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## Rabbi's Message

As I write this Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching and Chanukah, the Festival of Light amid the darkness is not far behind. I also write this article the week after the terrorist attacks in France, amid regular attacks against civilians in Israel, and as political discussions focus on the intensely painful debate over welcoming refugees or potentially not welcoming them. Legislation has even moved forward in Congress which makes it more difficult for the United States to welcome refugees from Syria.



Terrorism is pernicious, it causes insidious harm. Not only does it instill fear in the society targeted, but its backlash is broad based against those likened to the perpetrators. Anti-immigrant sentiments worldwide, and especially anti-Muslim ones, are at a high level. Rhetoric that once would have been limited to only extreme right wing circles is now found all too well accepted in public conversation.

Muslim Americans find themselves suspected. Innocent Syrian refugees fleeing from a war that has torn apart their nation find themselves depicted as a threat. Of course, nations must do their best to ensure the security of their population. Without a doubt, they should do their utmost to ensure that no known threats are allowed to enter alongside the innocent. Yet at the same time, the possibility of threat cannot be allowed to trump, pardon the pun, our values.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER 4

5:00 p.m. Kids' Craft Time  
5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social  
6:00 p.m. Family Hanukkah Shabbat  
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and Potluck

### DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
with Torah Discussion  
7:00 p.m. JAM Out! Event at  
Tangerine Food Company

### DECEMBER 6

12:30 p.m. Teen Talk at  
Great China Restaurant

### DECEMBER 11

5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### DECEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
with Torah Discussion

### DECEMBER 13

1:00 p.m. YG Hanukkah Party  
4:00 p.m. Sunday Symposia: December  
Dilemmas at Eatery A

### DECEMBER 18

5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
with Torah Discussion

### DECEMBER 25

5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat

### DECEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
with Torah Discussion

### JANUARY 1

5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social  
6:00 p.m. Classic Shabbat

### JANUARY 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
with Torah Discussion

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# President's Comments

As you are reading this, many of us are preparing for Chanukah: Our Festival of Lights. Many of us are also preparing for Christmas as half of all Reform Jews have non-Jewish spouses and 80 percent of those who married between 2000 and 2013 wed non-Jewish spouses. Just last month, my son joined the 80 percent by marrying a woman who is non-Jewish.

I have mentioned before how welcoming our Temple is to interfaith families and how the Reform Movement itself is focused on welcoming intermarried families. You will hear more about this part of the Movement from Alan Adato and Dana Yentis Dickson, who both attended the URJ biennial last month along with Sally Frank, who sits on the URJ board. It continues to be important to our congregation to take advantage of what the URJ can offer us both in terms of worship and clergy, but also in programming and technical support.

This is also the time of year when people consider charitable gifts to organizations they support or admire. I would ask that you consider making a gift to the Temple as part of your end-of-year donations. We continue to struggle each month making ends meet as



our Temple membership has declined and we have lost many higher paying members in the past few years.

Enjoy your holidays this season, whatever your holiday is, and include our Temple as part of your celebration whether by coming to Shabbat services during Chanukah or participating in a Christmas Eve program of community service. This is indeed the season....

**Happy Chanukah, Judy Shkolnick**

## Rabbi's Message

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We are a nation of immigrants. We are a nation of people, many of whom fled religious persecution in search of freedom. We are a nation who so prized our welcoming nature as to enshrine it on the Statue of Liberty in the words of Emma Lazarus' "New Colossus":

*"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Remember that we were strangers, ourselves. We were among those tired, poor, and huddled masses. And too many times, we found ourselves turned away. We know how that feels too.

May the lamp we hold aloft always be a beacon light of hope, not a searing lamp of inquisition.

Let us do our best to keep America safe and secure, but let us do so with the utmost of compassion.

**Rabbi David Kaufman**



CHINESE FOOD AND A MOVIE

*Celebrate A Temple  
Christmas Tradition!*

This year on Dec 24, we'll be renewing a tradition: Chinese Food and a Movie! We will not be doing a formal event, but many of us will be having dinner at Great China Restaurant and then attending a movie at Cobblestone Cinema. We hope to see you there!

# Executive Director's Message

Early in November I was once again able to attend the annual NATA (National Association of Temple Administrators) conference. By far the greatest highlight of this conference was the Mitzvah Project that many of my colleagues and I participated in. This year we volunteered at Give Kids the World Village. Give Kids the World Village is a 79-acre, nonprofit "storybook" resort in Orlando, where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free fantasy vacations.

Having a chance to speak with some of the parents of the children there, I wasn't surprised to learn that for many of them the highlight of their trip was not their visits to theme parks in the area, but rather being able to stay in a place where their children didn't have to worry about anything and they felt welcomed and loved by the people there. I know that for me I have never been so proud to have such vast knowledge of Star Wars and Marvel Super Heroes, which allowed me to connect and interact with some of the children there, and hopefully make their experience as fun and special as it was for me.

As I came home from the NATA conference I was pleasantly surprised to see how much the renovation of the lower level had progressed, and my experience in Florida reminded me just how important that work is. Right now work is being completed on an elevator that will connect the upper and lower level and a new handicap accessible entrance that is being installed (see photos below).



Making our building more accessible may not seem like a big deal, but for some it can make all the difference in the world. Inscribed on our building are the words "Love Thy Neighbor" and the work that is being done on our building is just one small, but important step in making sure we love and welcome everyone who comes to our Temple.

***Shalom, David Muenchrath***



**ATTENTION CONGREGANTS:** The Caring Committee is looking for people to help. The Temple would like to do a better job keeping in touch with our congregants who are not as mobile as they once were or who would just like to hear a friendly voice once in awhile. The drivers would transport people back and forth to services or events at the Temple. Please contact either Erin in the office or Jill Musin, 515-222-3064, if you are interested in helping or if you need some help. If you are looking to volunteer for an easy, small job at the Temple, this will be ideal for you!!

# Notes from Reform Judaism's 73rd Biennial Convention

## FROM ALAN ADATO:

As president-elect, I had the honor of representing Temple at the Union for Reform Judaism's 73rd Biennial Convention held in Orlando from November 4 through 8. Dana Dickson and Sally Frank also attended. More than 5,000 people participated in an educational and inspiring 5-day conference that consisted of morning and evening plenaries, learning sessions throughout the day and special programming that incorporated the following topics; Strengthening Congregations, Audacious Hospitality, Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) and Transforming Text.

Each day started and ended with a plenary where everyone gathered for programs that were inspirational and energetic. One morning, we listened to a panel discussion with Cornell Brooks, the President and CEO of the NAACP, Stav Shaffir, a member of the Knesset, and Ari Shavit, columnist and author for Haaretz. Awards and tributes were also presented like the Debbie Friedman Award to Rabbi Danny Frelander for his lifelong commitment to Jewish music and the Reform Movement. A tribute to Rabbi David Saperstein, a U.S. ambassador and longtime Religious Action Center (RAC) Director. On Saturday evening, Vice President Joe Biden spoke and received a warm welcome from the audience. I can't forget to mention all the music. Performers like Dan Nichols, Eighteen, Chana Rothman, Alan Goodis, Neshama Carlebach just to name a few as well as a special choir performance by the cantors from the many synagogues.

Between plenaries, it was a time to divide and conquer and take part in the many learning sessions. One of the sessions entitled "Pivotal Moments: Interfaith and Intercultural Families at Lifecycle Events" discussed how each of our synagogues can embrace interfaith and intercultural families during key lifecycle events such as bris/baby namings, b'nai mitzvahs, weddings and funerals with transparency, openness, compassion and creativity. Another session I attended, "Let's Have Them at Hello: How to Make the First Contact Really Count!," discussed how we connect to the community begins with the first contact people make. The smallest

things can make a big impression on individuals such as playing Jewish music in the lobby as you enter, matching new families with existing families or providing name tags to congregants.

The last session I attended was "All In" with Chester Elton, an interactive and engaging session based on the business book "All In." Chester discussed how leaders can engage, enable and energize their team. As I think about the Temple Board, "All In" will help me create a vibrant, productive team where they believe that what they do matters and they can make a difference.

One of the most memorable moments of the convention was Shabbat services. I personally have never experienced a Shabbat service with 5,000 congregants! The music, the prayers and a reminder of our obligation to Audacious Hospitality resonated throughout the hall. It was a time to reflect about who we are as a community and how we can repair the world through Tikkun Olam. The service allowed each individual to be a part of an Aliyah. Imagine a large hall where several torahs are being held in every aisle. The rabbi would ask a group of people to step into the aisle and stand with the torah. By the time the last Aliyah was read, every person had participated in the torah blessings. What an incredible way to make everyone feel welcome and part of the community!

Over the course of five days attending learning sessions and networking with others, I realized our community here in Des Moines shares similarities to even the largest synagogues. No matter how large or small our synagogues may be, it's important that we come together to share our stories, our faults and our ideas. I walked away from the Biennial knowing that Temple B'nai Jeshurun is a part of a larger community we can all be proud in supporting.

I'd like to thank the Mandelbaum family and their financial support through the Mandelbaum Fund for making it possible to attend the Biennial. Please consider making a donation to the Mandelbaum Fund to ensure other members can participate in these important venues in the future.

## FROM DANA DICKSON:

Last month Alan Adato, Sally Frank, and I had the pleasure and honor of representing the Temple at the 73rd Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Orlando, Florida. It was a rewarding and nostalgic experience to be one among 5,000 rabbis, cantors, congregants, and Reform Jews who had chosen to attend this event.

I had been longing for this moment to reconnect to my days of NFTY past. My teenage years were devoted to the Temple Youth Group board. In four years, I never missed a conclave in the Missouri Valley Region. I traveled to LA my senior year of high school for the NFTY National Convention. NFTY defined my high school years. Somewhere on this planet exists a cassette tape recording of Shir Hama-alot featuring yours truly. That's where my Jewish adolescent journey ended.

I left for college, moved around a bit, and my once active Jewish upbringing became less of a focus as, much like my twenty-something peers, I tried to figure out my life path. My life lacked a Jewish social network. I didn't belong to a congregation and often had to be reminded it was a high holiday by my parents. I always identified myself as Jewish, and knew a day would come when I would reestablish my connection within a Jewish community.

At 7:45 in the morning, on the third day of Biennial, I found myself at a NFTY camp style song session in search of a Debbie Friedman fix. I sat in one of the back rows, quietly singing along, the words easily coming back to me as though camp had been a few months before rather than two decades ago. I felt the emotions rise within me and I fought back tears. It was a beautiful hour and a reminder of the power of music and togetherness.

Before attending the Biennial, an email was sent presenting four tracks (or themes) to choose from and follow throughout the week of the conference. I chose audacious hospitality. Audaciously hospitable is to be kind, open and inviting. As a religious organization, it is to know your audience, your congregants and community and find a way to be welcoming, warm and friendly. It appealed to me on several levels. As a

teenager, I found these qualities in my relationships and friendships in NFTY. They were unique and special. They had a sound and a feeling and were shared among a group of people who chose to come together with a common interest in mind. As an adult, I found my way back to the Temple to be part of this community and to feel this same sense of belonging and fellowship.

Biennial exists to bring members of Reform Jewish communities — from across the country — together to discuss the current ideology of the Reform Movement. It is progressive, accepting and inclusive. It was such a privilege to be a part of a group of like minded people who share the same concerns of keeping our communities strong and know the challenges that we face in retaining and increasing membership. This is a shared concern and we are each trying to identify new ways of keeping things fresh, open and interesting.

There is nothing more beautiful or uplifting than the sound of 5,000 Jewish voices singing the songs of Shabbat. Familiar and comfortable. This sound confirms the importance of doing all we can to strengthen our Jewish community and always offering audacious hospitality to all our members and guests. This ensures that we have a community year after year, decade after decade. As a congregant in an accepting interfaith marriage, a board member, a parent with bar and bat-mitzvah future dreams, I feel confident that Temple B'nai Jeshurun will continue to strive to strengthen our community and our congregation while also providing hospitality that is welcoming, all inclusive, warm and friendly.

The Biennial was a rich and enlightening experience. I sincerely thank the Temple, the Board, and the contributors to the Mandelbaum Fund for the opportunity to attend. It was a privilege and I look forward to sharing my experiences with our congregation.

# Youth Group Update

Shalom! By the time you read this, it might actually feel like winter. I say “might” because the weather seems to be far nicer than usual! Assuming that it is actually cold, you might be reading this while warming up over a delicious bowl of matzoh ball soup. The youth group, of course, has been and will continue to be busy as ever. In November, we started off our series of Teen Talks, events where we meet with the Rabbi at a restaurant and talk about current events and Jewish topics. At our first Teen Talk of the year, we met at Gusto Pizza Co. and had a great afternoon. I hope that we can continue to have great lunch discussions with great attendance!

I cannot write an article at this time of year without mentioning Hanukkah, which is perhaps the most exciting holiday for Jewish kids today. I myself have wonderful memories of lighting the candles on the menorah, and frosting cookies at Hanukkah Happenings. On November 22, DMTYG had great fun making Hanukkah happen (pun intended!) at the Temple’s annual Hanukkah Happenings! Games, food and music made it so fun for all the kids who came and for all of us who helped out!

Now, as I write this, Joe Biden is speaking at the URJ Biennial 2015. Although I wasn’t there, I watched the video feed, and for me, the most memorable part of his speech was his excitement as he talked about “meeting the president of NFTY.” He was so excited to hear the cheering from our peers who had traveled across the country to be there. To quote him, “NFTY is why the URJ you’ve worked for your whole life is gonna live on...They’re not only the future of the URJ, they’re the future of the country. I’m inspired by your commitment [to NFTY.]” Joe Biden is so right. Our youth are the future of Judaism, and the future of the country.

The support we have from our community is impressive not just to me, but is just as impressive to the Vice President of the United States of America.

In terms of upcoming events, the NFTY-MV Junior Youth Group chavurah is February 26-28. I know it still feels a while away, but it’s so important that I wanted to start mentioning it now. The DMTYG Board wants to make sure we have more Junior Youth Group involvement, and this chavurah is a great opportunity to get involved with NFTY. Our board has already started calling parents about it because we are so excited to bring more Temple youth into the fold. According to NFTY, this chavurah “is an opportunity to give our youngest members of NFTY a taste of what’s to come when they reach high school. It is a weekend-long event designed to allow Reform Jewish students from all over the Missouri Valley to meet each other, and engage in a weekend of socialization, fun and Jewish learning.”

In short, we’ve had an exciting year so far, and we’ve got even more cool events coming up. Thank you to the DMTYG Board, the Temple, and our community as a whole for continuing to support DMTYG in everything we do. As Joe Biden said at least ten times, “I’m being sincere.” We’ll see you at the next DMTYG event!

**Michael Adato**  
**DMTYG President**

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Current Board:  
Religious and Cultural VP: Andy Kaufmann  
Membership/Publicity VP: Ethan Adato  
Programming VP: Hanna Kaufman and Josh Sobel  
Social Action VP: Sarah-Rose Ballard  
JYG Representative: Ellie Kaufman

## Our Deepest Sympathies

Phyllis Fingerman (Sister-in-law of Lou Fingerman) • 11/20/15

Paul Mann (Father of Paul Mann) • 11/20/15

A black and white photograph of a menorah with lit candles and dreidels. The menorah is the central focus, with its seven branches holding lit candles. The flames are bright, and the wax is melting. The menorah is made of a dark metal, possibly silver or bronze, and has a Star of David on its base. In the foreground, there are several dreidels, some of which are lit. One dreidel is clearly visible with the word "GIMEL" and a symbol on it. The background is dark, making the lit candles and the metal of the menorah stand out.

## **Festival of Lights! Festival of Song!**

**Join us for two special Erev Shabbat events December 4 and 11,** featuring music of the season, presented by our own Temple musicians: Chuck Kuba, Ira Lacher, Lloyd Miller, Sam Miller, Steve Newman, Laura Sparks, and Tara Starr. You'll hear some old sing-along favorites, and new, inspiring songs that will remind you of the ancient miracle we commemorate today. (And for good measure, an entertaining surprise or two!) The December 4 Family Service will take place in the Social Hall, followed by a potluck dinner. The December 11 service will be in our beautiful Sanctuary. Make plans now to join us!



**Friday, January 22**



# Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will  
be read on Friday, December 4,  
and Saturday, December 5:**

Stanton Coleman  
A. Arthur Davis  
Edward Masters  
Marjorie Zerlin  
Steven Frederick  
Mabel Pomerantz  
Claire B. Frank  
Sam Abramson  
Esther Josephson  
Isidor Karp  
Serna Lerner  
Marjorie Sheurman Kahn  
Lillian Margolin  
Elizar Pinchas Musin  
Clair Patterson  
Henry Schein  
Harriet G. Zagel

**The following names will  
be read on Friday, December 11,  
and Saturday, December 12:**

Sophia Moohr Adler  
Harry Cohen  
Morris O. Kahn  
Manassa A. Sheurman  
Louis Wolf  
Deena Davidson Friedman  
Max M. Friedman  
Lester G. Gitchell  
Mary Kay Schuler  
Jonathan D. Cohen  
Dr. Solomon Greenhill  
Jerry Karbeling  
Bill Z. Luftman  
Harry Hoffman  
Allen Katz  
Fred Lorber  
Julius Samish  
Henry Corn  
Chaim Ziffren  
Alta Epstein  
Edward I. Frankel  
Anne Glauberg  
Lillie Harris  
Martin "Marty" Robinson  
Sydney Tabach  
Leonard Goldenson  
Ines Klein

Max B. Loeb  
Alex Pomerantz

**The following names will  
be read on Friday, December 18,  
and Saturday, December 19:**

Surella Corran  
Shire Kipnis  
Isadore S. Lipsey  
Bernard Pearlman  
Sylvia Bergman  
Lucille Druker  
Viola Leventhal  
George Morgenstern  
Lucille Robinson  
Etya Rosenblum  
Arianne Shrago  
Yetta Toubes  
Sidney Myer Zeff  
Joan Ginsberg  
Bess Haase  
Sara Werblousky  
Bernard Cowen  
John Lewis Jacobs  
Patricia Stuart  
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein  
Paul From  
Robert Gitchell  
Betty Jacobson  
Dorothy J. Kikoler  
Elmer Cohen  
George Jagiello

**The following names will  
be read on Friday, December 25,  
and Saturday, December 26:**

Rebecca Robinson  
Paula Katzmann  
James B. Oppenheimer  
Theresa Taylor  
Margit Wilson  
Esther Frank  
Jason Boyd Smith  
William Toran  
Besse Gottstein  
Estelle W. Mandelbaum  
Max Rosenberg  
Arlene Scheir  
Sidney Smuleson  
Ben Biber  
Jeffrey Morey Krum

Susan M. Wayne  
Janet Gellman Bailin  
Meyer Brody  
Stanley Hiersteiner  
Ann Kneeter  
Benjamin Shedle  
Steven N. Blank  
Minnie G. Gordon  
Heymen B. Kahn  
Jacob H. Ladin  
Shifra Robin  
Elaine Robinson  
Myron Rosenberg  
Philip Rubin  
Lillian Smith  
Stefany Weinberger  
Paula Weiss

**The following names will  
be read on Friday, January 1,  
and Saturday, January 2:**

Gertrude Davidson  
Mandel Feingold  
Janet Grossman  
Aubrey Perrin  
Rose Goldenson Stein  
Rose Wieder  
Marian Bradlin-Stern  
Virginia Pratt  
Kenneth Robert Butler  
Jeanne Trinder  
Joseph "Chick" Barricks  
Merrill Grossman  
Bernice Corn  
Phyllis Jagiello  
Barney Schwartz  
Morris Handleman  
Harry H. Press  
Lena Rovner  
Mildred Ladin  
Ester Purisman  
Delores (Doie) Robinson

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### TREE OF LIFE LEAF

L'CHAIM! THE PURNELL FAMILY  
 \*\*\* The Purnell Family



Rachel Waldorf, Assistant Camp Director  
 at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI),  
 will talk about camp after school on  
 Sunday, December 6.



**Mark Davis**  
 December 11

**Abe Goldstien**  
 December 28

# JAMOUT!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR EVENING OF  
**JEWISH ADULT MINGLING**  
COCKTAILS, HORS D'OEUVRES & SCHMOOZING!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2015**  
7:00PM

**TANGERINE FOOD COMPANY**  
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\$15.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP TO [DYDICKSON27@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DYDICKSON27@GMAIL.COM) BY WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND  
DRESS TO MINGLE

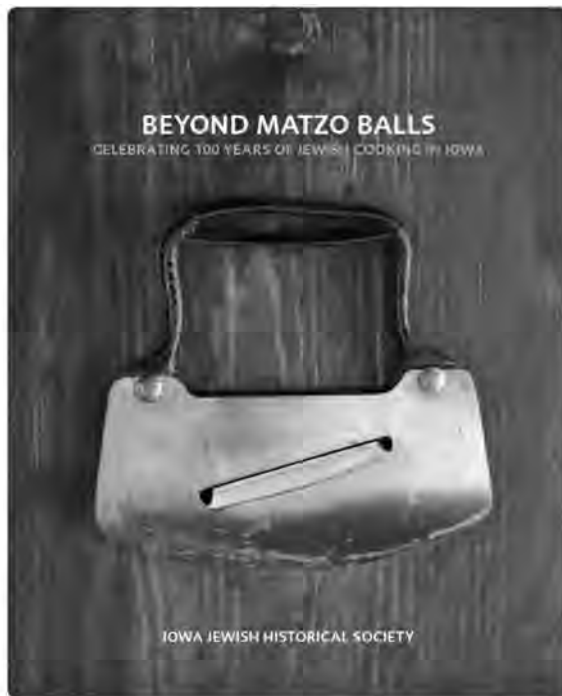
**JAM** IS A GROUP FOR JEWISH YOUNG ADULTS, 45 (ISH) & UNDER, MARRIED OR SINGLE,  
AS WELL AS THEIR SPOUSES - JEWISH OR NOT - CONNECTED TO TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN.

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**If at first you don't succeed,  
fry, fry again!**

- Happy Hanukkah from your friends at The Temple -



**THE IOWA JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS**

***Beyond Matzo Balls: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Cooking***

**You can pick up a copy of this recipe book at the Temple!**

**The books are \$36 each***Beyond Matzo Balls: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Cooking in Iowa* features a collection of Kosher and Kosher-style recipes from 138 contributors who shared their favorite family recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, meat, poultry, desserts, and more. Some of the recipes are left in the words of the contributor in order to preserve its particular history while others were edited to conform to today's standards.

Cookbooks have long been viewed as works of history. The archives of the Historical Society house numerous cookbooks, recipe cards, kitchen utensils, cupboards, aprons, and even an enamelware cup manufactured at the Schindler factory, where so many Jewish lives were saved. Many of these recipes have been passed down for generations and across continents. They are a link to our family histories and survival. Claudia Roden said it best in "The Book of Jewish Food:

Dishes are important because they are a link with the past, a celebration of roots, a symbol of continuity. They are that part of immigrant culture which survives the longest, kept up even when clothing, music, language and religious observance has been abandoned.

Jews across the globe have been creative in adapting the foods of the surrounding cultures to their Jewish dietary rules (Kashrut) and then carrying these new recipes with them from country to country. We are all a part of this tradition by just cooking and eating. Sharing meals is a celebration of life.

Our hope is that you will use these recipes as a launching pad to start your own family traditions, preserving them for future generations of Iowa Jews. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be used for the preservation and education activities of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.



**On April 3, 2016, Temple B'nai Jeshurun will host an auction to raise funds for our beloved Temple.** Please look through your home for items you would consider donating for this event. We would also welcome donations of services, event tickets and other items of value. For more information, contact Suse Cohen at 641-203-5399 or [susecohen@gmail.com](mailto:susecohen@gmail.com).

**Bring us your jewelry, artwork, furniture, vacation packages, restaurant coupons and other merchandise yearning to be auctioned for a good cause — your Temple!**



# December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> <li>5:15 PM Worship Committee</li> <li>5:30 PM Endowment Managers Meeting</li> <li>6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Granite City Brew Pub</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Adult Education Class: Mei Chanukah? – Oil, Wars, Light and Darkness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEO Lunch</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Craft Time</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Family Hanukkah Shabbat</li> <li>7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> <li>7:00 PM JAM Out! Event</li> </ul>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30 PM Teer Talk @ Great China in Ubandale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> <li>4:30 PM Temple Executive Board Meeting</li> <li>5:30 PM Temple Board of Trustees Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Luigi's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Cool Basil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Articles Due</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEO Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Hanukkah Music Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM YC Hanukkah Party</li> <li>4:00 PM Sunday Symposia: December Dilemmas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> <li>5:00 PM Drake Hillel Pasta Dinner</li> <li>6:30 PM YC Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Hibachi Buffet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Federation Senior Luncheon</li> <li>12:00 PM WEdo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEO Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Erev Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Machine Shed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temple Office Closed</li> <li>5:30 PM Dinner at Great China followed by movies at Cobblestone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temple Office Closed</li> <li>12:00 PM ROMEO Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Erev Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Machine Shed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Olive Garden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Monterey WDM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEQ Lunch</li> <li>5:00 PM ROMEQ Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Classic Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin Articles Due</li> <li>12:30 PM Teen Talk @ TBD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM YG Board Meeting</li> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Monterey WDM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM WEDo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation Trip</li> <li>12:00 PM ROMEQ Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Erev Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>	
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30 PM Teen Talk @ Temple or TBD</li> <li>1:00 PM YG Game Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch @ Nick's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEQ Lunch</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Erev Shabbat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>1:00 PM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>		
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</li> <li>5:15 PM Worship Committee</li> <li>6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM ROMEQ Lunch</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Craft Time</li> <li>5:30 PM Wine &amp; Cheese Social</li> <li>6:00 PM Family &amp; Classic Shabbat</li> <li>7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Torah Study</li> <li>10:00 AM Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion</li> </ul>		

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