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From our Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Let Antisemitism Be Like Tobacco

As I write these words, our community is recovering from several antisemitic incidents. On a Saturday evening, antisemites projected antisemitic messages and a swastika on the AT&T building in downtown West Palm Beach. Similarly, a swastika was spray-painted on a car in Boca Raton. And again, a table in a breezeway at Florida Atlantic University had a sign upon it: "Ye [Kanye West] is right; change my mind." If only.

Even worse: some defend these hateful acts as being legitimate expressions of free speech.

Like many of you, I am rapidly becoming weary of these acts of hate, and I am grateful, as we all should be, for the intervention of local authorities. They have made it clear that our community cherishes and honors its diversity, and, in the words of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), this is "no place for hate."

Which leaves me pondering: What can society do to heal this malignancy?

Here is my answer.

Make antisemitism as socially unacceptable as racism, homophobia, and/or misogyny.

Call it out — wherever and whenever it crawls out of the muck.

Stigmatize it – like tobacco.

Once upon a time, it seemed that "everyone" smoked cigarettes. Just watch movies from, say, fifty and sixty years ago. Watch old news programs and you will see the famous talking heads of their time smoking cigarettes. It was ubiquitous.

And then, what happened?

In 1964, the U.S. Surgeon General released that famous report that linked tobacco use to lung cancer and heart disease. A year later, the federal government mandated that cigarette packaging include warnings that smoking could be hazardous to one's health.

Five years later, in 1970, President Richard Nixon signed the Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act, which banned cigarette advertising on television and radio — although you may still remember some of those memorable campaigns for longer cigarettes (more tar and nicotine!) and even if you can still hum the Benson and Hedges commercial.

Within several years, cigarette advertising in print ads became taboo.

And then, we determined that it wasn't only direct smoking that was harmful. We learned about the effects of second-hand smoke on non-smokers.

To be clear: no amount of legislation or social engineering could stop smoking.

But, through a concerted effort over decades, society relegated cigarette smoking to the sidelines of polite society.

Witness the nicotine ghettos of smokers gathered outside office buildings. The fear of vaping only underscores the ongoing nature of the health crisis.

Today, we face a similar, though less lethal, public health crisis — and that is the explosion of anti-Semitic acts. As with shootings, the increased frequency of anti-Semitic violence, both physical and verbal, has only contributed to our psychic numbing.

And, as with smoking, the "secondhand smoke" of antisemitism affects all of society.

It is time for America to do for antisemitism what it did for cigarette smoking — make it taboo.

But, even if we cannot (yet) make antisemitism taboo, let us at least make it laughable. See you at our Purim service and program on Monday evening, March 6.

Until then, and beyond then – in a world filled with Haman wannabees, be your own Esther and Mordecai.



From our Cantorial Soloist

Suzanne Guinane

I love trees and yes, I will admit to being a tree hugger! Trees provide us with the oxygen we breathe and are grounded into the earth with deep roots. No two trees are exactly alike. This is also true with each of us – no two fingerprints are exactly alike. We're reminded of this, also, during *Havdallah* as we hold our palms up towards the *havdallah* candle. Trees help to remind us of our uniqueness and special gifts we have been given to share with each other and the world.

Why am I writing about trees? This month we celebrate *Tu B'Shvat*— the birthday or new year of the trees. In our homeland, it signifies the return of spring rains and the almond trees ready to bloom.

Tu B'Shvat has evolved for me. When I lived in South Jersey, it provided hope that the freezing temperatures, wind chills, sleet, blizzards, states of emergency, loss of power and endless shoveling would eventually end. I'd visualize the sap beginning to rise inside the trees on my property as I embraced the wake-up call to double down on my work to prepare for the spring and new growth it would bring for me, the beauty on my property and the world.

I plant seeds, usually flowers, on *Tu B'Shvat*. With each seed, I plant and nurture my intentions for how I would like to continue to grow and blossom. This year I am planting seeds of:

Hakarat hatov – gratitude

Chesed - kindness

G'milut chasadim - acts of loving kindness

Ahavah - love

Simcha - joy

Are you planting seeds for Tu B'Shvat? Will you plant parsley for your Passover Seder?

If you're planting seeds, what are you planting and nurturing?

Our *Torah* is also referred to as a Tree of Life. "It is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it and all of its supporters are happy". Many of us know this song taken from Proverbs (3:18) written by Cantor Richard Silverman. Yes, I did hear some of you singing along with me as you read the words.

May we embrace the many opportunities to plant, nurture and grow individually and as a community. May our *mitzvot* help us to grow strong and deeply rooted as we continue our work of *tikkun olam*. There is so much to repair. One seed, one step at a time, we can all make a difference.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS IN OUR CONGREGATION!

Our Sisterhood is hosting a delightful art show in March of the wonderful artwork throughout our campus and we'd love to include our congregant-artists' work as well. If you are an artist and would like to display some of your pieces, please contact Michell Escobar at beanerymom@yahoo.com (See page 13 for more info.)









The Mussar Moment Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

I am writing this from an Embassy Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona. Eileen and I are attending a NAORRR (National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis) convention. It is early on Shabbat morning and per usual I am up too early. My body just knows when it is 6:00 AM no matter what time zone. It is okay. It is my quiet time. It is me and my laptop; me and my memories; me and this keyboard to reflect on who I am, who I would like to be, who I could be.

Don't get me wrong. Sometimes I wake up to Wordle or the mini crossword. Sometimes I pick up the book I went to sleep with. All the time I make my first cup of coffee. But in this setting, surrounded by my own personal and collective history, I am a bit more self-reflective. At Shabbat services last night, we remembered the rabbis and their spouses who died since our last gathering. It was a poignant time as names rolled through me and memories who they were and what they cared for compelled me to ask who I am and what I care for and how I will be remembered surfaced and stayed with me till now.

We call this process in Mussar: *Heshbon Hanefesh* – An Accounting of the Soul. It is not unique to Mussar; it is what we are called upon to do on Yom Kippur. The Mussar teachers suggest that it is in our best interest to do this more than once a year. The process of looking inside and measuring our soul's journey through life can be a daily activity. It is not harsh or critical; it is loving and affirming. Begin with a recognition of your blessings – of what is good in your life: a friend, a spouse, a pet, shelter, the aroma of the coffee brewing; the memories of people you have loved and lost, the smile of a stranger as you passed each other in the supermarket aisle, the common humanity we all share. Yes, Mussar also asks us to think about the times we did not smile or the times we lost our patience or composure and anger flared up like a match that was just struck. But to do that so we can become more fully us. To do that to become a soul that grows, cares and is always in the process of becoming.

There are all kinds of Hebrew words I could throw at you that describe the Mussar process. But they're not important now. When you are ready, we can learn them together. What's important is to breathe in and feel the gift of life; what's important is to know the choices available to us daily. What's important is to pause and look inside and find your center. Socrates supposedly said: "An unexamined life is not worth living." To my mind that's a little harsh and extreme. But I get it. Mussar gets it. It is *Heshbon Hanefesh*.

A CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU A NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At our annual congregational meeting in January, the slate of proposed members of our Temple Israel Board of Trustees was unanimously approved. We thank those board members whose terms have expired and are no longer on our board, with much gratitude for their service: Stu Bagatell, Michell Escobar and Zach Stewart. We also welcome those new to our board this year: Jay Axelrod, Barbara Brizel, Peter Eckstein, Vera DeChalambert, Cindy Kreisberg, Andrew Levy and Janice Rosenberg. Last, we thank Charlie Eaton for stepping us as co-President this year. Our new Board will be guiding us as we thrive into our centennial year. Altogether, our lay leaders, clergy, staff and congregants make up the most amazing TI Family!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS: FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Family Education programs will be held on some Sundays this year and will include at least one parent or grandparent with their student. Our first program will be held on **Sunday**, **February 5**th to celebrate **Tu B'Shevat** – the birthday of the trees – organized by our Director of Education & Youth Programming Beth Pennamacoor. The program will include having a seder introducing fruits and nuts that grow in Israel, each having a special meaning. We will also be planting our own seedlings. Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane will lead us in song and Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin will give us more insight into the **Tu B'Shevat** holiday. For more information, contact Beth at beth@temple-israel.com or (561) 833-8421.

Scenes from Recent Shabbat Services













Sisterhood Corner

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

Walk 'n' Talk: Sisterhood continued to explore beautiful outdoor locales in January with another of our Walk 'n' Talk events. We met at Johan's Joe Swedish Restaurant for a quick bite before caravanning over to the Society of the Four Arts for a self-guided walking tour through their Sculpture Gardens and Botanical Gardens. Thanks to Michell Escobar for leading the program.

Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat: Join us Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. for a joint service with the Brotherhood honoring both of our service organizations. Sisterhood is providing a special Oneg featuring homemade treats and a chance to take some of the delicious baked goods home with you. Contact chair Eunice Baros at eunicebaroslaw@gmail.com or 561-855-4809 for more information.

Art Walk: Adding up our talented members plus the synagogue's collection equals a treasure trove of fine art. Join us Sunday, March 19, from 3-5 p.m. in the temple courtyard for an afternoon of exploring our art. Sample wine and cheese as you peruse the TI members' artwork displayed. As a special treat, Rabbi Howard Shapiro will lead a tour of the temple's art collection. Sisterhood is sponsoring a Judaica sale, featuring the best of our Gift Shop collection. Contact chair Michell Escobar at beanerymom@yahoo.com or 469-360-6488 for more information.

December Mitzvah: Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Mitzvah Month, as Sisterhood once again partnered with Alpert Jewish Family Service's Mentoring 4 Kids program. Sisterhood was able to purchase \$36 holiday gift cards for 25 local children in need.

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 upcoming statement payment.

APPRECIATION FROM OUR BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood would like to thank the following temple members who have generously donated to the Chanukkah candle fund since last month's Koleynu submission:

We would like to thank:

Joanie & Murray Goodman Eunice & Jim Baros Kristine Thurston

Mindy & Hernando Mora

Mina Anafi Larry Aronberg Nancy Roth Ruth Salkin

Meg & Jay Axelrod Lori Ackerman Marsha Fishbane

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Kent Fescenmeyer Sharon Hotchkiss Angela & Clyde Szuch Ellen & Bob Wacks

Sherri Gilbert

Roslyn & Ted Leopold Terry & Roger Hork

Harriet Miller

MJ & Neal Rothschild

We will list any additional names next month. Thank you all! Jim Eisenberg, Brotherhood Treasurer





Social Action

Jane Herring, Janice Rosenberg Co-Chairs

Centennial Mitzvot

During our Centennial year, we will be highlighting volunteer opportunities in our community. We hope you will find some that interest you. We would also love to hear about your volunteer experiences and how you are reaching out into our community. Pictures are always welcome.

Holiday Meal Packing and Delivery*

Help to prepare or deliver holiday meals and packages for local seniors and families. The next holiday need will be for Passover. Jane Herring and Janice Rosenberg have volunteered for this the past two years. They pick up the food and deliver it to the lovely people who welcome them and are so grateful for the meals. Many are elderly so Jane and Janice ask if they are in need of anything. It is very rewarding and does not require a great time commitment.

Fun for the Whole Family: Rescue Readers*

Rescue Readers is an exciting program for people of all ages (5 years to adult) to read aloud to adoptable animals. Can you imagine how much fun you and your children would have volunteering for this program? It als provides valuable socialization and love to the shelter animals.

*For more information about the above programs, contact Jane Herring at jhc48@yahoo.com

NOW for Holocaust Survivors Initiative

NOW delivers services to under-served Holocaust survivors and their families in need, beyond food, health and home care. Many survivors feel isolated so each volunteer is paired with a survivor to reach out by phone. A weekly call just to say hello and chat is sometimes all a person needs to feel connected. For more information about NOW, call 561.460.2112.



Mystical Meditation Shabbat Friday, February 17th at 6:30pm

Shabbat should touch your soul, and so should the words of our liturgy. Join Rabbi Salkin and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane as we go deeper – into the mystical and intuitive implications of Shabbat liturgy. (Re) encounter the Shechinah, the meaning of Oneness, and the hidden secrets of Shabbat. Poetry, song, teaching and meditation.

During this evening, we will also be celebrating **Irma Morris**' **100**th **birthday**! Please join us for the service, celebration and a special dessert oneg.

Kindly RSVP through the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Wednesday, March 8th (10am-3:30pm)

Our TI Sisterhood and Alpert Jewish Family Service presents **Mental Health First Aid** at Temple Israel (brought to us by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.) Learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. Acquire the skills needed to reach out, provide initial

support and connect to appropriate care. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost, but you must complete a 2-hour online pre-work beforehand. *Space is limited so sign up asap!* For more info and to RSVP, contact Karen List at karelito@aol.com. (Please also refer to page 22 for the flyer.)

TI SOCIAL ACTION - CENTENNIAL MITZVAH Submitted by Sherri Gilbert

The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews was founded in 1993 by a group of interfaith friends in Palm Beach who were concerned about religious discrimination, especially antisemitism, on the island at the time. With its mission to promote fellowship, understanding and respect among people of all religions and cultures, the organization offers opportunities for interaction, education and meaningful dialogue, and addresses issues rooted in hatred and unjust discrimination of all kinds.

Among its key longtime projects are providing full scholarships to local educators to attend Holocaust education seminars and organizing implementation workshops for those alums, and hosting an annual student essay and creative arts competition for area students on topics such as community, advocacy and hope. (Temple Israel's Ben Bagatell was a recent winner in the poetry category!)

The Annual Fellowship Dinner is always a highly anticipated event in the community, featuring an inspiring national speaker from a wide variety of fields, from journalism to religion to social justice. The evening also includes presentation of the John C. Randolph Award to a person who exemplifies the mission of the Fellowship. Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro is among the prestigious list of past recipients (along with his longtime Fellowship program co-facilitator, Canon Thomas G. O'Brien III).

TI members Zelda Mason and Michael Small are current board members, and Sherri Gilbert and Karen Davis have served as the current and a past executive director, respectively. The Fellowship does not do traditional fundraising, relying on membership and small grants to support its activities. This is one way you can be involved, along with participation in its interfaith programs and activities such as Fellowship Friday, a mitzvah day held the morning after Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, despite many positive changes through the years, many issues continue to face the organization since it was founded 30 years ago and have actually increased in some quarters. We invite those interested to visit **www.palmbeachfellowship.net** for more information about adding your voice to the conversation.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Centennial – "Experience in a Basket"

To celebrate Temple Israel's 100-year anniversary, we are asking our creative Sisters to help us by making and sponsoring an "Experience in a Basket". The baskets would be decorated to reflect one of our 10 decades and have a **minimum** value of \$100. **The Deadline for sponsorship is March 1**st.

Sisters can use their imagination but some ideas are Cooking/Food, Wine, Glamour Spa, Sport/Self Help, Book/Movie Lovers, Technology, Vacation and Woman's Apparel. For those needing help, we will have baskets, cellophane, ribbons and trim at a basket-making event on <u>Wed., March 8th, 4-6pm, at Temple Israel.</u>

The baskets will be auctioned off on April 28th following Sisterhood's "The Way We Were" revue, in a Chinese Auction where **bidders buy tickets and use them to bid on items**. Not feeling creative but want to be a part of the "Experience in a Basket" event? Buy tickets!

Questions or ready to sign up? Contact Gee Gee Eisenberg at (561) 346-367 or georgene2954@gmail.com





A VERY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER RABBI RICK JACOBS President of URJ



Erev Shabbat Services
Fri., February 3rd at 6:30pm

Torah Study Sat., February 4th at 9:30am

Rabbi Rick Jacobs will speak at Temple Israel in honor of our centennial year. He is among the most powerful voices in North American Jewish life.

Both engagements will be in-person, with our *erev Shabbat* services also available on our Temple's Facebook page (Temple Israel, West Palm Beach) and our Torah Study also accessible via Zoom. An oneg dessert reception follows our services and a breakfast nosh is available at Torah Study.

Free and open to the entire community.

RSVP to our Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com

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SPOTLIGHT ON IRMA MORRIS It's not just our centennial, but hers too!

On February 26, 2023, our long time Temple member, Irma Morris, celebrates her 100th birthday. We wish her great joy!

Irma survived the Great Depression, attended The University of Pittsburgh during World War II, and then created a successful jewelry business in Pittsburgh with her dear late husband, Leonard. They retired to Palm Beach in 1990.

Devotion to her family has been the center of Irma's life and primary source of happiness. Her daughter Marjorie and husband Larry, grandson Lee and wife Allie, grandson Eric and wife Viktoriya, and her four great-grandchildren are often in touch with her via modern technology to which she adapted readily! Her friends, especially Ellen and Ron Goldenson, are precious to her.

Irma's dedication to Reform Judaism and Temple Israel has brought her much joy. Irma celebrates each Shabbat now by sharing a lovely meal with Ellen and by attending the Temple Israel service remotely. Irma is grateful for all the Temple remote programs that have kept her current with the Temple activities during Covid.



The Temple Israel board, congregation and members are also grateful to have Irma in our lives! During our Mystical Meditative Shabbat services, we will be celebrating Irma's birthday and honoring her for her friendship, dedication and active engagement at Temple Israel for the last 30 years since she joined.

Please save the date for this momentous occasion – <u>Friday, February 17th at 6:30pm</u> – when together we'll wish Irma a very special "*Yom Yuledet Samaech*" – Happy Birthday! RSVP to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com.







President's Circle Michael and Amy Jonas, Co-chairs

We are pleased to report that currently, seventy-seven families are President's Circle members. This is the largest number there has ever been. All PC members choose to support the Temple with an Annual Commitment at one of the following PC levels instead of paying the Temple's regular membership commitment.

Silver Level - \$2,500 Gold Level - \$3,400 Platinum - \$4,000 Diamond - \$5,000 Opal Level - \$7,500 Pearl Level - \$10,000 Titanium Level - \$25,000 PC levels are inclusive of any annual reserve (not in addition to)

The following joined the President's Circle in 2022: Linda & Allan Adelson, Lisa & William Kaye, Irene & Joel Levine, Patty & Charles Ribakoff, Meryl & Robert Tillis, Jacqui Michel & David Weisman and Peter Worth.

The President's Circle Recognition Plaque hanging in the List Lobby of our Carter Ballroom is one of the ways in which the generous contributions of our PC donors are recognized. President's Circle members are also acknowledged in the Temple's Annual Journal, on the TI website and in other places such as the Koleynu. Exclusive events and activities for PC donors is another way in which the Temple thanks this special group of supporters. Fun programs in the past have included wine tastings with Master Sommelier Rebecca Fineman and a Boat Cruise on the Intracoastal. This past spring, members of the President's Circle were invited to "Tea & Symphony" – an opportunity to hear a private concert by a brass quintet from the Palm Beach Symphony.

In December, PC members were invited to a Cocktail Reception at The Bristol Palm Beach. More than ninety people attended this sunset event held in the beautiful setting of The Bristol's terrace overlooking the Intracoastal. The amazing ambience, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and delightful company were all possible due to the generosity of Amy and Don Carter. We thank them for graciously hosting and underwriting this lovely event in honor of the President's Circle. It was a wonderful way to cap a very successful year.

We hope this year the President's Circle continues growing both in number of members and dollars generated, and we welcome any suggestions that you may have for future activities. If you are not already a member of the President's Circle, please consider becoming one to join in on our fun and commitment to Temple Israel. If you are currently a PC supporter, please consider moving to a higher level. Updating the Donor Recognition Board is one task that we will never tire of doing. Hopefully in 2023, there will be many names added or moved to another level. Together we can help Temple Israel's future be even brighter.

Support Our Food Pantry Collection!

Please drop off your donations of unperishable food in our Temple Lobby Collection Bin to be brought to the Food Pantry and distributed to those in need. Thank you!







CHAG SAMAECH / HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Tu B'Shevat this year begins at sunset on February 5th and ends in the evening of February 6th. It is also known as the birthday of the trees and *Rosh HaShanah La'llanot* which literally means "New Year of the Trees".

The day is often celebrated with planting of trees for ecological awareness and to make the Earth greener.

Want to do something special, perhaps with your friends, children or grandchildren? Consider going to a local farm for fruit or vegetable picking. Start an herb garden. Or snack on the seven significant species of the land of Israel – wheat, grapes, barley, figs, olives, dates and pomegranates. ENJOY!





Membership Committee Co-Chairs: Michell Escobar and Terry Hork

Reorganized, Reenergized, Ready

The new year brings fresh beginnings and resolutions for improvement. Our centennial year also brings new initiatives for Temple's Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee is newly invigorated and we are excited to be co-chairing. The focus of our committee will be on increasing Temple membership and reigniting involvement with the current membership. The committee is looking to expand and hopes to add committee members with a broad range of interests. There will be varied opportunities for involvement, whether it's participating on a sub-committee or specific project, generating ideas, meeting people, providing help or just basic support of the Temple's efforts.

We are excited about the future and reenergized about moving forward. The committee will kick off with a bagel and coffee get-together on Sunday, February 5th at 10am. If you are interested in being a part of these renewed efforts, please contact either Michell (beanerymom@yahoo.com) or Terry (terryhork@corporate-presents.com).

Also, please mark your calendars for Friday, March 31st, for a special Shabbat honoring our membership especially those joining since 2020. You'll want to be a part of this special evening.

We are thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead for our Temple and hope you will join us in planning for its future.

2, 4, 6, 8... who do we appreciate? Our Sisterhood & Brotherhood, that's who!

Sisterhood & Brotherhood Shabbat Friday, February 24th at 6:30pm

Join us for a special evening of worship, song and togetherness as we honor our Sisters and Brothers for all that they do for Temple Israel. In addition to so many wonderful activities, did you know our Sisterhood and Brotherhood...

Sponsor all of our onegs Support religious school functions Enable social action projects

Coordinate and subsidize our Passover Seder, Shababeque, Break-the-Fast, Night of 100 Menorahs and more!

Come show your support and enjoy a dessert oneg with take-home samples. For more information, contact chairs Eunice Baros at eunicebaroslaw@gmail.com or Jim Eisenberg at bigjimlaw@aol.com. And don't forget to RSVP by February 17th to the Temple Office!

RABBINIC SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS & IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It is with immense joy, pride, and excitement that we announce that **Rabbi Carlie Weisbrod Daniels** and **Rabbi Ryan Daniels** will become the next Co-Senior Rabbis of Temple Israel, effective July 1, 2023, pending congregational approval.





They join Temple Israel at a transformative point in our history. Our goals are to grow our temple and to become a center of Jewish culture and learning, creating a new model to enrich and expand the Jewish world in South Florida. We need new, young, forward-facing, hard-working rabbinic leadership to make this happen. This is exactly what the Daniels were seeking, and their talents and experience match our needs.

As Rabbi Carlie Daniels and Rabbi Ryan Daniels shared in a letter to our community: "From our very first conversation with the Search Committee, we felt the warmth and passion Temple Israel has for Judaism, this community, and its sustaining values. Building upon the congregation's rich 100 years of history, we are excited to partner with all of you, as well as staff, leadership, and the wider community, to write Temple Israel's next chapter, building toward a sustainable, vibrant future for generations to come. We are humbled and grateful to embark on this journey with you."

Members, please refer to your mail and eblasts for additional information and save the date to attend this **important meeting and vote to approve the recommendation of our Rabbinic Search Committee and Board – Monday, February 13th at 7pm.** We need a quorum so kindly RSVP to the Temple office asap – tioffice@temple-israel.com or (561) 833-8421.

This is such an exciting time for us!



DON'T MISS THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES!



Special Guest Speaker: RABBI RICK JACOBS, President of URJ

Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm at erev Shabbat services Saturday, February 4th at 9:30am at Torah Study

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), is among the most powerful voices in North American Jewish life. He is regularly featured in the New York Times, The Washington Post, Ha'aretz, NPR, CNN and other media outlets. He is an unwavering advocate for a democratic and pluralistic Israel inclusive of a vibrant Reform Jewish community. This Friday evening program and its dessert reception, as well as our Torah Study (in English) and its breakfast nosh, are free and open to all at no cost. Kindly RSVP to the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

How wonderful it was to see so many join us in-person – and several via Zoom as well – for our annual meeting in January! The excitement and energy in the room were evident as we reviewed year 2022 and spoke of our thriving future, especially with our centennial plans this year!

At the meeting, guest Jonathan Ornstein, Executive Director of the JCC in Krakow, Poland, gave an inspirational report from the front lines of the ongoing, heartbreaking humanitarian crisis in Ukraine which effects our entire world. We thank Rabbi Salkin for inviting Jonathan to be with us.

If you haven't seen our Year in Review video yet, it's incredible and filled with so many of our members' smiling faces! Go to our website home page (www.temple-israel.com) and scroll down towards for our videos (enlarge it and have your sound on), or go to https://youtu.be/52IXbVtw9IQ













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TI Family enjoying the pre-meeting dinner

The Ornsteins, Marty List

MLK SHABBAT - A NIGHT AGAINST HATE

Our annual tribute to the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has significance in our community, especially as acts of hate including antisemitism continue to exist with recent incidents in West Palm Beach as well. We thank our guest speakers Eric Ross (Associate Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League) and Reverend Kevin L. James, as well as Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane and our choir who united us with prayers and inspirational messages. We also thank our MLK Shabbat Chairs Terry Resk and Carole Klein, among several others, who outdid themselves with desserts, many of which contained messages appropriate to Martin Luther King's dreams of hope and peace.



Pictured clockwise from Left: Shelia Lutin, Maureen Dickman-Katz, Carole Klein, Janice Rosenberg and Terry Resk

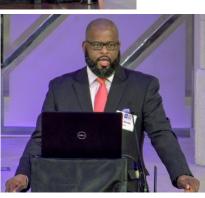








Eric Ross



Reverend Kevin L. James





Our TI Family celebrates many occasions together, at Temple and at home.

Pictured here is Beryle Goverman whose friends threw her a surprise birthday party in January (Valerie Eaton, left; Roberta Cirino, right).







In memory of Carol Loreto Maddox (who passed away in late December), a special memorial gathering was held by her temple friends and others. Temple members pictured left are Michele Escobar, Barbara Brizel, Beryle Goverman and Roberta Cirino.

Do you have photos of your temple friends and you enjoying time together? We'd love to share them! Send to Karen Szteinberg at karen@temple-israel.com



JOIN US FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

In January, members and guests celebrated our January birthdays and anniversaries. Pictured clockwise from left: Ronni Kaplan, (guest), Linda Solomon, Larry Aronberg, Howard

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Fri., February 3	6:30pm	Service with guest speaker Rabbi Rick Jacobs, Pres. of URJ and honoring February Birthdays and Anniversaries
Sat., February 4	9:30am	Torah Study with guest Rabbi Rick Jacobs (in-person & Zoom)
Fri., February 10	5:30pm	Family Shabbat
Sat., February 11	9:00am	Torah Study will start earlier today
Sat., February 11	10:30am	Noah DeChalambert becomes a bar mitzvah
Fri., February 17	6:30pm	Mystical Meditative Erev Shabbat
Fri., February 24	6:30pm	Service honoring TI's Sisterhood and Brotherhood
Fri., March 3	5:30pm	Family Shabbat
Fri., March 3	6:30pm	Honoring March Birthdays and Anniversaries
Mon., March 6	6:30pm	Special Purim Program
Sun., March 26	4:00pm	Simply Jewish presents foreign affairs experts Bret Stephens
Fri., March 31	6:30pm	New Members Erev Shabbat







We asked our Life & Legacy participants to share their legacy story:

ZELDA MASON

"L'dor v'dor, from generation to generation. As the generations before us did, it is our responsibility to pass on the customs, heritage, and collective memory of our people."

(Zelda certainly honors her family, generation to generation. Our Morris & Rose Kraft Sanctuary is named after her parents, as are two special temple funds including those used for our Simply Jewish series and other cultural programs.)





JANICE ROSENBERG

"Temple Israel has given me so much emotional support and filled my thirst for Judaism in a Temple setting including our Zoom necessities still ongoing. I want to share the ability of others in whatever way I can to be fulfilled. My wish is to share as much as I can to Temple Israel and Federation."

Please consider creating a legacy to provide for future generations and continuity of services and programs. For more info and ways to participate, contact our Executive Director, Karen Szteinberg, at (561) 833-8421 or karen@temple-israel.com.

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Various Loved Ones

Ara Friedman

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February Birthdays

(Includes member children age 26 and younger)

- 1 Irv Silver
- 1 Eleanor Shiffman
- 2 Lisa Silver
- 3 Adrianne Weissman
- 4 Drew Lederman
- 4 Ella Preefer
- 6 Linda Yosinoff
- 6 Gregg Weiss
- 7 Ted Leopold
- 7 Aden Bentolila
- 7 Noah De Chalambert
- 7 Stacy Laskin
- 10 Judy Kanter
- 11 Sylvia Siegfried
- 12 Erica Maltz
- 15 Ann Small
- 15 Barbara Stern
- 17 Priscilla Rocca
- 18 Rachel Green
- 18 Stuart Bagatell
- 19 Lynn Ross Levy
- 19 Colby Stern
- 22 Carole Klein
- 24 Rick Baer
- 25 Cindy Kreisberg
- 26 Alvin Jagoda
- 26 Irma Morris
- 28 Marty List
- 28 Zelda Mason
- 28 Jelani Luis Morales

February Anniversaries

- 11 Jacqueline & Bernard Kandel
- 14 Sandy & Fred Fine
- 18 Linda & Ray Golden
- 20 Cherri & Michael Alexander
- 28 Meryl & Robert Tillis

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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.



MAZEL TOV TO:

Joanne and Howard Green on the *aufruf* of their daughter Sophie and future son-in-law Benjamin Krempley on December 30th, with heartfelt wishes for many more *simchas* and *mazel*!



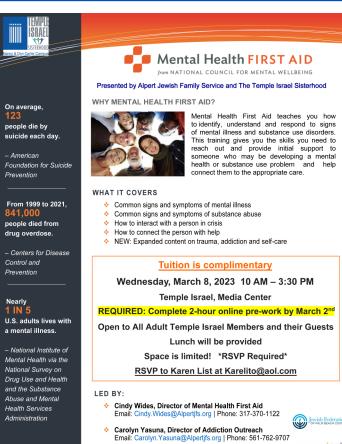


Fred Weissman was elected to the Board of Directors of the Landmark and was named Treasurer, a well deserved honor.

Rabbi Howard Shapiro was elected to The Lord's Place Board of Directors, a wonderfully worthwhile organization which Temple Israel has supported as well.







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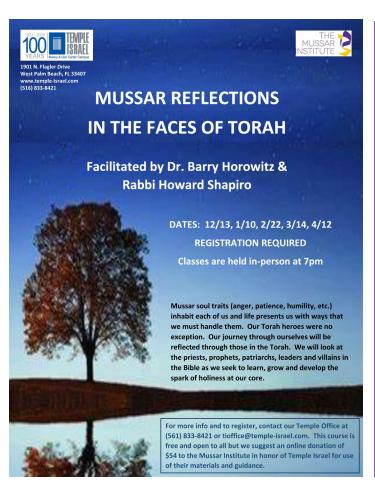
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For more information, contact Beth at (561) 833-8421 or beth@temple-israel.com

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PAN-SEARED SALMON

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COOKING CLASS

Led by Chef Nash of Lilly Catering & Events at Temple Israel

Tue., February 28th at 6:30pm

Enjoy an evening with your friends as Chef Nash shares his sautéing techniques and teaches us how to make delicious pan-seared salmon with lemon beurre blanc and julienne vegetables, garnished with caramelized lemon and dill.

Participants will be able to taste the dish and take home a bag of the ingredients to replicate this tasty meal at home!

Cost: \$45pp includes chef demonstration, tasting & take-home ingredients Class Size Limited – You Must RSVP BY FEBRUARY 10th!

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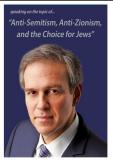
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Mystical Meditative Shabbat

Friday, February 17th at 6:30pm

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Poetry, song, teaching and meditation.

During this evening, we will also be celebrating Irma Morris' 100th birthday! Please join us for the service, celebration and a special dessert oneg.

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For more info, contact Bruce Lang at bruce.edward.lang@gmail.com

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Saturday	9:30am Torah Study (in person and via Zoom) with Guest Co-Facilitator Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of URJ	9:00am (earlier time) Torah Study (via Zoom) 10:30am Shabbat morning service Noah DeChalambert becomes a bar mitzvah	9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)	25 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)	9:30am Torah Study (in-person and via Zoom) SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 6 FOR OUR
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship services honoring February birthdays & anniversaries Special Guest Speaker: Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of URJ	5:30pm Family Shabbat 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship services	6:30pm "Mystical Meditative" "Erev Shabbat worship services and celebrating Irma Morris' 100th birthday	6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship services honoring our Sisterhood & Brotherhood	5:30pm Family Shabbat 6:30pm Erev Shabbat worship services honoring March birthdays & anniversaries
Thursday	02	60	7:00pm TI Reads (tentative)	23	05
Wednesday	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Do Jews Ban Books?	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Do Jews Ban Books?	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Do Jews Ban Books?	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Mussar: Reflections in the Faces of Torah	Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga
Tuesday	31	07	14	21	Confirmation Class 6:30pm Cooking Class
Monday	30	7u B'Shevat	7:00pm Special Congregational Meeting	20 Office Closed	27
Sunday	29	05 Tu B'Shevat begins at sunset Religious School	12 Religious School	19	26 Religious School Whole Self

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