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## From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein

### “Doing Jewish” with Our Legs

In today’s society, many of us (from both political parties) feel as if our values are not being represented in the political world ... and we wonder aloud if we can make change. We wonder (quietly) if our voice matters.

Dr. Susannah Heschel is famous for quoting her father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, upon his return from Selma after marching with Dr. Martin Luther King as saying: “I felt my legs were praying.” And so I ask, what are you doing to make sure your legs are praying? What are you doing to make your voice be heard?

The Talmud teaches us that all of our voices must be heard for our government to be valid (*Berakhot* 55a), when Rabbi Isaac said: “One does not appoint a leader for a community without consulting the community. How do we know this? It says in the Torah: ‘See, the Eternal One has singled out by name Bezalel’ (Exodus 35:30). God said to Moses, ‘Moses, is Bezalel worthy in your opinion?’ Moses answered God, ‘Ruler of the Universe, if he is worthy before You, how could he possibly not be worthy before me?’ God said to him, ‘Even so, go and ask them [the people]...’”

Election Day is our opportunity for the government to ask the people what we want ... and it is our obligation to answer. The Reform Movement, through our Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, has been focusing on a “get out the vote” campaign and we have been supporting these efforts here at Temple Israel.

Additionally, supported by our Social Action Committee, we have been supporting a “Yes” vote on Amendment 4, which restores the right to vote to felons who have fully completed every part of their sentences. (As I stated in my *Kol Nidre* sermon this year, Judaism is filled with teachings on “second chances,” which is what Amendment 4 is all about. If you have questions about Amendment 4, please let me know and I will be happy to answer them, or find the answers for you.)

We would like to see 100% of eligible voters from Temple Israel participate in the midterm elections (We would also appreciate a “Yes on Amendment 4” as we believe Jewish teachings fully support this Amendment.)

Early voting has now been open since October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vote-by-mail can take place in your living room (just make sure to put THREE stamps on your ballot and sign it). Or, you can go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride to vote (or know someone who does), please contact the Office, as we have many people willing to assist. Now is the time to participate in our great democratic experiment ... and it is the Jewish thing to do.

My prayer for you this month is that you feel compelled to make your voice heard and that you help others do so as well. Only with everyone participating in our great society can we truly be the best country we can be ... and, as always, my door is always open to help you on your Jewish journey.



## From the Co-Presidents

Judy Shuster and Elaine Feldmesser

As we approach the month of November, we have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to. We also have so much we need to do as a community as well as using our "rights to be heard". Please use your voice and know that **YOU** can and do make a difference! As you all can probably tell by now where we're going with this, we are talking about your right to **VOTE**. Many of us at Temple Israel will be happy to drive or help anyone in need of a ride to get to the polls on November 6th. Just call TI and we will come together as a community, as we always do, to help those in need. If you would like to offer to drive TI members to the polls, please call the Temple Office to sign-up.

At TI there are so many exciting things going on and you can be a part of the action by signing up to join a class, attend an event or join a committee. We won't name everything because you can read about all of it in our *Koleynu* or TI Learns catalogue, but will mention a few highlights that you won't want to miss out on!

Temple Israel's Comedy Club Event on November 3rd  
**"You're Funny, But You Don't Look Jewish"**. We promise you, this event will be hilarious and fun for all! Our wonderful Co-Chairs, Amy Devore, Nancy Horowitz & Roslyn Leopold have been working tirelessly to make this a special night for everyone. We hope you will **ALL** join us.

By now you have all received your **TI LEARNS CATALOGUE**. Rabbi Olshein put her heart and soul into putting this together to have it ready for us by the High Holy Days. Please sign up, share it with your family, friends and neighbors. There is something for everyone inside.

From the fundraiser to the various adult education classes being offered during the year - these are just a few things going on at Temple Israel. We could go on and on but will let you read about it, or better yet, come to TI and discover them for yourself.

Please get involved, come to Temple Israel and feel a sense of community, purpose and peace. Come to services for moments of inspiration, transformation and celebration. Share your voice with us so that we may continue to make Temple Israel a sacred and special place for everyone in our community. And don't forget to VOTE - share your voice with the world, you truly can and will make a difference. We hope to see you soon.

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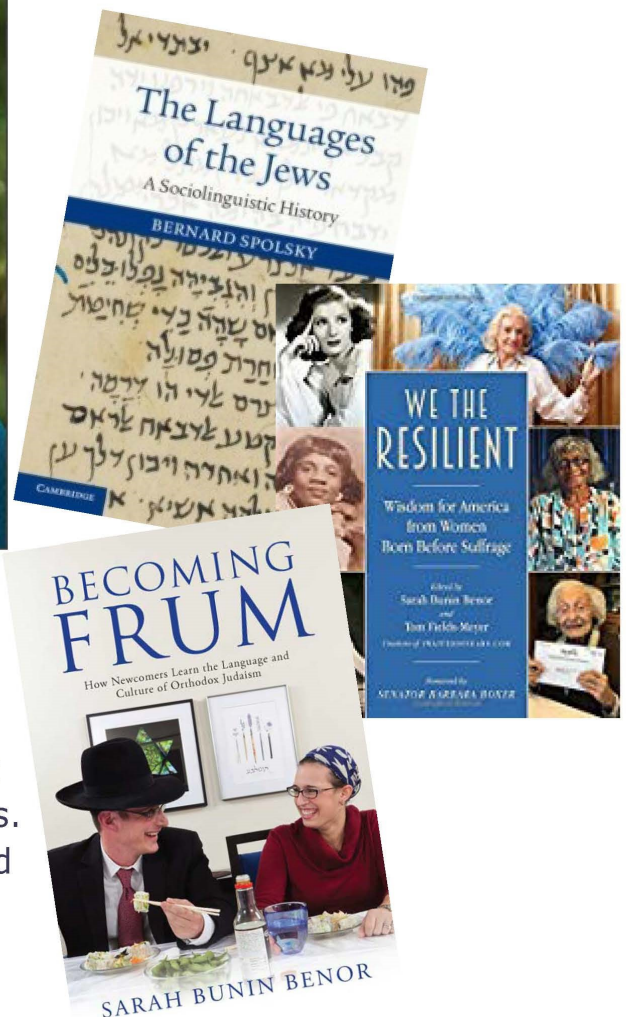
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**FRIDAY EVENING,  
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**DR. SARAH BENOR, HEBREW UNION  
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## **Chutzpah to Chidush: A Century of Yiddish-Influenced English in America**

A Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies and an author of many articles & books about Jewish languages, Yiddish, and American Jews. Dr. Benor will show how Yiddish has influenced American English. Its an impact both on the "Ying Iish" of the Ashkenazic immigrant generation and on the "Yeshivish" English spoken by Orthodox Jews today.



**FRIDAY EVENING,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**MICHAEL TWITTY,  
CHEF AND BLOGGER**



### **Kosher/Soul: "Identity Cooking"**

Being African American & Jewish is a complicated combination. Thousands of Jews of color have heritage, faith and family in both Diasporas which creates a need for material that interweaves both identities. For Chef Twitty, food is one way to connect both in what he calls "identity cooking" which isn't about fusion; rather it's how we construct complex identities and then express them through how we eat.



**FRIDAY EVENING,  
MARCH 8, 2019**

**SHIRA KLINE,  
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### **A Dynamic, Interactive Evening of Joy and Spirit, Story and Song**

Raised in the world of music and the tradition of Torah, Shira has worked for over a decade with a diverse array of Jewish communities to enliven rituals, holiday celebrations and love for Jewish life and prayer. Blending words, story and music, she creates a rich experience for everyone.



# Temple Israel

Ellen Goldensen - Sisterhood President

Last month, after attending our beautiful, moving *Yom Kippur* services and taking a personal inventory, I started to think about some resolutions for the New Year. After “Googling” the topic (isn’t that what many of us do these days in an attempt to find answers?) I found some interesting quotations and numerous well written submissions. I then stumbled across a page in a favorite book, “Covenant of the Heart” Prayers, Poems and Meditations from the Women of Reform Judaism. It truly resonated with me and I’d like to share a shortened version with you.

*God, Thou knowest that I am growing, as are we all.*

*Keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject.*

*Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs.  
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details.*

*Give me wings to get to the point.*

*Give me grace, dear God, to listen to others describe their aches and pains.*

*Help me to endure the boredom with patience and to keep my lips sealed.*

*My own aches and pains are increasing in number and intensity and the pleasure of discussing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.*

*Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.*

*Make me thoughtful and helpful, yet not pushy to accept with graciousness the favors which others wish to bestow upon me.*

*Free me from the notion that simply because I have lived a long time, I’m wiser than those who have not lived so long.*

*If I do not approve of some of the changes in today’s society, give me the wisdom to keep my silence.*

*Let me be mindful of all of these things, O God, so that when the end comes, I will still have a friend or two left.*

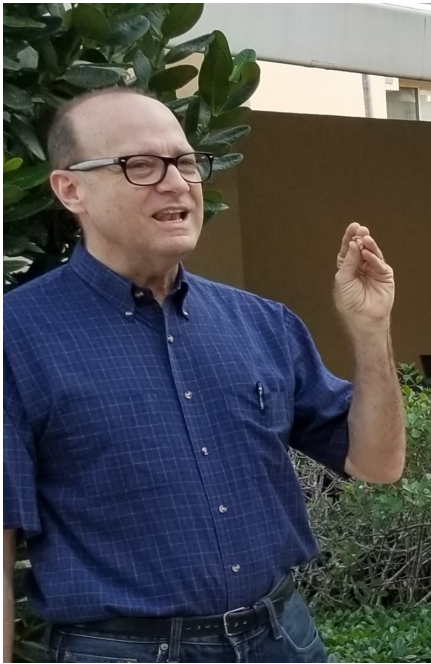




# Temple Israel Brotherhood

Charlie Eaton, M.D. Brotherhood President

This *Sukkot*, Temple Israel Brotherhood enjoyed "Brotherhood in the Sukkah", featuring Dr. Barry Horowitz's "This isn't your Bubbe's Brisket" which was brisketaculous! Food, friends, fellowship: fantastic. If you missed this, clear your calendar for next year: Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019!





## The *Mussar* Moment

Barry Horowitz, M.D.

A few weeks ago, I walked into Bolay to order dinner to go. I was happy that there was a short line and proceeded to queue up. The gentleman in front of me was ordering and was on his phone with a family member getting the orders of four or five people. I started to rage in my head: “Why hadn’t he gotten their orders ahead of time? Wasn’t he aware that there were other people in line waiting to order? How selfish is this guy?” After a few minutes (but what seemed like ages), I said to the people behind the counter: “Perhaps those of us waiting in line could order while this guy makes up his mind?”

Now admittedly I was on high dose steroids at the time for an episode of vertigo and was a bit edgy, but this was still harsh and unnecessary. So what is the lesson here? This is the nature of impatience. You have an action you want to get done on your own timetable and you run into an obstruction, and then you respond emotionally. The interesting thing to note here is that while everything in the situation may be totally beyond your control, which explains why you react emotionally, the one thing that is yours to control is your emotional reaction. You have a choice. You could call on patience while you wait. It’s just for situations like this that we need patience.

Please join me and Rabbi Shapiro for our *Mussar* course this year entitled “*Mussar* and Your Voice for Growth.” Using modern literature (poetry and prose) connected to relevant *middot* (soul traits), we will share the stories of our challenges and opportunities as we feel the hand of the ancient *Mussar* masters touching us, guiding us and giving us reason to begin again. The first class is Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at TI. You can find more information in the TI Learns Catalogue or on the Temple website. Please call the Temple Office to register.



## President’s Circle

Nancy and Barry Horowitz

Plans for the President’s Circle *Erev Shabbat* service on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> are in full swing. Letters have been sent to current members to participate in services, so if you haven’t responded, please do so. In addition, members will be able to come up on the *Bimah* for a blessing. We will also be sponsoring a lovely “Proneg” and *Oneg* that evening. Those congregants that wish to join prior to November 9<sup>th</sup> will be able to participate in the President’s Circle Shabbat and will also receive credit for 2019 membership.

For more information, please contact us or Jennifer in the Temple Office.



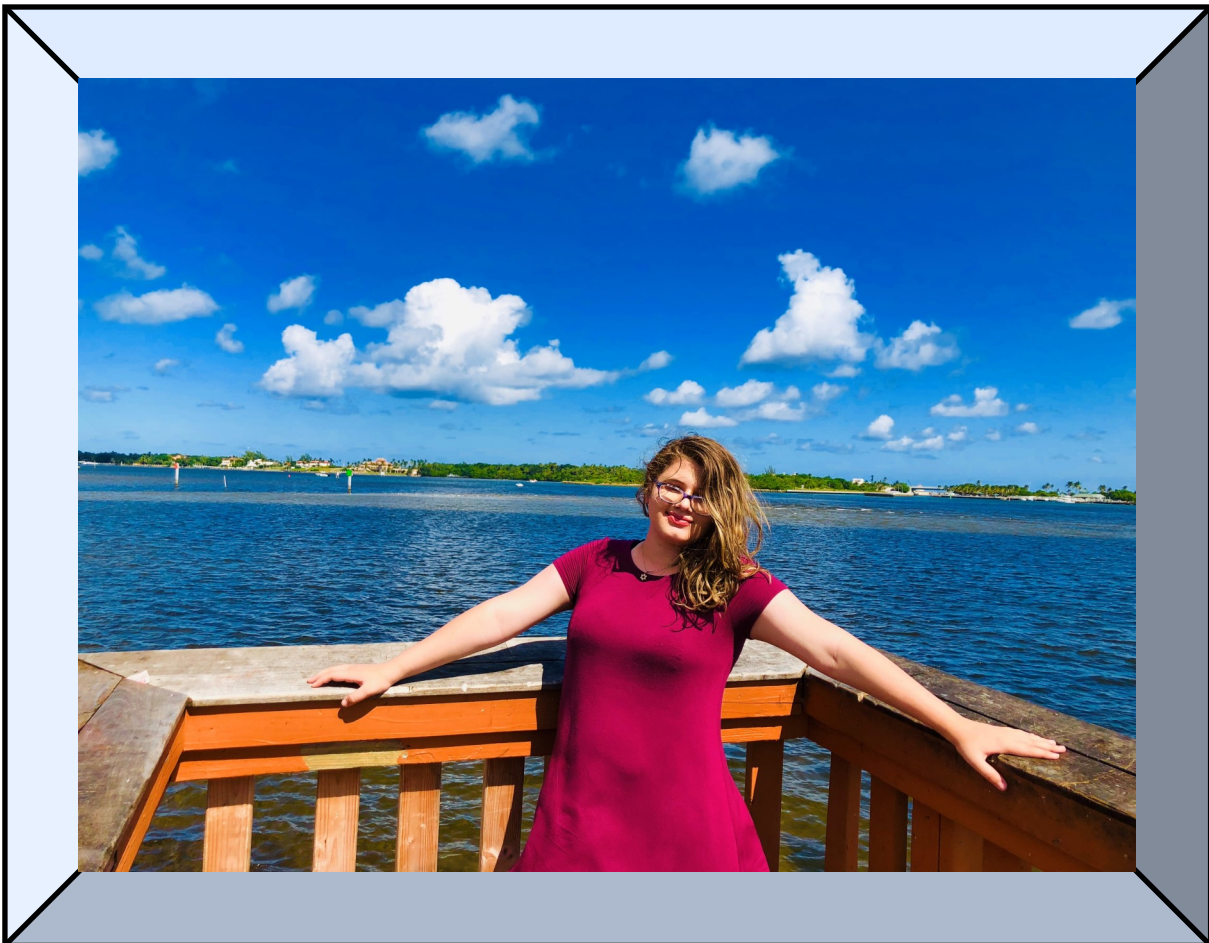
# Jordyn Strauss Bat Mitzvah

Jordyn Elizabeth Strauss will be called to the Torah on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Jordyn, an eighth grader at Somerset Academy in Boynton Beach, is interested in special effects make-up and hopes to go to G-Star School of the Arts next year to pursue a career in film making - specifically in film production. Her award winning horror movies have earned her bragging rights in local film competitions.

As her mitzvah project, Jordyn gleaned produce from various farms throughout Palm Beach County and worked at the West Palm Beach Food Pantry with C.R.O.S.S. Ministries because she strongly believes that no one should go hungry, especially in a country where so much food goes to waste.

In her spare time, Jordyn loves watching American Horror Story, playing with her cat, and seeking outlets for her creativity. She does not play any sports as she thinks physical activity is child cruelty.



# Spotlight – Tracy Simkowitz - Secretary



My husband Mark and I joined Temple Israel in October of 1985, after my conversion to Judaism. Rabbi Howard Shapiro and the congregation were very warm and welcoming to us, and we quickly felt right at home. Our sons Jason and Joshua both became Bar Mitzvahs and were Confirmed here, and Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein married Joshua and his beautiful wife, Christa, here as well.

Mark and I both enjoy being active in Temple. Mark was an officer with Brotherhood and I was an officer with Sisterhood for quite a few years. I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors back in 1993 and am happy to be serving again.

## The Simkowitz Grandkids

Working to help make Temple Israel the wonderful place it is, along with my fellow board members and congregants, is a real honor, and glad to give back to a place that has meant so much to me and my family over the last 33 years.

Through joyous celebration and difficult life transitions, my Temple Israel Family has always been there for us. We are truly grateful to be members of this wonderful synagogue!





# Temple Israel's Social Action Committee ... and the Importance of Voting

Temple Israel wants to encourage all our members to participate in this November's election to the fullest extent possible. As Americans and as Reform Jews, our obligation to vote, and when appropriate advocate, is of the highest order. Temple Israel is prepared to help in the process as follows:

- a. We will be providing transportation to the polls if needed. Please call Temple Israel before November 2<sup>nd</sup> to ask for a ride. If you would like to volunteer to take people to the polls, please call the Office and ask to be put on the volunteer list. We also understand that Uber and Lyft will both be providing free rides to the polls so if that is easier, feel free to use that option.
- b. Although Temple Israel cannot endorse any specific candidates according to the IRS code, the Social Action Committee is able to and is actively supporting a "yes" vote on Amendment 4. Amendment 4 restores voting rights to felons who have done their time and paid their full debt to society. Unfortunately, we are one of only 4 states who, for all intents and purposes, will not give felons a second chance. The only way felons can get these rights restored now is through an arduous, expensive and arbitrary process which is dependent solely on a four-person board's discretion. Because the consensus of our members is so strong about this non-partisan issue, our Social Action Committee has set up a phone bank process so we can explain and educate as many congregants, as well as the general public, about the importance of this amendment. If you would like to be part of this process, please contact Mary Arpe, Terry Resk, Roslyn Leopold, or Rabbi Olshein for additional information regarding how you can make calls from your house on this important issue.
- c. Although there are reams of information available to the public about this amendment and others, The Social Action Committee recommends that you contact the League of Women Voters website ([www.lwvfl.org](http://www.lwvfl.org)) if you are seeking well-researched and balanced information about our upcoming election.

Please feel free to reach out to the individuals listed above if you need assistance exercising your right to vote. We are happy to help any way we can.





## November Birthdays

1	Simone Goldblum	13	Dylan Baer	20	Michael Bubis
2	Joanie Goodman	13	Richard Golden	20	Charles Eaton
3	Jillian Ballay	13	Michael Goldstein	20	Leonard Feuer
5	Bette Gilbert	13	Sarajane Marell	20	Carol Levitan
5	Elliot Klorfein	14	Taylor Krauser	21	Mina Anafi
6	Roberta Cirino	14	Martin Trust	23	Sheila Fine
6	Joanne Kagan	15	Marlene Ganz Bogard	24	Zachar Berke
8	Diane Buhler	16	Kristen Golov	24	Stephen Jacobs
8	Esther Perman	16	Susan Hut	27	Maia De Chalambert
9	Carol Robbins-Garrett	16	Morris Zabarkus	27	Kerri Gould
10	Murray Goodman	18	Johanna Hartley	28	Carole Hirsch
10	Linda Hirsch	19	Peter Eckstein	30	Jennifer Rothman
10	Peter Sherman	19	Donald Neustein	30	Ellen Wacks
12	Marvin Maltz				

Starting in November the first Friday of month we will celebrate everyone who has a birthday and/or anniversary in the month of November during our *Oneg* and will continue this tradition throughout the year.



Jessica Haft, daughter of Brian and Debbie Haft, and Matthew Rieger were married at The Ritz Carlton in Ft Lauderdale on October 6, 2018.

## November Anniversaries

- 1 Charles & Alexa Hartley
- 2 Adam Baer & Jenn Green Baer
- 5 Barry & Nancy Horowitz
- 7 Allen & Zelda Mason
- 7 Ken & Barbara Horowitz
- 14 Anatole Conde & Lisa Small Conde
- 17 John & Stephanie Quinto
- 20 David & Jennifer Rothman
- 23 Mark & Elaine Feldmesser
- 24 Jim & Eunice Baros



# Help Spread Chanukah Happiness: Let's Remember Those Less Fortunate This Holiday Season

This year, our Social Action Committee's Holiday Project is focusing on those within our own congregation who are in need of assistance. Therefore, we are asking for donations of gift cards to help brighten their holidays and year-round (some will be distributed for Chanukah and others will be distributed throughout the year to help those in need).

The most useful gift cards for distribution are Target, Publix and Walmart, although any are welcome (please just check the value of the card to make sure it is still active if you are giving us one you previously received but are not going to use).

As the holidays are so early this year, please bring gift cards with a receipt to the Office no later than November 28<sup>th</sup>. You can help some of the members of our own congregation enjoy simple pleasures some of us take for granted. *We thank you for your consideration and hope that you will find that participating will make your celebrations more special and meaningful.*



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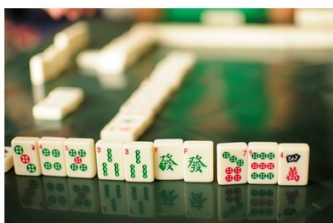
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**When: Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Time: 1pm – 2pm**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> TI Learns - Six Artists Israel Loves 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	<b>3</b> Torah Study 9:30 am  TI's Comedy Night 8:00 pm
<b>4</b> Religious School 9:30 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Yoga 10:30 am Hebrew School 4:00 pm	<b>8</b> TI Learns - Six Artists Israel Loves 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> President's Circle <i>Erev Shabbat</i> 5:45 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	<b>10</b> Torah Study 9:30 am
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Yoga 10:30 am Hebrew School 4:00 pm	<b>15</b> TI Learns - Six Artists Israel Loves 6:30 pm	<b>16</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	<b>17</b> Torah Study 9:30 am  Jordyn Strauss becomes a Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Office Closes Early	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b> Office Closed <i>Erev Shabbat</i> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	<b>24</b> Torah Study 9:30 am
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Yoga 10:30 am Hebrew School 4:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> TI Culture Series Featuring Dr. Sarah Benor <i>Erev Shabbat</i> 6:00 pm - Proneg 6:30 pm - Service	



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Every two years, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism hosts a “Consultation on Conscience” (CoC) in Washington, DC ... and last year was the largest ever with over 700 people participating! The next Consultation on Conscience will be held **May 19-21, 2019**.

In 2019, Temple Israel will again have a delegation attending the CoC. While in DC, we will attend skills-strengthening sessions, learn more about the issues facing our country and our world, and connect with allies. We will conclude our visit with a day of advocacy on the Hill meeting with our own elected officials with a delegation from all over the state of Florida.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you would like more information about becoming part of TI’s delegation, please contact Rabbi Olshein or past attendees Maggie or Harry Kaufman for more information. We look forward to learning, and advocating, with you in DC next spring!