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## Calendar Highlights

*Torah Study every Saturday  
at 9:30 am*

**March 2** | 6:30 pm

*Purim Shabbat -*

*Upside Down Dinner*

**March 7, 14, 21 & 28** | 10:30 pm

*Chair Yoga*

**March 7, 14 & 28** | 6:30 pm

*iEngage Course*

**March 8** | 7:00 pm

*TI Reads*

**March 9 - 11**

Rabbi Shapiro's "Next Person

I Want You To Meet" -

Sayed Kashua

**March 13** | 5:45 pm

*Death & Dying Q&A with*

*Brett Golov of Riverside*

*Stanetsky Memorial Chapel*

**March 13 & 27** | 7:00 pm

*Mussar*

**March 15** | 7:00 pm

*Board of Directors Meeting -*

*Special Training*

**March 17** | 11:00 am

*Out of the Box Shabbat*

**March 19** | 7:00 pm

*Israel Bond's Event*

*@ PB Synagogue - honor*

*Nancy & Stephen Schwartz*

**March 20** | 4:30 pm

*Jewish Federation's Year 1*

*Life & Legacy Celebration*

**March 25** | 10:00 am

*Sisterhood Brunch & #metoo*

**March 30** |

*First Night of Passover*

**March 31** |

*TI's Second Night Seder*

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## Sayed Kashua Is The Next Person Rabbi Howard Shapiro Wants You To Meet

*"To Understand Israel, you have to  
understand the Palestinian & Israeli  
experience ... Sayed Kashua bridges both."*

Rabbi Howard Shapiro



**Friday, March 9 - 6:30 p.m.**

**The Story of Me -**

**Living between Multiple Identities: Muslim, Arab, Jew, American**

**Saturday, March 10 - 9:30 a.m.**

**What Happens when Two Rabbis and One Palestinian Israeli Author Study  
Torah Together?**

**Saturday, March 10 - 4:00 p.m.**

**In partnership with Temple Judea - Cultural Criticism Through Humor**

**Sunday, March 11- 11:00 a.m.**

**"From the Middle East to the Mid-West"**

**Brunch for TI's 2018 President's Circle Members at the home of  
Nancy and Barry Horowitz**



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# From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

## Finding Compassion for Those We Dislike, or Even Hate ... and Trying to Understand Them ...

As is our custom to celebrate *Purim* at the Friday closest to the actual holiday, Temple Israel will be acknowledging the holiday of Purim on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Passover begins the night of Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, this year). And while it is a time to celebrate together (and especially remember the old joke regarding most Jewish holidays, "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat"), we must look deeper to find modern meaning beyond the obvious and perhaps even try to turn the obvious interpretations upside-down (as we are told to do with this story). Let's try to find some compassion for (even) Haman this year.

In trying to understand human nature, I have often tried to figure out what motivates someone to do bad things. What do they get out of being "the bad guy"? What do they get out of hurting others? What feelings are validated when they knowingly make the wrong choice?

If we really turn the *Purim* story upside down, can we find even a small amount of empathy for the evil Haman's need for self-aggrandizement? Can we try to rewrite the story as someone who once had power who is now feeling pushed aside and becoming irrelevant? Can we imagine the anger and hurt which then would motivate him to treat a whole swath of people with indifference?

Today, as we listen to the news (and the political pundits), we have all heard stories of people feeling irrelevant and pushed aside, on BOTH sides. We listen to the stories of people who become motivated by the need to feel heard, with some of these people even sometimes resorting to violence, because this provides the attention they seek in order to feel important.

What we are not hearing are stories of people coming together to learn with and listen to each other ... to validate feelings of hurt and to try to understand how we can all work together so all people can feel important and *heard* within our society. On a community level, Temple Israel tries to address these issues through our Courageous Conversations series (our next event will focus on immigration issues on April 27<sup>th</sup>), but on a micro-level, I ask you to consider the last time you intentionally sat down to have a meaningful conversation with someone with whom you knew you disagreed. These difficult conversations require humility, a precious virtue in Judaism, and patience, as hearing and understanding "the other" requires time and respect.

This month, as we intentionally turn our holiday upside down with celebration (check out the details elsewhere regarding our Upside-Down Breakfast-for-Dinner and our other upside-down antics), let us remind ourselves for the need to shake up our lives by trying to really understand those with whom we disagree. Fulfilling the *mitzvah* of compassion when listening, especially regarding those with whom we disagree and/or dislike, can strengthen our own understanding of our beliefs.

As I end each month, my door is always open to help you on your Jewish journey. Please let me know how I can be of assistance.





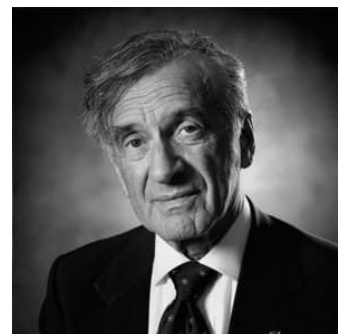


## From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

*"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference."*

- Elie Wiesel



There is no place for indifference at Temple Israel. As we embark on our Co-Presidential journey we have simple goals. They are to grow and engage our membership and leave Temple Israel in a better place than we found it. Temple Israel has a long history of Presidents and Co-Presidents doing just that and with your help we hope to reach the high bar set by our past leadership.

Our success depends on you. Our presidency is a collaborative one by nature, because we are two, and so we invite each of you to be a part of our team. Our Executive Committee and Board of Directors is a broad cross-section of our congregation, purposefully, so all corners of our membership are represented. Contact any one of them; join one of our committees; be on our team. All of us together can achieve great things. "What role will you play?"

We close with this quote...

*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."*

- African Proverb

We want to go far. Please join us.

Shalom,  
Elaine & Judy

## SHABBAT out of ...



Step "out of your box" on Saturday, March 17th, at 11:00am (right after Torah study from 9:30-10:30-ish am) and join us for our monthly Shabbat MORNING worship experience we are calling ...

## Out of the Box Shabbat!

Join Rabbi Olshein for this informal one hour-ish, *Shabbat* morning exploration of the prayers and meaning of *Shabbat* with Guest Musician Carol Garrett. This service will challenge you through its music, its delivery, and its message ... so have some faith in trying something new and join us for TI's *Shabbat* EXPERIMENT and, yes, there will even be a tasty Kiddush lunch following for all who attend!

**Saturday, 3/17 @ 11:00 am**

Temple Israel of West Palm Beach @ 1901 North Flagler Drive 33407

Come comfortably dressed with an open mind ... open to all ... no RSVP necessary.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Olshein at Temple Israel at 833-8421.



# The Mussar Corner

Rabbi Howard Shapiro

## HUMILITY

In the *Mussar* approach to living a life in tune with tradition's insights about goodness, morality, spirituality and ethical living, the attribute of humility is a key concept. Unlike the conventional use of the word where we think that to be humble is to be low and to subjugate your ego so that you are like a speck of dust on a polished surface, visible but not in your face statement. Humility for the *Mussar* Masters is finding your rightful place in that moment of time or in that space. Like most *Mussar* attributes, it is not a fixed place but fluctuates depending on circumstances and demands.

At this moment this approach reminds me of the "Next Person I Want You To Meet: Said Kashua". So, I don't know him personally; I know him through his novels, his interviews, his essays and articles in the Israeli press, his reputation. Much of his work can be seen through this humility lens. He writes about finding his place. Born in a Palestinian village in Israel, educated in the Israeli school system, he asks 'where is my place in this society that is both mine and not mine'. I wouldn't describe him as humble in the conventional definition but I am pretty convinced he is on the humility spectrum. We all are.

When you walk into a party where the room is filled with strangers – consciously or unconsciously you need to find a place. Do I walk right up to the center of the space and start telling my story? Do I find a corner near the door so I can escape? Do I find the bar and drink in hand slowly integrate myself into a comfortable place? The room is life. What is your place? Where is your comfort level? When do you need to stand and shout? When do you need to sit back and listen? When do you need to fill the room, when do you leave room for others?

Being humble is being aware of the "you" in relation to the "other". Enjoy the journey!

Please join us on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in the Media Room as we study how to find our place.

## Just Breathe: Introduction to Jewish Chair Yoga

Combining Jewish ideology with ancient yoga tradition, we are pleased to introduce you to Jewish Chair Yoga! Framed by quotes from the Jewish mystical tradition (using the chair as our tool both sitting and standing), we will engage in gentle stretching and balance postures to strengthen our bodies and souls. The only requirement is that you must breathe!

### FACILITATOR

Ellen Goldenson

Ellen is a Certified Yoga Instructor who has received specialized training in yoga for seniors and those with physical limitations at the Kripalu Yoga Center in the Berkshires, Massachusetts. A longtime student of yoga, Ellen wants to share what she has learned with those of every ability!



# President's Circle

President' Circle (PC) - What is it? Why should I/we join? What is the cost?

These are questions that we hear often at Temple Israel and they each have simple answers.

So, let's start with the what and why.

TI's President's Circle is made up of dedicated TI members who are able to financially contribute more to our Temple through their Annual Commitments so that we may continue to operate during the year and offer adjustments to those members who may need financial assistance.

Throughout the year we offer special programs and events for members of our President's Circle. Past events have been an *Erev Shabbat* where we honor every PC member, a holiday boat parade, and special meet & greets, dinners, brunches with visiting scholars and speakers.

Now - the cost.

Depending on your current Annual Commitment level the difference between your current dues and President's Circle dues will vary.

For instance, if there is a couple that is over 45 years of age who have been members of TI for more than five years – their Annual Commitment in 2018 is \$1,960.00. If that same couple who is over 45 years of age wishes to join the President's Circle at the Silver Level at \$2,500.00 the difference in their Annual Commitment is \$540.00. What does that mean - that for less than an additional \$50.00 per month, that couple may become members of TI's President's Circle. So, instead of paying \$1,960.00 for the year, the couple will pay \$2,500.00 for the year

The Annual Commitment of a President's Circle member starts at the Silver Level (\$2,500.00) and has levels with increased giving amounts. **These giving levels are your Annual Commitment** - you DO NOT pay your Annual Commitment in addition to your PC giving.

Also, new members who commit now for 2018 will be invited to the PC brunch on March 11 with Sayed Kashua at the home of Nancy and Barry Horowitz.

Please call Jennifer at the office at 561-833-8421 or e-mail her at [jennifer@temple-israel.com](mailto:jennifer@temple-israel.com).

**WHEN** Wednesdays, through 4/25, from 10:30-11:30am ... we do ask that you please arrive on time so as not to disturb others after the class has begun. (If there is sufficient interest, this course will continue into March.)

**COST** If you are able, please make a donation of your choosing to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund ... however, cost should not be a factor in deciding whether to experience this wonderful opportunity. Open to all, so please invite your friends!

**Questions? Want to RSVP?**  
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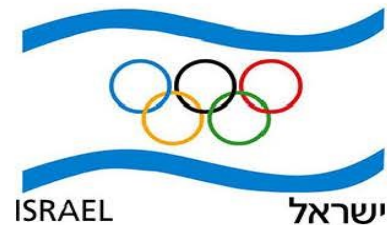
#### **John C. Randolph**

Chairman, Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews

#### Guest Speaker

#### **Vered Buskila**

Vice President, Olympic Committee of Israel  
and Former Olympic Athlete



**Monday, March 19, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Palm Beach Synagogue**

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## Congratulations Rabbi Howard Shapiro



### Thank You



Several years ago, our congregant, Mark Cohen, an artist in his own right, loaned two limited edition lithographs, hand-signed and numbered by the artist Theo Tobiasse to the Temple. They have hung in Rabbi Shapiro's office and in the front lobby of the Temple Office since that time. In celebration of Rabbi Shapiro's 50 years of service, Mark has donated these two pieces to the Temple. They are each part of limited editions of only 99 valuable pieces.

The artist Theo Tobiasse, was born in Jaffa, Israel in 1927 of Lithuanian parents. His father, a Zionist, was a printer and in order to find work, he moved the family to Paris in 1931.

For two years during the war (1942-1944) his family stayed hidden in a tiny apartment in Paris. Theo and his family survived the war when Paris was liberated in 1944. He went on to work as a successful advertising artist. In 1961 he entered his first art show and won the Grand Prize. Since then, he has been highly regarded in the fine art world. His works have been on exhibition throughout the western world and Japan. He died in 2012.

Stop by the Temple Office to admire and enjoy these beautiful works of art. Thank you Mark for your enduring, timeless gift to Temple Israel.







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**Rabbi Olshein**, thank you for a beautiful service.

Norman Berman will be dearly missed

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## Answering Your Questions About Planning Jewish Funerals

Rabbi Olshein and Brett Golov, Funeral Director (TI Member)

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45pm

Light dinner served to those who RSVP

(RSVPs a MUST to the Office no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>)



## Yahrzeit Donation

in memory of

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Eileen Shapiro

## March Anniversaries



- 7 Blake & Melissa Matthews
- 20 Marty & Karen List
- 21 Herb & Phyllis Siegel
- 30 Bob & Ellen Wacks

## Mazel Tov



Irma Morris is a great-grandmother. Layla Mackenzie Goldfarb was born on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Irma's grand-daughter, Allison, and her husband, Lee Goldfarb.

Ira and Jane Warshaw on the engagement of their daughter, Emily Claire Warshaw, to Christopher William Barnhill.

Eunice and Jim Baros on the engagement of their daughter, Cara Baros, to Josh Wirth.

## March Birthdays



- 1 Eileen Pasternak
- 2 Paul Cohen  
Siena Davis  
Karen List  
Dania Schwartz
- 3 Fredric Fine
- 4 Chloe Duncan
- 7 Matthew Goldberger  
Fruema Klorfein
- 8 Edward Elson  
Bennett Harris
- 9 Jeffrey Hirsch  
Joi Lynn Young
- 10 Deborah Hirsch
- 11 Lawrence Abramson  
Barbara Thrasher  
Elias Torres-Nussbaum
- 13 Molly Botnick
- 15 Evan List
- 16 Jane Warshaw
- 17 Robert Pasternak
- 18 Nancy Schwartz
- 19 Rikki Bagatell  
Gerard Belilty  
Sherri Gilbert  
Alison Goldberg
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Jonathan Horowitz
- 22 Jules Fox
- 23 Matthew Sax
- 24 Alexandra Skaletsky  
Burton Stern
- 25 Brian Haft
- 26 Samantha Feuer
- 27 Caren Zisson
- 29 Marsha Fishbane
- 30 Cherri Alexander

## Sisterhood Member Spotlight - Irma Morris

Each month we will interview a Sisterhood member. Mazel Tov to Irma on the celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26<sup>th</sup> and the birth of her great granddaughter on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please tell us a little bit about your early life and family.**

*I was born in a small Western PA town near Pittsburgh, called Coraopolis.*

*After WW2, I married Leonard Morris.*

*He became a certified gemologist in the American Gem Society and took over the management of my family's company, Eger's Jewelers.*

*We traveled to Asia, South America and Israel to buy diamonds and gemstones for the store.*

*Our daughter, Marjorie and my son-in-law, Larry run the business today.*

*I'm the proud grandmother of their sons, Lee and Eric and great grandmother of Layla Mackenzie.*



**Please tell us about your involvement with the Jewish community.**

*Leonard and I, with about 30 other couples banded together to form a reform congregation in the 1960's.*

*It was a small but wonderful congregation, with student rabbis from the Cincinnati Rabbinical School.*

*Many of them went on to become leaders in the URJ.*

**When did you move to FL and join TI?**

*We bought our condo in 1980 and began attending services at TI and became members.*

*We have made many dear friends along the way at TI.*

**Lastly, one thing that we might not know about you.**

*I was an avid golfer and met some interesting people on the golf course.*

## Sisterhood Meeting and Conversation ...

**“Sexual Harassment and the Jewish Community: What Can Jewish Texts and Jewish Values Teach Us About the #MeToo Movement?”**

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-12noon – Media Center and Cyber Café

Join Temple Israel's Sisterhood for brunch and conversation. Not only will we be making plans for our upcoming events and sketching out possibilities for next year, but we will also be learning together!

Please join us as Rabbi Olshein leads a discussion regarding the current state of, and the Jewish responses to, sexual harassment and sexual discrimination claims, both in entertainment/media and in our own lives. Grounded in Jewish texts, together, we will consider ancient teachings regarding the treatment of women, as well as our options for modern responses - individually and as a community.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, by calling Ellen Goldenson so we know how much food to prepare. Also, if you need a ride, please let Ellen know so that we can help find you one. We look forward to seeing everyone at this important event!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <b>Purim Shabbat-Upsidedown Dinner</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	3 <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am
4	5	6	7 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 10:30 am <b>iEngage course</b> 6:30 pm	8 <b>TI Reads</b> 7:00 pm	9 <b>Rabbi Shapiro's "Next Person I Want You To Meet" - Sayed Kashua Shabbat</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	10 <b>Sayed Kashua Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Criticism Through Humor</b> 4:00 pm
11 <b>2018 PC Circle Brunch with Sayad Kashua</b> 11:00 am	12	13 <b>Death &amp; Dying Q&amp;A with Brett Golov</b> 5:45 pm <b>Mussar</b> 7:00 pm	14 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 10:30 am <b>iEngage course</b> 6:30 pm	15 <b>Board of Directors Meeting – Special Training with Synagogue Institute</b> 7:00 pm	16 <b>Erev Shabbat</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	17 <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Out of the Box Shabbat</b> 11:00 am
18	19 <b>Israel Bond's Event in honor of Nancy &amp; Stephen Schwartz</b> 7:00 pm	20 <b>Jewish Federation's Year 1 Life &amp; Legacy Celebration at TI</b> 4:30 pm	21 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 10:30 am	22	23 <b>Erev Shabbat</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	24 <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am
25 <b>Sisterhood Brunch &amp; #metoo Program</b> 10:00 am	26	27 <b>Mussar</b> 7:00 pm	28 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 10:30 am <b>iEngage course</b> 6:30 pm	29	30 <b>First Night of Passover</b>	31 <b>TI's Second Night Seder</b>