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From the Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Meet My Teachers

I remember, with absolute clarity and vividness, “Back To School” night. It was that moment in the school year when parents had the opportunity to meet their children’s teachers – when both sets of role models would have an encounter. “Oh, so you’re Jeff’s parents!” I can hear one teacher say – “...And you must be Mrs. Smith. We have heard a lot about you.”

That is akin to the excitement I feel, as I prepare to introduce you to two of my most important teachers. By sheer coincidence, the dates are adjacent to each other – **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**, when we welcome Rabbi Donniel Hartman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, and **Friday evening/Shabbat morning, March 25-26, 2022** – when we welcome Imam Abdullah Antepli, Co-Director of the Hartman Institute’s Muslim Leadership Initiative. Imam Antepli is on the faculty at both Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy and Duke Divinity School, and served as the university’s first Muslim chaplain.

Rabbi Hartman is visiting us and the wider community through the sponsorship of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. He is not only the president of the Hartman Institute, where I study every summer; he is also one of the top Jewish thought leaders in the world, with interests in Israel/Zionism, Jewish peoplehood, and God. He will be speaking about his eye-opening book *Putting God Second* – a book and a message that has the power to change your way of thinking about God. He is not only my teacher; he, walking in the footsteps of his late father Rabbi David Hartman, is responsible for changing my life and my rabbinate.

Imam Antepli’s visit is part of our “Simply Jewish” series. As Abdullah himself will tell you, he is a “recovering anti-Semite,” raised in Turkey. His encounters with both Jews and Judaism transformed him, and in so doing, he has transformed countless others. He and journalist Yossi Klein-Halevi are responsible for changing the minds and hearts of countless Muslim leaders; Abdullah has brought Holocaust-denying Muslim clerics to Auschwitz. To encounter Abdullah is to encounter the face of God/Allah in the other. He is not only my teacher and thought partner; I count him among my friends, a man who has changed my soul – and for the better. He will do that for you, as well.

There is that term – “an embarrassment of riches.” That is what awaits us on March 23 and March 25-26. The Hebrew word for learning is *shanah* – which also means “to change.” Both of these men have changed my life for the better. May a similar path await you, as well.



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Last month, our President Marty List announced a special challenge from the List Family in memory of his mother Cynn timer List... and we’re so grateful to him and everyone who has already stepped up to the challenge. For every \$2000 of **new or increased** unrestricted giving by Temple members, the List Family will add another \$1000, up to \$75,000. It is their hope that together we raise at least \$225,000 in additional funds by April 30th. Members may choose to make **new or increased** contributions through a number of avenues, including Presidents’ Circle (to join the PC or upgrade their level) and the Annual Campaign.

Please help us by taking on this challenge. For more information, please contact either Marty List directly or Karen Szteinberg in the Temple office.



From the Executive Director

Karen Szeinberg, Temple Administrator/Executive Director

One of my favorite holidays is Purim. It's not for the costumes, although I do enjoy their creativity. It's not for the hamantaschen, although I do enjoy their sweetness. And it's not for the groggers, as I do *not* enjoy their noise. It's the whole megillah (pardon the pun) – the cleverness of Esther and Mordechai without being diabolical. It's the omissions of truth without being lies. And it's the story of love, passion and compassion... at least for most of the characters.

So what's my point? That the end justifies the means? No, not always.

My point is you sometimes need to read and understand the entire story. You've heard that there are three sides to every story (or hat, in the case of Haman) – his side, her side and then the truth. If we only read that the wife Esther tricked her husband, then we might understand why the respected advisor, Haman, wanted to protect his King. If we only read that Mordechai refused to obey a law, we would understand why he would be prosecuted. But neither is the full truth. It depends on what we read or hear.

My childhood friend Mary was a sweet girl, not that bright, but she loved to jump rope and play hopscotch with me. Her family went to church every Sunday and seemed sociable although I didn't know them that well as we mostly played outdoors and not in her house. One day Mary was at my house when my father came home early and turned on the TV. It was Tuesday, June 6th, 1967. The reporter spoke of a war in Israel, the bombings and the casualties. Mary and I were just five years old, and she turned and said, "I hope they get those Jew bastards."

My father asked Mary why she would say that; her reply was that her dad always said it. Simply put - we base our facts on what we read or hear, whether the full or half truth, whether factual or of ignorance. Do we blame the teachers or do we blame those not willing to learn? (Both.) But how do we blame a five-year-old who knows no better than to listen to her parents?

In February and March, Temple Israel presents several speakers who have either encountered hardships dealing with hate or who have made a difference in helping others learn the truth. Jason McKinney is African-American, Native American and Jewish Ashkenazi; imagine how many "Marys" he encountered in his lifetime. Imam Abdullah Antepli describes himself as a "recovering anti-Semite" and is now a prestigious leader of Muslim-Jewish relations. Comedian Avi Liberman creates fundraisers to give back to those affected by terrorism. Rabbi Donniel Hartman not only creates programs for scholars, clergy and other leaders, but he also lectures on Israeli politics and Judaism to a worldwide community.

Our childhood experiences affect us but what we learn thereafter is most important. We owe it to ourselves to know the entire story, to hear our neighbors' voices, to clarify any misinformation. There have been times when I have removed my Star of David necklace but never in shame; it was to avoid an anti-Semitic attack on me in certain situations, akin to Esther's omission. But I forge ahead and pity those who remain ignorant and hurtful, and I pray they will learn the truths.

Please attend our upcoming presenters and hear their stories. I think you'll be inspired.



From the President

Marty List

At our Annual Meeting, our Rabbi Search Committee Chair, Charlie Eaton, reported the weak response we had received from potential candidates for our settled rabbi position and that we were putting our search on hold until this summer. Although this report isn't new, this is only one-half of the story and it is very important that our congregation appreciate the "Paul Harvey".

Our Search Committee discovered early on that there are more congregations in the United States and Canada looking to find a new rabbi than there are rabbis available. But we believed that Temple Israel's history, desirable location and position as the only Reform congregation in Palm Beach/West Palm Beach – and being part of the third largest Jewish community in the United States – would give us an advantage. We were disappointed to learn none of this mattered at this time.

Rabbi Salkin was engaged to be our interim rabbi for a two-year transition and, inasmuch as he was eighteen months into his term, he was well into developing plans for his future when we suspended our search. This left Temple Israel in the very risky position of finding itself without a rabbi. To his credit, Rabbi Salkin agreed to put his personal and professional life on hold, extending his contract to serve our congregation for a third year and giving us the time to develop a plan to stabilize Temple Israel's finances as well as improving our ability to find capable rabbinic candidates when we restart our search process this summer.

On behalf of our Board and congregation, I want to express our deep appreciation to Rabbi Salkin for his thoughtful leadership and for his continuing efforts to protect Temple Israel at this sensitive time.

The next challenges fall to each of us to get reinvigorated with activities at Temple Israel – WE NEED YOU. We have many special events coming up and we hope you will join us: Purim/Comedy Night, 100th Anniversary of Bat Mitzvah, Donniel Hartman, Simply Jewish with Duke Professor Imam Abdullah Antepli, and these are just our March activities! Please also hold the date and join us for our Second Night Community Seder on Saturday, April 16th at 5pm.

Temple Israel has thrived for almost 100 years because, at every stage along the way, our congregants have considered each other to be an extension of their families. Please help us continue that wonderful tradition – we miss seeing our family!

B'shalom,

Marty



Last year we did Purim "Hamilton-style" which received rave reviews. The *TI Times Today* said it was "the #1 Purim Spiel in America", station *WTI-TV* said "audiences truly laughed out loud!" and our cast was called "es-spiel-cially spectacular" by *Kol-A-Nu Magazine*.

This year Temple Israel is presenting a Comedy Night for Purim with comedian Avi Liberman, which follows a short Purim service and ends with a dessert reception that includes homemade hamantaschen (courtesy of Ibby Lucas.) RSVP for this evening of laughter – Wednesday, March 16th, at 7pm – and wear a costume if you want. (We hear reports that it'll be a riot!)



The *Mussar* Moment

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

Mark Cohen’s art classes at TI inspired me to enroll in an Abstract Art course at FAU Lifelong Learning in Jupiter. This was my third week and today we spent an hour and a half with Sonia and Robert Delaunay. I am not commenting on their art or love of color and spheres or Sonia’s prolific talent, but I love how she found the strength to make and remake herself. Her life and her art intersect and for every challenge, she found an opportunity to move in a different direction. For our Mussar purposes, I am sharing a quote attributed to Sonia. “I love creation more than life and I must express myself before I disappear.”

There are many ways to disappear in life as there are many ways to express yourself. There is the obvious: death. But there are also all those times when life takes a turn you didn’t expect and all the neatly laid plans you had inscribed in your mind were no longer applicable. And now was the moment for a new “you” to appear. It doesn’t just happen; it takes work and effort – a turning inward to discover new strengths and a turning outward to see that the world has many paths open to you.

Mussar is a challenge to become a different you. Or to put it another way: Mussar offers a path to understand that you (and I) are creations in constant formation. We can define and redefine ourselves by examining how we act and react to the people and situations that surround us very day. Mussar believes no one is set in their ways and each of us has the potential to grow spiritually. And we do that by facing the way we react and interact with the people who surround us.

To go back to Sonia Delaunay: What amazed me about her is how many times she reinvented herself. (She painted on canvas, she designed costumes for the stage, she designed rooms for the 1937 International Arts Festival in Paris, she had clothing salons and private clients like Gloria Swanson...) What makes her interesting to me is how each new Sonia was reflected in her artistic style.

Mussar teaches us that we are all artists. We may not use oils or watercolors, stone or metal, fabrics or ceramic, but we all create. We create worlds with our words; we create relationships with our emotions; we create memories with our deeds; we build what tomorrow might look like with our caring. And it is simple; and it is very hard. It takes looking at yourself and how you relate to the people who push your buttons. It takes stepping back from an encounter and asking was this the best you could have given. It takes pausing and letting there be a space for the “other” to live in your world. For me, Mussar is about believing that every day is a new beginning, filled with the shades of a reborn sun as it rises and as light begins to dawn. For me Mussar asks us to color our lives with love.

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For this Upcoming Simply Jewish Event

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



April 29, 2022
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Walk 'n' Talk New Date: *Sunday, March 13* we'll be offering a socially-distanced opportunity for an outdoor *Walk 'n' Talk* with your Sisterhood friends at Downtown Palm Beach Gardens. We'll meet at 2 p.m. outside the Cheesecake Factory and enjoy a nice stroll once or twice around the lake. Afterwards, enjoy beignets and beverages on Voodoo Bayou's outdoor patio. (Sisterhood will provide the beignets; you will be responsible for your beverage.) *RSVP by March 5* to Michell Escobar at 469-360-6488 or beanerymom@yahoo.com. Click on the link in your temple email blasts to see the event flyer.

Sisterhood Shabbat: The service has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 13, in honor of Mother's Day. The theme is Jewish Women Poets. Contact chairs Karen List (karelito@aol.com) or Sammy Alzofon (sammy.alzofon@gmail.com) for more information. All Sisterhood members are invited to participate. Check this space and your e-mail blasts for updated information.

Elections: As our calendar runs from June 1-May 31, Sisterhood is rapidly approaching the end of another year. Our Annual Election and Installation of Officers will be held Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome. We will be brainstorming ideas for the upcoming year. Please contact our Nominating Committee Chair Karen List at karelito@aol.com if you're interested in joining our dynamic board of directors.

Postponement: Due to the pandemic, our Spring tea party is postponed indefinitely. We will be hosting an outdoor High Tea at some point during the fall or next spring. Check this space and your e-mail blasts for updates.

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.

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.

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



Charlie Eaton
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Religious School

Jackie Klein, Religious School & Youth Programming Director

I have a confession to make. I've been to Washington, D.C. many times and yet before my recent trip with our Confirmation teens, I had never visited the Holocaust Museum there. My connection to Jewish community and learning has always been focused on the joy the communal interactions and text study bring for me. I often found a reason to not visit the museum as I wanted to focus on experiencing current Jewish life in our capital.

And so I found myself on my first experience at the U.S. Holocaust Museum for the very first time along with our students last month. It's a graphic and visceral experience from its start to the end, with replications of cattle cars and concentration camps and many photos of the genocide that occurred.

As we walked through, there were many moments that caused me to pause. I invite you to join me as I explore a few of these reflections with you.

The first section of the museum is focused on the buildup of Nazi Germany and what allowed them to take such drastic actions as the Final Solution and, as you walk into the next section, you see a circular room. In the middle of the room is a glass container holding torah scrolls spread out in various angles. I was drawn to this space as its own special sort of Aron Hakodesh. As I walked around the arc, I found myself Leining or chanting parts of the scrolls that I found readable in the trope of Tisha B'Av with a somber and melancholy melody of that solemn day of reflection. This holiday is a day that acknowledges all the evil destruction that has happened to us as a Jewish people, with rituals reflecting traditional practices of mourning. I wanted to bring the words from these torah scrolls to life as they are not able to be used in shuls as part of a full Kosher Torah.

We continued to walk past the spaces devoted to the St. Louis and medical experiments and then through the bridge that walks through the photos of families that were destroyed in a village that will never be again. The photos were of people celebrating daily Jewish life just like you and me. It was a somber reminder of just how fragile life is and the devastation that occurred.

You can't help but think that history is repeating itself when you walk into the hallway devoted to headlines of the 1930s newspapers before the war started. Those headlines contain similar words to what I see regarding the Uighur Muslim Genocide occurring in China. This is another reminder to remain strong and united to ensure the Holocaust does not occur again to us or to any other people.

As we gathered as a group outside of the museum, one of our students, Maya Green, started to sing the words to Psalm 150. It was unexpected and yet we all joined in to her joyful chorus of singing. Soon after, Rabbi and the rest of our group joined us in singing. It was the perfect antidote and reminder that we are still here, and that no matter what the situation, it is important to find joy in the experience of being Jewish and that part of our responsibility of being Jewish is to bring joy and light to others.



The Torah is essential to Jewish life with words of wisdom, guidance and prayer. But our Torahs' pages have withered through the years and many are in need of repair. Temple Israel has hired a scribe to repair our sacred scrolls and return the gift of Torah to our sanctuary... but we need your help. We're putting together exciting plans on how you can assist us and celebrate our Torahs together. More info is forthcoming!

Jackie Klein's Congress Report

During the first day of our Confirmation Trip to Washington, D.C., our students had the privilege to meet with Josh Cohen, the Chief of Staff for Representative Lois Frankel. Rabbi Salkin and I had asked our students to be prepared with at least one question each.

Our teens went above and beyond in their preparation; they had multiple questions and subsequent concerns. Mr. Cohen was very generous with his time and spent nearly two hours with us answering questions and sharing about legislations.

Interestingly, each question that our students posed addressed a different topic reflecting their individual interests. We discussed:

Mental Health and Police Funding

Anti-Semitism

Art

LGBT Bullying in the classroom and Censorship Theory of democracy and civil discourse

Jewish tradition teaches us that we should be a light to the nations and that we must do our part to the best of the ability in our country. By asking questions and making sure their voices are being heard, our teens took their responsibilities as citizens of this great country seriously. I was inspired by their discourse, although I know these teens and was not surprised at their intelligence, thoughts and seriousness.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can take action on any of the above issues, please explore the Religious Action Center's website – www.rac.org. The RAC is the social action branch of the Reform Movement and provides resources regarding legislation.

Congratulations to Jackie Klein, Recipient of the Yad b'Yad Award

Jackie Klein, our Religious School and Youth Programming Director, is being honored as the recipient for the Yad b'Yad award of ARJE this year. ARJE is the Association of Reform Jewish Educators and this annual award is bestowed upon the educator who was able to best implement the teachings of their annual association conference. The theme of the conference was Reflect, Refocus, Refresh.

As many of you know, Jackie has refocused our youth program to occur weekly and has creatively refreshed the curriculum to include educational and community-minded field trips. During the first year of this change, our youth program has retained over 90% of enrollment including those from post B'nai Mitzvah who have stayed on as our madrichim. Our attendance has also stayed strong and stable even though we have included more sessions. The teens are enamored with the program – as we are with Jackie.

Kol haKavod, Jackie! We are so proud!

Our Confirmation Teens in Washington, DC

Our teens had a great time with Rabbi Salkin and Jackie Klein touring Washington, DC – an incredible educational experience and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Even though their original trip with RAC L'Taken was cancelled, Jackie passionately pursued creating an amazing itinerary and Alexa Hartley assisted as well. Much appreciation also goes to Sisterhood and Brotherhood who helped sponsor this trip.

We are so proud of our teens – Aden, Akiva, Delia, Maya and Sophia – and thank their parents for entrusting them to us. The trip was so worthwhile and we're already planning for our next adventure!



Above and Right: At airport



Above: At Arlington - Right: Paying respect at gravesite of Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Below: At Washington Monument - At Capital

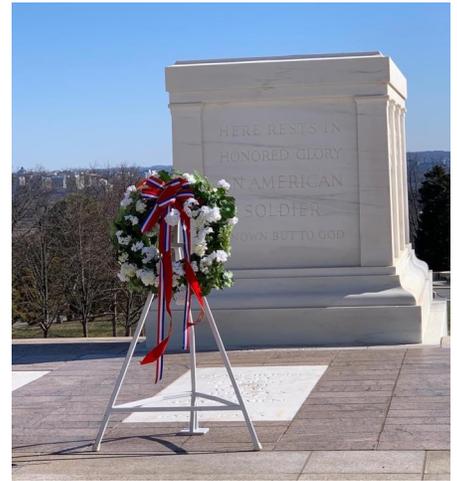


Erev Shabbat at Sixth & I, Havdallah



Maya Green – “After we left the Holocaust museum, I started singing Psalm 150 as we waited on the sidewalk for our ubers. (“Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah”) because I felt moved by the experience and thankful to have been able to be there with everyone. It was really a joyful experience with everyone joining in to sing along.”

Aden Bentolila – “Spending my morning talking to the Chief of Staff for Representative Congresswoman Lois Frankel was eye-opening. It was engaging and I felt as if I was able to speak my mind without any censorship that is usually in everyday life. These taboos about mental health issues and sex education amongst children are a very debatable subject. With that said, Mr. Cohen (the aforementioned representative) was able to take subjects such as these that my peers and I brought up and respectfully took our views into mind as we did for him. With having this sort of relationship amongst each other, the debate was very open and allowed for us to communicate our minds and hearts. Overall, the meeting was very successful, respectful, and a great experience.”



Thank you to Tom Mathieu & Company of West Palm Beach for donating the wreath for our students to lay as part of our Wreath Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. We appreciate our long-term partnership with you through the years!



Above: Wreath laying ceremony

Left: At the African-American Museum



Left: Meeting at Rep. Lois Frankel's office - Ice skating

Below: At Dinner - Dinner with Rabbi Salkin's son - Photo op at Capital



Shabbat Under the Stars



The cool breeze gently blowing, the inspirational music beautifully flowing and the star-lit sky brightly glowing all set the backdrop for our Shabbat Under the Stars.

Peri Smilow joined to enhance the service with live, in-person music.

The response was outstanding!



Want to celebrate a special occasion at Temple Israel? We have many ways to help!

Why not sponsor an Oneg? Celebrate an anniversary with heart-shaped cupcakes or honor your new grandchild with a special cake!

Floral arrangements can also be sponsored for all to see during Shabbat services, adding to the beauty and warmth of our sanctuary. Flowers are so meaningful, whether for a birthday or yahrzeit observance.

Our facility is also available for room and courtyard rentals at very reasonable rates.

Let us know how we can help create something special for you!



Pictured above: A “butterfly oneg” created by Ellen Goldenson for a butterfly-themed bat mitzvah

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2022-2023

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THE BRIDGE TO TEMPLE ISRAEL

Our members and friends have so much fun learning Bridge with the Mandel JCC in our beautiful courtyard at Temple Israel. If you're interested in learning or playing Bridge – or any other ideas – let us know!



We All Soared!

Captain Sherri Gilbert reports that the Temple Israel Tata Society team for the 2022 Komen More Than Pink Walk raised \$4,262 as of February 14, with fundraising continuing until March 1. Thank you to everyone who donated and to team members Patti & Larry Abramson, GeeGee Eisenberg, Barbara Hatzfeld, Stephanie Jasco, Amy & Michael Jonas, Roz Leopold, Lynn Levy, and Karen & Marty List.



Annual Journal & Membership Directory

Our journal was a huge success because of YOU! Co-team leaders Elaine Feldmesser and Amy Jonas (pictured left) recently thanked the dedicated team of volunteers who had taken on myriad roles to solicit ads, verify information, create the journal and make deliveries to our members. If you have not yet received your annual journal, please contact our office. THANK YOU ALL!



WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY? HELP ME PERPETUATE A JEWISH TOMORROW... From Karen Szteinberg



I am writing to you with a special request to consider joining our Life & Legacy society... or if you are already committed to Life & Legacy, to ask your friends to consider joining.

Last year I formalized my own intent to help Temple Israel with an endowment gift as I strongly believe in our congregation and the continuity of Jewish life in the Palm Beaches. I had no hesitation and it was easy to commit by going online and editing my 401K beneficiaries. (There are also other ways, such as a life insurance beneficiary, a will or trust, etc.)

Our members are instrumental in allowing Temple Israel to flourish and we would greatly appreciate your committing to our future as well. There's no need to edit your pension plan, life insurance, will, etc. at this time; all we need for now is to indicate your pledge by submitting a Letter of Intent. With each pledge, Temple Israel receives additional financial incentives from the Jewish Federation and Grinspoon Foundation. We will receive additional outside funds now from just your pledge while you'll have no expense during your lifetime!

Please consider immortalizing your legacy and help us for generations to come.

Let me know if you have any questions or need a Letter of Intent Form. Contact me at karen@temple-israel.com or (561) 833-8421. *Thank you!*



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A SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE TREAT



Amy & Michael Jonas, our President's Circle co-chairs, are currently making plans for the next PC event on Sunday, April 3rd, at Temple Israel with a **Palm Beach Symphony Brass Quartet** performance – a wonderful prelude as we move into

our centennial year! Invitations will soon be sent to our PC members but we're so excited about this event and wanted to share it with you now!

Our PC members are a vital part of Temple Israel, providing much needed funding for our operations as well as resources for those requiring financial assistance. We applaud their generosity and altruistic support.

If you're not already a PC member, there are many levels at which you can join... and perhaps you too can partake in our special treats throughout the year such as the upcoming concert. For more information, contact Amy or Michael Jonas at amjfla@aol.com.



Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Look for flyers in this Koleynu for more info. Don't forget to RSVP!

- Sun., March 13 Sisterhood's Walk 'n' Talk
- Wed., March 16 Purim / Comedy Night with Avi Liberman
- Fri., March 18 Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Bat Mitzvah
- Wed., March 23 Rabbi Donniel Hartman, in affiliation with Jewish Federation of Palm Beach
- Fri., March 25 Simply Jewish Presents Imam Abdullah Antepli
- Sat., March 26 Discussion and Brunch with Imam Abdullah Antepli
- Sat., March 26 Young Adult Group (ages 21+) – Charoset-Making
- Sun., April 3 President's Circle: Tea & Symphony
- Wed., April 6 Life & Legacy Acknowledgement Event
- Sun., April 10 Sistine Chapel Artwork at Armory Art Center - Tour & Lecturers
- Sat., April 16 Second Night Community Seder



An Evening with Avi Liberman

Israeli-American comedian and humanitarian, and creator of Comedy for Koby, one of Israel's longest-running and most successful comedy tours

Wed., March 16th

7pm Purim service followed by show and dessert reception

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Celebrating One Hundred Years of Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 18, 2022 - 6:30pm

On March 18, 1922, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan performed the first ceremony of bat mitzvah, a time to rejoice and celebrate!

Please join us on the one hundredth anniversary of bat mitzvah as we celebrate with Kodi Laskin as she becomes an adult bat mitzvah.

In addition, we invite all women at Temple Israel who have become bat mitzvah, as well as all women who might want to celebrate becoming bat mitzvah in the future, to join together for a special *aliyah* in honor of this auspicious moment.

To be part of the ceremony or to RSVP, contact us at:
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May we all say celebrate this wonderful simcha and say Mazel Tov together!

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A TALK WITH RABBI DONNIEL HARTMAN

Weds, March 23
7 pm



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A Discussion about Putting God Second

Join us for an evening of insight and depth with one of the Jewish world's most respected thinkers, Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, President of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Rabbi Hartman will explore thought-provoking questions about faith, believing in God, and being a good person.

RSVP Required by 3/16 as Space is Limited
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 at Temple Israel of West Palm Beach

Abdullah Antepli is a globally acknowledged leader in interreligious dialogue. He served as Duke University’s first Muslim chaplain and director of Center for Muslim Life. He is a senior fellow on Jewish-Muslim Relations at Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, where he founded and co-directs the Muslim Leadership Initiative.



Friday, March 25th at 7:30pm
How Jews and Muslims Can Repair The World: A Muslim Perspective:
 The conversation between Jews and Muslims is the most crucial interreligious conversation today. How can we foster a deeper sense of communication and understanding between our faith traditions?

Saturday, March 26th at 9:30am
Overhearing the Koran: Both Jews and Muslims are “peoples of the book.” Sometimes, we tell the same stories – albeit differently. Join Imam Antepli in a deep dive into the words of Torah and Koran, and their larger literary traditions. Can sacred words bring us together?

Saturday, March 26th at 11:30am
Ask the Imam: Kiddush brunch with frank conversation about Israel, Zionism, religious extremism and other topics in the Muslim-Jewish conversation. \$15 charge includes brunch.

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Temple Israel’s Inaugural
YOUNG ADULTS
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(Ages 21+)

Saturday, March 26th – 6:30pm
 Preparing for Passover:
 Charoset Edition



Join us for the perfect evening out with Temple Israel’s new Young Adults group as we prepare for Passover and create our own charoset.



Outdoors in our Waterview Courtyard

Appetizers and Drinks included as well as all the ingredients we’ll need to make charoset

Cost is \$10pp*
Space is Limited – RSVP by 3/18
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Featured Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Cohen

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For more information, please contact Adriana Lopez at adriana.lopez@jewishpalmbeach.org or 561.242.6639.

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Tuesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom

Oct. 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8



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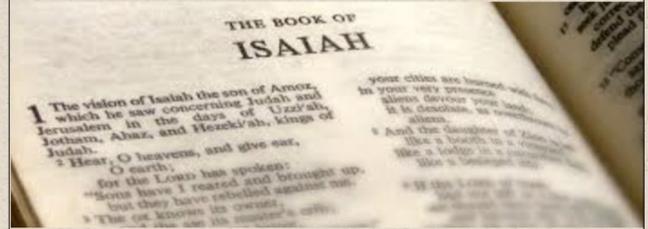
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Via Zoom



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Facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Wednesdays at 7pm (via Zoom)

March 2, 9, 23 *

*In conjunction with Rabbi Donniel Hartman

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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Sisterhood Walk 'n' Talk

Welcome Spring with Sisterhood!

Meet outside Cheesecake Factory for a stroll once or twice around the lake. Afterward, enjoy beignets and beverages on Voodoo Bayou's outdoor patio. (Sisterhood will provide the beignets; you will be responsible for your beverage.)

Where: Downtown at the Gardens

When: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13

RSVP: By March 5 to Michell Escobar
469-360-6488 or
beanerymom@yahoo.com



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Most Wednesday mornings

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9-10am

CHAIR YOGA

10:30-11:30am



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| 2 Karen List | 19 Rikki Bagatell |
| 3 Fredric Fine | 20 Jonathan Horowitz |
| 7 Fruema Klorfein | 22 Roger Jacknin |
| 8 Edward Elson | 24 Alexandra Skaletsky |
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| 14 Meryl Tischler | 29 Marsha Fishbane |
| 16 Jane Warshaw | 30 Cherri Alexander |
| 18 Nancy Schwartz | |

March Anniversaries

- 20 Karen & Martin List
- 21 Phyllis & Herbert Siegel
- 30 Ellen & Robert Wacks



MAZEL TOV to...

Adrienne and Fred Weissman on the birth of their grandson Ian Henry Creevy on January 13th as well as to Ian's excited parents Alexis and TJ Creevy. May you all continue to have much *nachas* and many *simchas*!

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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. For more information contact the Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com

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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.

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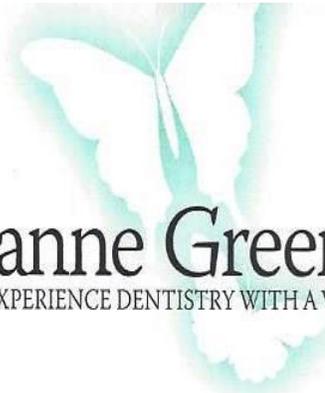


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2022 MARCH

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