

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

Recently in the United Kingdom, there has been a heated discussion of how to address rising Antisemitism, a.k.a. Hatred of Jews, among members of the progressive Labour Party. Harry Potter series author J. K. Rowling joined the discussion of frustration at what she was seeing and found herself attacked by haters on Twitter.

Haters argued such things such as “Jews are a religion, not a race.” People were actually arguing that only religious Jews were persecuted by the Nazis. Then arguing idiocy like, “Arabs can’t be Anti-Semitic because they are Semites,” when Antisemitism has never been about anything other than hatred of Jews and certainly Arabs can hate Jews. In fact, Jews who harbor or spread hatred of the majority of other Jews are Antisemitic by the most basic definition of the term, which at its heart means “One who hates Jews.”

One person quoted by Rowling wrote that it was culturally insensitive to accuse Muslims of Antisemitism. She responded to that one with, “When you understand bigotry in terms of ‘pick a team.’”



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Family and Classic Shabbat with Confirmation of 12th Graders and Senior Recognition
- 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and Potluck

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Asher Lipman Bar Mitzvah

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Board Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 11

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

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
- 7:00 p.m. Mahj & More!

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 9:00 a.m. TTS Women's Torah Commentary
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
- 7:00p.m. Tikkun L'eil Shavuot

FRIDAY, MAY 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 26

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Yizkor Shavuot

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

- 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social
- 6:00 p.m. Family and Classic Shabbat — Youth Group led Camp Service
- 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Potluck Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

- 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
- 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

- 11:00 a.m. Temple Short Story Book Club led by Joanne Brown
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

Rabbi's Message (continued)

Rowling wrote in response to her critics, "Split hairs. Debate etymology. Gloss over the abuse of your fellow citizens by attacking the actions of another country's government. Would your response to any other form of racism or bigotry be to squirm, deflect or justify?"

And when people noted that she was giving the trolls a platform, she replied: "I'm tired of this 'don't feed the troll' advice. Ignoring racist abuse leaves targets feeling isolated and unsupported. Hate loves silence, which it takes for consent."

Then she posted the "Basic Test for Antisemitism" by David Schneider, which is four questions long, along with the non-Antisemitic answers:

1. Do you accept that millions of Jews perished in the Holocaust? [Yes]
2. Do you think that Jews exercise undue influence on organisations/the government/the media/finance/your life? [No]
3. Do you treat Antisemitism in exactly the same way as hatred and prejudice against any other group, condemning it outright without any qualifying comment about, for instance, the suffering of other groups? [Yes]

4. Did you manage to answer 1-3 without moving the subject onto Israel/Palestine? [Yes]

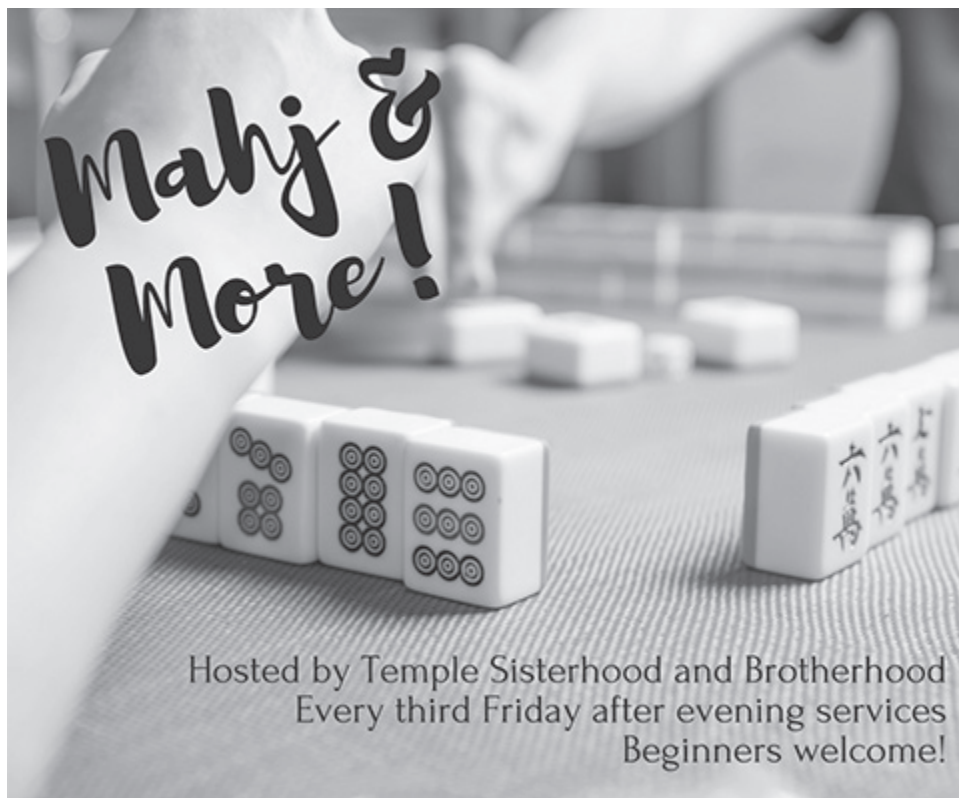
I am reminded that Rowling wrote the story of Harry Potter considering the history of Antisemitism and perhaps anticipated this very discussion. After all, among the most important and well-remembered quotes from the series are these: "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends." — Albus Dumbledore, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

"I am what I am, an' I'm not ashamed. 'Never be ashamed,' my ol' dad used ter say, 'there's some who'll hold it against you, but they're not worth botherin' with.'" — Hagrid, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

"We've all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That's who we really are." — Sirius Black, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

"Lumos!" Let there be light.

Rabbi Kaufman



Executive Director's Message

Recently I moved to a new home and along with that I started looking at new gyms. At most of the gyms I visited they would try to sell me on the value of membership at their gym, and sell me on their tiers of memberships. As someone that works out a lot, I should be interested in Executive Membership, where I could have my own locker, access to a personal trainer, and parts of the gym that not all members have access to. Instead of choosing the top tier membership I chose the standard membership, which was a little more in my price range, would allow me to bring my boys, and I knew I would still be able to get a good workout in.

I bring this up because it is one of the conversations brought up here at the Temple "What is the value of membership?" That is an important question to ask, and more importantly, it's an important question for everyone in our congregation to have an answer to.

Here at the Temple, long gone are the days where you might have tiers of membership. There are no numbers or name plates in the pews where you could reserve your seat for services. We don't have reserved parking spots for congregants except for a few handicap parking spots and a spot for the Rabbi. We don't sell tickets for the High Holiday services, which you might receive for free if your annual contribution to the congregation was high enough.

Here at the Temple no membership is different or at a higher level than any other. So what is the value of membership here? Here's my own answer. Being a member of the Temple means you have the opportunity to engage your Jewish faith through worship, spirituality, social action and educational programs offered here. Through that engagement, I believe that

it will lead to a richer and more meaningful life.

I know that I have experienced that in my own life. Though not Jewish myself, I have always felt welcomed, supported, and included in the community. I've built relationships that have helped me continue to grow as human being, and have a richer and more meaningful life. For example, two years ago I was approached about joining a Temple team that was doing the annual Fight for Air Climb downtown. We did it again this year. It was great knowing I was doing something that was good for me and for others. More importantly, it was great knowing I was doing it with people that felt the same way.

I hope that as a member of the Temple you have your own story of being welcomed, supported, and included in our great congregation. Those stories are the true value of being a member here, and we can't put a price tag on those experiences.

That being said, we still do need your support so that we can ensure that Temple members can continue to have those experiences from one generation to the next. As we begin to come to the close of our fiscal year, you will receive a few more statements from the Temple. Your fulfillment of what you have set as your annual contribution is what will ensure that all our members can experience the value of being part of a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive Jewish community.

Shalom,
David Muenchrath



David, Audrey Porter and Mark Davis **before** the race.



David, Audrey Porter and Mark Davis **after** the race.

President's Letter



If you haven't been to Temple recently, you've missed a lot! Temple is a place where you can remove yourself from the day-to-day hustle and bustle, relax and meet new people and just be Jewish, whatever that means to you. Here are just a few examples of the latest events and weekly programs taking place.

The Jewish Adults Mingle (JAM Group) got together at Up Down in the East Village to socialize and play arcade and pinball games from the '80's and 90's (remember Pac-Man, Centipede, Frogger and Mario Brothers?). The group got together at Tacopacocalypse for a quick bite and great conversation before heading over to Up Down. Look for another JAM Event later this summer.

The Passover Seder is one of the most popular holidays at Temple. The Seder was filled with delicious Passover foods you'd expect like matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, brisket and salmon. Even matzo pizza for the kids! Rabbi Kaufman led the Seder and was accompanied by wonderful Passover music provided by Ira Lacher, Laura Sparks, Sam Miller and Chuck Kuba. The kids always have a good time looking for the afikomen and the surprise gift afterwards! If you've never attended the Temple Passover Seder, I encourage you to bring your family and friends next year!

The Youth Group (grades 6th thru 12th) had a blast at their annual Mock Passover Seder! The Temple Youth Group enjoyed being with their friends, learning and celebrating the traditions of Passover.

Shabbat on Friday nights is the highlight of the week. Stop by Temple at 5:30 p.m. to attend the wine and cheese reception before services, where it's always nice to connect with new faces and old friends. Over the past year, our Temple board and other members have volunteered as greeters who welcome you and answer questions you may have about Temple.

Family Shabbat takes place the first Friday of each month. Join Rabbi Kaufman for a family-friendly service where moms, dads, grandparents and the kids participate in the service by singing songs and reciting blessings. A highlight of the service is when Rabbi

Kaufman gathers the kids around him for story time. After the service, a potluck dinner is served. Of course, you don't need to be a kid to be at Family Shabbat. All ages are welcome!

On the third Friday of each month, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood get together after Shabbat services for Mahj and More! Whether playing a round of cards or sitting down to Mahjong, you'll have a fun and relaxing night socializing with your friends. Bring your own game and have others join you. A light dinner and potluck dessert is served.

There are several events taking place Saturday mornings. Beginning at 9 a.m. there are two sessions of Torah Study; Traditional Torah Study and Weekly Text Study followed by a Shabbat service at 10 a.m.

Last month, several conversions took place. A conversion is a special event for those that have converted to Judaism. Mazel tov to the Pletcher family, Samantha Kemp Carlin, Jane Tew and Betsy Pike who recently converted. We are so excited having you be a part of our Temple family!

The Sisterhood is always on the go with many events. One event is the Sisterhood Breakfast Club which takes place at the Windsor Heights Hy-Vee the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am.

The Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch has been a mainstay at Temple for the past two years. Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., the men of TBJ gather at a different restaurant chosen by Rabbi Kaufman for a quick bite and socializing. Check the Temple website to see where lunch takes place each week.

Rabbi Kaufman offers a variety of adult education sessions each Thursday of the month. The first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. is Rabbi's Adult Education class. Last month, the topic was about the Holocaust. In May, topics include Angels in the Jewish Tradition and the Afterlife. Rabbi also leads his Ray Society class on the third Thursday of the month. In April, the discussion was about Understanding the World. In May, the topic Understanding the World continues.

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President's Letter (continued)

The Sisterhood ladies meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 12 Noon at different restaurants around town for fun and stimulating conversation. Watch for updates on locations.

The Brotherhood recently held a meeting and social event at Dehner's Distillery. Joe Dehner, a member of Temple, is the owner of Dehner's Distillery in Clive. Joe provided a tour of his distillery, discussed the distillery process and shared samples of his products. More Brotherhood events are in the works so stay posted!

Interested in understanding what the Temple Board is currently addressing? TBJ Board Meetings typically meet the second Tuesday of each month.

So as you can see, there is always something for everyone at Temple! I encourage you to stop by and participate in the many events and activities. Always confirm the event on the Temple website for the latest listing of events and times. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Temple and speak with Erin Plank or David Muenchrath. Oh, and if you have any suggestions for events or programs, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you soon at Temple!

B'Shalom, Alan Adato

Sisterhood News

As we count the Omer and Israel looks to the celebration of spring harvest, in Iowa we begin our planting and delight in the awakening beauty and joy of our natural world.

At the advent of spring, we celebrated with hope and joy as we changed from slaves to a free people, learning what makes us special to the world and to G_d. We can let the dormant energy of winter burst into spring and the celebration of life renewed; a time to nurture our faith and focus our energy. We can study Torah and ground ourselves in prayer as we prepare ourselves for the gift of our guiding Torah and Promised Land.

Let us celebrate together in Sisterhood and give direction and purpose to our efforts to harness and use the good to bring Peace and beauty to our community and nation. Join us as we dance forward to Be the Light.

Wendy, Nancy and Jody



Our next book for book club will be

The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.

The date will be Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Temple. The book that was chosen to read after

The People of the Book will be *Henna House* by Naomi Eve.

Shabbat SERVICE & DINNER

Please join us on May 4th at 6pm for Family and Classic Shabbat, with Family Shabbat taking place in the Sanctuary.

This will also be Confirmation and Senior Recognition Night!

The Wolnerman family will be sponsoring the Shabbat dinner in honor of Bennie's birthday but we are asking for desserts.

Please bring a dessert to share, everything else will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing everyone here on this special evening!

Congratulations to our High School Seniors



Dahlia Callistein



Gabrielle Rose Dubansky



Hanna Kaufman



Elizabeth Kirsner

DAHLIA CALLISTEIN is the much-loved daughter of Gabrielle and Steve Callistein and the fabulous big sister of Benjamin. She simultaneously graduated from the International Baccalaureate Program at Central Academy and Roosevelt High School. She will be attending a small liberal arts college in the Northwest, but is yet undecided on which one! Her varied interests and talents include the visual arts, Spanish, violin, Central American life and culture, intersectional feminism and creative writing.

GABRIELLE ROSE DUBANSKY, daughter of Robert and Peggy Dubansky will graduate from Valley High School on May 27th, 2018. Gabbi has been active in Model UN, Silver Cord, Best Buddies, photography, writing, and art. She will start her first year of Iowa State University this fall and plans to study English, Environmental Science, and Art.

HANNA KAUFMAN, daughter of Rabbi David and Julie, is a senior at Roosevelt High school. She is very involved and is currently in Varsity Show Choir, Acapella Vocal Jazz Choir, Chamber Choir, Bridges 2 Harmony Gospel Choir, Thespians, Color Guard, and Swim Team. She is the choreographer for JV show choir and the student director for Varsity Show Choir as well. Hanna will be attending the University of Iowa's Honors Program in the fall, and will be majoring in Human Health and Physiology and potentially double majoring in Music Therapy. Hanna would like to be a physical therapist when she graduates. This summer she will be a lifeguard, as her passion is helping others get better.

ELIZABETH KIRSNER, daughter of Richard and Mary Kay Kirsner, will graduate from Roosevelt High School on May 26, 2018. Elizabeth has been active in various musical programs at Roosevelt participating in the Show Choir and is a member of the Chamber Choir and the Bridges 2 Harmony gospel choir. She has played tennis on the Roosevelt woman's team and is a captain of the 2018 Varsity Women's Tennis team. In addition to her academic studies, Elizabeth has continued to study the piano and is a previous 1st Place Winner, State Level D2, of the Iowa Music Teachers Association's competition. Elizabeth plans on studying Environment Science in college with a minor in music performance. She has been accepted by several colleges and will make her choice later this Spring.

KAYLA LAUFENBERG, daughter of Cathie and Lonny Laufenberg and granddaughter of Don and Ronna Pochter, is graduating from Valley High School on May 27, 2018. Kayla plans to attend the University of Iowa in the fall of 2018. Kayla will pursue a degree in nursing. During her years at Valley, Kayla was on the Valley track team. She was also a cheerleader for Valley football, basketball and wrestling.

SPENCER LAUFENBERG, the son of Cathie and Lonny Laufenberg and grandson of Don and Ronna Pochter, is graduating from Valley High School on May 27, 2018. Spencer plans to attend the University of Iowa in the fall of 2018. Spencer will major in Business Administration and Accounting. During his years at Valley, Spencer took numerous business and entrepreneurial classes with business mentors and hands on experience.

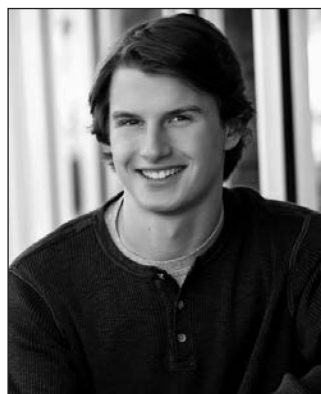
Celebrate Their Achievements on Friday, May 4



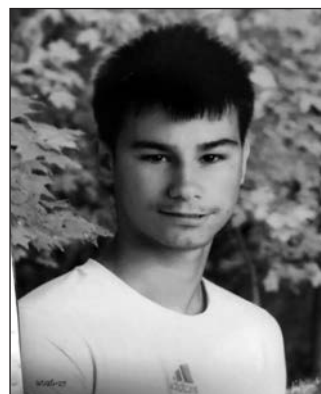
Kayla Laufenberg



Spencer Laufenberg



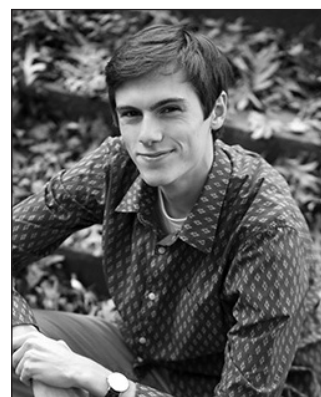
Colin Silverstein



Josh Sobel

COLIN SILVERSTEIN, son of David and Andrea Silverstein will graduate from Waukee High School on May 21, 2018. Colin has participated in Waukee's APEX program where he studied Finance and Banking as well as Exercise and Sports Science. Colin plays hockey for the Des Moines Oak Leafs. He will attend DMACC Ankeny in the fall.

JOSH SOBEL, son of Maria and Phil, graduated early from Johnston High School in December of 2017. He enjoyed playing on the tennis and basketball teams at various times during his high school experience. Josh has been successfully maintaining employment at Home Depot for the past two years, and he plans to continue his career there until further notice.



Ben Stone

BEN STONE, son of David and Wendy Stone, is a student at Roosevelt High School. During his time there, he was involved in swimming, band, drumline, theater, show choir band, pit orchestra, and National Honor Society. Ben plans on attending the University of Iowa next year and double majoring in Computer Science and Percussion Performance

Youth Group Takes Time Out To Play at Get Air on March 25



We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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*** Jill Mandelbaum

BAR MITZVAH



Please join us as our son,
Charles Asher Lipman,
is called to the Torah and
celebrates his Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.
at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.
The Jewish community is
cordially invited to a Kiddush
luncheon following services.
Andi and Jeff Lipman

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ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 from 1 pm to 3 pm

Annual Meeting of Temple B'nai Jeshurun

More informative, engaging and fun than ever before!

Make every effort to attend!

Look for more details coming soon!

Yahrzeit Observances

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

Anne Miriam Cohen
Hyman Fingert
Bernard Kilberg
Ralph Oberbroeckling
Ethel Weiner
Ira Berck
Mary Buchsbaum
Louis Ciesla
Sophie Smuleson
Miriam Lorber
Phyllis Press
Jerome Edward Wolf
Edith Hurwick
Deborah Levy
Jennie Aliber
Norman J. Kelinson
Lorraine Kuba
Hannah Patterson
Rose A. Shloss
Israel Altman
Sara Elizabeth Foss
Jacob Reich
Lillian Susskind

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

Joe Grivois
Joan Hightshoe
Julius P. Schoenebaum
Harold Zapel
Hermine Goldman
Hattie S. Levy
Edward Mazvinsky
Rose Silverstein
Don Paulsen
Elizabeth Perowsky
Harriett Shrago
Harlan W. Wittenstein
Richard McMahon
Marvin Bailin
Morton Fingert
Max Levin

Helen Miller
Rachel Younker
Emma S. Braverman
Samuel Fingerman
Kris Jacobs
Gayla Smith

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

Mort Bader
Betty Deutch
Mary Fingerman
Leanore Herzog
Ida Simon Holland
Mary Resk
Martha Scott
Fannie Shalett
Mary Kay Conley
Marvin Dubansky
Abe J. Friedman
Nicholas N. Goldman
Lois Shkolnick
Barry Shlaes
Victor Mazie
Herbert Scharff
Opal Ward
Milton Brown
Jeanette A. Loeb
Ben Small
Jane Werner
Boni Druker
Bernard G. Epstein
Doris Mandelbaum Field
Leonard Robinson
William Kitsis
Fern Norris
Fred Sudak
Frances Yentis
Billie Shlaes
Louis Tessel

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

Erwin Frank
Dorothy Kirsner
Lawrence A. Weinstock
Hiram I. Levy
Neil Levitt
Harry Mills
Jean Wieder
Peter Pintus
Mose E. Swartz
Norman J. Shalett
Ruth M. Block
Phillip Epstein
Charlotte Wolf

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

Agnes Louise Duchon
Pearl Kaplan
Norman I. Menzer
Rabbi Aaron Gorbaty
David Haugen
Fannye B. Jacobson
Muriel Oxer
Ron Rubin
Sergio Daniel Rudich
Jacob Shalett
Roy Lee Swarzman
Margaret Holland Brown
Hyman Druker
Harry Hiersteiner
Chester P. Goldman
Isadore Pomerantz
Sheila Robinson
Erika Goldberg
Robert Lubetkin
Philip Remer
Francis Hunter Rouda
Ben Silverstein
Ned Barsky
Esther Klass Belin
Morris Katanick
Edith Lepolstat-Cohen

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Here's the scoop on Tikkun Leil Shavuot May 19 at The Temple

Join us on Erev Shavuot for a movie about Hannah Senesh,
Blessed is the Match, followed by a discussion of the changing roles
of women in Jewish history from Ruth to modern times.
We'll celebrate the fruit and dairy theme of Shavuot with sorbet and ice cream sundaes.
Then we'll conclude with a brief Erev Shavuot Service.
The movie will begin at about 7 pm. We hope you will join us!



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| Don Carlson | May 3 | Juli Margolin | May 19 |
| Thomas Press | May 4 | Jacob Shkolnick | May 19 |
| Anna Kuperman | May 5 | Judith Blank | May 20 |
| Silvia Rosenfeld Klein | May 6 | Susan Mann | May 20 |
| Steve Eckstat | May 7 | Elizabeth Vogel | May 20 |
| Linda Lewis | May 7 | Susan Seidenfeld | May 21 |
| Richard Ansher | May 8 | Suse Cohen | May 22 |
| Charles Stanton | May 10 | Kenton Copple | May 22 |
| Judith Lehner Conner | May 10 | Nancy Fleming | May 24 |
| Susan Horning | May 12 | Daniel MacKenzie | May 24 |
| James Satin | May 12 | Eva Rosenbloom | May 24 |
| Rabbi David Kaufman | May 13 | Jill Fialkov | May 25 |
| Howard Shapiro | May 13 | Nathan Josephson | May 25 |
| Penny Bassman | May 16 | Andrew Long | May 25 |
| Susan Johnson | May 16 | Connie Cohen | May 26 |
| Jamie Flugge-Smith | May 17 | Deb Brewer | May 27 |
| Richard Seidenfeld | May 18 | Barbara Shlaes | May 28 |



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| Tricia & Deb Yavitz | May 5 |
| Benjamin & Joyce Swartz | May 7 |
| Josette & Zach Mescher | May 8 |
| Bruce & Mary Kay Buchsbaum | May 9 |
| Ira & Susan Dickman | May 13 |
| David & Andrea Silverstein | May 13 |
| Neil & Susan Horning | May 17 |
| Jason & Kerrie Bernstein | May 19 |
| Jessie & Vic Untrauer | May 19 |
| Greg & Daryl Anderson | May 25 |
| Josh Mandelbaum & Katherine Meeker Mandelbaum | May 25 |
| Rena & Peder Skoog | May 25 |
| Rosina Schiff & German Rodriguez | May 28 |
| Jeffrey & Andi Lipman | May 29 |
| Tom & Stacie Franklin | May 31 |
| Lester & Marlene Kavan | May 31 |



OUR MISSION:

Temple B'nai Jeshurun is to be a Reform Jewish congregation that is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive community.

OUR VISION:

We seek engagement with Judaism through spirituality, worship, community, social action and education to create richer and more meaningful lives.

TBJ Activities Calendar

May 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting | 2 11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Pho 888 | 3 Lag B'omer 6:00pm Teen Talk Dinner 7:00pm Rabbi's Adult Education Class : Angels in the Jewish Tradition | 4 5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social 6:00pm Family & Classic Shabbat 6:00pm Confirmation of 12th Graders/Senior Recognition 7:00pm Shabbat Potluck | 5 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Asher Lipman Bar Mitzvah |
| 6 12:30pm YG Board Meeting | 7 | 8 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 6:30pm Temple Board of Trustees Meeting | 9 11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at MI Patra | 10 Bulletin Articles Due 7:00pm Rabbi's Adult Education Class : The Afterlife | 11 5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service | 12 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Shabbat Service |
| 13 Rabbi's Birthday Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) | 14 9:30am Sisterhood Breakfast Club at Windsor Heights Hy-Vee 7:00pm Sisterhood / Brotherhood Book Club | 15 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting | 16 11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet | 17 | 18 5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social 6:00pm Erev Shabbat 7:00pm Matnj & More! | 19 Erev Shavuot 9:00am TTS Women's Torah Commentary 9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Shabbat Service 7:00pm Tikun Leil Shavuot |
| 20 Shavuot (Pentecost) | 21 | 22 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting | 23 11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Bubba | 24 10:00am Rabbi's Ray Society Class - Understanding the World 12:00pm We Do Lunch | 25 5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social 6:00pm Erev Shabbat | 26 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Shabbat Service with Yizkor Shavuot |
| 27 | 28 Temple Office Closed | 29 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting | 30 11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at HuHot Mongolian Grill | 31 | | |

TBJ Activities Calendar

June 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | <p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social</p> <p>6:00pm Family & Classic Shabbat</p> <p>6:00pm YG Led Camp Service</p> <p>7:00pm Shabbat Potluck Dinner</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</p> <p>9:00am Weekly Text Study</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>11:00am Temple Short Story Book Club led by Joanne Brown</p> <p>1:00pm Annual Meeting</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am Temple Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Worship Committee</p> <p>6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting</p> | <p>6</p> <p>11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Jethro's BBQ 'n Jamtalaya</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social</p> <p>6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</p> <p>9:00am Weekly Text Study</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Bulletin Articles Due</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:30am Sisterhood Breakfast Club at Windsor Heights Hy-Vee</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am Temple Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Temple Board of Trustees Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> <p>11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Nick's Bar & Grill</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social</p> <p>6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service</p> <p>7:00pm Matnj & More!</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9:00am TTS Women's Torah Commentary</p> <p>9:00am Weekly Text Study</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p> |
| <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am Temple Staff Meeting</p> | <p>20</p> <p>11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Lemon Grass</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social</p> <p>6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</p> <p>9:00am Weekly Text Study</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:00am Temple Staff Meeting</p> | <p>27</p> <p>11:30am Men of TBJ Weekly Lunch at Waterfront Seafood Restaurant</p> | <p>28</p> <p>12:00pm We Do Lunch</p> | <p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Wine & Cheese Social</p> <p>6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</p> <p>9:00am Weekly Text Study</p> <p>10:00am Zoo Shabbat</p> |

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