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### From the Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

### The Season's Hottest Jewish Book Comes to Temple Israel

I have always liked the German word "zeitgeist." It means "spirit of the times."

Clearly, the current zeitgeist is one of deep concern for the safety of the Jews, and the ongoing safety of our personal and communal expressions of Judaism.

That is why we can be proud of Simply Jewish for featuring **Dara Horn** as our speaker on the Shabbat of **December 10-11, 2021**. Dara is a well-known author of numerous works of fiction, essays, and now, her book "People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present," which has garnered wonderful reviews in numerous newspapers and magazines – most notably, the New York Times Book Review.

Now, about that title. Is it offensive?

I think not. Dara is merely (!) saying that many people only seem to pay attention to Jews when they are suffering. Suffering Jews get sympathy and empathy – though, as she will say, not all suffering Jews. Jews with power – not so much.

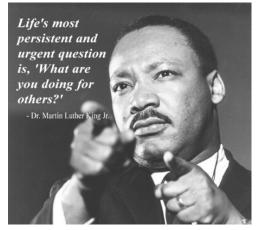
For decades, I have been pushing back against what historian Salo Baron called the "lachrymose view" of Jewish history. Throughout my career, I have noticed it was easier to raise money for Holocaust memorials than for Jewish education, and that more Jews seemed to care about how Jews died than about how Jews live.

Ms. Horn notes that any Jew can name three death camps, but that almost none can name three Yiddish authors — "the language spoken by over 80 percent of death-camp victims. What, I asked, was the point of caring so much about how people died, if one cared so little about how they lived?"

Provocative? Yes. It is only the tip of Dara Horn's literary iceberg. I cannot wait to welcome you as together we welcome Dara Horn.

And, back to that word "zeitgeist." I am proud that we at Temple Israel are, as we often are, on top of that spirit of the times.

# A CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FRIDAY, JANUARY $14^{th}-6:30\,pm$



Together with the Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church, we will celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leaders and members of both congregations will participate through spoken word and music. In addition, the teen winners of our joint MLK Essay Contest will read their winning essays which focus on the relationships between the Black and Jewish communities and hopes for racial justice.

This is one of our most treasured heart-warming services at Temple Israel – save the date!



# From the President

"Collective Effervescence", this has become my new mantra (with thanks to the Horowitz family)!! This phrase really does sum up how it feels to connect with one another again. Historically, Jews are a communal people and we are most definitely better when we are together!

As I looked out from the Bimah at our recent "Welcome Back" Shabbat, I felt chills seeing all the seats filled with our members, our friends, our Temple Israel Community. It was impossible not to smile as the congregation enthusiastically engaged in the service. Even our masks couldn't hide how visibly happy everyone was to be together!

And what a treat it was to experience the beautiful, inspiring music of our cantorial soloist, Peri Smilow, in-person after a year of watching her in a box on our screens! Of course, her musical selections were enhanced by our wonderful pianist, David Block, as our voices blended together in song and prayer.

We are continuing to try to find creative ways to be together and engage you! In fact, if you have an idea for a program, please let me or Karen Szteinberg know; we are happy to hear your ideas. Several programs and events are upcoming and we hope you join us. Our next big, in-person program will be our Night of 100 Menorahs (with dinner) on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring your *chanukiot* and candles as well as your friends and family for this special annual celebration. Please support Sisterhood's annual "Mitzvah Menorah" as well as our efforts for the More than Pink breast cancer walk in January. But the most important project we all need to support is the Temple Israel Ad Journal honoring Karen Szteinberg – this is our last fundraising program of 2021 and there is no better way to help Temple Israel and express our appreciation to our honoree, Karen Szteinberg, than to take out one or more ads in the journal! The deadline is fast approaching so please call Amy Jonas, Elaine Feldmesser or the Temple office for more information.

Looking forward to being together with you all!

B'shalom, Marty

# Special Thanks Go Out to These Members of **Temple Israel's Greeting Corps** who served during November:



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### From the Executive Director

Karen Szteinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

My father loved taking photos of my siblings and me growing up. Sometimes he used an 8mm movie camera that he would need to wind up and other times he developed photo slides that we would load into the projector carousel to show to friends. He captured many memorable moments – graduations, birthdays, holidays – but for the most part I wasn't in many of the photos, intentionally, as I was camera shy. I never liked having any attention on me.

Through the years I have grown into accepting positions that require public speaking, photos being taken and notice given my way. I have even learned to say "thank you" when given a compliment rather than downplay the praise. I no longer wear muted colors to blend into the background; I am confident with whom I am and what I do. And yet last month when I was chosen as this year's Annual Journal honoree, the child in me sheepishly asked, "why me?"

As our Annual Journal team wrote, "The honoree selected for the Journal is always a person who has had a tremendous impact on our Temple; someone who always answers "*Hineni*" and whose passion and caring propels us forward." I am flattered and blessed that this honor is being bestowed upon me, a validation that my efforts are so appreciated.

Having a business, non-profit and Jewish background of course helps in my position. But the ability to do one's job is not the same as loving your job. In a survey by OnePoll, 76% agree that loving their job is a requirement for having a fulfilling career. The majority cited the reason as the people with whom they work – the colleagues and clients who make it all worthwhile. The number one reason for staying on the job is recognition for the work done. I am among the majority; I feel privileged to be working at Temple Israel and being part of our caring and altruistic family.

The Talmud examines the questions asked of those arriving at heaven, the first being "Nasata V'netata Be'emunah?" – "did you conduct your business affairs with honesty and integrity?" By Jewish law we are accountable for ethical obligations towards one another, whether in our personal lives or business. The second question asked is "did you set aside time for the study of the Torah, deal in matters of wisdom, practice *tikkun olam*, etc?"

While I certainly hope not to be asked these questions for quite a long time, I am ready to answer "Hineni" when the time comes. I will answer that I have practiced tzedakah in all my affairs, the obligation to do what is right and just. I have remained responsible, loyal and trustworthy, doing whatever I can do to enhance the lives of others, not only as an ethical obligation but out of a strong love for my family, friends and community. To answer the second question, I will reply that I endeavored to be at services every Friday, I engaged others in their pursuit of Jewish learning and I practiced the obligations and responsibilities that the Torah teaches us.

Thank you for helping me write this chapter of my life, the one I will read at the court of judgement, the one where I will say that I embraced my job because of whom I served and how they recognized my *mitzvoth*. I hope to see you at the Night of 100 Menorahs where the flickering of the lights and photo op flashes will certainly light the night. Without hesitancy, I want to be in these colorful photos with my TI family!



### **BIMAH FLOWERS**

Our Sanctuary is stunning and flowers can add to its beauty! Whether in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, consider sponsoring a floral arrangement for our *bimah* (\$125). You can specify the Erev Shabbat date or consider contributing to the Vineberg Floral Fund for our ongoing floral décor needs. Contact us for more information.



# The Mussar Moment Barry Horowitz, M.D.

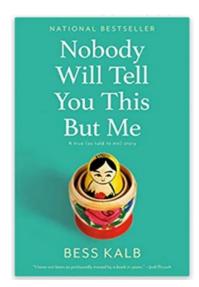
Call me old-fashioned, but I still get a New York Times newspaper every day, rather than succumbing to digital news. I especially enjoy the Sunday Times, so I became angry when after returning from vacation on a recent Saturday, I did not receive my Sunday paper with the cessation of the vacation stop that I had made. I called customer service and complained that I have been receiving home delivery for 30 years and even suggested that it should be important to keep customers like me as subscriptions are declining. After all that, I still did not receive my paper that day.

The most compelling argument that should all by itself convince us to eschew anger is that it is futile. Anger is not a strategy that produces any positive results. Indeed, the wisest of all men, King Solomon, refers to the angry person as a fool.

What do we hope to accomplish when we get angry? It is an ego-based response that tries to fulfill our own needs or desires. Yet, when we consider the matter for even a moment, we will realize that the anger we pour into the world and onto other people does nothing to bring us closer to our goals. If anything, those goals slip further out of reach when we respond with anger. Anger is the most tempting of all emotions and yet the most useless.

Trying to control anger is like trying to reduce the temperature of a fire. And if anger is like fire, then there is no point in trying to reduce the irreducible temperature of the flames. Rather, we need to find another trait that we can introduce into the mix that will act like water to the fire.

And, indeed, we read in the Mussar text Pele Yoetz that "silence to anger is like water to fire." This idea is echoed in Orchot Tzaddikim, where we read, "If you are angry at someone, try to keep silent or talk softly." A corollary to the idea of silence or speaking softly is the delaying of action. Often, a pause before responding saves a whole lot of regret. This is a more effective way of dealing with affronts, real and imagined, and will heal relationships instead of severing them with rage.



### **TI READS:**

### "Nobody Will Tell You This But Me" by Bess Kalb

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - 7PM via Zoom

Emmy-nominated TV writer and *New Yorker* contributor Bess Kalb describes her book "a matrilineal love story", spanning the lives of four generations in her family, their struggles and their bonds, with humor and poignancy.

I have not been as profoundly moved by a book in years. - Jodi Picoult

### WELCOME BACK! WELCOME HOME!

How wonderful it was to be back at Temple together again at our Welcome Back Shabbat & Oneg in November. The warmth of our congregation was evident in our smiles and laughter as we greeted each other. Having Peri Smilow with us in-person added in our delight and the Oneg catered by Judy Preefer and graciously sponsored by Don Carter was plentiful and delicious. Of course the help of our Brotherhood who served and cleaned up was so appreciated.

Our Welcome Home Dinner on December 2<sup>nd</sup> will surely exude the same enthusiasm and cordiality as we begin the evening with our annual Night of 100 Menorahs. (Don't forget to RSVP by 11/29 so we have enough food and can set-up properly.) What better way to enjoy Hanukkah than to be together with our TI Family, light up the night with chanukiyot (bring your own menorah and candles), and enjoy dinner, latkes and soufganyot (jelly doughnuts)!















# Temple Israel Brotherhood

Hugo H. Ottolenghi

We hope every Temple member will enjoy the glow of Hanukkah with help from our Brotherhood-supplied candles. I'd like to thank my co-chair, Jim Baros, as well as the team of dedicated Brotherhood members — Howard Berman, Charlie Eaton, Jim Eisenberg, Howard Solomon, Paul Klein Steve Fligman and Ira Warshaw — for their time and hard work as we gathered together for our annual Hanukkah candles mailing.



Together, we packed, labeled and mailed the Hannukah candles you received in November. This tradition dates back several decades and is part of Brotherhood's dedication to Temple service.

Brotherhood thanks all those who support this effort with their generous donations. The money raised benefits our Temple youth: their programs, travel to Israel for those who continue their Jewish education through confirmation, and scholarships to attend Jewish summer camps. It also funds the Yom Hashoah candles distributed for free at services in the month leading up to the remembrance.

Brotherhood is more than a service organization. We enjoy the camaraderie that comes with each activity, whether it is the annual ShaBaBeQue, Dinner in the Sukkah, a spring training baseball game, or volunteering at temple events. Due to the pandemic, the Hanukkah candle mailing has been our only way of meeting in person (socially distanced) these past two years.

We look forward to more opportunities to reconnect and revive the traditions that link together not just our members but the entire Temple family.

For those new to Temple Israel, please know that all who identify as male are automatically members of our Brotherhood. We thank those who become a Supporting Member for just \$36. We welcome everyone's participation and hope you'll consider taking an active role in Brotherhood.

### Don't forget to RSVP for:

- Night of 100 Menorahs & Welcome Home Dinner on Thur., December 2<sup>nd</sup> (RSVP by 11/29)
- Simply Jewish with Dara Horn on Fri., December 10<sup>th</sup> (RSVP by 12/2)
- Duplicate Bridge at TI starting Thur., December 9<sup>th</sup> (preregister at <u>www.JCConline.com/</u> duplicate)
- Beginner Bridge at TI starting Thur., January 13<sup>th</sup> (register at <u>www.pbg.jcconline.com</u>)

January 21, 2022 JASON MCKINNEY Composer & Performer



# NEXT IN OUR SIMPLY JEWISH SERIES

Jason McKinney will be performing "The American Jewish Song Book", celebrating diversity through music.

Save the date for this live performance!

# Temple Israel Sisterhood

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

**Save the Date:** Join Sisterhood at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, for a private docent-led tour of two special exhibits at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach.

- Frida Kahlo/Diego Rivera & Mexican Modernism features more than 150 works, including paintings, works on paper, photographs and period clothing.
- Saul Steinberg: A Writer Who Draws includes 22 drawings and one print that span the artist's
  career. Steinberg is best known for his humorous, satiric and insightful drawings from "The New
  Yorker."

In addition to enjoying the tour with your TI Sisters, the afternoon will include art-themed raffle prizes. Check TI email blasts for registration details or contact Ellen Goldenson at 617-967-5175 or ellengoldenson@gmail.com for more information.

**Mitzvah Menorah:** Thanks to all those who have participated in our annual Mitzvah Menorah, providing Hanukkah gift cards to children being served by Alpert Jewish Family Service. Please consider sending a check to the temple office by the December 6 deadline, payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood (and indicating Mitzvah Menorah) in any amount you choose. We hope that you will join us in helping to kindle the Hanukkah lights for children in our community. Thanks to our Social Action Vice Presidents Janice Rosenberg and Jane Herring for chairing this event. Please contact Jane at 240-401-6608 or jhc48@yahoo.com with any questions.

Reaching out to Jewish communities across the country: Sisterhood recently received a lovely thank-you note from Jewish Family Services of Greater New Orleans for the \$500 donation we made in October to their Disaster Relief Fund following the terrible storm devastation they suffered. This comes on the heels of our earlier \$500 donations to Jewish Family Services of Houston in March following their storms and Greater Miami Jewish Federation following the Surfside condominium collapse in June.

**Last chance:** We have two Diamond Painting design kits remaining for DIY at-home fun. It's a great family project or gift, suitable for framing. No class is necessary, no paint is involved and there are multiple tutorials on YouTube. Our very own painting maven, Lynn Levy, is happy to walk you through this latest creative craze. To order the kits at \$25 each, contact Lynn at 561-632-1877 or Irl5194ll@gmail.com. Everything you need to complete the canvas is included.

**Gift Shop:** Whether holiday-themed or general Judaica, the temple Gift Shop is your one-stop shopping experience. Our Fundraising Vice President Lynn Levy is happy to place special orders. Contact her at 561-632-1877 or Irl5194II@gmail.com.

**Supporting Members:** Please remember that all female members of Temple Israel are automatically Sisterhood members. However, our Supporting Members go the extra mile in helping to expand our programming. If you aren't already, please consider becoming a Supporting Member for only \$36. Simply send your check (indicating Sisterhood in the memo line) to the temple office or include it with your statement payment.

And....Friday, January 28 is the annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Erev Shabbat Services for December (note changes)**

- Dec. 3 Led by Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro at 6:30pm
- Dec. 10 A shortened service at 6:30pm followed by our Simply Jewish presentation with author Dara Horn
- Dec. 17 Family Shabbat via Facebook at 5pm with our traditional services at 6:30pm
- Dec. 24 An informal service, held in our Media Center at 6:30pm
- Dec. 31 A shortened service which begins at 5:00pm, only via Zoom (not in-person, not livestreamed)



# Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School & Youth Programming Director

This past month we spent time exploring food insecurity and Kashrut with our students. We had two separate field trips, one to the grocery store and one to the food bank itself.

Immediately following our trip to Publix to go grocery shopping for the Alpert Jewish Family Service Food Bank, I received the following message from a parent, Alexa Hartley:

"We just went back into Publix to get groceries for dinner. And then we did grab some food for the week but barely. Mostly dinner for tonight. Family of 6. \$140. We have a large family with big appetites and therefore run through food very quickly. Our grocery bills are astounding so I'm always looking for the best ways to feed the family. We buy in bulk (Costco) when possible and take advantage of BOGO and other sales when available while also honoring our food preferences and restrictions. We are very conscious of what we eat and that isn't always compatible with best values so it's a real juggling act. Our food bill is probably one our highest household line items."

I'm so thankful that Alexa was open to sharing this quote in this month's Koleynu article. Part of the goal for this educational unit was creating awareness of what each person has available as part of their own resources. We purposefully gave students a small budget to utilize when grocery shopping so that they could understand the difficulty of buying all necessary items – this is before adding in possible treats that we are tempted to have.

Our students explored the list from Alpert JFS services with true *kavana* or intention as they worked together with the madrichim and teachers to make sure that potential recipients had as much nutritious food as possible. They then sorted the food at the food bank the following week.

This lesson was an opportunity to explore one of the highest levels of giving according to Maimonides, which is giving without knowing the recipient. While we know where we donated the food, we do not know the specific families. Ordinarily we would expand on our relationship building when we give to known recipients, but this year due to Covid, most of our Social Action and Tzedek programming is now being done without meeting the recipients. I am so proud of our students who have been able to grasp this sense of abstract giving in its entirety.

I look forward to singing and celebrating with everyone at our Nights of 100 Menorah on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our students will be joining us in Song and Dance to celebrate the occasion. Hope to

see you there!



Our youth are involved at Temple Israel!
Pictured: Maya, Director Jackie Klein and Benjamin at our
Welcome Back Shabbat

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### WHAT A MITZVAH! WHAT A LEARNING OP!

In addition to food collected at our High Holy Days' Food Drive, we also amassed over \$2700 worth of Publix gift cards for Albert Jewish Family Service recipients and our Religious School students spent an additional \$100 to purchase food for Alpert JFS as they learned about food insecurity.

We appreciate all those who gave from their heart to take care of our community. Our layleaders and congregation's continued efforts and support – as well as the dedication and teamwork of Alpert JFS – is truly in the spirit of *tikkun olam*.

We also thank Alpert JFS for videotaping and helping us publicize our incredible partnership and team effort. Go to the following site to see us in the WPBF News! https://www.wpbf.com/article/west-palm-beach-students-learn-about-food-insecurity/38166133

### Kol HaKavod!







# MITZVAH MENORAH 2021

### Mitzvah Menorah

Our Temple Israel Sisterhood is continuing in its annual tradition of providing gift cards for children serviced by Alpert Jewish Family Service, a wonderful treat for the holidays. Please consider sending our Sisterhood a donation of any amount, payable to "Temple Israel Sisterhood", by December 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Jane Herring at jhc48@yahoo.com.

### ANNUAL AD JOURNAL & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY... AND PHOTOS TOO!



Members, have you returned your **Annual Ad Journal** and **Membership Data Verification** form yet? Don't miss the deadline!

It's important to confirm your information for our Membership Directory which will be distributed to all of our members and we'd love you to help us to congratulate this year's honoree, Karen Szteinberg! Additional Ad Journal forms can be found on our website home page – temple-israel.com.

**Don Carter** is offering a generous incentive this year and pleads "make me pay!" For every gold page ad taken, Don will donate an additional \$500! So let's take him up on his offer!

New this year is having photos in our Membership Directory next to your name. Please either submit your family photo to us or be available at one of our photo opportunities – the next one is at our Night of 100 Menorahs & Welcome Home Dinner on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Light up the night with your smile too!





As we continue to embrace our Temple Israel worship services in person, we are also resuming our tradition of an Erev Shabbat Oneg! Our Sisterhood will be sponsoring and organizing these receptions, being conscious of Covid protocols. Please join us after services to enjoy a nosh and the camaraderie of TI friends and family!

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE TIDES?

Last month our Social Action Committee organized a program on Rising Sea Levels, our vulnerability to coastal flooding and how we can help solve this serious issue. Kudos to Terry Resk, Mary Arpe and Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin for all their efforts in raising our awareness, as well as to our partners at Temple Solel in Hollywood.

Shortly after the program, these photos were taken of our area. The rising sea levels have a critical effect on our homes and families. Please contact the Temple Office for more information on how you can become better informed and help in our efforts.







Photos by Terry Resk





Exploring the Margins, Depths & Breath of the 21st Century Jewish Experience

Our series will demonstrate the rich tapestry of the Jewish world as we meet four amazing thought leaders in their fields. Through music, literature, theater and the interfaith arena, we will be immersed in the open, inclusive and provocave mindsets of these amazing performers and educators.



December 10 - 11, 2021 DARA HORN Author

### RSVP Required by 12/2

Dara Horn is the award-winning author of six books. A recipient of two National Jewish Book Awards, her books have been on the New York Times Notable Books Lists and have been translated into 11 languages. She is a regular columnist for Tablet Magazine and her latest book, "People Love Dead Jews", is challenging, provocative and riveting. She received her Doctorate in Yiddish and Hebrew Literature from Harvard University and has lectured throughout North America, Israel and Australia. She brings the wisdom of her creativity and our tradition to her literary works. Her latest book, just out in September, is the selection of the TI Reads book club for discussion at their meeting on November 18, 2021.

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April 29, 2022 MICHELLE AZAR Actor & Producer



March 25 - 26, 2022 ABDULLAH T. ANTEPLI Imam & Scholar

This programming is brought to us at Temple Israel by The Kraft Cultural Fund and Rabbi Shapiro's Next Person I Want You to Meet Fund

To RSVP or receive Zoom access, contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com.

Please refer to our On-Site Attendance Policy at www.temple-israel.com for required documentation before joining us in-person.

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### **Rabbinic Search Committee**

Temple Israel's Rabbinic Search Committee formed in September and has been working hard since then with weekly Zoom meetings. The Committee's goal is to recruit a settled Rabbi at Temple Israel to begin July 2022. This involves preparing a detailed application for the Central Committee of American Rabbis (CCAR), developing questions for initial and subsequent interviews, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, negotiating a contract, and confirming and installing our new Rabbi. We have just begun reviewing applications. In his role as interim Rabbi, Rabbi Salkin is providing guidance and insights on the process. The current timeline is to confirm the final candidate as early as January.

The process is exciting, challenging and focused on the future of Temple Israel. It casts a strong light on the evolution of Temple Israel and Covid's impact in the last two years. Below are some Temple Israel images included in our application, reminding us of who we are and what we can be.

As important as this process is for Temple Israel, so is the need to protect the confidentiality of Rabbinic applicants in this process. Please direct all questions and suggestions to me as the Committee's contact point person.

Charlie Eaton, Chair, Rabbinic Search Committee



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Night of 100 Menorahs



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**MLK Shabbat** 

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Sisterhood at Shabbabeque

**Brotherhood in the Sukkah** 

**Religious School** 

### **OUR SERVICES ARE QUITE ENTERTAINING!**

Whether in-person or away, everyone can enjoy the spirituality, solitude, harmony and warmth of our services – even our furry friends!

For those unable to attend in-person, simply click on the Zoom link found in our eblasts (or contact our office for the link) or go to our website home page – temple-israel.com – and click on "Watch Us Now" on our home page. Our services are also available for later viewing on both our website and Facebook page too.

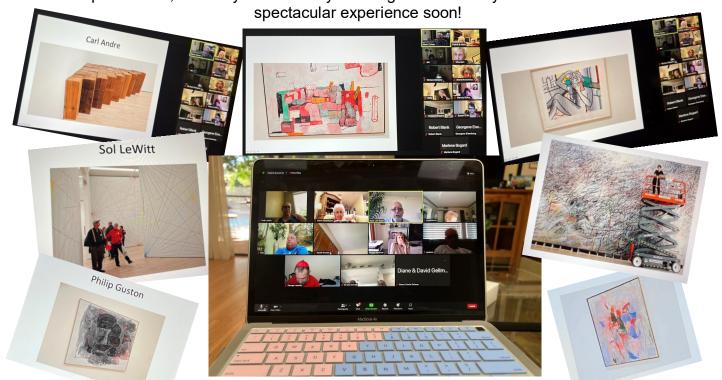


Photo by Pam Wiener

### ART APPRECIATION

This semester, our member and artist Mark Cohen was our docent extraordinaire as we explored four different museums together (via Zoom.) Participants loved learning about the different artists and styles, and we're already planning for our next Art Appreciation series.

Also on the horizon is an in-person trip to the Armory Art Center in the spring to see a show of the Sistine Chapel artwork, brilliantly facilitated by Mark again. We'll let you know more about this



### Hakarat HaTov / Gratitude

Our Temple Israel campus consists of the grounds, foundation, numerous walls and many doors. But we're not necessarily referring to the physical construction!

Our existence is based on the groundwork of our mission to provide a Beit T'filah (House of Prayer), Beit Hamidrash (House of Study) and Beit K'nesset (House of Gathering). Our foundation is in our passion and long-standing traditions of Judaism. Our walls are the creation of unique worship services and programs, more than just the physical space. And our doors are the doors to our minds and hearts as we reach out and welcome everyone as inclusive and egalitarian as possible.

What's the one item missing above? Support. Whether physical or tangible, support is vital to maintain a foundation, mission, walls and doors. At Temple Israel, our support, our backbone, is YOU. Our congregants, guests, donors, staff and clergy. We are so grateful to all of you!

So here's a shout-out to all those who help Temple Israel thrive, too many individuals to mention. Whether you serve on our Board, facilitate or participate in our programs, volunteer or donate... we thank you!

### TI FILM PRESENTS... A Fun Evening!

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Temple Israel members and friends enjoyed cinema and subs together under the stars in our Horowitz Courtyard. The movie, "Norman", was both poignant and funny, and we rejoiced at being home again at TI. We hope to see you at our next TI Film event!

We would like to highlight those who stepped up to the plate to create a wonderful TI Film evening. Many thanks to Elaine Feldmesser for spearheading this; Michell and Carlos Escobar for co-chairing the event and organizing the dinner; Kodi Laskin, Ron Levinson and Earnton Mosley for working out the technical aspects of an outdoor A/V system; Barbara Willen for donating wine; Ruth Abramson for creating soft and stunning scarves and donating all proceeds to Sisterhood; and so many of our members who lent a hand (and shoulders and backs) in setting up and cleaning up afterwards!















# Take action against breast cancer by joining us for the MORE THAN PINK WALK!

Join the **Temple Israel TaTa Society** team with your Temple Israel family and friends for the **2022 Komen More Than Pink Walk** on **Sat., January 29**<sup>th</sup>!

Register at https://www.komen.org/how-to-help/attend-events/race-for-the-cure/ Find and click on the West Palm Beach event, scroll to REGISTER, "Join a Team" and follow the directions for our "Temple Israel TaTa Society 2022" registration and donations. Questions? Contact Sherri Gilbert at SLG19@juno.com



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Thursday,
December 2<sup>nd</sup>
at 6:30pm
\* RSVP by 11/29 \*

Bring your chanukiah & candles. We'll have short services in our Sanctuary and dinner in our Courtyard (weather-permitting.) RSVP so we have enough food and can set-up properly!

# MUSSAR IN A TIME OF DIVISIVENESS

Facilitated by
Dr. Barry Horowitz & Rabbi Howard Shapiro

Tuesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom Oct. 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8



A student of Mussar is someone who wants to become the best possible version of the unique individual he or she already is. Given the divisive times in which we are living, this course will address attitudes and behaviors which can impede our ability to open our hearts to others, including through the study of *middot* (soul traits).

Cost: \$54 payable to the Mussar Institute

For more info and to register, contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com

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Facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

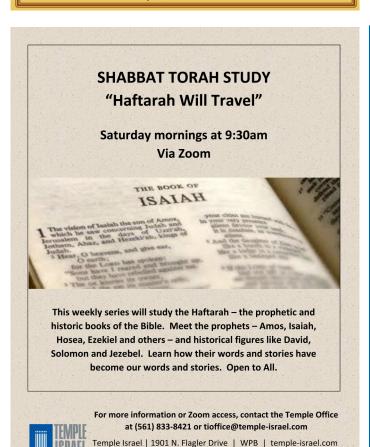


Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom December 1, 8, 15

In this continuation of our popular course on this late Canadian-Jewish songwriter, we will explore more of his music and poetry on Jewish themes. There is so much more here than meets the eye – or the ear.

For more info and Zoom access, contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com





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The Temple Israel Sisterhood is again partnering with Alpert Jewish Family Service's "4 Kids" program to purchase gift cards for children. How wonderful to put a smile on a child's face!

Please consider sending a donation of any amount to the Temple Office payable to "Temple Israel Sisterhood" and indicate "Mitzvah Menorah". Help make this a joyous Hanukkah season for so many children in need.

Deadline: December 6th

Questions? Contact Jane Herring at jhc48@yahoo.com

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### YOGA SHALOM

via Zoom

Facilitated by Ellen Goldenson

MAT YOGA 9-10am

CHAIR YOGA 10:30-11:30am



Improve strength, flexibility, balance and overall well-being.

We will focus on breathing and movement to relax and release tension physically, mentally and emotionally through the popular techniques of "Yoga Shalom".

Opt for Chair Yoga if you are unable to safely rise from the floor.



For more info and Zoom access, contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com

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# FAMILY SHABBAT



Join our Temple Israel
Community for our Monthly
Interactive Family Shabbats
on Facebook Live!

Fridays at 5pm: 2021: 12/17

2022: 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin & Ms. Jackie will be sharing Music and Stories with our young families.

For more info and Zoom access, contact JACKIE KLEIN, Our Religious School & Youth Programming Director, at (561) 833-8421 or jackie@temple-israel.com



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# Contributions

as of 11-12-2021

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Israel by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

# Thank

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In Honor of:

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### **MEMORIAL PLAQUES**



Remember a loved one by adding a Memorial Plaque in our sanctuary and be a part of a longstanding Jewish tradition and practice. The plaque, which is engraved and mounted for a \$500 donation, will be lit on your loved one's yahrzeit each year. To order a plaque for a loved one who has passed, or to reserve one for yourself, contact the Temple Office.

### PLANNING ASSURES THAT YOUR WISHES ARE CARRIED OUT

Temple Israel has a section in the Star of David Cemetery with plots still available for purchase by any Temple Israel Member at \$5,000, considerably less than the cost of purchasing them directly from Star of David. Temple Israel also has an affiliation with Eternal Light Memorial Gardens for your consideration and planning.

Advanced funeral arrangements will be comforting for your loved ones during their grieving. For more information, contact Karen Szteinberg at (561) 833-8421 or karen@temple-israel.com.



# December Birthdays

- 01 Patricia Abramson
- 03 Jack Feuer
- 03 Wolfgang Greiter
- 04 Michael Mora
- 06 Emily Ablin
- 10 Jill Douglas
- 11 David Partheniou
- 12 Kenneth Aaron
- 12 Eunice Baros
- 12 Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin
- 13 Zachary Cohen
- 13 Michael Hackman
- 13 Samuel Leopold
- 14 Allison Alexander
- 14 Gustavo Hoefs
- 15 Taylor Smith
- 17 Jeffrey Devore
- 18 Stephen Goldstein
- 18 Angelica Sandoval
- 19 Suzy Cohen
- 20 Michael Alexander
- 20 Joshua Simkowitz
- 25 Cynthia Friedman
- 25 Eileen Shapiro
- 26 Mark Feldmesser
- 29 James Eisenberg
- 29 Sarah Lazow
- 29 Isabel Lucas
- 30 Roger Hork
- 30 Bob Marell
- 31 Ira Skaletsky



### **MAZEL TOV to...**

A heartfelt Mazel Tov to Valerie and Charlie Eaton on the birth of their 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Lillian Jo, and ecstatic parents Beth and Chris Eaton. Wishing you happiness and many simchas!



### **ANNUAL MEETING**

TUE., JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>
6:00 pm
(MEMBERS ONLY)

This is an important meeting to discuss our current and future plans as well as approve our Board of Directors slate.

The meeting will be held in-person at Temple Israel with the ability to participate remotely as well.

More information is forthcoming.

## December Anniversaries

- 10 Traci Pincourt-Braun & Keith Braun
- 18 Nancy & Stephen Schwartz
- 19 Sande & Harris Hollin
- 21 Georgia & Scott Newman
- 24 Diane & Michael Steiner
- 31 Amy & Michael Jonas

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### 2021 DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 First Night of Hanukkah	29	Hebrew School  10:00am  Beginning Hebrew for Adults	9:00am Mat Yoga 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Leonard Cohen Revisited	6:30pm Night of 100 Menorahs & Welcome Home Dinner	6:30pm  Erev Shabbat  worship service led by Rabbi  Howard Shapiro	04 9:30am Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
05 Religious School	06 Deadline for Mitzvah Menorah Donations	07 Hebrew School 10:00am Beginning Hebrew for Adults	9:00am Mat Yoga 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Leonard Cohen Revisited	09  10:00am  Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI	6:30pm  Erev Shabbat  worship service and SIMPLY JEWISH: Author Dara Horn	9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom) with Dara Horn Afternoon President's Circle Luncheon with Dara Horn
12 Religious School	13	14 Hebrew School 10:00am Beginning Hebrew for Adults 7:00pm Mussar in a Time of Divisiveness	15 9:00am Mat Yoga 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Leonard Cohen Revisited	16 10:00am Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI 7:00pm TI Reads (book TBD)	17 5:00pm Family Shabbat 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service	18 9:30am Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
19 Religious School	20	21 Board Meeting 10:00am Beginning Hebrew for Adults	9:00am Mat Yoga 10:30am Chair Yoga	23 10:00am Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI	24 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship service in our Media Center	25 9:30am Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
26	27	28 10:00am Beginning Hebrew for Adults	9:00am Mat Yoga 10:30am Chair Yoga	30 10:00am Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI	31 5:00pm Note Different Time Short Erev Shabbat worship service ONLY VIA ZOOM	9:30am Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)

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