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The next issue of the *Koleynu* will be a joint June/July issue



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## Calendar Highlights

*Torah Study every Saturday.*

**May 6** | 11:00 am  
Jewish Ethics of Money

**May 7** | 2:00 pm  
Sisterhood *High Tea*

**May 12** | 6:30 pm  
Courageous Conversations:  
Race Relations

**May 18** | 11:30 am  
60+ Lunch and Learn:  
Jill Douglas

**May 20** | 11:00 am  
Out of the Box Shabbat

**May 24** | 6:00 pm  
Brotherhood Annual Dinner

**May 26** | 6:30 pm  
Shabbat at the Beach  
(Dinner @ 5:45)

**May 30** | 6:30 pm  
Erev Shavuot at  
Temple Emanu-El  
Dinner and Learning @ 7 pm

**May 31** | 11:45 am  
Yizkor with Rabbi Shapiro

Break out your Hats and Gloves...  
Sisterhood is throwing an Old Fashioned "High" Tea  
Bring your Mothers, your Daughters, your Sisters & Friends

**SAVE THE DATE**  
MAY 7, 2017  
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## **Wednesday, May 24th** **6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel**



### **Brotherhood Supporter Annual Steak Dinner**

Our featured speaker will be **Harvey E. Oyer III**, a partner in the WPB office of Shutts & Bowen LLP.

Harvey is an accomplished historian, lecturer, and writer on law, history and archaeology.

He's also the author of award-winning and best-selling children's books.

The Brotherhood Dinner will take place in the David and Pauline Carter Ballroom and is free to men in the congregation who have paid their annual supporter fee for the year; otherwise \$36 at the door.

**R.S.V.P.....**

If you plan to attend (and you should!) to Charlie Eaton at [eaton.md@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.md@gmail.com) or by calling Temple Israel 561-833-8421.

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# From the President

Michael Jonas

## *Arcadia, Chaos and Temple Israel*

On Saturday evening, April 1st, thanks to the efforts of Eunice Barros and Sherry Jacobs, I sat with more than 40 other congregants in the theater at Palm Beach Dramaworks watching a performance of *Arcadia* written by Tom Stoppard.

Among several themes, *Arcadia* demonstrated the application of Chaos Theory to human behavior. We learned that, according to this theory, seemingly chaotic events affecting one group from one century can produce patterns of behavior which affect and predict behavior in another group in the present. We also learned that the introduction of human complexity, miscommunication and misinterpretation can produce significant changes in future behavior and events. The results can be chaotic.

We have always been faced with chaos. According to the Bible, before the world was created, there was chaos, *Tohu VaVohu*. However, it was out of chaos that something positive emerged. "We need chaos," states Rabbi Jeremy Rosen, "It strengthens us. It always has. Within chaos the small little atoms of cohesion survive to build another world."

Chaos is, therefore, not irrevocably chaotic. As Chaos Theory describes, worlds end and new worlds are born with some degree of predictability from the legacies of the past. One essential question asked by the play is: *how do we live with the certain knowledge that our world will inevitably end?*

In the circumstances of *Arcadia*, one of the characters, Hannah, suggests that the answer lies not in knowing the end, but in trying to understand: "It is not the 'what' we're looking for; it's wanting to know that makes us matter." And it is our wanting to know as a community, a congregation, which leads us to form the bonds so that there is predictability in the future.

We want to know that as people, the contributions we make to our world matter. We want to know that as a congregation, Temple Israel will continue to evolve.

Our synagogue's adaptations and changes into various iterations during the past 90+ years lead us to believe that there is a predictable future for Temple Israel. But, there is a gap between believing and knowing. We matter, as Hannah stated, because we want to know. So, we are in the process of creating some predictability for our synagogue by establishing an endowment program.

Legacy giving has become an essential element of financial stability for Jewish organizations and it is essential for Temple Israel. By assigning a portion of a life insurance policy, retirement fund or through estate planning, you can create a legacy for you and your family which costs you nothing today.

We can help you create your legacy. Our synagogue has been selected to receive a grant from the Life & Legacy Program, a program created and supported by the combined efforts of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County through its Jewish Community Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. We now have a systematic, incentivized and collaborative way to create endowments.

If we meet the relatively limited goal created by the Life & Legacy Program of obtaining 18 required letters of intent this year, our synagogue will receive a subsidy in addition to funds obtained through the actual endowments. The program lasts 2 years and the goals gently escalate as do the subsidies.

Want to know if Temple Israel will be around for another 90+ years? Contact our Temple office to participate in our Life & Legacy Program and you will be given the tools to help create your legacy and to help determine a predictable future for our Temple.



# From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

## ***To What Do You Feel Obligated Jewish-ly? How Do You Express This Obligation?***

I don't remember studying the holiday of *Shavuot* when I was a kid in Religious School and, in fact, most of my adult Jewish friends don't remember learning about it either. I realized that it usually occurs at or after the end of the school year, meaning that teachers had to think ahead to the summer to include it in their curriculum, or it was forgotten. However, because of its meaning, perhaps we should consider this one of the most important holidays of the year.

The word "*Shavuot*" means "weeks," referring to the 7 weeks of 7 days that we count from the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Passover (when we are liberated from our slavery) until the holiday of *Shavuot*, which is when we not only receive the Ten Commandments, but this is the day when we truly become a people.

The sages teach that many groups were offered the opportunity to become God's chosen people, but each turned God down. Only the Jews accepted God's offer to enter into a unique relationship of obligation. As we are not orthodox Jews who believe that we are obligated to follow the commandments as received at Sinai and then expanded by the sages, the question for liberal Jews then becomes: what obligation do liberal Jews have to practice Judaism? Is it about what we eat or how we pray? Is it about doing social action or social justice? Is that enough?

Reform Jewish theology teaches us that we are each obligated to investigate and learn about our faith traditions and then make meaningful decisions based on our learning. Regarding worship observance, I find meaning in celebrating Shabbat with other Jews every week through both worship and study, even when I am on vacation, so I prioritize finding a *Torah* study session and attending other worship services ... and it has afforded me the most wonderful opportunities to meet new people. I have celebrated Shabbat with the local Jewish communities in Budapest, Prague, Australia, New Zealand, and El Salvador (as well as on many cruise ships) and would not give up the opportunity to meet other Jews who were also intentional about connecting with other Jews. In other words, for me, connecting with other Jews and learning about all the different ways to "do Judaism," without judgment, is an important part of how I express my Judaism. For me, feeling part of a people connected by history, heritage, and tradition is important.

As so many people begin their summer travels (or at least are planning them), my question for you this month is this: how are you intentional about experiencing your Judaism when you travel away from home? Do you feel obligated to connect with other Jews? Why or why not? What commandments resonate for you? How do you make these feelings of connectedness come alive as you experience your Jewish life? How can I, and Temple Israel, help you feel more connected?

My prayer for you this month is that you continue to find meaning in Jewish learning which results in "Jewish doing." May you always feel a connectedness to your Jewish family at Temple Israel and Jews throughout the world ... and, as I always say, please let me know how I can help you on your Jewish journey.

- Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein.



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

Jan 19-20, 2018. More details to follow in the coming months.







# The Mussar Moment

Barry S. Horowitz, MD

On the evening of the second Passover Seder, we began the traditional counting of “the Omer,” marking the 49 days that lead us from Passover (and the exodus from Egypt) all the way to *Shavuot* (the holiday of the giving of the *Torah* at Mt. Sinai). When we look at periods like this that link the high points on our calendar, we are wise to see them as more than just gaps in the schedule. They are not just merely connective tissue, like the insignificant string that holds the pearls. The order of the calendar creates connections and we can learn a great deal by identifying what those connections are, and what they mean.

It is traditional in the Mussar world to use this 49-day period as a time for spiritual practice. Various systems have been developed to support that practice. One such system is based on what was done in the Mussar yeshiva of Kelm in 19th century Lithuania.

This practice draws its inspiration from *Pirkei Avot*, a compilation of the ethical teachings and sayings of the rabbis of the Mishnaic period (ending around 200 C.E.). The name *Pirkei Avot* is often translated as, “*Chapters of the Fathers*” but it can also be rendered, “*Chapters of Root Principles*.” What we have in this book is the core Jewish principles for an ethical and spiritual life, and section 6:6 provides 48 such principles. As practiced in the Kelm yeshiva, one of these principles is to be reviewed and practiced every day, with the 49th day of the Omer (*Erev Shavuot*) given over to a review.

Some sample topics are: Day 1 – study; Day 5 – awe; Day 8 – joy; Day 13 – a settled mind; Day 21 – being slow to anger; Day 30 – loving God. And so on, to a total of 49 insightful, practical, transformative lessons and practices that have spoken to and been revered by dozens of generations before us. While we are well into this period, you can still sign up with the Mussar Institute ([www.mussarinstitute.org](http://www.mussarinstitute.org)) to receive the daily lessons.

## Pictures from *Passover*

Over 125 Guests attended







## From the Educator

Iris Koller | Director of Youth, Family Engagement & Learning

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# Annual Journal Update

Eileen Shapiro and Amy Jonas

## WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT ELAINE AND MARK FELDMESSER?

- Both were born and raised in NJ, met in college, and have been married for almost 54 years.
- They have two children, Alan and Lisa - who with her husband Brian Seymour, have made Elaine and Mark the proud grandparents of David, 15 and Jacob, 12.
- So proud ... that Elaine and Mark just took their grandsons on a vacation to Italy over their spring break.

## HOW DID THEY JOIN TEMPLE ISRAEL?

- When the Feldmessers decided in 1983 to move to Palm Beach County, they asked their New Jersey Rabbi if he knew a Rabbi and which temple they should check out. He said Temple Israel and you will love Rabbi Howard Shapiro!
- The rest is history ... many life cycle events celebrated at TI - Lisa's confirmation, Alan's Bar Mitzvah, Lisa & Brian's wedding, even Brian becoming a Bar Mitzvah as an adult - and years of wonderful times spent with their TI family.



## WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MARK?

- He's a numbers man.
- He strives to educate and guide individuals and businesses about their money and accounting.
- Has served on many boards and committees lending his expertise in that capacity.
- As far back as the eighties, when he chaired the Temple's Budget Committee he has used his skills to help our Temple. Many times over the years including now, he has done the job of treasurer for Brotherhood.
- Currently he's serving a third year as Temple Treasurer.

Mark not only volunteers where he prays, but he helps in the community where he dwells. He's been on the board of the PGA Burwick Homeowners Association and for many years he's been on the Palm Beach Gardens Budget Oversight Committee, a citizen's review committee, which he now chairs. He also serves on the Palm Beach County Audit Committee. For years, he has assisted low income individuals/families prepare their tax returns through a program run by the United Way.

## AND WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ELAINE?

- She's the creative one.
- An elementary education teacher by profession, she developed a "home music studio" and for years taught piano to children and adults.
- She worked in a marketing department of an independent financial broker creating resource materials and helped plan regional and national events.
- Since retiring, Elaine has devoted her time and energy to strengthening our Temple. She has served on the Rabbi and Cantor search committees, been Sisterhood President and revamped and revitalized many things at TI including the reopening of the Judaica shop.
- Yes, Elaine is the creative one and marketing is her thing. Her countless talents in this area have been behind so many of our Temple's flyers, invitations, publicity notifications and other materials.
- Currently she's serving in her second year as Temple Vice President for Transformation.

When not helping with Temple projects, Elaine is busy with her other volunteer position as a marketing assistant for her son's art business, "Under the Sea". Occasionally, she has time for her current hobbies of bridge and mahjong.

So, now you know a little bit about them. They are Temple Israel's 2017-2018 Annual Journal and Membership Directory Honorees. They have served our Temple and community well. Help us show them how much we appreciate all that they have done and continue to do.

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Please contact us Amy Jonas ([amjfla@aol.com](mailto:amjfla@aol.com)), Eileen Shapiro ([elshapiro25@gmail.com](mailto:elshapiro25@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Green Baer ([jennfier@temple-israel.com](mailto:jennfier@temple-israel.com)) if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,

Amy and Eileen

Co-Chairs of the 2017-2018 Journal

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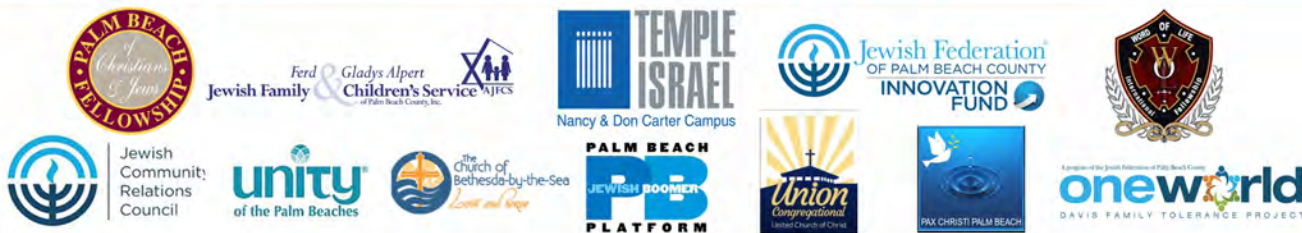
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**Morton Gilbert**  
from Sherri Gilbert

We sincerely apologize for an error in the April Issue:

A Yahrzeit Donation was made in memory of **Norma Guthman**, Deanna's mother from Ed and Deanna Roos

## 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).

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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.



## May Birthdays



1	Wendy Miller	18	Milton Fine
2	Fred Weissman		Eric Lieberman
	Zachary Schwartz		Erika Handler
3	Victor Brizel	19	Samara Vilca
	Barbara Horowitz		Logan Jonas
6	Jill Botnick		Dena Chislak
7	Teresa Aaron		Elyse Weissman
	Naomi Kaslow	20	June Kleinwaks
8	Helen Mudrick	21	Lewis Kapner
	Sara Mullens		Ben Devore
9	Harriet Miller	22	Adam Matias
	Ellen Ehrenkranz	23	Stefanie Raifman
	Kara Schmidt	24	Ann Kritzer
	Lindsey Sachs		Howard Green
10	Adrian Sandoval		Stephanie Alexander
	Sophia Feuer	25	Stephanie Quinto
12	Lorelei Polden	26	Suzette Gingold
14	Melissa Matthews		Richard Schwartz
	Nolan Frederiksen		Kathryn Keslar
15	Herman Robinson		Alison Goldberger
	Nancy Baer		Arielle Gingold
	Lori Ackerman	28	Andrew Freidnash
16	Edith Belilty	29	Scott Bentolila
	Tracy Simkowitz		Marcy Allen
	Manuel Matias		Ben Eisenberg
17	Seth Schwartz	30	Douglas Kern
	Jonathan Josephs	31	Iris Koller
			Bernard Kandel



## Wedding Anniversaries

8	Jim & Gee Gee Eisenberg
14	Fred & Adrienne Weissman
15	Marvin & Alisa Maltz
16	Jeffrey & Suzette Gingold
20	Evan & Kate List
22	Ted & Roslyn Leopold
24	Alan & Judy Shuster
28	David & Bonnie Sax
	Ed & Lorelei Polden
29	Martin & Diane Trust
	Mike & Jenny Strauss
31	David & Morgan Kornblum

## Mazel Tov

### Friedman CJE Awards Committee: Announcing Community Winner for Friedman CJE Lifetime Achievement Award




I am so very pleased to share that our long time teacher, congregational member Maggie Kaufman will be receiving the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from Friedman Commission for Jewish Education. Along with her countless hours of leadership involvement here at Temple Israel, in her former congregation, and on the national level for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), Maggie has been a Jewish educator for over 55 years. Her commitment to children and families is beyond measure. I was so pleased to nominate her for recognition, and so very happy to share this news.

Please consider joining us to honor Maggie at the CJE's Annual Meeting on Thursday May 4th, beginning at 6 p.m. It will be held this year at The Tradition of the Palm Beaches. (4920 Loring Drive, West Palm Beach). RSVP to Jeanne Shepherd at 561-206-2613 or

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-Iris Koller



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**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Erev Shabbat</b> 7:00 pm - Proneg 7:30 pm - Service	<b>6</b> <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Jewish Ethics of Money</b> <b>-Rabbi Olshein</b> 11:00 am
<b>7</b> <b>Sisterhood</b> <b>"High" Tea</b> 2:00 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Erev Shabbat</b> <b>Courageous</b> <b>Conversations</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service 7:45 pm - Dinner	<b>13</b> <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Family Event</b> <b>Lag B'omer</b> <b>Celebration</b> 5:00 - 6:30 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>60+ Lunch and Learn</b> 11:30 am	<b>19</b> <b>Erev Shabbat</b> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	<b>20</b> <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Out of the Box Shabbat</b> 11:00 am
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Brotherhood</b> <b>Annual Dinner</b> <b>with guest speaker</b> 6:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Shabbat at the Beach</b> 6:30 pm - Service  No Service at Temple Israel Tonight	<b>27</b> <b>Torah Study</b> 9:30-10:30 am
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Erev Shavuot</b> <b>at Temple Emanu-El</b> 6:30 pm - Service 7:00 pm - Dinner & Learning	<b>31</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Yizkor with Rabbi Shapiro</b> 11:45 am			