commitments this year. Our membership has already begun to respond. We have at present received eight legacy gift letters of intent (*form enclosed*).

The donors ("Shomrim" – Guardians) to the Legacy Society of Temple Israel are individuals, just like you, who value our innovative approach to worship, Jewish education, *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), social advocacy, and inclusiveness.

Adrian Sandoval, a member of the TI Family since 2015, is a religious school parent, member of our technology and security committees, serves on our Board of Directors and is a *Shomrim*, a guardian.

Why was it important to you to make a legacy gift to Temple Israel?

I want to make sure Temple Israel is financially secured today and for many years to come. Making a legacy gift to Temple Israel was a very easy decision for me to make.

Why is our synagogue special to you and your family?

My family has a special connection to Temple Israel since it is where I was converted to Judaism and where my children have been attending Sunday school for the past several years. Temple Israel really embraces its members and the general public as well.

What motivated you to give your first gift to us?

As a member of the Board, I believe it is important to lead by example and show that I'm fully vested in the future of Temple Israel.

What would you like to see continue as your legacy?

I would like to see Temple Israel continue its Sunday/Religious School program and work on creating technology oriented programs for members and the general public.

Why should others consider making a legacy gift to Temple Israel?

I believe we should all be proud and thankful for being a part of Temple Israel and what it stands for. Solidifying the future of Temple Israel by offering a legacy gift would be a meaningful way to say thank you and it will help secure the future of Reform Judaism in South Florida.

A legacy gift is not a cash donation today, but a promise for the future. Your commitment will enable you to:

- Ensure that the Jewish traditions you cherish will continue in perpetuity
- Express beliefs instilled in you by your parents and grandparents
- Preserve the special qualities of our Temple Israel family
- Set an example for your family and community
- Secure a safe and progressive space for Jewish identity for future generations

Regardless of age or wealth, you have the ability to make an impact on Temple Israel. A provision, as a percentage or specific sum in an estate plan or a designation on a retirement fund or life insurance policy can establish your legacy and contribute to the future of our temple.

Establish your Temple Israel legacy today so that we will keep our doors open wide to future generations seeking the strength of our synagogue's connection with our faith, tradition and community.

To further our Life and Legacy program efforts, we have formed a Life and Legacy committee. The initial members of this committee are: Larry Abramson, Jennifer Green Baer, Michael Jonas, Carole Klein, Marty List, Scott Newman, Rabbi Olshein and Steve Schwartz. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let us know.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about endowing a gift to Temple Israel, please contact Jennifer Green Baer, Temple Administrator, at jennifer@temple-israel.com or 561.833.8421.



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| | Jessica Wacks |
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| 10 | Michael Botnick |
| | Jennifer Strauss |
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| | Robert Newman |
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| 18 | Stephanie Meehan |
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| | Terry Resk |
| 27 | Robert Green |
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| | John Quinto |
| 28 | Rita Menitoff |
| 29 | Sherry Jacobs |

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| 1 | Dana Bronstien |
| 3 | Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein |
| | Cady Sandler |
| 5 | Lauren Clifton |
| | Jack Krauser |
| 6 | Delia Hartley |
| | Barrett Smith |
| 7 | Michael Small |
| 8 | Jack Ablin |
| | Madsen Hartley |
| 10 | David Sommer |
| 12 | Keith Braun |
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| 23 | Alison Belilty |
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| | Edward Polden |
| 24 | Judy Leibovit |
| 27 | Lora Baum |
| 28 | Mackenzie Raifman |
| | Jacquelyn Silver |
| | Danielle Silver |
| 31 | Naomi Braun |

June Wedding Anniversaries



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| 2 | Edward & Deanna Roos |
| 10 | Dick & Rhona Shugarman |
| 11 | Sandy & Jill Sirulnick |
| 13 | James & Katherine Bronstien |
| 14 | Bob & Liz Green |
| 15 | Steve & Mary Ann Ehrlich |
| 16 | Jack Ackerman |
| 18 | Rabbi & Rita Menitoff |

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| 21 | Michael & Miki Leibowitz |
| | Morris Zabarkus & Rita Holz |
| | Charlie & Valerie Eaton |
| 22 | Howard & Joanne Green |
| | Michael Gelfand & Mary Arpe |
| | Conrad & Iris Koller |
| 23 | Hugo Ottolenghi & Deborah Hirsch |
| 24 | Gene & Judy Devore |
| | Peter & Susan Hut |
| 25 | Rabbi & Eileen Shapiro |
| | Scott & Zawra Bentolila |
| 26 | Perry & Joi Lynn Young |

July Wedding Anniversaries

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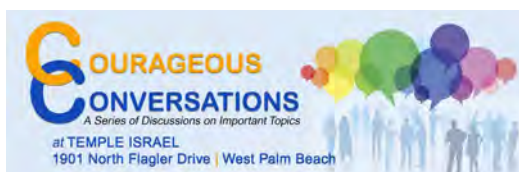
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