

# TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

5101 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2199

Founded in 1873  
Tel: 515.274.4679

No. 4

February/March 2021

## Rabbi's Message

We're heading into a time of year that is significantly focused on Jewish identity, being a part of the Jewish people and connecting to the broader Jewish world. In the next two months, we will celebrate Purim, a holiday whose theme is survival of the Jews against persecution and Passover, the holiday that remembers the Exodus and reminds us that we are to be thankful for our freedom. Then in April, we will remember the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah and celebrate the founding of the modern nation of Israel with Israel Independence Day.

There is a flow to these holidays. We begin with a holiday in which we're deliberately hiding that we are Jews, but eventually celebrating openly that we are Jews. The Purim narrative is almost an outline for the three holidays that follow. Then we have a holiday in which most of the people don't know what it means to be an Israelite, beyond facing oppression because they were one, Passover, something that deepens as we remember the Shoah, reminding us that evil in the world is not something relegated to our ancient history. And then we reach Israel Independence Day and the celebration of our survival and vibrancy.

Yet as we celebrate, just as we realize at the end of the Purim story, we always have to be on guard. We celebrate our survival as a holiday annually to remind ourselves not to take it for granted. We may be able to live in happiness and freedom, but our security is not to be taken for granted, neither in America, nor in Israel. We have to be ready to respond when challenges arise and we refuse to bow down.



Let us continue to speak out against the wrongs we see in our world and also be willing to speak out when the king's ear is bent against us with attempts to demonize. We will live with gladness and joy and light and work to shine that light into the darkness of the world around us, proudly singing about it as we do.

Happy Purim and Happy Passover!

**Rabbi David Kaufman**

**Temple B'nai Jeshurun's Passover Seder** will be held virtual this year.

Details and links to come. Please check our website and make sure you are receiving our emails for more information!



THE BULLETIN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.TEMPLEBNAIJESHURUN.COM](http://WWW.TEMPLEBNAIJESHURUN.COM).  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK — [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TEMPLEBNAIJESHURUN](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TEMPLEBNAIJESHURUN)

# Worship Schedule

ONLINE WORSHIP STREAMING SCHEDULE: Email to be sent weekly with links, contact us  
(office@templebnaijeshurun.com) if you are not currently receiving Temple emails.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education  
Class - Introduction to Purim

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

4:00 p.m. Zoom Adult Ed Discussion

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 p.m. Erev Purim – Megillah Reading  
[Program TBD]

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education  
Class - Origins of Reform Judaism

## FRIDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, MARCH 6

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education  
Class - The Jewish Life Cycle

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, MARCH 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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

## MONDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 p.m. Temple Book Club, "Caste"  
by Isabel Wilkerson

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education  
Class - Introduction to Passover

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service  
6:15 p.m. Passover Seder

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## Have a life cycle event you'd like to share?

If you are interested in sharing a life cycle event (graduation, birth or marriage) in our Bulletin, please let us know! Email office@templebnaijeshurun.com details and a photo and we'll publish your special event in the Temple Bulletin.

## President's Comments

At this time last year I was writing you about the prospect of Spring coming soon, upgrades to Temple security and new kitchen facilities. Oh for the simpler times... With your kind indulgence I will try to bring you up to speed on a few timely issues.

### **RABBI SEARCH**

About a month ago I sent out a status update which shared the survey that the Search Committee prepared. Since that time each of you should have had an opportunity to complete the survey either online or by hard copy.

Those results have been compiled and reviewed. They will factor in to the criteria used to help select the next rabbi. Originally the hope/intention was to also have forums and small group gatherings at the Temple to solicit feedback. The pandemic has eliminated those options, however there is still the expectation to conduct feedback sessions by Zoom. There will be more to come on that.

In the last update I also mentioned that rather than utilizing lay leaders or visiting rabbis who would come in on an as-needed basis, the Board intends to contract through the URJ for an interim rabbi for 12 months. That hire is in process and we anticipate that that individual will be in place as Rabbi Kaufman leaves for his new pulpit.

### **PANDEMIC**

As a congregation we have been fortunate that a relatively small number of congregants have had Covid and an even fewer number suffered serious complications. At this time last year there were very few, if any of us, who could have anticipated the true impact of the virus.

Although it may not have been necessarily the popular decision at the time, I believe we made the appropriate decision to stop in-person gatherings at the Temple. Of course hindsight offers the benefit of 20/20 vision.



I know we're all looking forward to the option of attending events AT the Temple. Until that time and on a continued basis afterward, we will continue making services available online. In fact it has been in the plans for quite some time to provide the online option. However one unintended benefit of the pandemic is that it sped up that process.

### **ONLINE SERVICES**

To continue on the theme of online services, I continue to be surprised and impressed with the turnout for our regular Friday evening Shabbat services. I think the part I enjoy most is the way in which everyone greets each other and chats before and after the service begins. We've had visitors to services who have circled back with me after services and comment how much everyone seems to like seeing each other, even if it's virtually. They say that the best word they can use to describe it is a real sense of family. I couldn't agree more.

### **PURIM & PASSOVER**

Purim is just around the corner, starting the evening of February 25, and then Passover begins the evening of March 27. As we all continue to acclimate to the new "now", I wish everyone safe and enjoyable holidays.

*Bill Grund*

---

# PURIM, PASSOVER, GRADUATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

Despite the challenges we face, we have much to be thankful for this coming season.

# Executive Director's Message

Things at the Temple continue to be quiet, and as much as we are all ready to come back together it has been great to see so many people online. The Temple hosted an All Iowa Hanukkah Candle Lighting and Shabbat Shirah program and it was great to see hundreds of people from across Iowa and beyond join us for those events.



We are currently in the process of installing some new computers and video equipment so that we will be able to stream events from the Temple well into the future. We are also in the process of budgeting for fiscal year 2022 (July 1 2021 through June 30 2022) and as of right now we are planning for both online services and programs as well as in person services and programs. I know that several congregants have begun to receive their first doses of the COVID-19, and that is a great sign that next year we should be able to return to in person services.

On the topic of COVID-19 many of you may have heard that my children and I tested positive in the beginning of December. Thankfully my children had no symptoms and I had a mild case. I am also very thankful that mitigation efforts we have taken here at the Temple were successful as none of the other staff ever tested positive or had any symptoms. Wearing masks, social distancing, and proper cleaning worked here.

Unfortunately I was not the only staff member to receive some bad news. In January Charles broke his finger while using the Temple's snow blower. Our insurance covered his medical bills and we purchased a new snow blower. While Charles' finger was broken, two of Charles children and I worked to shovel snow during these recent storms. I think we all hope that we won't have another 12 inches of snow to shovel.

Until we can all meet together again, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our Temple staff.

**David Muenchrath**

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Greetings all! So much is fresh with a new year that promises so much potential. The Sisterhood started 2021 with a return to in-person Lilith Salons. It was a welcome change from zoom and the conversational exchange was possibly richer for that. We closed with a safe and warmly shared Havdalah service. Continuing strict safety guidelines, we've decided to hold our March 20th Salon at Temple (circumstances permitting). Watch for our flyer. I hope you can join us.

Plans for a "L'dor V'dor" program with Drake Hillel is coming into sharper view. There will be opportunities for everyone to engage.

February begins my second year as president. The Board decided to measure our past with a survey aimed to the future. You will find a hard copy of the survey in this Bulletin. It is also available online. Look for the Sisterhood page under the "Get Involved," tab on our Temple website. ([www.templebnaijeshurun.org](http://www.templebnaijeshurun.org)). Beyond the survey, we welcome all comments. They may be sent to me ([bookcclane@me.com](mailto:bookcclane@me.com)). This is a congregation-wide survey. We want to hear from everyone and we will respond to everyone. Please consider taking a few minutes to respond whether by hard copy or internet. Hard copy may be returned to the Temple office. Thank you!

The Sisterhood continues to work toward its goal to help all of us live life more Jewishly. I know we are all looking forward to possibilities.

**Lehitraot! Rebecca Shaffer**

---

## Bat Mitzvah

**Marilyn J Musser** is delighted to announce that she will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at 10 AM on Saturday, May 22, 2021, via Zoom Video conference. Details to follow.



## 2021 SURVEY

2020 was quite a year. 2021 may be a year to re-set interests, passions, values, commitments, and so much more. To discover more about your relationship with TBJ Sisterhood the Board hopes you will take the time to fill out this brief survey - returned to the Temple. You will also find an online option. Look for our Sisterhood page under the "Get Involved" tab of our Temple website ([www.templebnaijeshurun.org](http://www.templebnaijeshurun.org)). Thank you for helping the Sisterhood help you live life more Jewishly.

- Are you a member of the Sisterhood? Why did you join? Why not?

- Have you visited the Sisterhood page on the TBJ website - click on the "get involved" tab on the website, [templebnaijeshurun.org](http://templebnaijeshurun.org)? ☐ yes ☐ no

- What is the best way to communicate with you?

- ☐ email
- ☐ text
- ☐ hard copy
- ☐ telephone

Please note your name, address and land line or cell number.

- What level of participation interests you? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Pay dues.
- ☐ Attend events.
- ☐ Attend current on-going program (s).
  - ☐ weekly craft and schmooze
  - ☐ book club
  - ☐ Quarterly Lilith salon
- ☐ Serving on the board.
- ☐ Host a one-off project/event. What are your interests?

- Have Sisterhood programs, projects, and events interested you?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookclub                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lilith salon                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating personalized services | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter warmth (with NAACP)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical wills workshop         | <input type="checkbox"/> RBG Memorial                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBT Jew                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Knit for Young Women's Resource Ctr. |

- What would you most like to see the Sisterhood do for you and the Temple? Does the Sisterhood need to turn in a different direction? How can the Sisterhood be more visible and a part of your life and the life of your family? Please send specific comments and questions to Rebecca Shaffer ([bookcclane@me.com](mailto:bookcclane@me.com)).

**THANK YOU!**



Temple B'nai Jeshurun  
*Sisterhood*

# SISTERHOOD EDUCATION FUND

**AN INTEREST FREE LOAN**

**UP TO \$7,500 PER STUDENT**

**AVAILABLE TO TBJ MEMBERS & THEIR CHILDREN**

**JUNIOR & SENIOR COLLEGE YEARS OR JOURNEYMAN LEVEL TRADE TRAINING**

**For application contact**

**Jill Musin:**

**[jill@upnup.co](mailto:jill@upnup.co)**

**(515) 222-3064**



# TBJ Adult Education Schedule for Spring 2021

All classes begin at 7 pm on Zoom  
[Schedule is Subject to Change]

Jan 14 Evolution of the Concepts of God and Salvation  
Jan 21 Messiahs and The Messianic Age  
Jan 28 T"U b'Shvat [Program TBD]  
Feb 4 Rise of the Rabbis  
Feb 11 The Plague to The Besht  
Feb 18 Introduction to Purim  
Feb 25 Erev Purim – Megillah Reading [Program TBD]  
Mar 4 Origins of Reform Judaism  
Mar 11 The Jewish Life Cycle  
Mar 18 SPRING BREAK – No Class  
Mar 25 Introduction to Passover  
Apr 1 Antisemitism and Philosemitism  
Apr 8 Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day – [Program TBD]  
Apr 15 Yom HaAtzmaut – Israel Independence Day – [Program TBD]  
Apr 22 Zionism and the Founding of Israel  
Apr 29 Israel and the Pursuit of Peace  
May 13 Angels in the Jewish Tradition  
May 20 The Afterlife



**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*

Marvin & Kay Braverman  
February 16

Eugene & Carrie Remer  
February 27

Pattie & Marc Klein  
March 9

Valerie & David Cohen  
March 12

Abram Goldstien & Jackie Garnett  
March 19

Robert & Peggy Dubansky  
March 22

Timothy & Beryl Guy  
March 24

## Our Deepest Condolences

Robert Stanley Mochel  
(Uncle of Marilyn Musser)  
12/16/20

Gerald L. Conley  
(Father of Mark Conley)  
12/17/20

Josephine Milligan Mochel  
(Aunt of Marilyn Musser)  
1/4/21

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TEMPLE:

Please contact the Temple office  
if you are not currently receiving  
our emails. Due to the pandemic,  
this is our most frequent  
method of Temple communication.  
Email [office@templebnaijeshurun.com](mailto:office@templebnaijeshurun.com)  
to be added to our mailing list!

# We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

## TEMPLE GENERAL FUND

\*\*\*Howard & Heidi Berger  
\*\*\*Pamela & Douglas Elmets  
\*\*\*Don & Tori Godfree  
\*\*\*Heather & Daniel Loeb  
\*\*\*Sally Luftman Estate  
\*\*\*Daniel Rothman  
\*\*\*Ben & Joyce Swartz  
\*\*\*David & Denise Swartz  
FOR THE RECOVERY OF  
LAURA SPARKS  
\*\*\*Mark Conley  
FOR THE RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH  
OF LAURA SPARKS  
\*\*\*Mark Conley  
IN HONOR OF WENDY BECKERMAN'S  
70TH BIRTHDAY  
\*\*\*Randall & Jody Leventhal  
IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY BLOXAM  
\*\*\*Sharon & Dennis Goldford  
IN MEMORY OF JERRY CONLEY  
\*\*\*Mark John Conley  
& Elias Rincon Aguilar  
IN MEMORY OF MANDEL FEINGOLD  
\*\*\*Brian & Evelyn Feingold  
IN MEMORY OF JACK KLINE  
\*\*\*Sandra Land  
IN MEMORY OF ESTER PURISMAN  
\*\*\*Anna & Alan Kuperman  
IN MEMORY OF MERETTA RAPOPORT  
\*\*\*Diane Lohnes  
IN MEMORY OF SUTTON REESE  
\*\*\*Sharon & Dennis Goldford  
IN MEMORY OF ETYA ROSENBLUM  
\*\*\*Alan & Anna Kuperman  
IN MEMORY OF L. JAY STEIN  
\*\*\*Richard & Mary Kay Kirsner  
THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL  
CHANUKAH GIFT BAG  
\*\*\*Don & Ronna Pochter  
THANKS FOR BEING PART  
OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
\*\*\*Leann Treloar

## CARING COMMUNITY FUND

\*\*\*Ann Abramson  
FOR THE RECOVERY OF KAREN &  
JOHN PAUL MUELHAUPT  
\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert  
IN MEMORY OF ANNA BOBB  
\*\*\*Lorna Helgeland

IN MEMORY OF GERALD CONLEY  
\*\*\*Alan & Wendy Adato  
IN MEMORY OF BERNICE CORN  
\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert  
IN MEMORY OF BETTY FREEDMAN  
\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert  
IN MEMORY OF BETTY KOHN  
\*\*\*Phyllis Rubin  
IN MEMORY OF DONALD MASTERS  
\*\*\*AJ & Barbara Bobb  
IN MEMORY OF RECCA ROSENBAUM  
\*\*\*Caroline Levine

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

\*\*\*David Binder  
IN HONOR OF LUIS VASQUEZ,  
WELCOME TO THE TEMPLE!  
\*\*\*Alan & Wendy Adato  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
GERALD CONLEY  
\*\*\*Judy & Larry Deutch  
IN MEMORY OF KRISTALLNACHT  
\*\*\*Geoffrey Abelson  
THANK YOU FOR THE  
HANUKKAH BAG  
\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

## DONALD J. BROWN TORAH FUND

IN MEMORY OF HARRY BOBB  
\*\*\*Lorna Helgeland

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

\*\*\*Gabrielle Callistein  
\*\*\*Marlene & Les Kavan  
\*\*\*Daniel Rothman  
GRATEFUL FOR RABBI'S EXEMPLARY  
EFFORTS TO COMFORT JEWS IN  
THIS PANDEMIC & HIS OUTREACH  
TO NON-JEWS IN CENTRAL IOWA  
\*\*\*David & Hanna Gradwohl  
IN APPRECIATION OF RABBI KAUFMAN  
\*\*\*Michael Kuperman  
IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN BARSKY  
\*\*\*Steven & Sandra Garland  
IN MEMORY OF ELAINE BROOKS  
\*\*\*Gary & Mindy Galinsky  
IN MEMORY OF MARILISA COHEN  
\*\*\*Suse & Greg Cohen

IN MEMORY OF GERALD CONLEY  
\*\*\*Suse & Greg Cohen  
\*\*\*Bev Kikoler  
IN MEMORY OF SURELLA CORRAN  
\*\*\*Beverley Chapman  
IN MEMORY OF  
ROSA OSTASZYNSKI DERUDICH  
\*\*\*Evelyn Rudich & Jose Aguilar  
IN MEMORY OF MARK FINKELSTEIN  
\*\*\*Jody Hramits  
IN MEMORY OF JOYCE GALINSKY  
\*\*\*Gary & Mindy Galinsky  
IN MEMORY OF RUTH GORDON  
\*\*\*David & Leticia Gordon  
IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY KIKOLER  
\*\*\*Bev Kikoler  
IN MEMORY OF NORA MUELLER  
\*\*\*Joelyn Gast  
IN MEMORY OF EUGENE PORTER  
\*\*\*Audrey Porter  
IN MEMORY OF SYDNEY TABACH  
\*\*\*Geraldine Tabach  
IN MEMORY OF SUSAN WAYNE  
\*\*\*Kenneth & Joyce Wayne  
IN MEMORY OF MARGIT WILSON  
\*\*\*Richard & Rob Gruen  
IN MEMORY OF JENNIE WOLNERMAN  
\*\*\*Michael & Melissa Wolnerman

## YOUTH GROUP DISCRETIONARY FUND

\*\*\*Marsha Johnston  
IN HONOR OF WENDY BECKERMAN'S  
70TH BIRTHDAY  
\*\*\*Edye Beckerman  
\*\*\*Joyce & Ben Swartz  
IN HONOR OF THE BAT MITZVAH  
OF ELLIE MOLLISON  
\*\*\*Penny Bassman  
IN MEMORY OF  
EDDIE BORCHOWSKY  
\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal  
IN MEMORY OF  
ISAAC BORCHOWSKY  
\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal  
IN MEMORY OF JOE BORCHOWSKY  
\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal  
IN MEMORY OF GERALD CONLEY  
\*\*\*Edye Beckerman  
\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman



IN MEMORY OF  
JOSEPHINE MILLIGAN MOCHEL

\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman

IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT STANLEY MOCHEL

\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman

IN MEMORY OF  
SARAH BORCHOWSKY STROM

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

**L'DOR V'DOR RENOVATION FUND**

FOR THE RECOVERY OF  
SID & SUE HOFFMAN

\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert

IN MEMORY OF RUTH BRENNER

\*\*\*Alan & Wendy Adato

IN MEMORY OF GERALD CONLEY

\*\*\*Mike & Ronda Davis

IN MEMORY OF BOB GITCHELL

\*\*\*Deborah Gitchell

**BUILDING TRUST**

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY HAAS

\*\*\*Milton Haas & Linda Lewis

**CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND**

FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY  
OF LAURA SPARKS

\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert

**HARRY & MOLLY GOLDMAN  
EDUCATIONAL FUND**

IN MEMORY OF DR. GERALD CONLEY

\*\*\*Loretta & Gary Fingert

**GORDON / ADELMAN  
CEMETERY FUND**

\*\*\*Andy Lyons

IN MEMORY OF BENNETT GORDON

\*\*\*James Gordon

**MANDELBAUM LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

IN HONOR OF THE RECOVERY  
OF LAURA SPARKS

\*\*\*Cyril & John Mandelbaum

**SUZANNE J. MARK LIBRARY FUND**

IN MEMORY OF VIOLA LEVENTHAL

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

IN MEMORY OF MORRIS STROM

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

IN MEMORY OF BERTA VAZQUEZ

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

IN MEMORY OF OFELIA VAZQUEZ

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

**MARKS YOUTH FUND**

IN HONOR OF

WENDY BECKERMAN'S BIRTHDAY

\*\*\*Sally Frank

**GOODY ROBINSON CHILDREN'S  
LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND**

IN MEMORY OF ROSE HOFFMAN

\*\*\*Sidney & Susan Hoffman

IN MEMORY OF RALPH ROBIN

\*\*\*Sidney & Susan Hoffman

IN MEMORY OF SHIFRA ROBIN

\*\*\*Sidney & Susan Hoffman

**NORMAN J. SHALETT CHOIR FUND**

IN MEMORY OF BETTY SHALETT

\*\*\*Marjorie Garrison

**FRANKEL FLOWER FUND**

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD MASTERS

\*\*\*Robert & Lorna Helgeland

**EDUCATION LOAN FUND**

IN MEMORY OF ANN PARKS

\*\*\*Jane Tew

# We'll be together again.

We look forward to a time we can gather, pray and celebrate as a congregation.  
Until that time, stay connected, be safe and be well.



# Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will be read on Friday, February 5, and Saturday, February 6:**

David C Barricks  
Isadore Tobis  
Stanley Krum  
Allen Madorsky  
Meretta Rapoport  
Celia W. Brody  
Charlotte Elmets  
Helene Epstein  
Joan Hemphill  
Linton Hinds  
Rita Loeb  
Patricia Mae Perry  
Jake Cohen  
Clarence Copple  
Arthur Margolin  
Genevieve Ansher  
Nora Mueller  
Ruth Rapaport  
Recca Rosenbaum  
Fannie Pidgeon  
Irvin Robinson  
Sam M. Shloss  
Manuel Zalomek

**The following names will be read on Friday, February 12, and Saturday, February 13:**

Gretchen B. Kahn  
Samuel Weinberger  
Abraham Weinstock  
Doris Kahn Katelman  
Morris Aliber  
Arthur G. Barricks  
Ruth F. Gordon  
Elmer S. Loeb  
Samuel Weinstock  
Beverly Bobb  
Betty Freedman  
Isadore Joseph Katz  
Jose (Joe) Boruchowsky  
Abraham Solomon Hoffman  
Joseph Kolmen  
Gloria Reich  
Sadie Stern Grossman  
Frances Goldenson Kaplan  
Jerrold Mendelson  
Sarah Seidenfeld  
Ofelia Borchowsky Vazquez

**The following names will be read on Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20:**

Sam Galinsky  
Theodora Biber Levy  
Robert Mannheimer  
Robert Aliber  
Steven Halsband  
George Hogberg  
Rose Pearlman  
Shirley Berck  
Sarah Strom Boruchowsky  
Robert A. Press  
Elyse Weiss  
Harry Ginsberg  
Sol Leitner  
Henrietta Landau Menzer  
Phyllis Weinberg  
Doris Bassin  
Cindy Carlstrom  
Patrick Kruse  
Alexander Lederer  
Anna Leigh Remsburg  
Jennie Shapiro  
Dorothy Vance  
Norma Ginsburg Lewis  
Edna Rylatt  
Esther Younker

**The following names will be read on Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27:**

Rachel Jean Glueck  
Joseph Gottstein  
Rose A. Stone  
Edwin Shedd Elwell, Jr.  
Rae Ginsberg Gordon  
David Morris  
Sarah Tessel  
Bella Beckerman  
Naomi Kessel  
Gertrude Frender  
Rebecca S. Romanoff  
Dr. Zane Hurkin D.O.  
Clarence Jacobs  
Rose Lee Pomerantz  
Charlie Spector  
Victor Julio Rincon Valencia  
Myron Blank  
Lilyann Irene Gantz  
Burton Joseph, Jr.  
Cyla Kolmen  
Herbert Nadel  
Ann Corn

William Elmets  
Babetta Frankel  
Harold Stern

**The following names will be read on Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6:**

Myles Harold Davidson  
Irving Diamond  
Bernis M. Frankel  
Edward N. Frankel  
Dora Callistein  
Glen Carlstrom  
Dora Corn  
Bessie Davidson  
Harry Tobis  
Rose Waltman  
Dora Wolfson  
Fred Boldes  
Sadie Marks  
Irene Masters  
Ben Sanders  
Adele Ziffren  
Harriet Friedman  
Roger Leventhal  
Esther Livenstein  
Donald Rylatt  
Melvin W. Shadur  
Certel Shapiro  
Allen Levitt  
Marshall Rumery  
Lucie Schoenebaum  
Judy Lesser  
Arthur Lieberman Lewis  
Ronald Onnen  
Rose Rom  
Helen Stern

**The following names will be read on Friday, March 12, and Saturday, March 13:**

Raymond Blank  
Nathan Kessel  
Irma S. Mannheimer  
Nathan Richards  
Stanley Richards  
Alan Blank  
Gil Cranberg  
Anna C. Goldman  
Sarah Kroloff  
Mirra Dubson  
Flora Baer  
Ellen Elwell  
Miriam Friedman Schwab  
Moses Gordon

Daniel Hedlund  
Harry Jacobson  
Harry Weinberg  
Cora Loeb Hlad  
Ike Lazarus  
Albert Schneider  
Frank Kropman  
Hilda Lipsey  
Charles Block  
Shirley Hiersteiner  
Bernard Lawrence Krum  
Herbert Rosenberg

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, March 19  
and Saturday, March 20:**

Ruth Davis  
Denise Hoffman  
Lenore W. Mandelbaum  
Ruth Cordozo  
Roberta Hogberg  
Isabel Hulse  
William Shapiro  
Dorothy Swarzman  
Steffie Bressler  
Louis Ginsberg  
Norman Sehr  
Ida Ginsburg  
John Frederick Musser  
Louis Pomerantz  
Jerome Rovner  
Marjorie Mochel Musser  
Eva Silvert  
Augusta Weinstock

Kate Marsh Goldman  
Evelyn Grossman-Seidler  
Sidney Lantor  
Jeanette Brown  
John Lewis Jacobs  
Patricia Stuart  
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein  
Elaine Brooks  
Paul From  
Robert Gitcheil  
Betty Jacobson  
Dorothy J. Kikoler  
Yetta Toubes  
Elmer Cohen  
George Jagiello

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, March 26,  
and Saturday, March 27:**

Anne Michelstein  
Carrie Scharff  
Steven Scherer  
Betty Adelman  
Florence Hess Adelman  
Dr. Irwin H. Brown  
Rose Sehr  
Charlotte Spilka  
Ruben Bassman  
Pauline Pomerantz Fischer  
Katherine Tellner  
David Epstein  
Sylvia Fiegelman  
Sara Frank  
Jack Pasternack  
Jacob Davidson

Mary Ann Joseph  
Irving N. Redstone  
Sidney Robinson  
Elaine Sherman  
Norbert Wolf  
Albert Berkowitz  
Frances Aliber Swartz

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, April 2,  
and Saturday, April 3:**

Ruth Frankle  
Grace Jordan  
Edith Friedman  
Alec M. Levin  
Jonathan Lee Belin  
Paul Kramer  
Maisha Perowsky  
Maris Weinstein  
Sam G. Cohen  
Diane Adler  
Isaiah Frankel  
Howard Jordan  
Melvin Land  
Helen Schwied  
Joyce Shlaes  
Jack Spevak  
Sol Beecher  
Carrie Carlstrom  
Alvin H. Kirsner  
Samuel Levy  
Sylvia Beecher  
Oscar Feldstein  
Celia Tobis





David Kitsis February 1  
 Corinne Buraks February 2  
 Greg Anderson February 3  
 Anna Conway February 3  
 Aaron Gallick February 3  
 Edward Bruggemann February 6  
 Alan Adato February 8  
 Kimberly Shadur February 9  
 Ira Dickman February 12  
 Mary Jo Pomerantz February 13  
 Jose Aguilar February 15  
 Richard Kirsner February 15  
 Andy Marcus February 15  
 Carolyn Bucksbaum February 17  
 Jonathan Yentis February 18  
 Elias Rincon Aguilar February 19  
 Susan Brown February 19  
 Barbara Carlstrom February 19  
 David Epstein February 20  
 Joelyn Gast February 20  
 Nelson Smith February 20  
 John Mandelbaum February 21  
 Dean Putnam February 21  
 Claudia Siegel February 21  
 Melanie Choos February 22

Katie Sinkewjz February 23  
 Sally Frank February  
 Howard Berger February 25  
 Terry Kruse February 25  
 Joanne Brown February 27  
 Howard Musin February 28  
 Amy Flugge-Smith March 4  
 Ross Daniels March 6  
 Stuart Shkolnick March 6  
 Michelle Maples March 8  
 Paul Mann March 10  
 Susan Madorsky March 13  
 Mary Steinberg March 13  
 Dustin Shivers March 14  
 Sara Walsh March 14  
 Jeana Calvert March 15  
 Gary Fingert March 15

Meyer Lehman March 15  
 Sarah Mansfield March 15  
 Laura Belin March 16  
 Erin Plank March 16  
 Evelyn Feingold March 16  
 Rachel Wilke-Shapiro March 17  
 Linda Blatt March 18  
 Susan Naiditch March 18  
 Gail Stricker March 18  
 Neil VanHeukelem March 19  
 Diane Lohnes March 20  
 Gary Bishop March 21  
 Judy Deutch March 21  
 Nancy Stone March 22  
 Scott Stricker March 22  
 JoAnn Friedman March 23  
 Jill Mandelbaum March 23  
 AJ Bobb March 26  
 Eugene Remer March 27  
 David Swartz March 28  
 Kieran Williams March 28  
 Steven Sehr March 29  
 Samantha Kemp Carlin March 30  
 Julie Dubansky March 31



# TBJ Activities Calendar

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee Sisterhood Meeting	3 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	4 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Adult Education Class - Rise of the Rabbis	5 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong Family Shabbat Service	6 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
7	8	9 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 6:30pm Temple Board Meeting	10 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	11 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Adult Education Class - The Plague to The Besht	12 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	13 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
14	15 Temple Office Closed - Presidents' Day	16 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	17 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	18 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Adult Education Class - Introduction to Purim	19 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	20 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
21 11:00am Joanne's Short Story Book Club 4:00pm Zoom Adult Ed Discussion	22	23 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	24 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	25 10:00am <b>Fast of Esther</b> <b>Purim Eve</b> Sisterhood Crafts Erev Purim – Megillah Reading [Program TBD]	26 10:00am <b>Purim (Tel Aviv)</b> Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	27 9:00am <b>Shushan Purim (Jerusalem)</b> Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
28						



## TBJ Activities Calendar

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	3 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	4 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - Origins of Reform Judaism	5 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Family Shabbat Service	6 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
7	8	9 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	10 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	11 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - The Jewish Life Cycle	12 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	13 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
14	15	16 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	17 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	18 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts	19 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	20 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
21	22 6:30pm Temple Book Club, "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson	23 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	24 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	25 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - Introduction to Passover	26 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	27 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:15pm Passover Seder
28 Passover (Day 1)	29 Passover (Day 2)	30 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	31 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books			

# TBJ Activities Calendar

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Passover (Day 5)</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - Antisemitism and Philosemitism	<b>2</b> <b>Passover (Day 6)</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Family Shabbat Service	<b>3</b> <b>Passover (Day 7)</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
<b>4</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	<b>8</b> <b>Yom HaShoah</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day - [Program TBD]	<b>9</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>10</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>Yom HaZikaron</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	<b>15</b> <b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel Independence Day - [Program TBD]	<b>16</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service 7:00pm Mahj & More!	<b>17</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	<b>22</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - Zionism and the Founding of Israel	<b>23</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>24</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Alex Zeff and Oliver Young B'nai Mitzvah
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	<b>29</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Education Class - Israel and the Pursuit of Peace	<b>30</b> <b>Lag BaOmer</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN  
5101 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50312

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Permit No. 2976

### TEMPLE FUNDS

Contributions may be made to any of the following funds. Acknowledgement will be made to the individual or family honored and will be listed in the Bulletin. Please check fund of your choice.

- ☐ Temple General Fund
- ☐ Caring Community Fund
- ☐ Social Action
- ☐ Donald J. Brown Torah Fund
- ☐ Abe & Harriet Friedman Prayerbook Fund
- ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- ☐ Youth Group Discretionary Fund
- ☐ L'Dor V'Dor Renovation Fund

#### Endowment Funds:

- ☐ Building Trust
- ☐ Program Trust
- ☐ The Belin Funds
- ☐ A.H. Blank Memorial Sabbatical Fund
- ☐ Dor L'Dor Endowment Fund
- ☐ Cantorial Music Fund
- ☐ Harry & Molly Goldman Educational Fund
- ☐ Gordon/Adelman Cemetery Fund
- ☐ Sam & Mollie Hockenberg Program Fund
- ☐ Mandelbaum Leadership Development Fund

- ☐ Suzanne J. Mark Library Fund
- ☐ Marks Youth Fund
- ☐ Sidney & Rose Pearlman Fine Arts Appreciation Fund
- ☐ The Harry & Peggy Pomerantz Rabbinic Endowment Fund
- ☐ The Press Family Fund
- ☐ Goody Robinson Children's Library Endowment Fund
- ☐ Norman J. Shalett Choir Fund
- ☐ Oxer and Harris Special Event Fund
- ☐ Lois & Ralph Copple Camp Fund

#### Sisterhood Funds:

- ☐ Education Loan Fund
- ☐ Frankel Flower Fund
- ☐ Elizabeth Perowsky Special Needs Fund
- ☐ Ben Sanders Memorial Library Fund

#### Brotherhood Fund:

- ☐ Jewish Chautauqua Society

REMINDER: To have your contribution listed in the contribution section please make a Chai Donation of \$18 or more per person. All donations will be placed in the Temple General Fund unless they are specifically directed otherwise.

Please accept my enclosed donation of \$ \_\_\_\_ for the fund checked above.

For the memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

For the recovery of: \_\_\_\_\_

Advise: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

### TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN [www.templebnaijeshurun.com](http://www.templebnaijeshurun.com)

David Kaufman, Rabbi  
David Muenchrath, Executive Director  
Erin Plank, Office Manager  
Charles Stanton, Maintenance Engineer  
Wendy Beckerman, B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator  
& Youth Group Advisor  
Josh Dubansky, Samantha Kemp-Carlin  
& Sarah Mansfield, Youth Group Advisors

### 2020/21 OFFICERS & ELECTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bill Grund ..... President  
Alan Adato..... Past President  
Dana Dickson..... VP & President Elect  
Emily Kruse .....2nd Vice President  
Linda Cohen ..... Treasurer  
Audrey Porter ..... Secretary

### VISION LEADERS

Worship ..... Mark Davis  
Music ..... Laura Sparks  
Membership ..... Sarah Mansfield  
Social Action ..... Rachele Hjelmaas  
Education ..... Ryba Epstein  
IT / Communications ..... Samantha Kemp Carlin  
Finance ..... Jeff Gioimo  
Building and Grounds ..... Ben Swartz

### EX OFFICIO AND HONORARY

Open ..... Youth Group President  
Open ..... Brotherhood President  
Rebecca Shaffer..... Sisterhood President  
Sally Frank ..... National Board of WRJ