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Calendar Highlights

Torah Study every Saturday at 9:30 am

May 2, 9 | Hebrew School

May 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:30 am Yoga

May 2, 9 | 6:30 pm iEngage

May 4 | 6:30 pm '70s Musical Erev Shabbat Honoring Cantor Kruk's 25 years

May 11 | 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat services acknowledging Yom Yerushalayim

May 12 | 11:00 pm Out Of The Box Sabbat TI Sisterhood's 'Day Spa for the Soul'

May 15 | 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

May 16 | Last Day of Hebrew School

May 19 | 7:00 pm Erev Shavuot @ TI

May 20 | Last Day Of Religious School

May 20 | 11:45 am *Yizkor*

May 23 | TI's Brotherhood Annual Dinner

May 26 | Shabbat at the Beach

May 28 | Memorial Day, Office Closed

Get Out Your BELL BOTTOMS and BOOGIE SHOES for ...



Join us as we celebrate Cantor Michael Kruk's 25 years of service to the Jewish people at Temple Israel's first SUPER GROOVY,

FAR OUT FABULOUS '70s SHABBAT!



Friday, May 4th

6:00pm: Special "Proneg" Honoring Cantor Kruk 6:30pm: '70s Shabbat Worship Service (with TI's Choir) Festive Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception following

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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

"Commandedness" in Judaism - How are **Reform Jews Obligated?**

One of the biggest differences between liberal and traditional Jews is how we interpret the idea of "commandedness." Because Reform Judaism teaches that we should follow the philosophy of "informed choice" as the basis for making ritual choices, we are often left with a deep divide philosophically and theologically between liberal and traditional/orthodox Jews.

Liberal Jews still are bound by obligation. Our obligation is to learn as much as we can about a particular Jewish philosophy/ritual/idea before making a conscious decision how we will act. Indeed, Reform Judaism is all about intentionality.

Because it celebrates the giving of the Ten Commandments, the holiday of Shavuot is a perfect time to study how Jewish philosophy and teachings respond to issues in our lives. This year, we will focus on studying a hot topic in the news: immigration.

As we have done for the past 5 years, Temple Israel will join together with Temple Emanu-El to celebrate Erev Shavuot on Saturday, May 19th. Alternating locations each year, this year we will have the opportunity to host TEPB's clergy and members to create a community learning opportunity called, "We Were Strangers, Too: Jewish Views on Immigration." The event will feature a complimentary dairy dinner at 7:00 .pm. (please RSVP to the Office by 5/15), followed by *Havdallah* and our program beginning at 7:45pm.

As you know, we are now in the midst of counting the *Omer*, the 49-day period between the second day of Passover and the holiday of Shavuot. Connecting our exodus narrative of liberation to that of God giving us the *Torah* (also called "the Law") is powerful. It reminds us that even when we do not want to do something, we always have obligations. Always. Together, we will study our obligations to the stranger. Please invite your friends to this thought-provoking evening.

My prayer for you this month is that, during this period of counting the *Omer*, may you be inspired to learn something new about the possibilities Jewish ritual has to offer and may you find comfort and meaning in the rituals of your Judaism. As always, please let me know if I can be of assistance on your Jewish journey.





From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

Elaine and I hope everyone had a wonderful Passover. We certainly enjoyed the very well attended 2nd Night Community Seder which was held in TI's David and Pauline Carter Ballroom. Rabbi Olshein and Cantor Kruk did a beautiful job conducting our service. It was so nice to be surrounded by our TI family and visitors from our community.

Our speical thanks goes out to Sarajane Marell, Lori Ackerman and Valerie & Charlie Eaton for chairing, planning and organizing such a special evening.

We have many exciting and upcoming programs and events taking place at Temple Israel, please go to our web site, call the Temple Office or just come to our beautiful Friday night Shabbat Service. Bring your neighbors, friends and family - there is something for everyone.

Shalom





Step "out of your box" on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 12th</u>, at <u>11:00am</u> (right after Torah study from 9:30-10:30-ish am) and join us for our monthly <u>Shabbat MORNING worship experience</u> 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!

**Sisterhood's "Day Spa for the Soul" follows lunch, so stay and spend Shabbat with us!

Saturday, 5/12 @ 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.

Board Spotlight - Don Carter

Twenty years ago I moved my permanent home from Long Island, NY to Palm Beach, FL. At 50 years old, I simply wanted a temple where I could attend High Holy Day services. In my first year of membership I only attended a few *Shabbat* services; however, each time I went something interesting happened - members started befriending me and making me feel welcome. The more I went, the more friends I had. No matter what else you have in life, you can never have too many friends!

After a year, I was invited to sit in on a board meeting. I didn't know it then, but all members are welcome to attend TI board meetings. I was impressed by the give and take at that board meeting and also by the professional approach to problem solving.

There is never a shortage of problems for a religious institution like ours. Despite the fact that we are constantly financially challenged, never once did I see our membership and leadership give up. Now we have a beautiful Temple — the result of determination and friendship. I am proud to serve as a Vice President and member of your Board for the last eight years. My engagement with TI provides me with a chance to perform *mitzvot* in a way that helps my fellow Temple members and our Jewish community.

I urge any member who has not served on TI's Board of Directors to enjoy the same benefits I have had by offering to serve in any capacity where you get to know our members better and spread some cheer in the process.



Daniel Beloud in NYC giving Don Carter a birthday cake

SHAVUOT 2018

Celebrate Shavuot Together with Dinner and Learning!

Saturday, May 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

"We Were Strangers, Too: Jewish Views on Immigration"

Join Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein and Rabbi Michael Resnick for a special evening of Jewish learning and fellowship.

This program will take place at Temple Israel and members of both congregations are invited!

7:00 p.m. - Join us for a delicious, free pasta dinner 7:45 p.m. - Havdallah and Program/Discussion

Sunday, May 20th @ 11:45 a.m.

Short Yizkor/Service of Remembrance on the waterfront, followed BYOLunch if you'd like

Please RSVP to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 so we know how much food to have for Saturday night's event. Please invite your friends!

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MAYA GREEN

Maya Green became a Bat Mitzvah on March 24th, 2018. Maya's favorite aspects of the day were being surrounded by family and friends, being on the *Bimah* to help lead the service and the beautiful *Kiddush*-lunch that followed. She especially loved having Jacob play and Tali sing "Hallelujah" to her.

Maya would like to thank Rabbi Olshein and Iris Koller for all of their help preparing and tutoring her to become a Bat Mitzvah. She hopes to continue her education at TI by volunteering in the religious school, like her brother Jacob does, next year.

Maya is a seventh grader at Baldwin Prep School. She plays the guitar, loves her computer, camp and bowling with her classmates. She enjoys participating in community activities like Jewish Federation's Day of Service on MLK, Jr. Day and collecting food for the West Palm Beach Food Pantry.

Most of all, Maya enjoys hanging out with family and friends and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Day Spa for the Soul

Saturday, 5/12

11:00am - "Out of the Box Shabbat" Creative Morning Worship
12:15pm - Kiddush luncheon
1:00-4:00pm - "Day Spa for the Soul"

**Please RSVP by 5/9 by calling Ellen Goldenson at (617) 967-5175 if you plan to attend the Kiddush luncheon and/or the Day Spa for the Soul. For more information, please see the flyer at Temple Israel. Complimentary ... open to all ... please invite your friends!

Sisterhood

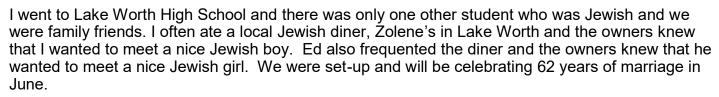
Spotlight on Deanna Roos

How long have you lived in Florida? How did you become a member of TI?

When I was a child my family moved to Lake Worth in 1946. We joined Temple Israel soon after.

My parents were in the wholesale jewelry supply business. At the time there were many Jewish owned businesses in Lake Worth.

How did you meet your husband, Ed?





In 1956, Ed and I were married at Temple Beth El, since he was raised in an Orthodox Jewish family. When we had our 3 children, a daughter and two sons, we returned to Temple Israel because of the religious school. There were many children in the congregation at that time and ours had Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and Confirmations here. We now have 8 grandchildren and the youngest just celebrated his Bar Mitzvah.

Were you active in the Palm Beach County community through work and/or volunteering?

Ed was the Engineering Manager at Channel 5 for 37 years and I worked for the county in human services. I was also very active in *Hadassah* as a past president and was a 'Woman of Valor'.

Why is Temple Israel special to you?

When we were younger, Temple was a warm and social place for us as a couple and for our kids. There were a lot of activities and programs that we would attend as a family and fellow members became our close friends. We volunteered to do a lot of the Temple's mailings with our friends and it became a social event for us. We still volunteer each month sending out the *Koleynu* and again throughout the year whenever we are needed. We enjoy the sense of belonging to a group and being a part of something greater than our individual selves.





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May **Anniversaries**

- Jim & Gee Gee Eisenberg
- 14 Fred & Adrianne 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
- Martin & Dena Trust 29 Mike Strauss & Jennifer Strauss
- David & Morgan Kornblum

May Birthdays



- Wendy Miller 1 17 2 **Zachary Duncan** 2 Fred Weissman 18 Milton Fine Victor Brizel 3 Barbara Horowitz
- 4 Elliott Edelman
- 6 Jill Botnick
- 7 Teresa Aaron Naomi Kaslow
- 8 Helen Mudrick
- 9 Ellen Ehrenkranz Harriet Miller Lindsey Sachs Kara Schmidt
- 10 Sophia Feuer Adrian Sandoval
- 12 Lorelei Polden Dale Rands
- 14 Nolan Frederiksen Melissa Matthews
- 15 Lori Ackerman Nancy Baer Herman Robinson
- 16 **Edith Belilty Manuel Matias** Tracy Simkowitz

- Jonathan Josephs Seth Schwartz
- Eric Lieberman Samara Vilca
- 19 Dena Chislak Logan Jonas Elyse Weissman
- June Kleinwaks 20
- 21 Benjamin Devore Lewis Kapner Adam Matias
- 23 Ann Kritzer
- **Howard Green** 24 Stephanie Quinto
- 25 Suzette Gingold
- 26 Andrew Freidnash Arielle Gingold Alison Goldberger Kathryn Keslar
- 28 Scott Bentolila
- 29 Ben Eisenberg Douglas Kern
- 30 Iris Koller
- 31 Bernard Kandel

Mazel Tov

Wendy Miller is a grandmother.

Grandson, Jordan Israel Fisher, was born three weeks early to Wendy's daughter, Melissa and her husband, Jason. Jordan was born on April 6th weighing 7lbs 5oz. and was 19 inches long.

Herb and Phyllis Siegel's grandson is engaged. Robert and his fiancé, China are planning a June wedding.

Don Carter Annual Journal Honoree

When Don Carter moved to Palm Beach during the 1990s, the Jewish community was engaged in finding ways to create greater connections to Jewish life. "Jewish Continuity" and later "Jewish Renaissance and Renewal" became catch-phrases to describe this effort.

Seeking to be part of the Reform Jewish community in Palm Beach County, Don joined our Temple in 2000. Initially, he was a quiet benefactor, but when our congregation was in need, Don's quiet effort became a bold endeavor. While the phrases "Jewish Continuity" and "Jewish Renaissance and Renewal" have faded into memory, Don's support of and work for Temple Israel has been unwavering.

I met Don in 2009 when I began serving as chair of the renovations of TI. Don was moved by the need to preserve Jewish life at our synagogue. He quickly became a strong voice for, supporter of and participant in our renovation project. Subsequently, Don has invested more time and effort by becoming a member of our Board of Trustees and then, a member of our Executive Committee.

Through his significant donations and challenges, Don spurred the effort to complete our project and make Temple Israel what it has become - a beautiful and welcoming spiritual home. His leadership and thinking as a member of our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees continuously moves our synagogue and congregation forward toward Temple Israel's Renaissance and Renewal.

Working with Don on the renovations, our Executive Committee and our Board of Trustees has been enlightening. Becoming friends with Don has been a pleasure. Being asked to serve as the Honorary Chair of our Annual Journal with the opportunity to announce Don Carter as this year's Annual Journal Honoree is a privilege.

Please join me in thanking Don for all that he has done and continues to do for our synagogue and congratulate him on becoming Temple Israel's 2018 Annual Journal Honoree.

Michael Jonas Annual Journal, Honorary Chair



Join Rabbi Olshein and your fellow Temple Israelites as we travel together to Israel in June ... and please remember to select "Temple Israel" as your referral source when you request information!

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