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# From the Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

## When Things Did Not Get Better With Coke

There is no question about it: One of the highlights of Temple Israel's program is our annual celebration of the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. We have enjoyed the great gift of sharing that celebration with our friends and partners at Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church – this year, on Friday evening, January 14, at 630 pm. Our choirs will sing together, and we hope to be able to present the prize-winning essays of our young people – writing on the theme of how American Jews and American blacks (and realizing that there are those who claim both identities) can learn from each other. It will be, as always, an honor and an inspiration to share this moment with them.

Which gets me thinking about an interesting, though obscure, moment of black-Jewish conversation.

I have often spoken about the late Rabbi Joachim Prinz, one of the most controversial, and certainly one of the most unusual rabbis in modern Jewish history. He had been a rabbi in Germany, where he earned a reputation as a sterling orator. Forced to flee, he became the rabbi at Bnai Abraham, in Newark, where he continued to build a reputation as a communal leader and as a civil rights activist. History knows him best as the “warm up act” for Dr. King at the famous March on Washington.

But, there is another story about him that I want to share with you.

In 1937, Rabbi Prinz visited Atlanta. In those days, Atlanta was a provincial Southern town, with no culture to speak of, and only one real industry – Coca Cola.

Rabbi Prinz had come specifically to visit with a famous black theologian and biblical scholar, Willis Jefferson King (no relationship to Martin Luther King). This Dr. King had studied in what was then called Palestine at the American School for Oriental Research. He was an expert in the poetry of the Hebrew Bible, especially of the prophets.

Rabbi Prinz invited the scholar to have dinner with him at a restaurant. Dr. King accepted the invitation, but advised that it would be better if they took dinner together in Rabbi Prinz's hotel room, in private.

That evening, after dinner, Rabbi Prinz gave a speech to a Jewish group. Several people approached him and said: “We understand that you visited that \_\_\_\_ in the black seminary and that you invited him to have dinner with you.”

Prinz was shocked and mortified. He told the group that he could not believe that these Jewish leaders would speak in such way to a Jewish refugee from Germany who had himself experienced racism and bigotry – and that it was clear to him that what was happening to the black people of America was precisely the same thing that was happening to the Jews of Europe.

Suddenly, the mood changed to one of genuine Southern hospitality. The hosts were apparently embarrassed, and so they offered Rabbi Prinz a drink. They handed him a glass of Coke. In his memoirs, he wrote that it would be the last glass of Coke that he would ever drink. For at that moment, he had come to associate the drink with prejudice – and even worse, with Jewish collusion with prejudice.

Unlike Rabbi Prinz, I drink Coke. I do not have the same associations with it as he had.

But nevertheless, I want to continue the legacy of his passionate concern for civil rights – and I know that you do, as well.





## From the President

Marty List

As 2021 comes to a close and we are about to enter 2022, our 99<sup>th</sup> year, I am brimming with thanks and optimism. I want to thank my Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and you, our congregants. Of course, I am thankful for our clergy and administrative staff: Rabbi Salkin, Rabbi Shapiro, Karen Szteinberg, Peri Smilow, Earnton Mosley and David Block who form the backbone of our team to make sure Temple Israel remains welcoming, inspirational, aspirational and a comfortable place to be Jewish. Together, we are a team that can overcome any challenge – including Covid....

I wish our entire Temple Family a healthy and happy secular New Year and all the best in 2022. Please join us on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Meeting as we thank our retiring Board members and welcome our new Board of Trustees. 2022 will be a pivotal year of introspection, goal setting and planning so I hope you will come hear our “State of the Temple” discussion.

Please come for a light dinner at 6pm – the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. It is imperative that you RSVP to the Temple Office so that we know how much food to order and so we may ensure that we have a quorum for the meeting. If you cannot join us in-person, please register to join us via Zoom (check your emails for directions.)

Looking forward to being together with you all!

B'shalom,

*Marty*

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



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## From the Executive Director

Karen Szeinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

Ordinarily I wouldn't be writing about the secular new year but I'll make an exception this year since this past year has been, well, quite exceptional.

Traditionally January 1<sup>st</sup> begins the start of a year with hopes that our resolutions are fulfilled. But unfortunately some January 1 resolutions brought harsh penalties to Jews in the past. Catherine the Great established the Pale of Settlement on January 1, 1791, the only area in Russia where Jews were then permitted to live. On January 1, 1798, Russia censored all Hebrew books and on January 1, 1807, new laws dictated how Jews could be educated and earn a living, and even banned Yiddish in schools. On January 1, 1939, Nazi Germany decreed that "Sarah" and "Israel" be added to the names of all Jewish women and men, identity cards always be carried, and all Jewish-owned businesses closed. A year later on January 1, 1940, Jews were forbidden to gather for prayer altogether.

You may wonder why I chose to write about such repulsive times in our history and I would remind you that we just had Dara Horn at Temple Israel, the author of "People Love Dead Jews". As Ms. Horn explains, to reflect on the past compels us to rekindle the feelings of "never forget". And starting a new year doesn't mean we completely leave behind and forget the old year; we live and learn from our experiences.

As much as many of us want to forget these last almost two years and the isolation and apprehension we've all felt, the majority of us are stronger as a community. Despite our fear and tragedies, we have pulled together, shown compassion and comforted one another. We have learned what we need to do to keep healthy into the new year, respectfully.

Our ultimate resolution should be to resume as much normalcy as we had prior to the pandemic. At Temple Israel, we are trying just that – creating new on-site policies, resuming *onegs* (outdoors with served desserts or packaged goodies) and planning an in-person Annual Meeting (while still offering remote participation.) Recently we gathered in-person for our Film & Subs Night, Night of 100 Menorahs & Dinner, and Simply Jewish with its dessert reception, mostly in our courtyard. And we're already planning more and more in-person activities and events, many leading up to our centennial next year (2023)!

My own resolution at Temple Israel is to continue to do all that I can to make our congregation and community feel comfortable again to return to in-person activities. We truly have persevered and appreciate the support you have given us this year, such as for our community outreach, social action endeavors and our Annual Journal. (The overwhelming responses for our Annual Journal is remarkable and personally touches my heart as your honoree.) Let me know how I can help you and your family and friends get back to temple in person more often. I can't wait to see you at Temple Israel!

### 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* (\$150). 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. contact the Office at (561) 833-8421 or [tioffice@temple-israel.com](mailto:tioffice@temple-israel.com)



## The *Mussar* Moment

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

So, it is 2022. And even if you read this article before the ball drops in Time Square and thousands of people lift their masked faces to the sky counting down from ten, the Secular New Year is upon us. Besides the parties, horns, fireworks, and champagne, lots of people are considering what resolutions they will make/keep for a while/forget and lose. Online the bet is that our resolutions will involve some form of weight loss. I don't have a lot of good advice in that column.

But I can bring to the forefront Mussar thoughts on how to lose those pieces of yourself that you are not proud of. It is not hard; it is as simple as beginning the New Year appreciative of all the blessings that surround you. Our Mussar teachers believe that our journey through life and our sojourn through time is one of elevation and sanctification. We are given (yes given) our lives and this time on earth to perfect and repair the way our soul interacts with the world we inhabit. In simple terms, we are called upon to perfect the best part of ourselves as we live and love and laugh and cry our way toward sunset.

An example by way of a story: Rav Yisrael Salanter who lived in Vilna during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century was well known for his scholarship, personal piety, and his concern for the welfare of others. Once on a night before he was about to ask a wealthy person for Tzedakah, his students heard him repeatedly chanting these words "Envy, lust and honor remove a person from the world." (*Mishnah Pirkei Avot 4:28*) When his students asked him why he was saying these words over and over, he told them that he understood that visiting the wealthy man in his mansion might evoke envy or desire. He was fortifying himself against the possibility that he would feel envy in his heart.

Especially at this time of year, our economic engine encourages us to look at all the things we do not have. All those new electronics – all those new and shiny items in the department store window or glowing computer screen – all those beautiful clothes and furnishings.... We are invited to be envious. Rabbi Salanter was teaching it doesn't matter how much you have – it matters what you do with it. It doesn't matter how wealthy you are – it matters that you do not let envy taint the purity of your soul. There is always someone who has more; the key to fulfilling that New Year resolution is to value the you that is sacred, blessed and worthy of celebration.

### 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](mailto:SLG19@juno.com)



## President's Circle

Michael and Amy Jonas, Co-chairs

In December, more than fifty members of the President's Circle gathered for a private brunch. This special event was held in the beautiful setting of a social room at One Watermark Place overlooking the tranquil Intracoastal Waterway on Flagler Drive next to the Yacht Club. Harriet Miller, a long-time Temple member and President's Circle donor, generously sponsored this elegant afternoon. We thank Harriet for hosting this intimate opportunity for our PC members to enjoy a delightful brunch and discussion with the remarkable author and Simply Jewish speaker, Dara Horn.

The President's Circle is pleased to welcome Iris and Conrad Koller as its newest members. Their addition brings the number of families who have chosen to support Temple Israel with an Annual Commitment at one of the PC levels to seventy-five. We thank everyone who has already made this commitment and in the coming months to further strengthen our Temple by increasing this number.

Plans are already being formulated for the next President's Circle activity which will probably take place during the spring. As more details become available, we will report them. We hope to welcome more of our Temple family into the President's Circle and that even more enjoy all the benefits that come with belonging to this special group.

## Temple Israel Brotherhood

**Our Temple Israel Brotherhood wishes to thank all those who generously donated towards our Chanukah candle program this year:**

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# Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School & Youth Programming Director

A time to be born and a time to die... Ecclesiastes or Kohelet.

This is often read during Sukkot. However, the adage is timely for our students' learning this last month before Winter Break.

In December, we concluded the first semester of our new pilot program with a unit on Life and Death. While introducing this topic to our students, Rabbi Salkin shared that he hoped everyone would be comfortable expressing the end of life using the term "death" and not through euphemisms. As part of our unit, we visited our cemetery partner, Star of David in Palm Beach Gardens, and placed painted memorial stones on the gravesites of our deceased temple members who have memorial plaques in our sanctuary as well as on the gravesites of past members who have unknown heirs.

When I initially shared with community members and parents that our school planned to visit a cemetery as part of our field trips this year, there was surprise and concern that the topic would be too difficult for our students. The cemetery had never even received such a request to have students visit and learn about the grounds. In turn, I was equally surprised at the shock that I received.

As a proud Jewish person and Jewish educator, I have learned that death is part of life and Jewish people have many rituals surrounding such moments. As a child and young person, I often joined my parents at Shiva calls to help comfort the bereaved. Following my *Bat Mitzvah*, my parents and I helped make *minyanim*, sometimes even helping to lead those services, and I have continued to make this ritual a priority in my personal Jewish observance. My childhood cantor always sang a song at each *B'nai Mitzvah* with the chorus of "count me in". This is a call to action that I have taken seriously.

I sincerely hope that our students have learned and appreciate that end-of-life is not just about one's final days but also about the traditions we hold dear and the respect we continue to have for those who have passed. Our educational goal is that our students leave class with a stronger knowledge of what it means to be part of our Jewish community, and that even after death, your ties to a synagogue provide a legacy.

What is the shared legacy that you want to leave when you die? This is the question we posed to our students – and I will leave you with the same question to think about.



# Temple Israel Sisterhood

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

On behalf of Sisterhood, we hope our entire Temple Israel family was able to celebrate a Hanukkah filled with light and love, and that the secular new year brings you much health and happiness.

**Artapalooza:** Sisterhood kicks off the new year at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, with a private docent-led tour of the special exhibit *Frida Kahlo/Diego Rivera & Mexican Modernism* at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. Participants can also check out *Saul Steinberg: A Writer Who Draws*, a special exhibit showcasing the artist 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 and goody bags. Check TI email blasts for registration details or contact Ellen Goldenson at 617-967-5175 or [ellengoldenson@gmail.com](mailto:ellengoldenson@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP.

**Sisterhood Shabbat:** Friday, January 28 is the annual Sisterhood Shabbat service celebrating Jewish women. All Sisterhood members are invited to participate. Please contact event chair Karen List at [karelito@aol.com](mailto:karelito@aol.com) for more information.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, February 6 from 2-4 p.m. is our GALentine's tea party at Serenity Garden Tea House in West Palm Beach. Enjoy a private High Tea with sweet and savory finger sandwiches, scones, pastries and desserts. Send your \$25 check, payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, to the temple office by January 27 to reserve your spot. Contact Ellen Goldenson at 617-967-5175 or [ellengoldenson@gmail.com](mailto:ellengoldenson@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

**Mitzvah Menorah:** Thanks to all those who participated in our annual Mitzvah Menorah, providing Hanukkah gift cards to children being served by Alpert Jewish Family Service. We raised \$1,200 through your generous donations, enabling each of the 24 children to receive a \$50 Target gift card. Thank you for helping to kindle the Hanukkah lights for children in our community. Thanks also to our Social Action Vice Presidents Janice Rosenberg and Jane Herring for chairing this event.

**Last chance:** We have one Diamond Painting design kit 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 the latest creative craze. To order the kit for \$25, contact Lynn at 561-632-1877 or [lrl5194ll@gmail.com](mailto:lrl5194ll@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 [lrl5194ll@gmail.com](mailto:lrl5194ll@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 to the temple office (indicating Sisterhood in the memo line but payable to Temple Israel) or include it with your statement payment.



## Sisterhood Shabbat - Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Join us as we celebrate Jewish women with special readings and acknowledgements at this special *Erev Shabbat* service. All TI Sisterhood members are invited to participate. For more info, contact Karen List at [karelito@aol.com](mailto:karelito@aol.com).

# Annual Appeal 2021

Acknowledging with much gratitude those who have generously given to our Annual Appeal. Your kindhearted support enables Temple Israel to continue to strengthen and engage our community, now and for the future.

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## Happy Tu BiShvat! January 16, 17

### Here are some suggestion on how you can celebrate this year!

Plant parsley seeds or other herbs in a small planter near a sunny window. You'll have fresh parsley for your Passover seder!

If you can't plant a sampling in your own yard, plant a flowering bulb kit in a sunny window for the first sign of spring when it blooms.



## **CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
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This event is free and open to all. Leaders and members of both congregations will participate in the service, the teen winners of the MLK Essay Contest will read their entries and a dessert reception will follow.

**RSVP by January 6<sup>th</sup>** and refer to the temple's On-Site Attendance Policy found on [www.temple-israel.com](http://www.temple-israel.com) for the required Covid-19 documentation. The service will also be broadcasted via Zoom and livestreamed to the temple website.

**To RSVP or obtain the Zoom link, contact the Temple Office at  
(561) 833-8421 or [tioffice@temple-israel.com](mailto:tioffice@temple-israel.com)**

## Dara Horn

Once again our Simply Jewish series brought us an amazing presenter this December – the award-winner novelist, essayist and professor of literature, Dara Horn. Following Friday evening services, Dara spoke with intense spirit and enthusiasm about her background, research and books which challenged us to confront reasons why there is so much fascination with Jewish deaths. Dara also led our Saturday morning online Torah Study with Rabbi Salkin and later joined our President's Circle for a brunch and discussion. It was such a treat to have her with us!

Many thanks to our Simply Jewish sponsors – The Kraft Cultural Fund and Rabbi Shapiro's Next Person I Want You to Meet Fund – led by Zelda Mason and Rabbi Howard Shapiro – as well as their committee members Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Linda Solomon and Karen Szteinberg. Additional gratitude goes to Harriet Miller, member extraordinaire, who sponsored the PC brunch.

We can't wait for our next Simply Jewish presenter: Jason McKinney on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Jason is an award-winning performer with critical acclaim throughout the world and will be performing "The American Jewish Song Book" at Temple Israel, celebrating diversity through music. We're already planning something special for that evening too so keep your eyes open for our emails and don't forget to RSVP!



Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin presented Dara Horn with one of his favorite art pieces, explaining how it depicts the paths of Jewish history divided or as one grand artery and the heart of Jewish culture. Dara agreed and said she loved the artwork... so much that she already has the very same one in a very large form in her home. Great minds do think alike!







## Night of 100 Menorahs and Welcome Home Dinner

Our December 2<sup>nd</sup> evening was simply illuminating! First we enjoyed enlightening services, holiday music from our choir and Religious School students, and Chanukiah candle-lighting which brightened the sanctuary and our spirits. Our members and guests then enjoyed dinner under the stars with beaming smiles as we welcomed everyone back home to Temple Israel. Many thanks to Charlie and Valerie Eaton who organized the dinner with our Sisterhood and Brotherhood and all who volunteered to help set-up and break-down the event. What a warm and glowing evening for all!









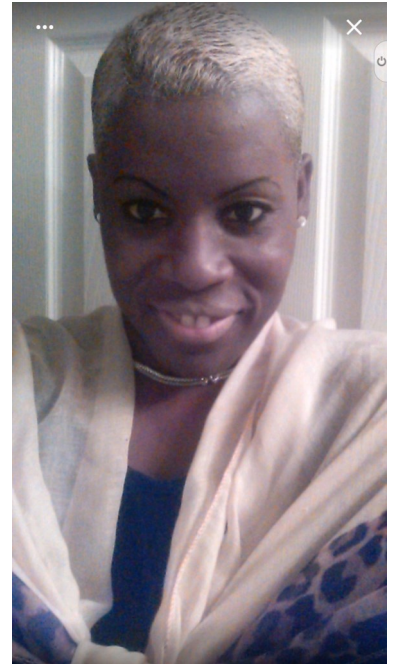
# PLANTING A SEED

Karen Szteinberg

As we celebrate *Tu BiShvat* this month, we recognize it as the *Rosh HaShanah La'llanot* – the New Year of the Trees – and Jews around the world plant trees in celebration. When we think of a tree, we consider the foundation of its roots, the strength of its trunk, the far-reaching branches, the life it sustains and the beauty of its flowers – you could even compare this to a synagogue. But what's the very most important part of a tree? The seeds, for without seeds there would be no trees or the sustenance they provide.

This year I had the pleasure of meeting Denise Williams several times when she stopped by Temple Israel with a donation. At each visit, she handed me a touching note, calling her gifts “seed tokens” and she spoke how Temple Israel was her seed, her life. Denise shared her story of her time at Temple Israel with our late beloved member Bernie Taub and how close she continues to feel towards Temple Israel. I feel compelled to share her own poignant words and I invite you to share your stories as well – with either our congregation or by bringing a guest to experience everything Temple Israel has to offer. Plant a seed... you never know what will grow.

*My name is Denise Williams. I currently live in Port Saint Lucie, Florida, and work as a home health care advocate. In 2016, I was taking care of the beloved father of a remarkable family named the Taubs, who took me to Temple Israel at least once a week or whenever possible. In the beginning I was somewhat naive to the world and so Bernie took me under his wings along with his friends and treated me like family. Bernie suggested that going back to school is a great idea and so I started taking night classes, which led to me now completing my master's degree in Human Services. The influence and impact I was exposed to at the time created a mental space for me to grow in the world. It equipped me with the power and endurance to persevere. Growing up, I came to realize that Jews were a group of people that I really admired. Sowing into what you love has been a lifelong philosophy of mine. My friend Bernie has planted a seed in me, and I am forever grateful. Every time I come to the temple, I feel at home. It brings back so many great memories like the "Proneg" in which everyone gets to chat before service and it feeds my soul to simply watch everyone chatting, greeting each other, and having stimulating conversations. It has been a source of love for me and I will continue to nurture that seed from a place of gratitude.*



*Thank you for acknowledging me.*

*Sincerely,  
Denise Williams*

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## An Afternoon at the Norton Museum of Art

Join Sisterhood at  
**1 p.m. on Sunday, January 9**  
for a private docent-led one-hour tour of  
**Frida Kahlo/Diego Rivera & Mexican Modernism**

Followed by raffle drawings of exhibit-related gifts and goody bags for all.  
Plus...Tour the special exhibit "Saul Steinberg: A Writer Who Draws" on your own



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RSVP by December 28 to Ellen Goldenson by  
e-mailing [ellengoldenson@gmail.com](mailto:ellengoldenson@gmail.com) or texting 617-967-5175

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and mask required for entrance. Go to <https://www.norton.org/> for the museum's full explanation of pandemic protocols.



## Temple Israel's ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TUE., JANUARY 18, 2022 at 6pm**  
(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.

A light dinner will be available for those in-person at 6pm followed by the start of the meeting at 6:30pm.

RSVPs are required to receive Zoom access, ensure a quorum and have ample food. More information is forthcoming.



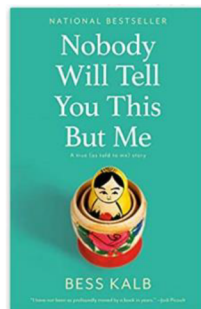
## OUR VIRTUAL TI READS

**Thurs., January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

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

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



Look for Zoom information in our "THIS WEEK & NEXT" emails which are sent every Monday morning. For more information, contact Mary Arpe at [marpe@gmail.com](mailto:marpe@gmail.com) or the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or [tioffice@temple-israel.com](mailto:tioffice@temple-israel.com)

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For more info, contact JACKIE KLEIN, our Religious School & Youth Programming Director: (561) 833-8421 or [jackie@temple-israel.com](mailto:jackie@temple-israel.com)



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## 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

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(561) 833-8421 or [tioffice@temple-israel.com](mailto:tioffice@temple-israel.com)



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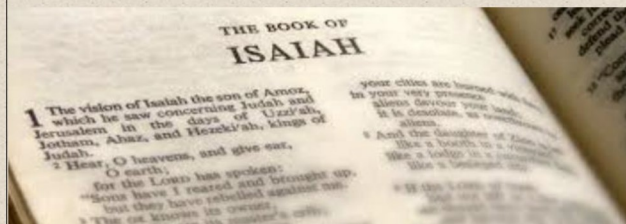


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## SHABBAT TORAH STUDY "Haftarah Will Travel"

Saturday mornings at 9:30am  
Via Zoom



This weekly series will study the Haftarah – the prophetic and historic books of the Bible. Meet the prophets – Amos, Isaiah, Hosea, Ezekiel and others – and historical figures like David, Solomon and Jezebel. Learn how their words and stories have become our words and stories. Open to All.



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Facilitated by Ellen Goldenson



MAT YOGA  
9-10am

CHAIR YOGA  
10:30-11:30am



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



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## FAITH LIFT: ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH THE CONTEMPORARY JEWISH CHALLENGES

*From the Shalom Hartman Institute*

Facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Wednesdays at 7pm (via Zoom)

January 12, 19, 26

Rabbi Salkin continues our journey that began with our Hartman "Foundations of Faith" course. We will follow up on the meaning of suffering, what it means to bless and be blessed, and more.

YOU MUST REGISTER for this course beforehand in order to receive Zoom access info and the source packet. Register by contacting Rabbi Salkin directly at [rabbisalkin@temple-israel.com](mailto:rabbisalkin@temple-israel.com) or (561) 833-8421.

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## PRAYING WITH FIRE: A CLOSE READING OF THE PRAYER BOOK

Facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Wednesdays at 7pm (via Zoom)

March 2, 9, 23

What does that prayer mean? Why are we reading this?  
How can I make sense of this ritual? If you have asked these questions – even in the midst of services themselves – this course is for you. We will read our ancient and modern prayer texts for their original meaning and imagine what they can mean to us today.

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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 Szeinberg at (561) 833-8421 or [karen@temple-israel.com](mailto:karen@temple-israel.com).





## Mazel Tov to Benjamin Bagatell On Becoming A Bar Mitzvah

We are thrilled that Benjamin will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 15, 2022. We have watched him grow from a small child to an adolescent, along with all of the changes that the process has entailed. Throughout his development, though, what has not changed are his security with and confidence in the person who he is, his ability to meet people of all ages and backgrounds and put them at ease immediately, and his identity as an enthusiastic member of the Jewish faith. We are very proud of the young man that Benjamin is becoming, although he has been an old soul since the day we met him.

### January Birthdays

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Kristine Thurston   | 17 Phyllis Gurwin     |
| 2 Rabbi Paul Menitoff | 17 Nancy Roth         |
| 3 Jacqueline Kandel   | 17 Ira Warshaw        |
| 6 Tiffany Kapner      | 18 Mollie Roth        |
| 7 Gayle Bard          | 21 Leonard Gray       |
| 7 Beryle Goverman     | 22 Beth Levinson      |
| 7 Michelle Jacobson   | 22 Rhona Shugarman    |
| 8 Herbert Siegel      | 22 Kenny Sims         |
| 8 Ruth Smith          | 23 Robert Wacks       |
| 10 Henry Bagatell     | 24 Karen Lederman     |
| 10 Jennifer Shuster   | 25 Richard Greene     |
| 10 Stella Small       | 26 Cynthia McDonald   |
| 11 Bailey Bone        | 27 Joan Goldberg      |
| 11 Barbara Hatzfeld   | 27 Michael Steiner    |
| 13 Benjamin Bagatell  | 29 Georgene Eisenberg |
| 13 Linda Solomon      | 30 Nicholas Marell    |
| 14 Richard Cohen      | 30 Lauren Sachs       |
| 14 Vera De Chalambert | 30 Glenn Smith        |
| 16 Robert Blank       |                       |

### January Anniversaries

- |  |
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| 1 Sherry & Steve Jacobs                  |
| 2 Maggie & Harry Kaufman                 |
| 6 Therese Brady & Gustavo Hoefs          |
| 10 Ludmilla Goldberg & Michael Goldstein |
| 12 Amy & Don Carter                      |
| 12 Ellen Morris & Richard Greene         |
| 18 Bryna & Alvin Jagoda                  |
| 24 Marcie Gorman Althof & Stan Althof    |



#### MAZEL TOV to...

**Patti and Larry Abramson** on the wedding of their son Marcus to Elizabeth Yoder on December 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as to Marcus' grandmother Ruth Abramson and to aunt and uncle SaraJane and Bob Marell. We wish the entire family a lifetime of happiness and many more *simchas*!



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### 2022 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
					<b>5:00pm</b> <b>Note Different Time</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> abbreviated worship service only via Zoom	<b>9:30am</b> Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
		<b>10:00am</b> Beginning Hebrew for Adults	<b>9:00am</b> Mat Yoga <b>10:30am</b> Chair Yoga		<b>6:30pm</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service	<b>9:30am</b> Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School <b>1:00pm</b> Sisterhood at The Norton Museum of Art		Hebrew School Confirmation Class <b>10:00am</b> Beginning Hebrew for Adults <b>7:00pm</b> Mussar in a Time of Divisiveness	<b>9:00am</b> Mat Yoga <b>10:30am</b> Chair Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> Faith Life: Another Encounter with the Contemporary Jewish Challenges	<b>10:00am</b> Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI <b>1:00pm</b> Beginning Bridge Lessons with Mandel JCC at TI	<b>6:30pm</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service and program celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.	<b>9:30am</b> Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom ) <b>10:30am</b> Benjamin Bagatell Bar Mitzvah
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Hebrew School <b>10:00am</b> Beginning Hebrew for Adults <b>6:00pm</b> Annual Congregational Meeting	<b>9:00am</b> Mat Yoga <b>10:30am</b> Chair Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> Faith Life: Another Encounter with the Contemporary Jewish Challenges	<b>10:00am</b> Duplicate Bridge Game with Mandel JCC at TI <b>1:00pm</b> Beginning Bridge Lessons with Mandel JCC at TI <b>7:00pm</b> TI Reads: Nobody Will Tell You This But Me	<b>6:30pm</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship service and Simply Jewish presentation: Jason McKinney -- "The American Jewish Song Book"	<b>9:30am</b> Torah Study Haftarah Will Travel (via Zoom)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					
Religious School						

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** (see page 11)

**Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

In partnership with the Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church. *RSVP requested\**



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

*Members only*



**SIMPLY JEWISH: JASON MCKINNEY** (see insert)

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Dinner 6:00pm, Service 7:30pm**

Award-winning composer and singer, performing "The American Jewish Song Book" and celebrating diversity through music. *RSVP required\**

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