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From our Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Keep Up The Conversation!

This is the season of memory, and because it is the season of memory, I remember.

I remember a close friend of mine, a beloved colleague, who died, as the poet Bialik would put it, “before his time and before anyone’s time.” Because *Pesach* is coming, I must dive into the maror, the bitter herb of his death, and rescue the sweetness of the haroset.

His name was Rabbi Clifford Librach. He grew up in St. Louis, had a prior career as a lawyer, and then studied for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Cliff was a conservative and in a very liberal movement. Cliff knew that he was in a minority within the movement, and he loved being the political, intellectual and spiritual outlier. He was that, but never a curmudgeon; never mean, always open-hearted. As suited his legal background, he would argue a point with the utmost of rationality. He could concede a point. He knew that there were numerous paths to truth, and he was content to walk along the one that he trod.

There was something so intellectually and spiritually generous in the man. Many times, he would say to me, “Jeffrey, you might be right. I don’t know. I just don’t know.”

But, at this moment, as I think about the coming of Pesach, I must lift up for you something that he taught me years ago – and that I teach at every seder.

Cliff taught me about the scene in the Passover Haggadah where the sages pull an all-nighter in B’nai Brak. I had always learned that the meeting of those sages was, most likely, a meeting to plan military strategy in the battle against Rome.

Cliff believed that the scene was, in all likelihood, a piece of fiction.

Why?

Because, he pointed out, those sages did not live at precisely the same time.

His words:

The five sages at this gathering represent three separate generations, and their students constitute a fourth, in one place. It is mythic that they co-existed. Just as it is mythic that all the Founding Fathers of America shared thoughts and plans and secrets. When the Temple stood in Jerusalem, Eliezer and Joshua were students of Yochanan ben Zakkai. Akiva and Tarfon were their students. Elazar ben Azariah was born after the Temple’s destruction.

So it is, Cliff taught: Torah is a conversation between people who do not live at the same time, or in the same place, but who are, nevertheless, present with each other.

Cliff continued:

My friends, it turns out that the Haggadah is not supposed to be a script which we slavishly read, word for word; but rather a tickler, an ice breaker, an invitation to talk – in grand historic Jewish tradition. Talking and talking and talking is . . . well, kosher!

This is why Jews should have a Pesach Seder. I mean – a “real” seder, complete with haggadot, telling the story of the liberation from Egypt. Because Judaism is a conversation between the generations. If one generation stops their end of the conversation, if one generation falls silent, there is no guarantee that the conversation will resume.

Make a seder. Attend a seder. I hope to see you at Temple Israel’s community seder on the second night of Pesach, April 6, 2023.

Keep up your part of the conversation.



From our President

Charlie Eaton, Co-President

Events, events, events! Temple Israel's event offerings are expanding so rapidly that it's hard to keep up! Part of this expansion is from the continued emergence from Covid hibernation to in-person events. Part of it reflects the buildup to our November 11 Centennial celebration. This momentum will continue to grow after our Centennial as we develop and test Temple Israel's future Cultural Center model. It's a nice problem to have – get used to it!

Our annual Second Night Community Passover Seder on April 6 will be an exceptional event. It marks Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin's ultimate Community Seder with our congregation. Rabbi Salkin has guided us on an unprecedented journey of second-night Seders, from virtual to "I hope this won't be a Covid super-spreader Seder" to our upcoming unrestricted event. This Seder marks a time of Rabbinic transition for Temple Israel. Rabbi Salkin and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane will lead the event. Incoming Rabbis Carlie and Ryan Daniels will be guests this year and will lead the Seder next year. This Seder will be a unique opportunity for congregants to spend time with our new rabbis in a smooth overlap of our Rabbinic leadership.

I'm looking forward to this uniquely meaningful event.



Temple Israel's Second Night Community Seder

**We invite our TI family, friends and
community to our traditional Kosher-style
catered seder!**

Thursday, April 6th, at 5pm

Advanced RSVP Required

Upcoming Special Erev Shabbats Services *Commemorating or In Honor of*

April 7 – April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 14 – Yom HaShoah

April 21 – Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzma'ut

with guest speaker Andrew Rehfeld

April 28 – Our Centennial with "The Way We Were" Revue

May 5 – Teacher & Students (both current and past)

May 12 – TI Board Installation

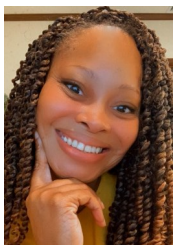


Upcoming Yizkor Services (at 11:45am)

April 13

May 26





From our Temple Administrator

Tamekia Graham

The Freedom of Liberation, or is it the liberation of freedom? As I paint with a not-so-broad brush, I ask that you hold space for what comes up for you, take what speaks to you, and leave the rest.

As a collective, we are steeped in traditions. We are immersed from the beginning, in what has been taught to us as “truths” so much so that we automatically follow these “norms” *almost* blindly, rarely questioning the *WHY* behind the act; I too am guilty of this level of trust in regarded spaces. On some level, it is easier to accept information from those we have reverence towards, like our parents or grandparents, teachers, leaders, religious figures, etc. And from birth through adulthood, it is more palatable to accept these truths than to question them. I offer a challenge in the form of a question: What does it truly mean to be free, and what does liberation mean to you as an individual?

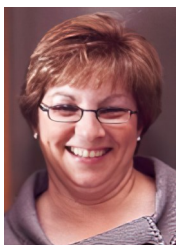
I ask that you feel the question, and explore it on a mental, spiritual, and physical level before attempting to engage with it. Freedom, liberation, it means so much to so many, and to some, it seems so farfetched and completely unattainable. It is inconceivable that in this year of 2023, we are seeing our freedoms and civil liberties, once again, in jeopardy. Women’s rights, the freedom to think and act, the autonomy to practice religious or political choices freely, freedom of speech and the freedom to live in our own sovereign being as *we choose* without impeding on another’s freedom are currently being taken from us. So, again, I need to ask - what does it mean to be free?

Pesach, the Jewish festival that commemorates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt where they had been enslaved is an important tradition where Jewish families and friends gather to hold symbolic space in a ceremony called the Seder. This holiday, Passover, is an active practice of freedom and social justice, recognizing those who are still being oppressed today and is represented symbolically on the Seder plate.

Unfortunately, there are many to choose from, but I ask that you consider 5 current oppressive acts that are personally relevant to you, that our shared world, our friends, our neighbors, our family, regardless of color, creed or denomination are actively facing. Imagine not having the privilege of exclusion, imagine being powerless against these imposed oppressions. And imagine those of “us, the collective,” who face these plagues daily, without the tools to place a symbolic mark of lambs’ blood over our doors so that we can be spared from what intends to otherwise engulf us. As you sit with this, I ask you to take an inventory of how it makes you **feel**.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

— **Martin Luther King Jr.**



Director of Education & Youth Programming

Beth Pennamacoor

Temple Israel Vs. Israel

Some think that just because Israel is the home of the Jewish People, that here in the United States we celebrate all the Jewish Holidays the same. Wrong. For example, we just had *Purim*. In the United States, *Purim* is a time of celebrating that the Jews were once again freed from the hands of a bad guy. But it's done with costumes, Hamantaschen and plays that are called Shpiels.

When I was young, people dressed in costumes that were one of five characters – King Ahashveros, Queen Vashti, Haman (boo!) (*Yamak Sh'mo*), Mordecai (You da man!) and Esther (You go girl!) We didn't have to go to school if it was in the middle of the week. The rabbi read the entire Megillah scroll and we listened so that we would not miss the name of Haman (boo!!) At the end, we would have a costume parade and the best one of every character would get a prize. When it was time to go, we would be handed a wax bag with a gigantic Hamantaschen filled with Poppyseeds, or Poppyseeds and Molasses, which is called Mun. I thought it was the most disgusting thing ever. I walked home with it and immediately gave it to my grandmother as I walked in the door.

In Israel, this is how *Purim* is celebrated:

It's celebrated through dressing up and drinking, and the festival is wildly popular. Unlike other Jewish festivals, many people still work on *Purim* and some businesses are open as usual. However, most Israelis like to take the day off to let loose and party! The main symbols of *Purim* are masquerading. I guess we could relate that to Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Here in Temple Israel, the Temple Israel Religious School kids celebrated by making Hamantaschen and decorating masks for the service/Shpiel. On Monday night, the congregants were thrilled to wear those masks. First Rabbi Salkin interpreted the Megillah Hebrew words which I read to the congregation and which also includes the names of the characters. Then Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane, our temple choir and Rabbi Salkin dressed up in costume and performed the Purim Shpiel which was based on The Wizard of Oz, The Wiz and Wicked. Two of our students from Religious School – Aliyah and Jillian Ballay – who are wonderful dancers and sisters, choreographed and danced to the song from The Wiz – “Ease on Down the Road.”

That was just the first two days in March. On March 12th, we had Sunday School where we talked about values brought to us in Psalms, Pirkei Avot and by famous Rabbis, ex. Hillel, Akiva, etc.

On the following Sunday School, our Whole Self program met with Tracey from the Keshet organization for LGBTQ+ teens. Tracey was great. We had some kids and their parents who wanted to learn from Tracey as well. It was a very informative and safe workshop for us all.

Stay tuned for more information about programs in the month of April.



The Way We Were Friday, April 28th at 6:30pm

A musical revue written and performed by members of our Sisterhood, taking us on a journey through our last 100 years at Temple Israel. A delightful reception and Chinese auction will follow the show. For more information and to purchase auction tickets in advance, check out the flyer in this Koleynu or look for our eblasts, on our website or contact our Temple Office.

We're always happy to share what's going on with our members, their simchas and recognitions!

MICHAEL GELFAND received the Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award at the 2023 Bench Bar Conference in March. Michael was recognized for his passion and actions regarding diversity and inclusion; his commitment to the recruitment, retention and promotion of diverse individuals; cultivating and promoting diversity and gender initiatives within the work environment; and promoting education and community outreach. Congratulations, Michael, on this well-deserved honor!



TRACY SIMKOWITZ will be performing in "The Infinite & The Everlasting" at the Kravis Center's Persson Hall on Saturday, April 8th. We're so proud of our very talented Tracy!



And around our campus...

Committee involvement can be fun! Organizing and promoting events is a wonderful way to help Temple Israel and our congregants, and spending time with TI friends is always priceless.



Pictured left:
Michell Escobar,
Terri Small,
Cantorial Soloist
Suzanne Guinane

Pictured right (clockwise from top):
Terry Resk, Karen Szeinberg,
Valerie Eaton, Beryle Goverman



Planning our 100th Birthday Celebration event began with birthday wishes for Zelda Mason!

Pictured right:
Zelda Mason, Judy Shuster,
Sarajane Marell, Nancy Horowitz



WINE TASTING Thursday, April 20th at 7pm

Indulge in a fun evening of appetizers and wine, facilitated by Fred Apel. Enjoy time with friends, and meet new ones, as you sample a variety of wines. We will vote on our favorites before the night is over. \$10pp. Advanced RSVP Required through the Temple Office.



The *Mussar* Moment

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro

I have a lot of Haggadahs. I don't mean that I have a lot of copies of one Haggadah to be used at the Seder (which I do). I mean that I have a lot of different versions of the Haggadah, each one telling the Passover story from different perspectives and with different emphases. The one that calls to me today is "The Breslov Haggadah". It uses the teachings and stories of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov (1772-1810) to add personal insight into the Exodus story we retell year after year. The traditional text reminds us that the Seder is not about some ancient historical event (real or not). It is about each of us – whether learned or indifferent, whether wise or simple – to see ourselves as if we ourselves walked out of Egypt. The Breslov Haggadah adds another dimension and asks us to reflect on our inner selves even when we are sitting at a table laden with food and wine, surrounded by relatives, friends, strangers – each one with their own agenda.

In a very broad sense, it is a Mussar Haggadah because it suggests that the symbols, words and ritual acts (including eating) are all meant to invite you into yourself. Yes, I know, your seder table is noisy. There is a lot happening and a lot of things to think about and see and smell and taste and hear and sing and tell and retell. How do I practice the Mussar trait we call "*Hitboddidut*" – being alone with oneself? How can I find even a moment in the midst of this sacred bedlam?

So, I give you one thought. It is at the very beginning of the Seder. The candles have been lit; the first cup of wine sipped; hands washed without a blessing; parsley dipped in salt water and eaten. And we raise up the matzah. But not just any matzah – the middle one in the pile of three. The one that is inside – the one you have to dig at to get to – the one that is the inner you. And we break it. Listen to it crack or try to recreate that moment in your memory. That sound is the voice your inner being calling out for attention. Listen to it and silence the electronics, the radio, the news, the noises of ordinary living and hear the truth of this moment.

None of us are whole. The matzah breaks into uneven pieces. The small one we keep and call it the bread of affliction. The larger piece is hidden and becomes redemption. The smaller one is a mirror of our present. The larger one is a promise of our potential. The message is liberating. We are more than we think we are; the cracks in our souls may hurt but they are a promise of souls on a path to our own personal perfection. We are works in progress on a journey from Egypt to the land of promise.

And to do that, Mussar invites us to free ourselves to be alone. Practicing "*Hitboddidut*" and making time for our inner self. Happy Passover and enjoy the journey.



DR. ANDREW REHFELD

Friday, April 21st following services at 6:30pm

Please join us as we welcome guest speaker Andrew Rehfeld, President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. Dr. Rehfeld is an advocate for pluralism, inclusion, and racial and social justice, and an activist in combatting anti-semitism, advancing peace and security for the state of Israel, and strengthening the ties binding Jews worldwide.

The preceding services will commemorate Yom HaZikaron (Israel's national remembrance day of Israeli military personnel) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), both quite apropos to Dr. Rehfeld speaking. An oneg reception follows.

Sisterhood Corner

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

Art Walk: Thanks to everyone who participated in our March 19 Art in the Afternoon. While sampling wine and cheese, guests explored the Temple's art, from pieces by our talented members to the synagogue's permanent collection. In a special treat, Rabbi Howard Shapiro led a tour of the temple's Judaic art and ritual items. Thanks to chair Michell Escobar and her committee for organizing this exciting afternoon.

Celebrating 100 Years: Following abbreviated 6:30 p.m. services on April 28, Sisterhood presents "The Way We Were," an amusing and moving musical revue of highlights from our last 100 years. A reception and Chinese Auction follows. Contact chair Gee Gee Eisenberg at georgene2954@gmail.com to purchase auction tickets and for more information.

Nominating Committee: Thanks to Valerie Eaton, Gee Gee Eisenberg, Amy Jonas, Traci Pincourt-Braun and Tracy Simkowitz for stepping up and agreeing to create the slate for the 2023-24 Sisterhood board. If you are interested in joining Sisterhood – whether in a board position, as an event chair or as a committee member – please contact any of the Nominating Committee members. Sisterhood holds its annual election and installation of officers in May.

A Special Note from Sisterhood:

This winter was the second since Ukraine was invaded by Russian forces.

For the millions of people who could not evacuate the country, conditions became increasingly untenable.

In Odessa, the country's third largest city, most homes had electricity for just three hours per day, while average temperatures plunged to 25°F.

Over the winter, Sisterhood President Valerie Eaton and Communications Vice President Debbie Hirsch reached out to Mishpacha Odessa, an orphanage, nursing home and refugee center in Ukraine.

Mishpacha Odessa installed powerful diesel generators in their educational and social buildings but could not physically install a generator in all the apartments of the 357 elderly Holocaust survivors in their care. They realized that they would have to provide mobile heating appliances instead.

They found a simple and effective solution – a battery system that returns the elderly to a normal life. These ingenious devices of two batteries and an inverter cost \$1,400 each and can heat individual apartment units from two or more rechargeable gel-batteries, which are widely available in Ukraine. A full charge takes only 60 minutes and provides enough energy for more than eight hours of electric heating.

For seniors with limited mobility living in an active war zone, this was the safest solution to survive the winter.

In light of this information, Sisterhood proudly donated \$1,400 to provide heating to an elderly Holocaust survivor in Odessa.

Sisterhood's mission remains to support our temple family, our local community and the greater Jewish community through our programs and donations. Please join us.

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.



Brotherhood

Howard Solomon, President

I am writing this article having just returned home from our Brotherhood spring training baseball game. Perfect weather – bright south Florida sunshine, a few welcome clouds and a gentle breeze. Hot dogs, peanuts and popcorn, rooting for the home team – was that the Cardinals or Nationals? (It was a little confusing as both teams wore red.) It didn't matter as everyone had an enjoyable time. I only wish that more of our members had attended, but maybe next year.

Many thanks to Stuart and Rikki Bagatell for sponsoring this event! It was greatly appreciated and totally unnecessary, but the Bagatells always step up and do more than what's expected. And that includes their children, Ben and Henry, who are stalwarts in our Religious School and who are always helpful at Brotherhood events. *YASHER KOACH* to a great Temple Israel family!

Looking forward, the next Brotherhood event will be our annual steak dinner. That should whet some appetites! The date and time have not been decided yet but look for an announcement soon!

A Day at the Ballpark



Upper left: Stu Bagatell with friends Carlos Vergara and Amit Sah

Upper right: Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane, Maya, and Rabbi Howard Shapiro

Left: Stu Bagatell and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane;



SISTERHOOD & BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT

שבת
שלום

At our recent Sisterhood & Brotherhood Shabbat, we honored these instrumental auxiliary arms of Temple Israel and what they do for our Temple, congregation, local community and even international communities. Beyond sponsoring our onegs and religious school functions... beyond their social action projects... beyond coordinating and subsidizing our Shababeque, Break-the-Fast, Night of 100 Menorahs and more... and even beyond their contributing to communities in need devastated by a hurricane or war or... Our Sisterhood and Brotherhood bring us together and help us create the warm, compassionate family that we are. Special mention goes to our Sisterhood President Valerie Eaton, Brotherhood President Howard Solomon, and Event Chairs Eunice Baros and Jim Eisenberg. Kol HaKavod and thank you!



A Wonderful Way to Honor or Remember Someone or to Commemorate an Occasion

“Special Funds” and Where Your Donation Goes

There are various funds you may contribute to at Temple Israel; however, many of you may not know how the money for each fund is used and how these donations not only help Temple Israel thrive, but also help the greater Palm Beach County (PBC) community.

Beautification – Keeps TI beautiful including our courtyard gardens and furniture, and bridges our past with our future through our Judaica, artwork and more.

Building Maintenance/Social Hall/Kitchen – Supports repairs and improvements, funds social hall furniture and dinnerware, overall lighting, and more.

Continuing Jewish Adult Education/Programming – Helps bring guest speakers, scholars-in-residence and various programs and receptions through the year.

Food Basket – All funds directly support a local Food Pantry.

Harvey Goldberg Technology – Supports TI’s technology needs.

Jewish Education for Youth – Supports our Religious School.

Judaica – Assists with the purchase and repair of our religious and cultural items/artifacts, including our *Torahs*, *Havdallah* set, *Seder* plates, *Shabbat* candles and other ritual items.

Kraft Family Life Education – Contributes to family programming and education at TI.

Leadership Development – Makes it possible for TI’s leadership to receive special training as well as provides materials for our lay leaders to better serve our TI family and PBC community.

Library/Media Center – Supports the TI Library/Media Center and its multimedia and materials.

Mitzvah/Special Needs/Tzedakah – Supports our congregants in times of need as well as causes within our local and international communities and TI family.

Prayer Book/Torah Dedication – Helps purchase and replace prayer books and *Torah* commentaries.

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund / Cantor’s Discretionary Fund – Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane direct the use of each fund, primarily to help those who require assistance to meet their basic needs, as well as fund unfunded programs at TI and in the greater community.

RHS Youth – Named after Rabbi (Emeritus) Howard Shapiro, this fund provides financial assistance to our school age children to attend URJ programs/camps, as well as supports our youth activities.

E. Ross Religious School – Supports expenses, materials and programs for our Religious School.

Social Action – Supports all of TI’s Social Action and Social Justice programs to benefit our community.

Tishman Staff Development – Supports TI staff to receive leadership training and provides materials for our staff to better serve our TI family and PBC community.

Vineberg Floral – Provides flowers on our *bimah* during our worship services and for special programs.

Warren Canfield Music Fund – Allows TI to secure musicians and singers for the High Holy Days and throughout the year, as well as supports the needs of our volunteer choir.

If you would like to know which “fund” is most in need of your donation or have any questions, please contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421.



EDUCATION SHABBAT

Friday, May 5 at 6:30pm

As part of our Centennial celebration, we will be honoring all of our students and teachers – **current and former** – whose stories have become interwoven into the heart of our synagogue. If you attended our Religious School, Hebrew School or Confirmation Class... if you became a *bnai mitzvah* at Temple Israel... if you were a teacher or *madrichim*... then we want to honor

YOU! Please come, reminisce and reconnect! Photos of past classes will be on display at the Oneg.

Still in contact with some old classmates? Call and invite them! Please RSVP to the Temple Office and let us know if you have a story to share!

SIMPLY JEWISH: BRET STEPHENS

Almost 200 members and guests joined us for our guest speaker, foreign affairs expert and journalist Bret Stephens at Temple Israel in March, with much appreciation to our Simply Jewish series. Mr. Stephens spoke of **“Anti-Semitism, Anti-Zionism and The Choice for Jews”**, providing significant insight on current news and policy concerns with much eloquence and even some humor. We were thrilled to have Mr. Stephens grace our bimah!

We thank all of our sponsors, Simply Jewish committee, and temple staff for creating such a wonderful event, and Traci Pincourt-Braun and Keith Braun for sponsoring its reception.

Simply Jewish presentations are funded by The Kraft Cultural Fund and The Next Person I Want You To Meet Fund. The Simply Jewish committee – consisting of Zelda Mason, Rabbi Howard Shapiro, Linda Solomon, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Karen Szteinberg – are always looking for interesting speakers and performers. Our next event will be a Chanukah concert with composer/singer Elana Arian on December 8, 2023.

We're so looking forward to seeing you at our next Simply Jewish presentations and other centennial events as well!



Bret Stephens



Rabbi Howard Shapiro, Zelda Mason, Bret Stephens



Bret Stephens, Terry & Roger Hork



Don Carter, Bret Stephens



Membership Committee

Michell Escobar and Terry Hork, Co-Chairs

We're off and running. The 29-member Membership Committee has divided into two subcommittees: (1) engaging the current membership/programming and (2) expanding the membership/PR. Next time you're at Temple, you'll notice committee members have blue ribbons attached to their name tags. We also have added New Member yellow ribbons to the name tags for members joining since 2020. We encourage you to introduce yourself to someone you don't already know, and hopefully this will facilitate conversation at temple events. We're also working on reinstituting the well-received summer dinners (look for information after May 1st.) Our Membership Committee will always welcome new committee members, so if you're interested, it's never too late to join the committee.

WHOLE SELF



Temple Israel's Whole Self program is "a place for Jewish LGBTQ+ teens and their allies to be their self...their Whole Self." In February, our teens helped assemble care kits for people experiencing homelessness. In March, guest speaker Tracey from Keshet (an organization that works for the full equality of LGBTQ Jews and their families) spoke with our teens and their families.

Whole Self is facilitated by Kodi Laskin who has much experience (including her work with Compass) in working with youth and understanding the needs of the LGBTQ population. The program is supervised by our Director of Education & Youth Programming Beth Pennamacoor and Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, and is partially funded by the J-Impact Fund of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

Pictured left - L-R: Nicole Laskin (who helped facilitate), Sy, Maggie & Blue

Below: Kodi and Nicole Laskin joined the Jewish Federation at the Palm Beach Pride Parade in Lake Worth.





Social Action

Social Action Centennial Mitzvot

During our Centennial year, we are highlighting volunteer opportunities in our community and we hope you will find some that interest you. We would also like to hear from our congregants about their volunteer outreach experiences.

NOW for Holocaust Survivors Initiative (561.460.2112)

We previously introduced you to this program. Now we would like to give you a taste of our initial experience:

We were so anxious and excited as we waited to receive the names of our respective survivors. We had been looking forward to our first connection by phone.

Finally, we received the names, phone numbers and a few suggestions about how to introduce ourselves. Each survivor had requested a chat buddy so that was helpful. We had already gone through virtual training which helped to sensitize us to possible triggers during our conversations. We were encouraged to listen and follow their lead.

Our participants were thrilled to hear from us. They have much to share and just need someone to listen. But we too received so much from them – amazing, heartfelt stories! We are happy to help and be part of this program.

OUT-OF-THE-BOX SHABBATS

From time to time, we enjoy a twist on our Shabbat services – whether it be Shabbat at the Beach, Shabbat Under the Stars, Mystical Meditative Shabbat... and on March 17th this year we reveled in a **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** led by Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane, talented member Samara Vilca and pianist David Block. The prior week was also unique as a more informal service with Samara Vilca and Julio Suarez accompanying our clergy. No matter what the theme, Temple Israel's services are always warm, welcoming and musical!



PURIM 2023 AT TI: THE WIZARD OF PERSOZ

FUN, FUN, FUN! What a blast we had with our Purim Shpiel, a combination of The Wiz, the Wizard of Oz, and Wicked! What a wild and wonderfully welcomed way to start our week! Our choir was sensational, two of our youth (Aliyah and Jillian) choreographed and danced, Beth Pennamacoor read the Megillah Hebrew words, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane led the service and shpiel, our guests laughed, sang along and booed (but only at the mention of Haman!), and the hamantaschen were delicious! Check out some of the wacky and witty costumes worn!



Shpiel Cast Members (L-R): Jillian, Aliyah, Vera DeChalambert, Jim Eisenberg, Karen List, Linda Solomon, Patti Abramson, Fred Weissman, Larry Aronberg, Marty List, Samara Vilca, Charlie Eaton, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin



OUR INCREDIBLE “ART IN THE AFTERNOON”

What a delightful afternoon as we viewed and toured our Temple art, Judaica and architecture.

Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro reviewed artifacts and items at TI, discussing their history and significance. Past President Michael Jonas, instrumental in our last renovation, discussed the Judaic meaning of our campus design. Barbara Schwartz described the colorful wall tiles she created throughout our campus, each honoring a Jewish holiday or story. Marilyn Cohen spoke of the needlepoint, tapestries and torah covers she created. We also recognized Joan Lustig’s work on the torah covers as well as the chuppah cover she created that hangs in our sanctuary.

Many of our talented members displayed their art as well – Eunice Baros, Rafael Blumenthal, Mark Cohen, Neal Cortell, Ron Goldenson, Alexandra Kaye, Cindy McDonald, Ellen Morris, and Dick Yosinoff. And kudos to the students of The Vivace Music Academy who played through the afternoon – a talented string quartet.

Sponsors included the Temple Israel Sisterhood, Barbara Brizel, Marilyn & Neal Cortell, Elaine & Mark Feldmesser, Marcy & Wolfgang Greiter, Amy & Michael Jonas, and The Vivace Music Academy.

We are most thankful to our amazing Committee Chair Michell Escobar and her committee, including Elaine Feldmesser (who did all of our graphic designs, handbook and more!) for all their tedious work in making this a wonderful afternoon of Art, Music, Wine & Cheese!



Committee (L-R): Marilyn Cortell, Terry Hork, Elaine Feldmesser, Michell Escobar, Marcy Greiter, Beryle Goverman, Roberta Cirino, Barbara Brizel, Jane Herring, Terri Small



Rabbi Howard Shapiro, Michael Jonas, Charlie Eaton, Fred Weissman



Richard Greene, Ellen Morris



Rafael Blumenthal



Eunice Baros, Valerie Eaton



Dick Yosinoff



Cindy McDonald



Mark Cohen, Rafael Blumenthal



Mark Cohen, Mark Feldmesser (with Mark Cohen's art)



Michell Escobar, Karen Sztainberg, Tamekia Graham



Vivace Academy String Quartet



Barbara Schwartz, Marilyn Cohen,
Rabbi Howard Shapiro



Fred & Adrienne Weissman
(checking out their family names
on the tiles)



Members enjoying our
chuppah and torahs



Michael Jonas



Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane
(who started our sanctuary tour with
beautiful music)



Guest, Lynn Jeffery, Janice Rosenberg,
Marilyn Cohen

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For more information, contact Karen Szeinberg at (561) 833-8421 or karen@temple-israel.com.



April Birthdays

(includes member children ages 26 & younger)

- 1 Barbara Gray
- 1 J. D. Small
- 4 Rex Bone
- 4 Daniel Dvorkin
- 4 Larry Schlager
- 5 Liam Matias
- 6 Selma Horowitz
- 6 Susan Sachs
- 7 Rick Rieser
- 7 Jade Sirkin
- 9 Don Carter
- 9 Jacob Green
- 9 Ava Sirkin
- 11 Jay Jacknin
- 13 Lynn Jeffery
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- 14 Andrew Levy
- 16 Sande Hollin
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- 20 Kodi Laskin
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- 21 Madeline Hackman
- 22 Nancy Horowitz
- 23 Ludmilla Goldberg
- 25 Isaiah Torres-Nussbaum
- 26 Ruth Abramson
- 26 David Bush
- 26 Valerie Eaton
- 26 Alexa Sherr Hartley
- 28 Mark Cohen
- 28 Georgia Newman
- 29 Pam Wiener
- 30 Karen Davis
- 30 Ashley Devore
- 30 Hugo Ottolenghi
- 30 Judy Preefer

April Anniversaries

- 11 Amy & Jeff Devore
- 12 MJ & Neal Rothschild



FOOD BASKETS

While we always order hypoallergenic floral arrangements, unfortunately some of our members and our clergy have still been affected by their allergies. We therefore ask that you consider honoring your loved one by requesting a Food Basket on our bimah instead of a floral arrangement. While both are at a minimum donation of \$175, your donation towards a food basket goes a long way as the full donation amount will be given to our local food pantry to

help those in need. Thank you!

A Social Action Thank You

We would like to thank all our congregants who so generously contributed food donations to benefit The Lord's Place Sleep Out for the Homeless. You have given bread to the hungry and have given hope to those who find it hard to think about a better tomorrow. The response was overwhelming and gratifying.

Jane Herring

Social Action Chair

Rabbi Howard Shapiro

Rabbi Emeritus

TREE OF LIFE

To purchase a leaf to honor a loved one (\$180), contact us at
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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Remember loved ones by adding a Memorial Plaque in our sanctuary; 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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Save the Date for our Farewell Reception in Honor of Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin **Friday, June 9th** **(following worship services)**

For almost 3 years, we have been fortunate to have Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin lead our

congregation with his wisdom, experience and prolific writing, blogs, podcasts and sermons. Rabbi Salkin was hired as our interim rabbi in 2020 but the constraints of Covid had limited both he and our Temple from reaching new heights. We thus asked Rabbi to continue leading us for another year.

While we are excited about our future with incoming Rabbis Carlie and Ryan Daniels, we are also saddened that Rabbi Salkin will be stepping down. And so, please save the date of Friday, June 9th, for a Farewell Reception to thank Rabbi Salkin for all he has done for Temple Israel and our community. More information is forthcoming.

Thank you!



A Glimpse at our 100th Birthday Celebration **Saturday, November 11, 2023**

We're so excited! Our event co-chairs – Nancy Horowitz, Zelda Mason and Judy Shuster – are planning an incredible centennial celebration which includes the fun and talented musicians of **HOWL2GO** with dueling pianos, a guitarist and drums! The party will be in our ballroom with a Cocktail Buffet, Dessert and an Open Bar throughout the evening. This event promises to be our best party yet, befitting of 100 years of Temple Israel's warmth, programming and community action in the Palm Beaches.

Letters have recently been sent to our members, asking you to consider joining our Host Committee and sponsor this celebration to ensure its success. For more information, please contact our co-chairs directly or through the Temple Office.

DR. ANDREW REHFELD

President of Hebrew Union College –
Jewish Institute of Religion



FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

At Temple Israel of WPB

Following Erev Shabbat Services at 6:30pm

As we commemorate Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut, we will hear from guest speaker Andrew Rehfeld – an advocate for pluralism, inclusion, and racial and social justice, and an activist in combatting anti-semitism, advancing peace and security for the state of Israel, and strengthening the ties binding Jews worldwide.

Andrew Rehfeld is the President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, the international institution of Jewish higher education and seminary for Reform Judaism. He has bridged both the academic and Jewish worlds as Assistant and Associate Professor of Political Science (Washington University in St. Louis) and as President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. Andrew holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and an MA in Public Policy, and has held the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in the Study and Practice of Federalism at McGill University. His publications on varied topics include democratic theory, voting rights, redistricting and the political uses of the Hebrew Bible.

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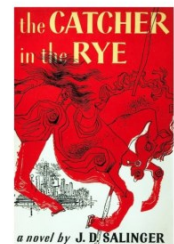
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Thursday, April 27th - 7pm

Facilitated by Judy Goodman

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Over the next year, we will read selections from the past 100 years in Jewish literature as a tribute to our Centennial. TI Reads meets monthly on Thursdays at 7pm and we always welcome new members!

Upcoming TI Reads Dates and Books:

- May 18th *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss
facilitated by Kris Thurston
- June 15th *Goodbye Columbus* by Philip Roth
facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Look for Zoom access to our TI Reads in our weekly emails. For more info, contact the Temple at (561) 833-8421 or tioffice@temple-israel.com

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Thursday, April 13 at 11:45am



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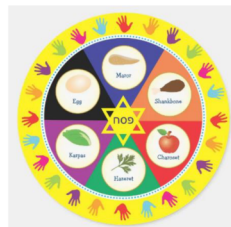
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The TI Sisterhood presents...

THE WAY WE WERE

Friday, April 28th

following abbreviated worship services at 6:30pm

An amusing revue of Temple Israel's highlights
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reception and an "Experience in a Basket"
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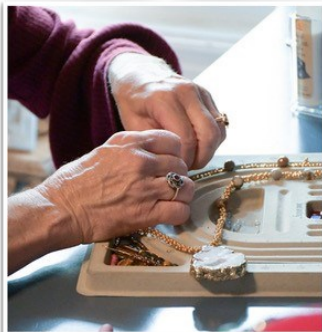
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Religious School with Mock Seder	03	04	05 <i>Passover begins at sunset</i> 10:30am Chair Yoga	06 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Second Night Community Seder	07 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services honoring April birthdays & anniversaries	08 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)
09	10	11	12 10:30am Chair Yoga	13 <i>Office Closed</i> 11:45am Yizkor (bring lunch to enjoy with Rabbi)	14 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services commemorating Yom HaShoah	15 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)
16	17 <i>Yom HaShoah begins at sunset</i>	18	19 Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga	20 6:30pm Wine Tasting with appetizers	21 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services commemorating Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut with Speaker Andrew Rehfeld	22 9:00am <i>note earlier time</i> Torah Study (via Zoom) 10:30am Maggie & Sy Douglas become Bnai Mitzvah
23	24 <i>Yom HaZikaron begins at sunset</i>	25 <i>Yom HaAtzmaut begins at sunset</i>	26 Hebrew School 10:30am Chair Yoga	27 7:00pm Virtual TI Reads: Catcher in the Rye	28 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services followed by "The Way We Were" centennial revue, reception & auction	29 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)
30	MAY 1	2	3	4	5 6:30pm Education Shabbat honoring our current & past students & teachers	6 5:00pm Torah Study (via Zoom)



“THE WAY WE WERE” REVUE **Friday, April 28th at 6:30pm**

A musical revue written and performed by members of our Sisterhood, taking us on a journey through our last 100 years at Temple Israel. The revue follows our abbreviated services and concludes with a delightful reception and Chinese auction.

Many gracious members have created wonderful

baskets to auction off, each valued at \$100+! Purchase your auction tickets in advance or buy them at our reception for your chance to win a fabulous basket of wine... spa items... books and more!!

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