

# Koleynu **our voice**

Reflect on the historic Installation of Rabbis Carlie and Ryan Daniels, a momentous occasion surrounded by friends, family, and our community.

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# From Our President

## Charlie Eaton



For the last two years, almost every description of Temple Israel has included the word "change." Changing our rabbis, campus, finances, music, and mood is part of our great adventure, which has many challenges. Change is hard for several reasons. One is uncertainty, unease about a future that can't be easily imagined. Another is feeling powerless that things are moving and there's nothing one can do about it. Change can be awkward, as awkwardness is the feeling of learning something new. The most impactful reason is that people don't fear change; they fear loss – losing the comfort of familiarity, meaning, and identity. One might ask, "Why change things?" The more important question is, "What happens if things don't change?" The answer is clear: Temple Israel would fade away. Fortunately, change is also empowering. Temple Israel will thrive, not vanish. Our leadership is tackling each challenge head-on. They have a vision, listen to our congregants, and are committed to gradual transition while preserving our traditions.

Our path forward is based on a shared foundation of TI's mission,

vision, and values. Congregations change, so it's recommended that each revisits its mission, vision, and values statements every decade. It's time for us to do so. A mission statement answers, "Why are we here?" A vision statement answers, "What is our dream?" A values statement answers "What is important to us?" The location of our three statements is elusive. The closest matches are these statements drafted by TI's recent Rabbinic Search Committee.

*Mission Statement.* Our mission is to foster a vibrant, spiritual, and inclusive center of Reform Judaism. Together, we connect through worship, tradition, celebration, and life-long learning. Our central purpose is to engage all generations to become better human beings committed to synagogue life, our Jewish community, Israel, and repairing the world.

*Vision Statement.* Inspire and excite congregants through joyful worship, meaningful learning, and stimulating programming. Remain relevant in all undertakings – religious and secular. Sustain the longevity of Temple Israel.

*Values Statement:* Kehillah: Congregational community is our credo: "Pray. Connect. Thrive." We welcome all people into TI. Our Chesed committee supports those in need in our congregation. We are a singing congregation

with traditional and modern prayers. Our choir has been together for over 30 years. We have a strong brotherhood and sisterhood engaging our intergenerational TI community. Our religious school is structured to build relationships among our families. Spirituality: Our learned member volunteers lead outreach and education programs for our members and the community. These offerings include Mussar classes and our "Simply Jewish" series of thought leaders, authors, performers, and educators who explore the rich tapestry of the Jewish experience. We also offer Hartman Institute programming. Finally, we regularly update our programming to support our congregants' quest for lifelong learning and spirituality.

We need to begin formally reviewing, reconsidering, and rewriting these statements. This process will take time and back-and-forth dialogue between the congregation and a representative group coordinating the project. This project is about all of us, and it's about you. Ask these questions: Why are we here? What is our dream? What is important to us? Talk with each other. Talk with our leadership. Talk with me. Talk with our rabbis. The answers we agree on will be the foundation for us to rise above the challenges of change and plan our adventure together.



# From Our Rabbis

## Rabbi Carlie Daniels & Rabbi Ryan Daniels



### Freedom Song: What Am I A Slave To?

So often we hear from both children and adults that their Passover *Haggadah* (the written guide to the Passover ritual and meal) is not as engaging as they would like, which inspires some to create their own. That same desire to package the Passover narrative in a more accessible way has birthed the creation of many niche *Haggadot* over the years: *Haggadot* for cat lovers, world travelers, Star Wars enthusiasts and even baseball fans. In fact, Rabbi Ryan and his brother, Jon, were invited to write the foreword to a new baseball-themed *Haggadah* in 2015.

However, regardless of the thematic lens through which we engage with Passover, what is most important is that we read the *Haggadah* not simply as a storybook of our ancestor's journey out of

Egypt, but rather as a tool that encourages each of us to step into the story and wrestle with the holiday's big questions. As we read every year around the Passover table, "In every generation a person is obligated to look at oneself as if they personally had gone out of Egypt" (Pesachim 116b). Immersing ourselves in the story connects us to each other and to the larger Passover narrative of which we are all a part, even if we each experience that narrative differently.

The Hebrew word for Egypt is *Mitzrayim*, derived from the phrase "*m'tzarim*," meaning "from a narrow place." Surely this year we have each navigated our own *mitzrayim*, our own places of struggle, tight control or narrow-mindedness. Perhaps they were the external straits of financial, marital or medical problems, or the more solitary struggles of personal tragedy, mental health or addiction. To heed the call that we are each to see ourselves as if we personally were freed from Egypt requires that we first ask ourselves, "What am I a slave to?" As our teacher, Rabbi Mark Borovitz, explains, "All of us humans are

enslaved by something. The enslavement may be a job that we don't like, a repetitive theme in our lives, a dependence on material things, a dependence on needing to be right, a psychological problem, or a level of discomfort in our lives that we have learned to accept."

Rabbi Borovitz is Rabbi Emeritus of Beit T'Shuvah, a synagogue and center for recovery in Los Angeles. Its mission is "to heal broken souls and save the lives of those wrestling with addiction by providing integrated care in a community setting." They do great work out in the community as well, including touring their Hollywood-quality musical, *Freedom Song*, all around the country. By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, *Freedom Song* poses one stark question, "What are you a slave to?" The cast of this original musical are not actors; they are actual addicts in recovery who have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and a powerful post-

## From Our Rabbis (Cont.)

show discussion with the cast, *Freedom Song* will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the 'bondage of self' that many fight every day.

We are honored to partner with Alpert Jewish Family Service to bring *Freedom Song* back to South Florida on Sunday, April 7th at 4 pm at Temple Israel. Of note, this will be the first tour for many in their current cast of performers. For tickets, please visit: [Temple-Israel.com/freedom](http://Temple-Israel.com/freedom). All are welcome.

We acknowledge that the Passover theme of journeying

from enslavement to redemption serves as a bridge to the language of recovery, a journey that individuals make one step at a time, from a place of brokenness and constriction to freedom and possibility. Those who identify in recovery, perhaps working a 12-Step program like Alcoholics Anonymous, are often more practiced at this kind of thinking. And it does take practice.

But if we are really being honest with ourselves, surely there is at least something from which we each desire to be liberated. For some of us, it might be to refrain from drugs

and alcohol. For others it might be the desire to be freed from unhealthy relationships, unproductive thinking, unsustainable spending or unfulfilling employment. Consider Passover as our opportunity to really wrestle with that which keeps us enslaved, and a reminder that redemption is possible. In fact, the theme of redemption is central to our foundational narrative, repeated throughout the Torah and reiterated by seder-goers each spring. Regardless of how it is packaged in the *Haggadah* we will use, surely it is a message worth taking in again this season.



**On Sunday, February 11th, our religious school families came together for gleaning in the fields with CROS Ministries. Together, we harvested tons of green peppers, which were then donated to CROS Ministries' food programs, aiding individuals in our community. Thanks to all who came!**

# From Our Cantorial Soloist

## Suzanne Guinane



### Two, Two, Two Months of Sacred Joy!

... And how many of you recognized the Certs commercial from back in the day: “Two, two, two mints in one? And only 10 cents for an entire roll!”

The Talmud says, “When Adar enters, joy increases.” We welcomed Adar I at our February 9th Erev Shabbat Service. Thanks to our lunar calendar, 5784 has a leap year, giving us two months of Adar I and Adar II. Two, two, two months of joy! We celebrate *Purim* – Mordechai and Esther triumphing over Haman (BOO!) in Adar II at our Upside Down Erev Shabbat Services on March 22nd. We wear costumes, retell the story from the Book of Esther, Boo every time we hear “Haman,” drink/rejoice when we hear “Mordechai” and give *mishloach manot* (*Purim* gift baskets). Many liken it to Halloween or Mardi Gras.

So, why am I writing about sacred joy? Many of you know this is sacred work for me, and building a sacred community is an important part of my cantorate. The word “sacred” speaks to being intentional with how we interact with one another; remembering we are all created *b’tzelem Elohim* (in the image of G-d) and we are interacting with the G-d inside each other. It helps raise the vibration for good in our world. For me, it’s an important part of *tikkun olam* – repairing the world, and an opportunity for us to help repair each other. This is one way we can become #walkingtorahs.

On January 25th, a group of us had the honor of touring The Lords Place and meeting with Diana Stanley, their Chief Executive Officer, and staff. Wow! Talk about sacred work and sacred people. This is where I experienced sacred engagement, which brings me to sacred joy. Why can’t we invite the sacred to everything we do? Especially with each other, especially now with everything going on in our world and our homeland.

Maybe each of us is being called upon to be Esther or Mordechai right now. We can

help change the world and embrace the words from the Book of Esther, והחדש אשר נהפך מיגון לשמחה - the month was reversed for the Jews from one of grief to one of joy. Dare I say the month was reversed for the Jews from one of grief to one of sacred joy? Yes, I dare and I do say it. Won’t you join me in sacred joy?

May we all embrace the G-d, Esther, and Mordechai in ourselves and each other right now, and in doing so, help to repair our very broken world, souls, and hearts. May all our hostages be returned home safely by the time of this publication. *Kein y’hi ratzon*.

Friendly reminders:

1. Choir rehearsals start again on Wednesday, 4/17, 7 pm – 8:30 pm as we prepare for 5/17 *Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha’atzmaut* Erev Shabbat Services. All are welcome! Please let me know if you’d like to join us. I’m happy to answer any questions.
2. Counting the *Omer* with me – The first of three monthly classes is Monday, 4/15, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We’ll embrace this *mitzvah* and the beautiful blessing written by Rabbi Yosef Goldman, Shir Yaakov Feit and Zach Friedman.



# The Mussar Moment

## Rabbi Emeritus Howard Shapiro



It is a beautiful afternoon; the sun is streaming in through the windows and it is one of those cool Florida days we dream about in the summer. I have fresh air coming in and music playing through my speakers. Spotify suggested a playlist called “Your Time Capsule” and the first song is “You’ll Be Back” from *Hamilton*. King George is singing to the colonies, suggesting they don’t know the cost of freedom and independence and they’ll be back when they see how hard it is to govern and get along, forget progress.

I thought – amazing. How much have we learned? The

political process our elected representatives engage in certainly underscores the question. Take the immigration issue. It’s mind-blowing to think that rather than compromise and move forward to a resolution of the myriad of problems at our borders and in our cities, some of our leaders would rather keep the issue hot and centered so that it can become political fodder for the November elections. (Maybe by the time you read this, saner heads will have prevailed.)

And this is a Mussar issue, because? Because Mussar is about living an examined life; Mussar is about self-reflection and taking stock of ourselves and our behavior. It is about caring for others and sharing our strengths and talents, creating an organic, compassionate community. It is not about power; it is not about winning; it is not about

self-aggrandizement. It is listening to the collective ethical wisdom of the ages and applying it to our lives. It is about humility, which Mussar teaches with great wisdom as finding your place and celebrating it. One dictionary defines humility as “a modest or low view of one’s importance.” That’s not the Jewish understanding. It is the affirmation that everyone has a place, and everyone is both sacred and holy. Everyone is of value and worth and the challenge is that, depending on the situation, you might be center stage or in the wings or in the audience. But you are always worthwhile.

The Mussar masters remind us we are never done – we are constantly evolving and refining and honing our “souls” to be a beacon of light and love. And to do that: no King George, no matter how well he sings.



**On January 21st, our religious school joyously participated in a *Tu B'Shevat Seder*, marking the new year of the trees. The event was filled with delightful treats, and we were honored to have Neo, an Israeli Shinshin, as our special guest!**

# From Our Executive Director

## Tamekia Graham



Thank you doesn't seem to say enough. My heartfelt gratitude for the honor of being appointed as the Executive Director of Temple Israel of West Palm Beach. I am deeply humbled and excited to take on this significant responsibility within our beloved community.

My sincere appreciation to the board of directors, and all those involved in the decision-making process for entrusting me with this important role. I

am committed to upholding the values and traditions of our synagogue while working diligently to serve the needs of our members and cultivate a strong sense of belonging and unity.

I am particularly grateful for the support and guidance I have received from my family and friends, colleagues and mentors throughout my journey here. Their wisdom, encouragement, and camaraderie have been invaluable to me.

As Executive Director, I am dedicated to promoting inclusivity, fostering spiritual growth, and ensuring the vitality and sustainability of our synagogue for generations to come. I am eager to work closely with our clergy, staff,

lay leaders, and congregants to advance our mission and strengthen our community bonds.

Please know that I am fully committed to serving with integrity, compassion, and dedication. I am here to listen, to learn, and to lead with humility and grace. Together, I am confident that we can achieve great things and continue to make a positive impact in the lives of all who call Temple Israel their spiritual home.

Please remember to RSVP for these upcoming events:

- Human of October 7th
- Upside Down Purim Shabbat Dinner
- New Member Shabbat Dinner
- Freedom Song
- Second Night Seder

## Join us for Shabbat on March 15th, 2024!



Michael Hoffman



Brian Seymour

**Join us for a special Shabbat on March 15, 2024, featuring two distinguished guest speakers. Michael Hoffman, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, will acknowledge Temple Israel's generous donation of 20% of last year's Annual Appeal to the Federation's Israel Terror Relief Fund. Discover how these funds have been instrumental, as Michael sheds light on the impactful initiatives undertaken by the Federation. Additionally, community leader Brian Seymour, who has represented our community on two missions since October 7th, will captivate us with his experiences in Israel. Gain insights into the challenges faced and learn how our community can continue to provide support for Israel and one another during these trying times.**



# From Our Director of Development

## Traci Braun



Dear Temple friends,

I hope this message finds you happy and in good health. As the Development Director at TI, it brings me immense pleasure to share some exciting updates and express my gratitude for your support and dedication to our Temple community.

First, I am proud to announce that we exceeded our 2023 Annual Appeal goal, collecting more than \$105,000. Thanks to Don Carter and all other TI members who contributed to the Annual Appeal.

Next, our Centennial Book turned out beautifully. This book includes a detailed history of the synagogue (written by Karen Davis), personal stories from members, and much more. A big shout out to Elaine Feldmesser, without whom this project could not have been completed.

Finally, our President's Circle

(tirelessly chaired by Michael and Amy Jonas) continues to grow. We would like to welcome the following new members: Michelle Jacobson and Dean Peterson, Howard Kaslow & Brigitte Merey, Tami Lesser, Joel & Irene Levine, Cindy McDonald, Paul Rubin, and Joan Schneider & Jonathan Brucks.

As we look towards our future with excitement and enthusiasm, I urge you to remain engaged and involved in our Temple's endeavors. Thank you again for your unwavering support and dedication.



**On February 7th, Rabbis Carlie and Ryan Daniels and Director of Development Traci Braun proudly presented Temple Israel's contribution of \$27,200 to Michael Hoffman, President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, for the Israel Terror Relief Fund. This contribution will undoubtedly make a difference in Israel, reflecting our community's collective compassion and commitment to making the world a better place. A sincere thank you to each individual who played a vital role in the success of our 2023 Annual Appeal, with 20% all of contributions specifically allocated to the Israel Terror Relief Fund—we are truly grateful for your support.**

# Havanarisha Rash, Rash, Rash!

## Beth Pennamacoor, Director of Education & Youth Programming



Celebrating Purim in the U.S. has evolved. When I was a child, you dressed up as one of the characters in the Book of Esther. Today, we get superheroes, princesses, etc. You get the picture, or do you?

Those of you who did not attend religious school or do not recall the story in the Book of Esther, take the time and google the English translation. Our 21st-century rabbis are always telling us that there are modern stories that correlate with the ancient stories in the Torah. Well, in our world today, we are living the story of Purim. There is no conclusion yet, but we are working on it.

In the meantime, there are other traditions besides the costume parade. One tradition is *Mishloach Manot*, which translates as “sending of portions.” In layman's terms, you put a box of goodies together and give it to someone you love, someone who is having a hard time, or

even someone you don't know and want to see smile. In the Book of Esther, *Mishloach Manot* is given out to make sure there is enough food for everyone.

A *minhag*, or tradition, is to fill a decorated box, some in the shape of a three-cornered hat, and others in the shape of a Dunkin Munchkin box, with a variety of goodies. Typically, a *Mishloach Manot* box is filled with candy, a noisemaker, a bottle of grape juice or wine, a decorated mask, and stickers. Oh! I almost forgot the most important – *Hamantaschen*! Let me refresh your memory. *Hamantaschen*, a 3-cornered pastry or cookie, is named for the villain in the Book of Esther, Haman, who was known to wear a three-cornered hat. There is another symbol that is not as widely known, which is Haman's ears.

In our *Megillah* of Esther, there is a happy ending; the religious school is going to take that ending and run with it. TI Religious School is hosting a fundraiser that asks you to purchase a *Mishloach Manot* full of goodies for \$18.00 per box. Let me explain how this works:

1. Purchase a box/boxes and write who you would like them to go to. The recipients will receive a notice and a time as to when they can pick up their *Mishloach Manot*.

2. You can fill out the form to donate funds to the IDF, as Israeli soldiers are in need of many supplies. Your donation will certainly help them out.

Purim is also celebrated in Israel. Streets are closed off and everyone parades in costumes. The adults can celebrate with alcoholic beverages. It can get a bit rowdy in the streets of Israel during this holiday.

But, the most important thing that we as Jews should remember, is the freedom that was awarded to the Jews by Mordechai and his army, who valiantly fought for their freedom against the Amalekites and won. Freedom! That's what it's all about.

Who are you going to dress as this year at Purim? Don't forget, there are masks in the *Mishloach Manot* boxes! Or, decorate your own and come to Temple Israel to join in on the Purim celebration on Friday, March 22, 2024.



# President's Circle

## Amy & Michael Jonas, Co-Chairs



Temple Israel has a heart, a *lev*, which has been beating for more than 100 years. It also has a soul, a *nefesh*, which has been on display through service to and action within our community since

the inception of our Synagogue.

Several years ago, a core group of our congregants made it their business to provide sustenance for TI's *lev* and *nefesh*. Conceived in 1995 by Harvey Goldberg, z"l and Zelda Mason, the President's Circle is that core group continually growing and feeding our Temple's heart and soul.

We appreciate all of our congregants, but occasionally

a special thanks is deserved. On Saturday, February 10th, the President's Circle was thanked with "A Night At The Opera – At The Temple" cocktail reception and a performance by performers from the University of Miami Frost School of Music. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and generous spirit; we eagerly anticipate the next President's Circle event, continuing to celebrate the vibrant essence of Temple Israel together.





# Membership Committee

## Michell Escobar & Terry Hork, Co-Chairs



January and February were full months at Temple Israel: the Annual Meeting, the Rabbis Daniels' Installation, MLK Shabbat, a successful Croquet Lunch & Learn, a brunch after Torah Study, and, of course, the Membership Committee's meeting. The next few months will also be filled with interesting events and programs.

The New Member Shabbat is coming up on Friday, April 5th. Joan Schneider and Sondra Hoffman will be co-chairing the special evening. Ellen & Ron Goldenson and Terri & Richard Small will co-chair the 2nd night Seder on April 23rd.

Two additional "new" events are below:

If you've ever wondered how elections are conducted in Palm Beach County, you will want to join your Palm Beach County Elections Team for an ELECTIONS EXPERIENCE TOUR on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:00 am. This is a free, one-hour walking tour through the Palm Beach County Voting Equipment Center in Riviera Beach. Here is your chance to meet the Elections Team, who will lead you on a private tour to see how elections are run in Palm Beach County, from start to finish. It is a fascinating learning experience on how ballots are mailed, verified, and tabulated to ensure every vote counts. This is a non-partisan event. You must RSVP as space is limited. Registration is required before you enter the building, along with an acceptable form of identification (Driver's License

or State I.D. Card). To reserve your spot now, visit [Temple-Israel.com/vote](https://Temple-Israel.com/vote).

It's been almost a year to the date when we kicked off this expanded membership committee. We have accomplished much this past year. We demonstrated what a strong, active, working committee can do. The next Membership Committee meeting will be an OPEN Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 26th from 5 to 7 pm at Temple. We will try something new for this meeting. Current committee members are encouraged to bring a friend who may be interested in becoming a committee member. We are opening up the meeting to anyone who wants to become more involved at Temple but doesn't know where to start. All of our meetings are friendly and productive. Join us for this opportunity and get involved!



**On February 17th, we had a wonderful time at Torah study, followed by a delicious brunch at Loic Bakery. Thank you to all who attended! (Not pictured: Michell Escobar)**

# Brotherhood

## Carlos Escobar, President



Welcome Temple Israel Brothers and Sisters. It's great to see that the number of congregants returning continues to increase to pre-pandemic levels. Shalom!!

Brothers, in January 2024 we wished our Brotherhood President, Howard Solomon, a farewell and thanked him for his leadership this past year. I look forward to meeting all of you at Temple Israel's upcoming activities in 2024.

No need to worry, as the following activities continue to be a tradition and will be featured in our 2024 calendar:

Annual Family BBQ (ShaBaBeQue), Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat, Brotherhood in the Sukkah, Spring Training Baseball (March 16th, 6:00 pm, NY Mets vs. Houston Astros), Youth Scholarship, Annual Chanukah Candle Distribution, and Annual Brotherhood Steak Dinner, just to name a few. This summer and fall, Brotherhood plans to introduce new activities that we are hopeful will create and build on your Jewish experiences.

Our Brotherhood meetings take place the first Thursday of each month. If you're interested in attending our board meetings, please reach out to our David Minkow, Brotherhood VP, at [dkminkow@gmail.com](mailto:dkminkow@gmail.com). We are currently revising Brotherhood's mission statement to reflect our

purpose moving forward, as we remain committed to supporting community, Jewish experience, connection, social action, religious school, and *tikkun olam*.

We know that everyone has busy lives and although you may not be able to attend or participate in all of our activities, we welcome your ideas and look forward to discussing them.

Don't miss the March 16th baseball game at the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches featuring the NY Mets vs the Houston Astros. TI's very own Cantorial Soloist, Suzanne Guinane, will be singing the National Anthem.

I look forward to hearing from and meeting you soon!



In January, our Clergy team and several TI members took a tour of The Lord's Place, an organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County. We explored their new facility, learned about their impactful programs, and enjoyed a delicious lunch. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership!

# Sisterhood Corner

## Sondra Hoffman, President



I am delighted to serve as Sisterhood President and feel blessed to serve with the talented and dedicated group of women on our board. The sisterhood board works diligently to live its mission of fostering and furthering the highest ideals of Judaism as expressed by Rabbis Carlie & Ryan and our Synagogue, to promote fellowship among our members, and to be mentors for religious, social, and educational activities.

Several ways we foster fellowship within our Temple are through programming, participation, and collaboration with other committees, as well as contributing to weekly TI events. We strive to plan programs that engage and delight members of all ages.

Kudos to the entire committee who organized the installation of Rabbis Carlie and Ryan. It was a beautiful service. The praise from the Rabbis of their

former Chicago congregations reinforced how fortunate we are to have them as our clergy.

Reviews of past and upcoming events are as follows:

We hosted a Sisterhood Meet & Greet luncheon in January that provided an opportunity for 42 attendees (including many new Temple members) to meet one another and enjoy an afternoon getting to know more about our Rabbis, Temple staff, and sisterhood.

For those of you who attended the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat, I am sure you will agree that Jane Herring, Jan Rosenberg, Carlos Escobar, and David Minkow did an excellent job of chairing and organizing this event. We honored past brotherhood and sisterhood presidents and recognized both current boards for their service to TI.

Mark your calendars for the programs below and look in the TI emails and this Koleynu for more information.

Walk & Talk at Pan Gardens and Luncheon: This sold-out event was canceled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for March 17th at 11 am.

Brotherhood Family/Date Night at the Ball Field: Join us as the Astros play the Mets on March 16th at 6:00 pm (see flyer on pg. 30). Our own cantor, Suzanne Guinane, will sing the National Anthem!

Sisterhood Annual Fashion Show: This highly anticipated event has been rescheduled for May 5th in the social hall. Stay tuned for more information about ticket sales and how TI members can apply to be fashion show models.

Upcoming Events: We are in the planning stages with our Religious School parents and young adult community for a program that includes a nosh and relaxation after parent drop-off on a Sunday morning.

As always, we encourage existing and new member involvement in your sisterhood. We're a spirited group of women who will welcome you with open arms. Feel free to share your programming suggestions. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new TI members.

I am available to you should you have questions.



# Thank You!

## Thank You for Contributing to our Annual Appeal!

We are thrilled to announce the overwhelming success of our 2023 Annual Appeal: Together we raised a total of \$105,600! Thank you to everyone who generously contributed. The funds raised allow us to continue to sustain all that Temple Israel strives to provide our Jewish community - inspirational worship, leading-edge educational opportunities, innovative social action projects, and exceptional cultural programming.

In the spirit of giving back, we are proud to share that in total, with funds collected since October 7th, Temple Israel will contribute \$27,200 to the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach's Israel Terror Relief Fund. This meaningful contribution will undoubtedly make a difference in Israel, reflecting our community's collective compassion and commitment to making the world a better place.

We are grateful to Don Carter for his \$50,000 matching gift, inspiring others to participate through his generosity. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated Director of

Development, Traci Braun, for her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to making this campaign such a success.

A special thank you to the following individuals whose generosity has been instrumental in achieving our fundraising goals. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are immensely grateful for your support.

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# Recent Shabbats

## 1/5 Shabbat Honoring Our Board, Outgoing President, & Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

On January 5th, we came together to honor our outgoing president, Marty List, express gratitude to our board members, and celebrate the joyous occasion of Mark Feldmesser's second bar mitzvah! It was a night filled with gratitude, celebration, and fun, surrounded by cherished friends and family.





# Recent Shabbats

## 1/12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Interfaith Shabbat Celebration

From the community choir to our incredible guest speakers, Ricky Aiken and Reverend Kevin Jones, our Martin Luther King Jr. Day Interfaith Shabbat Celebration on January 12th was an amazing night of connection and inspiration!

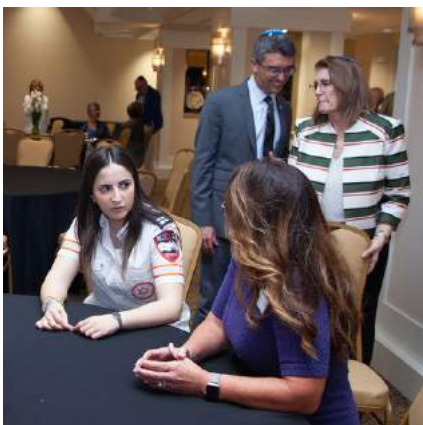
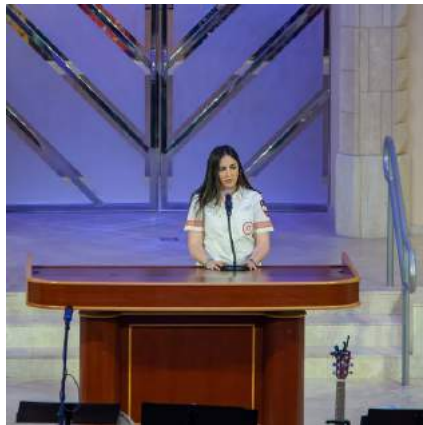




# Recent Shabbats

## 1/19 Shabbat Honoring Samara Vilca, Featuring Guest Speaker Noa Abitbul

On January 19th, we blessed Samara Vilca and extended our best wishes as she transitions to Massachusetts for her postdoctoral fellowship. We had the honor of hearing from Magen David Adom Paramedic Noa Abitbul, who shared her firsthand experience from October 7th and the challenging months since.





# Recent Shabbats

## 1/26 Shabbat & Dinner Celebrating the Installation of Rabbis Carlie & Ryan Daniels

Gratitude fills our hearts as we reflect on the incredible Installation ceremony of Rabbis Carlie and Ryan. Surrounded by the love and support of friends and family, we celebrated a momentous occasion. Here's to the inspiring journey ahead, guided by faith, community, and connection.





# Recent Shabbats

## 2/23 Shabbat & Dinner Honoring Brotherhood & Sisterhood

On February 23rd, we came together to honor our Brotherhood and Sisterhood, recognizing their invaluable contributions that have enriched our congregation. Following our Shabbat service, we enjoyed a delightful community dinner. It was a wonderful night of celebrating our TI community!





# Recent Events at TI!

## Croquet Lunch & Learn



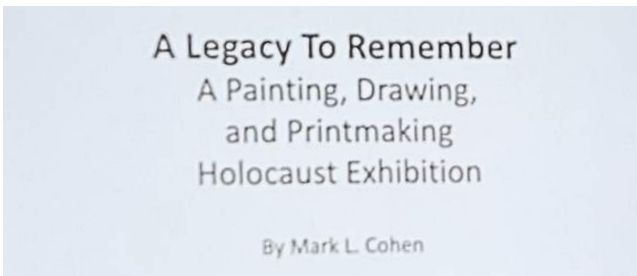
## Sisterhood Meet & Greet Luncheon





## Recent Events at TI!

### “Art as Tikkun Olam” at The Palm Beach Show



### Felix Mendelssohn's Oratorio *Elijah* with Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March Birthdays

2	Paul Zuckerberg	10	Diane Litwin	19	Rikki Bagatell
2	Paul Cohen	10	Deborah Hirsch	20	Jonathan Horowitz
2	Karen List	11	Lawrence Abramson	23	Adrienne Fransas
2	Justin Tannenbaum	11	Barbara Thrasher	24	Alexandra Skaletsky
7	Cheryl Cordes	11	Elias Torres-Nussbaum	26	Samantha Feuer
8	Bennett Harris	16	Jane Warshaw	27	Caren Zisson
8	Edward Elson	18	Laurel Robinson	27	Terri Small
9	Joi Lynn Young	19	Allan Adelson	29	Marsha Fishbane
9	Jeffrey Hirsch	19	Sherri Gilbert	30	Cherri Alexander

## April Birthdays

1	Barbara Gray	9	Jacob Green	24	Jonah Berlin Hoffman
1	J. D.Small	11	Jay Jacknin	25	Isaiah Torres-Nussbaum
3	Arthur Blumer	13	Lynn Jeffery	26	Ruth Abramson
4	Rex Bone	13	Patricia Ribakoff	26	Valerie Eaton
4	S. Lawrence Schlager	14	Andrew Levy	26	David Bush
5	Liam Matias	16	Sandra Hollin	26	Alexa Sherr Hartley
5	Bernice Allison	17	Roslyn Leopold	28	Georgia Newman
6	Selma Horowitz	18	Maggie Douglas	28	Mark Cohen
6	Susan Sachs	18	Sy Douglas	29	Pamela Wiener
7	Jade Sirkin	18	Shelia Lutin	30	Hugo Ottolenghi
7	Carol Weber	19	Tali Green	30	Judy Preefer
7	Richard Rieser	20	Kodi Laskin	30	Karen Davis
9	Ava Sirkin	21	Madeline Hackman	30	Ashley Devore
9	Don Carter	22	Nancy Horowitz		

## March Anniversaries

18	Angela & Clyde Szuch
20	Marty & Karen List
21	Herbert & Phyllis Siegel
30	Robert & Ellen Wacks

## April Anniversaries

11	Jeffrey & Amy Devore
12	Neal & MJ Rothschild

**Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring food baskets to support the Alpert Jewish Family Service food pantries. We are proud to have collected \$1,800 in 2023 and present our donation to help provide kosher food to vulnerable Jewish families who are experiencing food insecurity. To sponsor a basket (\$175 - \$250), please contact the TI office at (561) 833-8421.**



# Contributions

**As of 2-23-24**

*We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Israel by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.*

*Please note the below does not include donations towards our clergy's discretionary accounts or brotherhood/sisterhood.*

## GENERAL DONATION

*in honor of*

**Roberta Cirino, Tamekia  
Graham & Traci Braun**

Ruth Salkin

**The birth of Nancy & Barry  
Horowitz's granddaughter,  
Ellie Mae Horowitz**

Larry & Patti Abramson

Jeffrey & Suzette Gingold

Jeffrey & Linda Hirsch

Michael & Amy Jonas

**Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

Ira & Judith Baker

James & Gee Gee Eisenberg

Paul & Carole Klein

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**Marty List's Presidency**

Jeffrey & Linda Hirsch

Michael & Amy Jonas

*in memory of*

**Leslie Bard**

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**Bette Gilbert**

Jeffrey & Linda Hirsch

Paul & Carole Klein

**Ava Gottlieb**

**Lorraine Schleimere**

**Adeline Weigler**

**Martin Wortzman**

Douglas & Rena Weigler

## ADULT EDUCATION

*in honor of*

**Ibby Lucas**

Janice Rosenberg

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH DONATION

*in honor of*

**Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

Natalie Fromkin & Bob Neuman

Alice Kestenbaum

## BEAUTIFICATION FUND

*in honor of*

**The Escobar's Beautiful Family  
Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

Fred & Adrienne Weissman

**Linda Solomon's Speedy  
Recovery**

Temple Israel Sisterhood

*in memory of*

**Burton Salkin**

Ruth Salkin

## CONTINUING JEWISH EDU.

*in honor of*

**Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

Michael & Amy Jonas

**Nancy & Barry Horowitz's  
granddaughter, Ellie Mae  
Horowitz**

James & Gee Gee Eisenberg

**Ibby Lucas' Birthday**

Ruth Salkin

## FOOD BASKET DONATION

*in memory of*

**George Brucks**

**Marilyn Schneider**

Joan Schneider & Jonathan Brucks

**Morris Kraft**

Zelda Mason

## KRAFT CULTURAL DONATION

*in honor of*

**Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

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**Beryle Goverman's Birthday  
Marty List's Retirement as  
Co-President**

**Zelda Mason's JFS Honor**

Harriet Miller

**Linda Solomon's Birthday**

Zelda Mason

*in memory of*

**Morris Kraft**

Zelda Mason

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*in honor of*

**Charle Eaton's First Board  
Meeting as President**

Mark & Elaine Feldmesser

**Nancy & Barry Horowitz's  
granddaughter, Ellie Mae  
Horowitz**

Michael J. Gelfand & Mary Arpe

## RHS LECTURE SERIES

*in honor of*

**Eileen Shapiro's Birthday**

Jim & Eunice Baros

## TREE OF LIFE FUND

*in honor of*

**Mark Feldmesser's 2nd Bar  
Mitzvah**

Mark & Elaine Feldmesser

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## **TZEDAKAH**

*in memory of*

**Bryna Mandel Wortman**  
Richard & Linda Yosinoff

## **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

*in honor of*

**Patti Abramson's Birthday**  
**Sarajane Marell's Birthday**  
Scott & Georgia Newman  
**Nancy & Barry Horowitz's**  
**granddaughter, Ellie Mae**  
**Horowitz**

Jim & Eunice Baros

**Ibby Lucas**

Janice Rosenberg

*in memory of*

**Leslie Bard**

**Dr. Abba Terr**

Janice Rosenberg

## **VINEBERG FLORAL FUND**

*in memory of*

**Martha Engel**

Edward Sanders & Ronni Kaplan

**Anne T. Goodman**

Murray & Joanie Goodman

## **WARREN CANFIELD CHOIR/ MUSIC FUND**

*in memory of*

**Leah Rubin**

**Louis Rubin**

**Martha Kodish**

Irv & Lisa Silver

## **YAHREZIT DONATION**

*in memory of*

**Nathan Abramson**

Ruth Abramson

**Marian Hannah Alzofon**

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Robert Blank

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**Burton Kreisworth**

Renee Kreisworth

## **YAHREZIT DONATION (CONT.)**

*in memory of*

**Robert Lichtenberg**

Howard & Eileen Shapiro

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Marlene Ganz Bogard

**Chana Nieuchowicz**

Michael Nieuchowicz

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**Uzi Sharf**

Shoshana Walner

**Fanny Terr**

Isabel Lucas

**Deborah Webber**

Deanna Roos

**Louise Zacune**

Frances Heizler

## **Become a Temple Israel Greeter!**

What better way to meet people and make new friends than to be a greeter at Temple Israel's services and events or an usher at our High Holy Day services?

For more information, contact Mark Simkowitz at [mgoose54@aol.com](mailto:mgoose54@aol.com) or 561-762-7947.



**For a list of resources, information, events, and ways to support Israel, please visit our website [www.Temple-Israel.com/SupportingIsrael.com](http://www.Temple-Israel.com/SupportingIsrael.com).**





# Adult Education

## UNCOVERING THE LITURGY

It's all Hebrew to me! Join Rabbi Carlie to break down the Shabbat service prayer by prayer as we explore the background and meaning about some of the most common prayers that we use on Shabbat and holidays.

2/7, 3/6, & 4/3 at 7 PM

Participate either in person or via Zoom

RSVP NOW AT:  
[TEMPLE-ISRAEL.COM/  
LITURGY](https://temple-israel.com/liturgy)

Please note: Zoom  
information will be sent  
out to those who RSVP



## HEBREW 101

An Adult Education Class



WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 6TH - APRIL 17TH

@ 12 PM

Have you ever wished to read the Siddur without relying on transliteration? Look no further – this class is for you! Join Beth Pennamacoar, Director of Education & Youth Programming, and special guests to learn the Hebrew alphabet and kickstart your journey to reading Hebrew from day one! Bring your own lunch. Be sure to mark your calendars for a special "graduation" luncheon on the final day of class! Class is free for TI members, \$36 for guests.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW AT  
[TEMPLE-ISRAEL.COM/HEBREW](https://temple-israel.com/hebrew)

## HUMANS OF OCTOBER 7TH

A photography exhibit & conversation  
with Erez Kaganovitz



Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 12 pm  
Temple Israel

1901 N Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach

RSVP for program & lunch. \$18 per person.  
[Temple-Israel.com/humans](https://temple-israel.com/humans)



## WE WERE SLAVES. WE WERE FREED. LET'S EAT.

THURSDAYS, APRIL 4, 11 & 18 AT 7:00 PM

So says the Simple Child at the Passover Seder. However, the Wise Child begs for deeper meaning. Join Rabbi Ryan to explore themes of the Passover Seder, particularly messaging around social justice.

Study Rabbinic texts on Passover and social justice, and learn modern rituals to help bring deeper meaning to your Seder this year.

Participate either in-person or via Zoom.

RSVP at [Temple-Israel.com/lets-eat](https://temple-israel.com/lets-eat)





# Adult Education

## FREEDOM SONG

ONE FAMILY'S STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION.  
ONE NATION'S PATH TO RECOVERY.

**Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 4 pm**

Temple Israel  
1901 N Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach

Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish residential recovery facility, brings *Freedom Song*, a musical about addiction and recovery, to Temple Israel. The cast of this original musical are not actors: they are individuals in recovery who have broken off the shackles of destructive behaviors. Using song, dance, tears and laughter, and a powerful post-show discussion with the cast, *Freedom Song* will open your eyes to the real-life struggle against the 'bondage of self' that many fight every day.

**RSVP for performance & discussion. \$18 per person.**  
[Temple-Israel.com/freedom](http://Temple-Israel.com/freedom)

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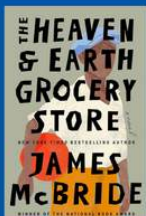
7:00 pm on Zoom



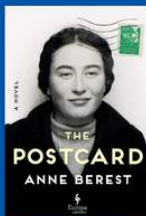
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Rabbis Carlie & Ryan Daniels



April 18, 2024  
Mary Arpe



May 16, 2024  
Kris Thurston



June 21, 2024  
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## Counting the Omer: Mystical & Mitzvah

**MONDAYS, 4/15, 5/13, & 6/10**  
**11:30 AM**

Immerse yourself in the mystical teachings of Counting the Omer with Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane! Join us as we explore the spiritual significance of this ancient tradition and sing the blessings in preparation for Shavuot.

**RSVP at**  
**[Temple-Israel.com/omer](http://Temple-Israel.com/omer)**

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## MUSSAR IN ACTION

Facilitated by Dr. Barry Horowitz &  
Rabbi Howard Shapiro

**DATES: 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**7:00pm – in-person with optional virtual access**



One of the core principles of Mussar is that each of us has a task in this world: to become the best version of ourselves that we can be. The Mussar teachers tell us that we do that best by putting into practice what we have learned about ourselves as we incorporate the lessons taught by this centuries old Jewish ethical tradition.

We will engage with the insights of R. Shlomo Wolbe (1914-2005) using his classic text *Alei Shur* as we strengthen the bonds of our community and engage with the world outside of the classroom. These are the Middot (soul traits) we will incorporate: truth, equanimity, alacrity, honor, humility and gratitude.

This course is free and open to all but we suggest an online donation of \$54 directly to the Mussar Institute in honor of Temple Israel for use of their materials and guidance.  
Register at <https://bit.ly/timussar> or scan the QR code.



# Adult Education

## SUPPORT IDF RESERVISTS

PLEASE JOIN LONGTIME TEMPLE MEMBER DEBORAH HIRSCH AS SHE SPEARHEADS A COLLECTION OF MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL



PURCHASE BASIC SUPPLIES ON OUR AMAZON WISH LIST. AFTER ADDING ITEMS TO YOUR CART, CHOOSE "JACQUIE" ON THE SHIPPING PAGE.



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## YOGA

Wednesdays Via Zoom

Facilitated by Ellen Goldenson

9:30 - 10:15 am - Mat Yoga  
10:30 - 11:30 am - Chair Yoga

- Improve strength, flexibility & overall well-being
- Gentle stretching & balance
- Use of "Yoga Shalom" techniques



For more info and Zoom access, contact the Temple Office at (561) 833-8421 or [tioffice@temple-israel.com](mailto:tioffice@temple-israel.com)

## Tikkun Olam: Take Action!

As we step into this election year, our community becomes a beacon of civic engagement. We invite you to join us in embracing the sacred act of voting, a value deeply rooted in Jewish tradition. Rabbi Yitzhak's wisdom from the Talmud echoes, "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted." Let your voice be heard, let your vote make a difference. To ensure you're an active participant in shaping the future, visit [www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/Register-to-Vote](http://www.votepalmbeach.gov/Voters/Register-to-Vote) for essential information on voter registration. Together, let us fulfill our commitment to *tikkun olam* through the power of our collective voice.



# Involvement Opportunities



## OPEN MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, March 26th from 5 - 7 pm  
at Temple Israel**

Temple Israel invites you to join us for our OPEN Membership Committee Meeting—an inclusive gathering where committee members are encouraged to bring along friends. Whether you're considering joining the committee or simply want to be more connected at Temple, this is the perfect starting point. Let's build connections and strengthen our community together!

A decorative poster for a Spring Soirée Shabbat. It features a light pink background with a border of colorful tulips in blue, pink, and purple. The text is centered and reads: "NEW MEMBER Spring Soirée SHABBAT", "Friday, April 5th, 2024", "6:30 pm - Shabbat Service", "7:30 pm - Reserved Dinner", "Celebrate our new members and the arrival of Spring with a special Shabbat service and dinner. Join us as we introduce new members and welcome them to our Temple Israel family.", "Open to all! RSVP for dinner by March 24th. \$18 per person.", and "RSVP: Temple-Israel.com/spring".

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*Spring Soirée*  
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## EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER EQUIPMENT SERVICE CENTER

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 10 AM**

**7835 CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL DR,  
RIVIERA BEACH, FL**

Have you ever wondered how elections are conducted in Palm Beach County?

Register for the one-hour walking tour for a unique learning experience on how ballots are mailed, verified, and tabulated to ensure every vote counts. Here is your chance to see first-hand how elections are run in Palm Beach County, from start to finish! Limited space available, RSVP now at:

**TEMPLE-ISRAEL.COM/VOTE**

RSVP required. An acceptable form of identification (Driver's License or State Identification Card) is required to enter the building.



## WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

**Every Shabbat (Saturday)  
at 9:30am**

**Facilitated by  
Rabbis Carlie & Ryan Daniels**

**In-Person and Via Zoom**  
*Check our eblasts or contact our Office  
for Zoom access info*

**FREE and open to the entire community**

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# Events for the Entire Family!

TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Mishloach Manot

FUNDRAISER

February 14th - March 24th

Celebrate the spirit of Purim by participating in our Mishloach Manot Fundraiser! Mishloach Manot, a cherished tradition, involves exchanging gift boxes filled with delectable treats.

Kindly consider purchasing a gift box (\$18 each) for a fellow congregant or making a donation. All proceeds will be allocated to our religious school, with 20% of funds donated in support of the IDF.

Participate in the Fundraiser at  
[Temple-Israel.com/fundraiser](http://Temple-Israel.com/fundraiser)



NEW YORK METS VS HOUSTON ASTROS

MARCH 16, 2024 AT 6 PM

THE BALL PARK OF THE PALM BEACHES

5444 Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach 33407

Children under 18 & sponsors are complimentary.  
To help underwrite the cost of this event, please consider becoming sponsor, contributing minimum \$100.  
For more information, contact David Minkow at 407-399-3047 or [dkminkow@gmail.com](mailto:dkminkow@gmail.com)

RSVP REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 14, 2024.  
RSVP at [www.Temple-Israel.com/baseball](http://www.Temple-Israel.com/baseball)

MANDEL JCC  
PALM BEACH GARDENS



7TH ANNUAL

ONE  
BIG  
PURIM

Sunday, March 24

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Preschool Age Children and Siblings

9:30 - 10:30 am

All Ages

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

RIDES • BOUNCE HOUSES • DJ • PIZZA • CARNIVAL SNACKS  
QUIET SENSORY ROOM BY TEMPLE BETH DAVID • AND MORE!

The JCC will be hosting a food drive benefiting the Alpert Jewish Family Service Kosher Food Pantry. Please bring a non-perishable kosher food donation to the carnival such as applesauce, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, vegetarian soup and cereal.

Save time at the door - RSVP in advance! [JCCOnline.com/purim](http://JCCOnline.com/purim)  
For more information contact Lissa at [LissaS@JCCOnline.com](mailto:LissaS@JCCOnline.com) or 561-712-5221

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## WHOLE SELF

A place for Jewish LGBTQ+ teens and their allies to be  
their self... their Whole Self.

### Future Program Dates

8/20/23 - Meet with Keshet

10/15/23 - Painting Pottery (off-site)

12/10/23 - Social Action Project to Support Women in Distress

1/21/24 - Library - Rainbow Round Table

2/25/24 - Come Meet the Leaders of Compass

March Dates TBD - Pride Celebration

4/28/24 - Celebration at the Beach



Find us on Instagram: @wholeselffl

For questions or more information, contact  
Kodi Laskin at [wholeselfFL@gmail.com](mailto:wholeselfFL@gmail.com)  
or Beth Pennamacoor at [beth@temple-israel.com](mailto:beth@temple-israel.com)



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# Holidays

## PURIM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

**Friday, March 22nd, 2024**

**5:00 pm Family Experience with PJ Library**

**6:30 pm Upside Down Purim Shabbat Services**

**7:30 pm Community Dinner (\$18 per person)**

**RSVP for Dinner at  
[Temple-Israel.com/Purim](https://Temple-Israel.com/Purim)**



## Temple Israel's Second Night Community Seder

**Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024**

**Seder begins at 5 pm, Dinner begins at 6 pm**

**We invite our Temple Israel family and friends from the community to join  
Rabbis Carlie and Ryan Daniels and Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane.**

**Co-Hosts: Ellen & Ron Goldenson and Terri & Richard Small**

**For Early  
Bird Prices,  
RSVP by  
3/22!**

### **Pricing:**

- **Member Adults: \$72 each (\$90 after 3/22)**
- **Non-Member Adults: \$85 each (\$100 after 3/22)**
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	01 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	02 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
03 9:30am - Chat & Chew 9:30am - Religious School	04	05	06 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101 7:00pm - Uncovering the Liturgy	07	08 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	09 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
10 10:00am - Religious School Visit to Miami Holocaust Memorial	11	12 12:00pm - Humans of October 7th 7:00pm - Mussar in Action	13 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101	14	15 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	16 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study 6:00pm - Brotherhood Baseball Night
17	18	19	20 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101	21 7:00pm - TI Reads Book Club (via Zoom): "Exodus" by Leon Uris	22 6:30pm - Upside Down Purim Shabbat	23 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
24 10:30am - One Big Purim! with JCC 31	25	26 5:00pm - Open Membership Committee Meeting	27 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101	28	29 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	30 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study

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31	01	02	03 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101 7:00pm - Uncovering the Liturgy	04	05 6:30pm - New Member Spring Soiree Shabbat Services	06 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
07 4:00pm - Freedom Song Performance & Discussion	08	09 7:00pm - Mussar in Action	10 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101	11	12 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	13 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
14 9:30am - Chat & Chew School 9:30am - Religious School	15 11:30am - Counting the Omer	16	17 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 12:00pm - Hebrew 101	18 10:00 am - Exclusive Tour of PBC Voter Equipment Center 7:00pm - TI Reads Book Club (via Zoom): Book TBD	19 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	20 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
21	22 First Night of Passover	23 5:00pm - Second Night of Passover Seder Community Dinner	24 9:30am - Mat Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga	25	26 6:30pm - Shabbat/Friday Night Worship Services	27 9:30am - Weekly Torah Study
28 9:30am - Religious School	29 6:30pm - Yizkor Service of Remembrance (Last Day of Passover)	30 5:00pm - Open Membership Committee Meeting				



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**March 12th**

**"Humans of October 7th" Photography Exhibit**

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**March 22nd**

**Upside Down Purim Shabbat Celebration**

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**April 23th**

**Second Night Community Seder**

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