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## From our Cantorial Soloist

Suzanne Guinane

### Counting Up to *Shavuot*

On the second night of *Pesach*, we begin counting the *Omer*, the 49 days between *Pesach* and *Shavuot*, with *Shavuot* on the fiftieth day.

*S'firat HaOmer Niggun*, <https://youtu.be/S8hCiPI1tMQ>, was written by my friend Rabbi Yosef Goldman with Rabbis Shira Yaakov Feit and Zach Fredman in 2012 on a Friday afternoon as they prepared to co-lead *Kabbalat Shabbat* at *Romemu* in New York. This beautiful blessing was later recorded on April 2, 2019 at the Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia with Rabbi Yosef Goldman, Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, Chava Mirel and Joey Weisenberg for Hadar's Rising Song Institute.

The words for *S'firat HaOmer Niggun* are taken from our liturgy and appear in our *Mishkan T'filah* before *Aleinu* for *Erev Shabbat* Services. (Please see the Table of Contents of your *Mishkan T'filah* edition for the page number.) It provides us an opportunity to focus and express our intention to serve G-d by increasing Divine Presence in the world through our actions – unifying the earthly and heavenly manifestation of G-d, the material and the physical:

לְשֵׁם יְחִיד קוֹדֶשׁ אֲבִירָה הוּא וְשִׁכְיָנֵתִיה  
הִנְנִי מוֹכֵן וּמְזַמֵּן לְקִיָּים מִצְוַת עֲשֵׂה שֶׁל סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר  
...שִׁבְעַת שָׁבָתוֹת תְּמִימוֹת תִּהְיֶינָה..."

*L'sheim yichud Kud'sha B'rich Hu ush'kintei*

*Hin'ni muchan um'zuman l'kayeim mitzvat asei shel s'firat haomer.*

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al s'firat haomer.*

For the sake of the unification of the transcendent creative power with the Divine Presence dwelling here and now,

I am here, I am ready to fulfill the *mitzvah* of counting the *Omer*.

"...Seven weeks. They must be complete..." (Leviticus 23:15 – 16)

Blessed are you, *Adonai*, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with *mitzvot*, commanding us to count the *Omer*.

In addition to counting the *Omer* each night, I also embrace the opportunity to grow spiritually with daily readings by Rabbi Karen Kedar, Rabbi Jill Zimmerman, Rabbi Yael Levy and/or Rabbi Matthew Ponak and Omer Counters group on Facebook.

May we all embrace the opportunities to continue elevating ourselves to receive the gift of *Torah*, once again, with our ancestors and in performing the *mitzvah* of counting the *Omer* also fulfill the *mitzvah* of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

### 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!







## From our Rabbi

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

### Unfinished Business

One of the most beautiful cities that I have ever visited is the city of Barcelona, the capital of the region of Catalonia in Spain. It is a city that is rich in Jewish history – the site of an infamous disputation between Jews and Christians during the Middle Ages.

But, this travelogue about Barcelona is not about the Jewish sites of Barcelona. Rather, it is a reflection on the work of the great architect Antoni Gaudi, who lived in Barcelona from 1852 to 1926.

Gaudi's architectural style is wild and imaginative and colorful. When you go to Barcelona, you can visit the houses that he designed, as well as a huge and beautiful park.

Gaudi's undisputed masterpiece is the huge church known as the Sagrada Familia, the church of the holy family.

Gaudi began working on the Sagrada Familia in 1883 – exactly one hundred and forty years ago.

From the very beginning of the project, Gaudi said that it would take at least a hundred and fifty years, and maybe more, to finish this work.

He knew that he would not be able to complete this project, but he died with the faith that after his departure from this earth, there would be those who would take up his work, and that eventually the work would be finished.

Apparently, the work is on schedule. They say that it will be finished sometime around the year 2026.

To me, the most beautiful thing about visiting the Sagrada Familia is looking at the workers, the artisans and the various sculptors and builders. Each goes about his or her craft.

And when you look at them working, you see that upon their faces there is a calm, loving, almost beatific look – because they know that they are not merely building a building.

They know that they are building a cathedral. They know that they are building something holy. They know that they will most likely not be around to see the work finished – but by taking part in this work, they are dipping their hands into eternity itself.

This is about the unfinished cathedrals of our lives, about the work that we begin and never get around to completing.

Judaism places before us a history of unfinished work.

Moses never got to finish his work. God barred him from entering the Land of Israel – because of Moses' temper. Moses died on Mount Nebo, on the other side of the Jordan – with God showing him the entire Land of Israel before he died. I cannot believe that the Holy One could be so cruel as to tease Moses with that sight; rather, I suspect that he was showing him the future – a future that his successor Joshua would inherit – as if to say: This will go on. This will endure.

And so, too, with King David. David had wanted to build a Temple to God in Jerusalem, but he could not – because his hands were stained with the blood of his enemies. David had to leave that sacred task to his son, Solomon, who ultimately built the Temple – and built it partially out of his father's disappointments.

And there is yet another example of unfinished work in our tradition. Every Jewish home is supposed to have a small piece on the eastern wall, the part facing Jerusalem, that is left unfinished, unplastered, and unpainted. It reminds us of the destroyed Temple in Jerusalem – that just as it has not been re-built, our own homes can never be totally built. No matter how long we might live in them, they are all works in progress.

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The Sages said: It is not incumbent upon you to finish the work, but you are not allowed to abstain from beginning it – and I once thought it to be a cliché, or perhaps an excuse for indolence.

Now, as I approach the final months of my congregational rabbinate, I know that the Sages were right.

Each of us is a work in progress. William Butler Yeats put it this way:

“...that toil of growing up;

The ignominy of boyhood; the distress

Of boyhood changing into man;

The unfinished man and his pain.”

Each of us is Gaudi’s cathedral – a cathedral of memory that will be built, slowly, over time, and never quite completed.

P.S. One more thing about cathedrals and their construction.

In medieval cathedrals, it was the custom of the workmen to sign their names, if they could, underneath the pews of the cathedrals that they had built.

Now, you might ask: whoever looks beneath the pew? Who would ever see those autographs?

No one.

Only God.

Let us, each of us, remember how we sign the hidden, unseen pieces of the cathedrals that we built out of the tender bricks of our own lives.

### Calling All Cheesecake Lovers and Bakers!



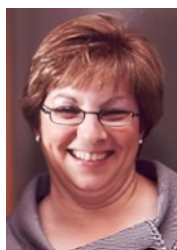
On May 25<sup>th</sup>, following our erev Shavuot and Yizkor services at 6:30pm, we’ll be having a **cheesecake contest** with cakes made by our congregants and staff. **If you’re interested in baking a delicious cheesecake, contact Beth Pennamacoor at (561) 833-8421 or [beth@temple-israel.com](mailto:beth@temple-israel.com) by May 19th.**

If you’re interested in just indulging in this delectable dessert, come to services and our contest and let us know which one is the winner! (In our opinion, we’ll all be winners!)



### 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!



# Director of Education & Youth Programming

Beth Pennamacoor

## Transitions, Transitions

(to the tune of "Tradition" from Fiddler on the Roof)

Who day and night will scramble for ideas,  
Try to be creative, teach the kids some Hebrew,  
How can we make this program a success  
And keep the kids engaged having fun?  
The new Director, Have you met her?  
La, la, la, la, la Transitions  
The Rabbis and Cantorial Soloist  
La, la, la, la, la Transitions!

I know, I know, I tried. But you know what? I had fun putting this together. Give your children a chance to be silly, have fun and learn something about Judaism and Hebrew and Values and Torah and Israel, etc. Being part of Temple Israel and being part of 100 years of happiness and sadness and community is something to be really proud of. So, show your pride. Your pride in being Jewish, your pride in being in a community with the potential of real growth and understanding what it is that we teach your children. Come learn with them. When we offer Family Education, that's you! The kids want you to see and hear what they are doing. Sometimes when you ask them in the car, they say nothing because they don't think that you really want to hear what they did. Am I right?

Sometimes it's hard for Jewish Education to compete with the extracurricular activities our students often encounter. But, if you think about it, sports and other activities are riddled with tradition, many with the same values of Judaism and some even incorporating Jewish culture (such as dance and theater.) There should be a balance of the two – being well-versed in academic studies as well as athletic or pursuing other interests – rather than put one way ahead of the other. If you want your children to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah, they need to learn about what they are doing, why they are doing it, and how it will affect their pride in years to come. You may not realize it, but Jewish people are still thriving because of you.

We are almost done with our school year and already making plans to transition to our next. Our last day of Religious School is Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate Israeli artists and art. Everyone will participate and have a wonderful lead in to summer vacation, before school resumes in August.

L'dor V'dor – from generation to generation. Keep those Generations, Traditions and Transitions going!!



## 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!



## The *Mussar* Moment

Barry Horowitz, M.D.

(adapted from *Awareness in Action*)

The poet Jane Hirshfield writes that "We feel like separate water droplets – but we are also ocean." Often we see ourselves as drops of water. Separate, powerless, vulnerable. And when we feel isolated or threatened, we become constricted. We get tied up in our own inner knots. And then we crave temporary fixes for our fear and pain. We become self-centered. We act and speak without regard for others, even often the people we love the most. And each of us regrets acting defensively and reactively, blurting out needlessly hurtful words. Yet we seem to fall into the same trap over and over again.

*Chesed* (lovingkindness) is a spiritual and ethical wakeup call within every one of us. When we're agitated and confused, *chesed* alerts us to the deeper truth that while we're water droplets, we're also ocean. We are profoundly, inextricably connected to a vibrant, complex web of life and love. Most of the time we lose sight of how interconnected we are. That's what makes the *middah* of *chesed* so essential.

It's not always easy to experience this sense of connection. Many of us often feel alone, sometimes profoundly so. Yet each of us can remember, at the very least, that we are connected to our own breath and that our breath connects us with the whole ecosystem. We're connected as well to countless individuals whose lives impact us. Like the people who plant, harvest, deliver and prepare the food that we eat.

If we can apply *hitlamdut*, non-judgmental curiosity, in these frustrating moments, cultivating kind attention and curiosity instead of judgment, we may see more clearly the previously unnoticed inner obstructions which are born of fear and or desire, obstructions which are clogging the channel of *middot* trying to circulate through us. And if we can meet these internal blockages with ease, with *chesed*, instead of judgment, we can create conditions for the obstructions to soften.

Through kind attention rather than harsh judgment, we dissolve these blockages enough to create an opening through which *chesed*, loving connection, can flow through us naturally. If we can do so, we might notice a slight shift, an incremental change within us. We might be surprised to find ourselves able to be just a little bit more generous and patient. We may begin to afford others and ourselves the benefit of the doubt instead of always assuming the worst. We may feel slightly less reactive and slightly more responsive, slightly less defensive and slightly more open. We may notice the *chesed*, the lovingkindness, stored up within us and all around us, finding its way into our actions and our words. As we practice *chesed*, we may feel a little bit less like a drop of water and a little bit more like part of an ocean.



### Tribute Book for Rabbi Salkin

Rabbi Salkin's sons, Sam and Gabe, are compiling a tribute book in honor of his retirement from full-time congregational work. Want to contribute a message, share a story or wish him well as he enters this next phase of life? Go to [www.newlywords.com/jeff-salkin-retirement](http://www.newlywords.com/jeff-salkin-retirement) and submit your piece by May 15<sup>th</sup>.





# Brotherhood

Howard Solomon, President

Here's hoping everyone has a great summer! In Florida, that means many people leave the area for their northern homes or summer plans. Linda and I are planning on going to both Israel (for our granddaughter's wedding) and North Carolina (for the mountains.) But Temple Israel will never be far from our thoughts. We're excited about the new rabbis starting this summer and we're already questioning when is our next Shababeque?

But before the summer, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have our Brotherhood's annual dinner meeting (with steak, I hope!) Our Elections of Officers will be part of this evening. This dinner is always well attended and this year should be no different. It's always a great way to end our season.

It has been a good year, thanks to all my Brothers who stepped up and helped at the Shababeque, the Hanukkah candle mailing, the Hanukkah dinner, the Brotherhood-Sisterhood Shabbat, the ball game, dinner in the Sukkah and anything else that I may be forgetting.

I am very much looking forward to 2023-24, as Brotherhood continues to celebrate Temple Israel's 100<sup>th</sup> year.

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## TI's Sisterhood & Brotherhood

Our Sisterhood and Brotherhood's Annual Meetings are coming up soon, which includes their Election of Officers. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Brotherhood – Wednesday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
at 6:30pm (with dinner)

Sisterhood – Sunday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at  
11:00 am (with brunch)

All TI members are automatically members of our Sisterhood and Brotherhood but our supporting members go a long way in helping to run, sponsor and/or subsidize our onegs, religious school activities, camp scholarships, assisting devastated communities and so much more! Please consider becoming a supporting member for just \$36, payable to Temple Israel.





# Sisterhood Corner

Deborah Hirsch, Communications Vice President

**Celebrating 100 Years:** Following abbreviated 6:30 p.m. services on April 28, Sisterhood presented “The Way We Were,” an amusing and moving musical revue of highlights from our last 100 years. A reception and Chinese Auction followed. Thanks to chair Gee Gee Eisenberg for organizing the historic and heartwarming event.

**Annual Meeting & Brunch:** Join us Sunday, May 7 at 11 a.m. and enjoy brunch as a backdrop to presentations on the Sisterhood year in review and the new slate of officers. Cast your vote for our incoming Board of Directors and brainstorm ideas for the 2023-24 year. To RSVP, contact Valerie Eaton at [vc1487@aol.com](mailto:vc1487@aol.com) or 561-635-2054. And thanks to our Nominating Committee – Valerie Eaton, Gee Gee Eisenberg, Amy Jonas, Traci Pincourt-Braun and Tracy Simkowitz – for stepping up and creating the slate for the 2023-24 Sisterhood board.

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.



## Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Our Musical Kabbalat Shabbat in March was so well-received that we’re doing it again! Save the date of Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> for this special service led by Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane with Samara Vilca, Julio Suarez and David Block.

## DR. ANDREW REHFELD

*President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion*

In April, we were delighted to have guest speaker Andrew Rehfeld, one of Reform Judaism’s most important thinkers. Dr. Rehfeld spoke on “Nationalism without Kneecapping.” He delved into the question “How do we inspire love of the Jewish people and Israel when that particularistic commitment can sometimes feel at odds with our universal commitments to justice and human rights?” We thank Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin for coordinating this very special engagement.





## Membership Committee

Michell Escobar and Terry Hork, Co-Chairs

It's been three months since the membership committee has been revitalized, and we've been quite busy. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Temple held a New Member Shabbat, recognizing the approximately 50 new members who had joined our TI family since 2020. The evening began with a congregational champagne hors d'oeuvres reception with delicious offerings, followed by services, and then a lovely oneg capped off a wonderful evening. The yellow ribbons attached to names tags fostered conversation with our newest members. Amy Jonas and Lisa Silver co-chaired the evening and it was a huge success. The second night Community Seder was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Attended by nearly a hundred people, the evening included a delicious charoset bar and meal. Thank you to its co-chairs Linda Solomon and Gee Gee Eisenberg.

Every committee has meetings. After our February kick-off, the membership committee broke into two groups and each subcommittee held a meeting in April. The current member engagement subcommittee is working on summer dinners, the ShaBaBeQue Open House (along with Brotherhood), upgrading the New Member welcome basket, and compiling a promising list of possible events. The new member expansion subcommittee had a spirited meeting and came up with numerous ideas for outreach. One idea is to work on snowbird initiatives by region. More to follow later. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the committee held its second full committee meeting. So many ideas, so many committed volunteers. How fortunate are we! We look forward to working over the summer to keep the momentum going.

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In April, yahrzeit candles were lit for **Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day**, by Howard Green, Jacqueline Kandel and Karen Szteinberg whose families lived through the Holocaust. Rabbi Salkin's sermon was equally moving. In commemorating Yom HaShoah, our community remains committed to "Never Forget – Never Again."



**Have you received an email with a request from Rabbi Salkin?  
*It may not be from him!***

**Do not do Rabbi a favor... unless you know for sure it's him asking!**

The most recent email said, "Hello, Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting shortly, please no calls so kindly respond back via email."

If you respond, "Rabbi" will probably ask you to purchase some gift cards for those in need or perhaps a gift to our students or staff (or something to that effect.) While Rabbi Salkin may be kind, he would NEVER ask you to do him such a favor. **This is SPAM! It is not from Rabbi Salkin!** (Had you proceeded to get the gift cards, "Rabbi" would ask for the gift card #s and codes which will enable the con artist to go off on a shopping spree, paying with that info.)

Whenever receiving such as request -- whether from Rabbi or anyone else you know -- chances are that if you put your cursor over the "from" name, the hidden email address will not be Rabbi's or your friend's proper address. It could be similar, but not real. For example, Rabbi Salkin's email address is RabbiSalkin@temple-israel.com and yet the Spam might say RebbeSalkin@wegotyou.com or, in the most recent case, Rabbi.Jewish40@...

But even without checking that out, simply CALL the Rabbi (or anyone else requesting the favor) AND CONFIRM! Do not respond to the email directly - that will lead you back to the imposter. And don't believe that Rabbi (or anyone else) is too busy to be interrupted as the email may indicate. If they truly want the favor, they'll make the time for you.

Please know that our systems remain secure and your personal information is safe with us. There are many ways in which spammers get contacts, but let's try to be alert and not fall for it.

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## **A Farewell Reception for Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin** **Guest Speaker: Rabbi Dr. Marc Gellman**

Rabbi Gellman will be delivering the sermon and paying tribute to Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin during our **June 9<sup>th</sup>** worship service – a celebration of Rabbi Salkin's tenure as our interim rabbi and to salute his career as he embarks on his retirement from the pulpit.



Rabbi Gellman is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Torah in Melville, NY, served as the rabbi of the Aspen Jewish Congregation in Aspen, CO, and also served as president of The New York Board of Rabbis. In 1987, Rabbi Gellman and his friend Monsignor Thomas Hartman formed the media team "The God Squad", reporting religious news for ABC's Good Morning America. They were also regulars on the Imus in the Morning program and hosted their own cable program produced by Telecare of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. In addition, they co-authored a syndicated weekly religious advice column for Tribune Media Content, which Rabbi Gellman continues to write following Father Hartman's death in 2016, appearing locally on Fridays in the Palm Beach Post.

Rabbi Gellman has written ten books for children and adults including "Does God Have a Big Toe?: Stories about stories in the Bible" which was selected by the New York Times as one of the ten best illustrated children's books of the year.

We hope that you can join us for this tribute and celebration!



**Our Wine Tasting** evening was delightful as our members and friends sampled wines and enjoyed each other's company. Many thanks to our wine connoisseur Fred Apel who skillfully explained the different variations and guided our senses.



Pictured Left (L-R): Barbara Goldberg, Joan Schneider



Pictured Above (L-R): Ludmilla Goldberg, Roberta Cirino, Fred Apel, Barbara Brizel



(L-R): Steve Fligman, Pam Wiener, Ludmilla Goldberg, Roberta Cirino, Barbara Brizel



Jacqueline Palmer (next to last on right) with friends



## A Glimpse at our 100<sup>th</sup> 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.



# INAUGURAL STAFF RETREAT – SAFETY, MENTAL HEALTH & TEAM BUILDING

In April, our staff had their inaugural staff retreat and team-building workshop. The morning exercises equipped our staff and co-presidents with safety awareness and strategies for unforeseen emergencies or situations. The afternoon mental health workshop was designed to create and cultivate a productive and friendly work environment while examining boundaries and a work-life balance. Additionally, AED/CPR training was held to be better prepared to assist our congregation and community in a critical emergency.



We are grateful to our Administrator Tamekia Graham for planning and organizing these vital programs. We also thank Officer Seth Buxton of the West Palm Beach Police Department for the safety training and presentations, Tamika Rawleigh of Alpert Jewish Family Service for the mental health workshop, Yogini Ellen Goldenson who held a yoga class for our staff, Executive Director Karen Szteinberg for team-building exercises, Tamara Adonisrizzo who was recommended by Dr. Stu Bagatell for AED/CPR training, and Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin whose discretionary funds underwrote most of the expenses towards this invaluable day.



The safety of our campus, congregants, guests and staff are a priority to our Board and to Temple Israel as a whole. We always aim to provide a safe and friendly environment and to try to be prepared for the unexpected. At Temple Israel, we're here for you!



Charlie Eaton, Marty List, Beth Pennamacoor, Officer Seth Buxton



Tameka Rawleigh, Tamekia Graham



Maggie Kaufman, Tamara Adonisrizzo, Karen Szteinberg, Marty List, Jacqueline Palmer, Susan Halliwell



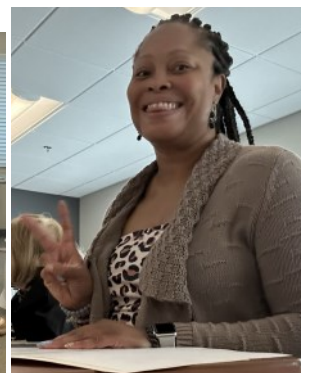
Tamara Adonisrizzo, Karen Szteinberg



Suzanne Guinane, Earnton Mosley



Yoga led by Ellen Goldenson



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## SOCIAL ACTION: TI PACKS 100 BOXES OF FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE HOMELESS

*Rabbi Howard Shapiro*

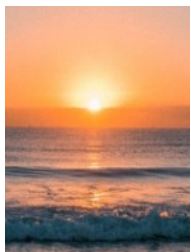
On Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, members of Temple Israel donated food supplies to fill 100 boxes for The Lord's Place (TLP) Outreach Workers to bring to the homeless on the streets of Palm Beach County. With Shabbat candles, challah and blessings, many of our caring members packed donated foods from members of TI. It was a great Shabbat experience of giving and bringing Shabbat to TLP Sleep Out at Roger Dean Stadium. We thank all our members who generously brought food supplies for this joint venture.



Pictured Left (counter-clockwise from left): Glenn Smith, Lori Ackerman, Patti Abramson, Fred Weissman, Terry Resk, Adrienne Weissman, Michael Bubis, Gina Panciera and Rabbi Howard Shapiro. Missing from this photo but included below are Larry Abramson and Eileen Shapiro.



## Shabbat on the Beach – June 2<sup>nd</sup>



Come enjoy an informal service on the beach with music and fresh air! We'll meet at 6pm at the Pavilion in front of the Volleyball Courts at Riviera Beach on Singer Island (behind the Ocean Walk stores), and then proceed to a serene location on the beach. Bring your own beach chair or towel and prepare to be uplifted by our prayers, music and a beautiful backdrop. Bring a friend and welcome in Shabbat on the beach!



**We're always happy to share what's going on with our members, their simchas and recognitions!** Please send your good news and photos to [karen@temple-israel.com](mailto:karen@temple-israel.com).

Spending time with TI friends is always priceless. Below, friends celebrated Valerie Eaton's birthday in April.



Pictured left: Valerie Eaton

Pictured right  
(clockwise from center top):  
Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane,  
Karen Szeinberg, Lissa McCoy,  
Michell Escobar, Valerie Eaton,  
Ellen Goldenson, Linda Solomon,  
Ibby Lucas, Beryle Goverman,  
Roberta Cirino



Many TI friends had their first night seder together at TooJays.

Pictured left (clockwise from left):  
Guest, Kent Fescenmeyer, Charlie Eaton, Sherri Eckstein, Ron Goldenson, Ellen Goldenson, Howard Berman, Barbara Buckman, Diana Strauss, Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane, Marilyn Cortell, Judy Segal, Barbara Hatzfeld, Harriet Miller, Barbara Brizel, Valerie Eaton, Beryle Goverman, Guest.



## Seen around campus...



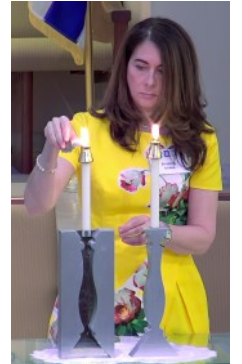
(L) Gayle Bard and Howard Berman

(R) Ludmilla Goldberg and our Tree of Life!



(L) Suzanne Guinane and Marilyn Cortell

(R) Joanne Green





**Our New Member Reception** warmly welcomed our newest members into our TI Family! Many thanks to Terry Hork and Amy Jonas who chaired and underwrote much of the event as well as all those who contributed by baking and preparing scrumptious appetizers and desserts!



Amy Jonas



Terry Hork





## Charoset Making

Charoset Maven Howard Solomon and many volunteers chopped, diced and mixed to prepare an amazing Charoset Bar including double-dates, Yemenite and even chocolate variations!



Howard Solomon, Carlos Escobar, Howard Berman, Charlie Eaton, Ronni Schultz, Janice Rosenberg, Jim Eisenberg

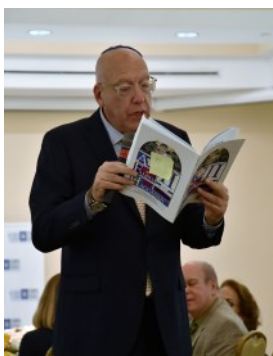




**Our Second Night Community Passover Seder in April was enjoyed by almost 100 members and guests.** Our ballroom was festive with color and our tables were set with all the traditional seder staples. Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin led the reading of the Haggadah and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane sang upbeat songs with participants singing along and shaking their tambourines. Our incoming rabbis, Rabbi Carlie Weisbrod Daniels and Rabbi Ryan Daniels were warmly welcomed and all were thrilled to meet them. Our volunteers created a sensational Charoset Bar, a TI tradition. And the food was ample and delicious, catered by Wellington Hospitality Group & Island Kitchen. Seder Chairs Gee Gee Eisenberg and Linda Solomon did an amazing job organizing this event. We thank everyone who helped put this heartwarming evening together, including our staff



Howard and Linda Solomon, Gee Gee Eisenberg



Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

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## May Birthdays

(includes member children  
ages 26 & younger)

- 1 Wendy Miller
- 2 Fred Weissman
- 3 Barbara Horowitz
- 4 Dave Aronberg
- 4 Sydelle Neustein
- 5 Lisa Kaye
- 5 Zachary Stewart
- 6 Susan Rieser
- 7 Teresa Aaron
- 7 Naomi Kaslow
- 7 Gerald Modell
- 8 Helen Mudrick
- 9 Harriet Miller
- 10 Sophia Feuer
- 10 Adrian Sandoval
- 11 Robert Tillis
- 12 Frances Levy
- 12 Dale Rands
- 15 Lori Ackerman
- 15 Herman Robinson
- 16 Manuel Matias
- 16 Tracy Simkowitz
- 17 Maureen Dickman-Katz
- 18 Samara Vilca
- 21 Benjamin Devore
- 21 Lewis Kapner
- 21 Lee Marsh
- 21 Adam Matias
- 23 Daniel Sandoval
- 24 Howard Green
- 25 Suzette Gingold
- 28 Scott Bentolila
- 30 Iris Koller
- 30 David Minkow

## May Anniversaries

- 8 Gee Gee & Jim Eisenberg
- 10 Karen & Sam Lederman
- 14 Adrienne & Fred Weissman
- 15 Alisa & Marvin Maltz
- 16 Suzette & Jeffrey Gingold
- 18 Jacqueline Michel & David Weisman
- 22 Roslyn & Ted Leopold
- 24 Judy & Alan Shuster
- 26 Julie & Lee Marsh
- 31 Cindy & Jay Kreisberg
- 31 Terri & Rick Small

# MAZEL TOV

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Maggie & Sy becoming  
bnai mitzvah in April.



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Friday, May 5 at 6:30pm

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We invite all to attend, reminisce and  
reconnect! Photos of past classes  
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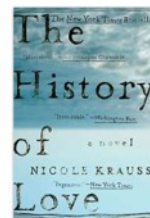
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Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

Facilitated by Kris Thurston

## *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

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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:

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Goodbye Columbus by Philip Roth  
facilitated by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Look for Zoom access to our TI Reads in our weekly emails. For more  
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## BROTHERHOOD STEAK DINNER & MEETING

WED., MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30pm

Temple Israel Brothers, mark your calendars and RSVP for a **FREE** Brotherhood dinner and special meeting in our courtyard.

This is our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.



All male TI members are automatically Brotherhood members, but our *supporting members* go a long way in helping to provide sponsorships and events. Please consider being a supporting member for just \$36 (bring a check with you payable to "Temple Israel".) Thank you!

To ensure we have ample food, RSVP by April 27<sup>th</sup> to  
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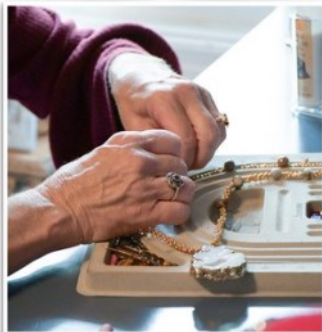
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
Religious School (last day) Whole Self Program 11:00am Sisterhood Brunch & Annual Meeting	08 <i>Lag B'Omer begins at sunset</i>	09	10 10:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm Brotherhood Dinner & Annual Meeting	11 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services with Board Installation	12 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> honoring our current and past students & teachers as well as May birthdays & anniversaries	13 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)
14	15	16	17 10:30am Chair Yoga	18 7:00pm Virtual TI Reads: The History of Love	19 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services	20 9:00am <i>note earlier time</i> Torah Study (via Zoom) 10:30am David Partheniou becomes a Bar Mitzvah
21	22	23	24 10:30am Chair Yoga	25 6:30pm <i>Erev Shavuot &amp; Yizkor services</i> with Cheesecake Contest	26 Office Closed 6:30pm <i>Erev Shabbat</i> worship services	27 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)
28	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30	31 10:30am Chair Yoga	01	02 6:30pm <i>Shabbat on the Beach</i> informal worship services	03 9:30am Torah Study (via Zoom)

**Save the date for Rabbi Salkin's Farewell Reception (Friday, June 9) and our 100th Birthday Celebration (Saturday, November 11)!**



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