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Rabbi's Message

One year ago, our year of COVID life truly began. Everything moved online. The NCAA Tournament, was canceled last year. We began figuring out how to use the video conferencing technologies that have become an essential part of our lives and we began a year of social distancing and isolation.

When we began, we really didn't know what to expect, but we were anxious about what the future would bring. The past year has been difficult in many ways. For no few of us with health concerns, the need for isolation was both pressing and difficult to endure. Some of us became ill ourselves. Some of us lost loved ones to the disease.

We adapted as best we could to what COVID brought and we'll continue to adapt in the weeks ahead as opportunities arise to interact in person, to restore a bit of normalcy, at least where and when we can. I don't know about you, but where fist bumps and elbow bumps once seemed really awkward and standoffish compared with a handshake or a hug, okay they can still be pretty awkward, I can tell you now that I look forward to those fist bumps anytime over a wave after a virtual conversation. Fist bumps aren't virtual.

There are so many people, I've wished I could hug over the past year, both in celebration and in times of sorrow. I've got a pretty long backlog of hugs to distribute when I can. And I'm happy to receive them, if you feel like you would like to offer.

This past year, in addition to difficulty and challenge, has also brought some positive developments.

A year ago this past Tuesday, I hosted what would be our first of weekly meetings of the Iowa Jewish Professionals Group, the rabbis, Jewish Federation directors, and other leaders of Jewish organizations in Iowa. We started off getting 10-12 people to at-

tend. Now, it's a pretty regular 18-20, spanning the state. We have met every week and shared what has been going on in our communities, asking for and receiving advice, as well as sharing our programming and holding joint programs. We have built camaraderie and cooperation across the state that I believe will endure and outlast the pandemic.



Our Shabbat Shirah program in January may have been the best attended non-High Holiday Friday night service in the history of the state. With over 170 boxes on Zoom and with many of those being couples and families, along with many viewers on Facebook Live as well, we had well over 250 people attend most of the service. It was a fun night as a dozen rabbis and music leaders from nine congregations across the state led us in prayer and song.

Yet, though we can find good things that have happened or have developed over the past year, we mourn the losses of too many members of our families and our community, we mourn for the lost opportunities that the pandemic took away, and for the regular companionship of friends, including our gatherings at the Temple, which we often took for granted that were kept from us, all but virtually.

We have lived through a virtual year. We celebrated holidays, birthdays, and life cycle events, interacted with our friends, attended programs, watched movies, and even enjoyed dinners with loved ones, all online. The technology did sometimes allow us to be together when we otherwise might not have been able, bringing together family and friends across the country or even across oceans, and allowed us to attend many

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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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education
Class – Antisemitism and
Philosemitism

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with
Yizkor for Passover

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

11:00 a.m. Yom HaShoah – Holocaust
Remembrance Day
1:00 p.m. Study of the Historical Books

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 p.m. Yom HaAtzmaut –
Israel Independence Day
[Program TBD]

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education
Class – Zionism and the Founding
of Israel

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Alex Zeff and Oliver Young
B'nai Mitzvah
7:45 p.m. Bob Alper Event

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education
Class – Israel and the Pursuit
of Peace

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Havdalah Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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

FRIDAY, MAY 7

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with
Senior Recognition
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, MAY 8

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

MONDAY, MAY 10

6:30 p.m.. TBJ Book Club - "Unorthodox"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education
Class – Angels in the Jewish
Tradition

FRIDAY, MAY 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, MAY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Education
Class – The Afterlife

FRIDAY, MAY 21

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, MAY 22

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Marilyn Musser Bat Mitzvah

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
(in-person & streaming)

SATURDAY, MAY 29

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

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programs in other cities that we would not have been able to attend. But we missed the opportunities to gather to mourn and celebrate.

For Passover, this year, like last year, most of didn't gather for a large Seder, but unlike last year, when normalcy seemed somewhere beyond the distant horizon, this year, perhaps we see it beginning to arrive. Many people have already received doses of vaccine. We have now surpassed a national milestone of 100 million doses and they tell us that by early summer, it is possible that everyone who is able to do so and wants to get vaccinated will be able to be vaccinated. Last year, there was fear. This year, hope.

This has been a year of asking the question from the Passover Hagadah, "Mah nishtanah halaylah hazeh mi kol haleilot?" "Why is this night different from all other nights?" Over and over and over again. And a year in which the answer for months was largely a shrug. We couldn't really give an answer to that question. We might even have been pressed to remember what day it was at times. Things are beginning to be different. Our nights are starting to be different from one another. Spring is almost here in more ways than one.

Now, we can begin to plan to return, to come back, to reengage, to live lives in which pants and footwear might matter! We will begin to turn from the virtual world to the real world. It will be wonderful to be with people in person again.

As we do, we'll have to remember a few things when we're gathering in the real world:

- In services, sing along, but sing in harmony- Everyone's voice will now be heard with others.

- Be where we are- Paying attention is going to be a challenge, when we've been so used to being able to multitask, to turn off our video and wander around, or to disconnect and reconnect at will. Being there is constant.
- There is no mute button: We can't mute our voices when we don't want to be heard or mute the noises of the chaos around us, nor can we mute others. So when that call comes in on your cell phone, your ringer should already be off, and, just a reminder, you shouldn't answer it as if you're alone during the service.
- When we're together, ask for names: Unlike Zoom boxes, people don't come with labels. Though we probably should make sure to have name tags available, ask for people's names, if you don't already know them.
- Finally, make sure to hug your family members and your friends. Spend time with them. You never know when you might suddenly not be able to do so.

As we begin a second year in our post-COVID world, we're not quite ready for a Shehecheyanu yet. When it's all over, we'll offer one; a really loud heartfelt one. Maybe then we'll add a Tekiah Gedolah as well to celebrate our joy! But we're getting closer. If this were a Passover Seder, we'd be opening the door for Elijah about now, dinner over, Afikomen found, three of the four cups down.

It is time to talk of renewal and reengagement. The time is coming soon. We're almost there.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Kaufman

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

From the information available it sounds like the time may not be too far off that we will be able to return to some sense of normalcy. If you're anything like me, I know you would much rather be discussing rummage sales, Food Fairs and Passover Seders.

IN-PERSON SERVICES

Based on declining Covid infection numbers and increasing vaccination numbers, the Board has approved gradual resumption of in-person services. The current plan is to start the evening of Friday April 16 and to only do Friday evening services in person. Saturday services will still be done virtually.

All services will continue to be available online, although the provider could change at some point. For now we will continue to use some combination of Zoom and Facebook Live. You will be notified through our weekly email how to access services.

At the onset the services will be held in the social hall to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required. We will also gather name, email and phone number information of attendees for contact tracing if that should become necessary. Initially in-person attendance will be limited to 50 people to make sure that we are being safe and there is adequate spacing. We will be taking reservations through the Temple office.

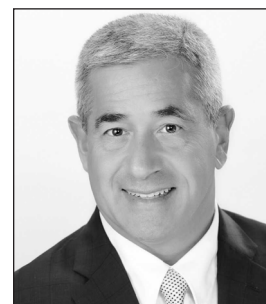
RABBI SEARCH

Although Dick Kirsner (Rabbi Search Committee chair) and Dana Dickson (Interim Rabbi Search Committee chair) will provide more thorough updates on an intermittent basis, this is a good time for a high-level overview.

Since the last Temple Bulletin the survey results have been tabulated and shared. There have also been four town-hall sessions online to allow members to share their thoughts and preferences for both the interim rabbi position and the permanent rabbi position. My thanks to all who participated and had a hand in determining the selection criteria for both positions.

By the time this Bulletin is available the Interim Search Committee will have interviewed one candidate, with a second candidate interviewed or at least scheduled. The first candidate was a qualified rabbi who learned about the Temple through the URJ (Union for Reform

Judaism). After being interviewed by two separate groups the Committee determined that he would not be a good fit for TBJ and we will continue interviewing individuals.



The Search Committee for the permanent rabbi position has posted the opening with multiple sources. There has been good interest however no applicants have yet submitted their resumes. The expectation however is that activity will pick up.

ONLINE SERVICES

In the months preceding the pandemic, the Board was already planning to make Temple services available online. We saw this as an opportunity to be inclusive of the sick, the elderly, distant relatives and anyone else who might not be able to make it to services in person but still wanted to participate.

There is no doubt that everyone would prefer that there was no Coronavirus, however one of the unintended benefits was that it sped up the process of making services available online. That feature is here to stay. So while we are planning the gradual return to in-person services, the online option will remain.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Please take note that the holidays come earlier than normal this year. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Monday September 6. Yom Kippur begins at sundown Wednesday September 15. Although we are phasing in our return to in-person services, the current plan does not include the High Holy Days as part of those. HHD services will be online as they were last year.

Whether you mask or don't mask...vaccinate or don't vaccinate, here's hoping that every one of you is staying safe and well.

Bill Grund

Executive Director's Message

After a year of staying home and worshipping together virtually we are happy to announce that on April 16 we will begin to implement a return to in person services at the Temple. With more and more of our most vulnerable congregants receiving the vaccine for COVID-19, including Rabbi Kaufman, our Temple Board felt that this was the right time to partially resume in person services.



Starting on April 16, we will begin holding in-person Friday evening Shabbat services for members only with an attendance limit, social distancing and masking requirements. While we encourage all our congregants to get vaccinated, being vaccinated will not be a requirement for joining us for services. Right now, RSVP is required to attend. In future weeks, the attendance limit may be higher, but we are beginning carefully.

We will continue to stream Friday evening services via Zoom and Facebook Live as well. In this way we can continue to protect those who have not received the vaccine and serve those who wish to remain home. Other services, including Saturday morning Torah study and services, will remain virtual for now.

Please use your best judgement before deciding if you want to join us for services, and we ask that everyone who does decide to join us abide by the following steps to ensure we are able to create a safe environment.

- RSVP if you plan to attend by Friday afternoon no later than 3:00 PM. You can RSVP by contacting the Temple office at 274-4679 or office@templebnaijeshurun.com. At this time we plan to

limit attendance to 50 people, and space may fill up and those who RSVP first will be given priority.

- Always wear a mask and maintain proper social distance.
- Use hand sanitizer when you enter and exit the building.
- Sign in with the greeter so that contact tracing can be done if needed.
- Enter the building through the main entrance for the lower level by the Temple offices.

At this time, services will take place in the social hall. No food or drinks will be served before or after services or be allowed in the building. Chairs will be set up in rows 7 feet apart and each chair in a row will be 3 feet apart. Families may group chairs from a row together so they can sit as a unit. We will have multiple air purifiers running and may open windows if weather permits.

We are looking at the possibility of outdoor services, but as you may know doing outdoor services come with unique logistical and technological challenges. If we decide to do any services outside, we will give ample prior notice so that everyone can prepare.

At this time no definitive plans have been made for the High Holidays, but we will let you know those plans as soon as we are able.

We are grateful that we will be able to come together on the 16th and hope that this will be the first step in a new journey. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Be Well,
David Muenchrath



SISTERHOOD NEWS

On again, off again Spring is here. This means we're busy preparing for Passover. Let this be the last in isolation. The Sisterhood has continued to move forward with plans in the moment and for later in the year. We continue with two on-going programs — Book Club and Lilith Salon. Both are well supported.

Discussion of our latest book, "Caste," by Isobel Wilkerson, is a must read for everyone. The discussion was wonderful. The next selection is, "Unorthodox," by Debra Feldman. Discussion will be May 10, at 6:30 p.m. (probably by Zoom). It was also made into a movie, and I recommend it to everyone. It is the story of an amazing and courageous young woman.

Our latest Lilith Salon was successfully held in-person and by Zoom. The discussion of articles on provocative subjects was decidedly feminist. While attendance is strong, the Sisterhood will buy a Temple subscription to Lilith Magazine to promote more membership involvement. Really pertinent topics are boldly confronted and are of concern to most women.

Our Crafts interest group continues to meet by Zoom every Thursday. As a mitzvah, the Sisterhood took orders for 20 dozen hamantaschen from Crossroads Deli — the favorite for Jews in the know in Minneapolis. Two road warriors enjoyed 6 hours of girl talk.

After a year of isolation, what a treat! Yet to come, we are hosting a multi-media presentation on "The Making of Fiddler on the Roof," on May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Our presenter is, Charles Troy, an acclaimed musical historian. Watch for our Zoom invite. We have sent out a survey on how the Sisterhood can improve on helping everyone live life more Jewishly and with joy. We hope to hear from as many of you as possible.

Shag Pesach Sameach!

Rebecca Shaffer

TBJ Adult Education Schedule for Spring 2021

All classes begin at 7 p.m. on Zoom. [Schedule is Subject to Change]

- Apr 1 Antisemitism and Philosemitism
- Apr 7 Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day – [6 p.m.]
- 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



John & Debra Zieman
April 17

George & Laura Sparks
April 21

Benjamin & Joyce Swartz
May 7

Mary Kay & Bruce Buchsbaum
May 9

Ira & Susan Dickman
May 13

David & Andrea Silverstein
May 13

Neil & Susan Horning
May 17

Jason & Kerrie Bernstein
May 19

Greg & Daryl Anderson
May 25

Josh Mandelbaum &
Katherine Meeker Mandelbaum
May 25

Rena & Peder Skoog
May 25

Jeffrey & Andi Lipman
May 29

Tom & Stacie Franklin
May 31

Lester & Marlene Kavan
May 31

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TEMPLE:

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Email office@templebnaijeshurun.com to be added to our mailing list!

The Spirituality of Laughter

**A Jewish Look at the Holiness of Humor
with Rabbi & Comedian Bob Alper**

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Hardaláh **at 7:45 pm CDT**

Program **at 8 pm CDT**

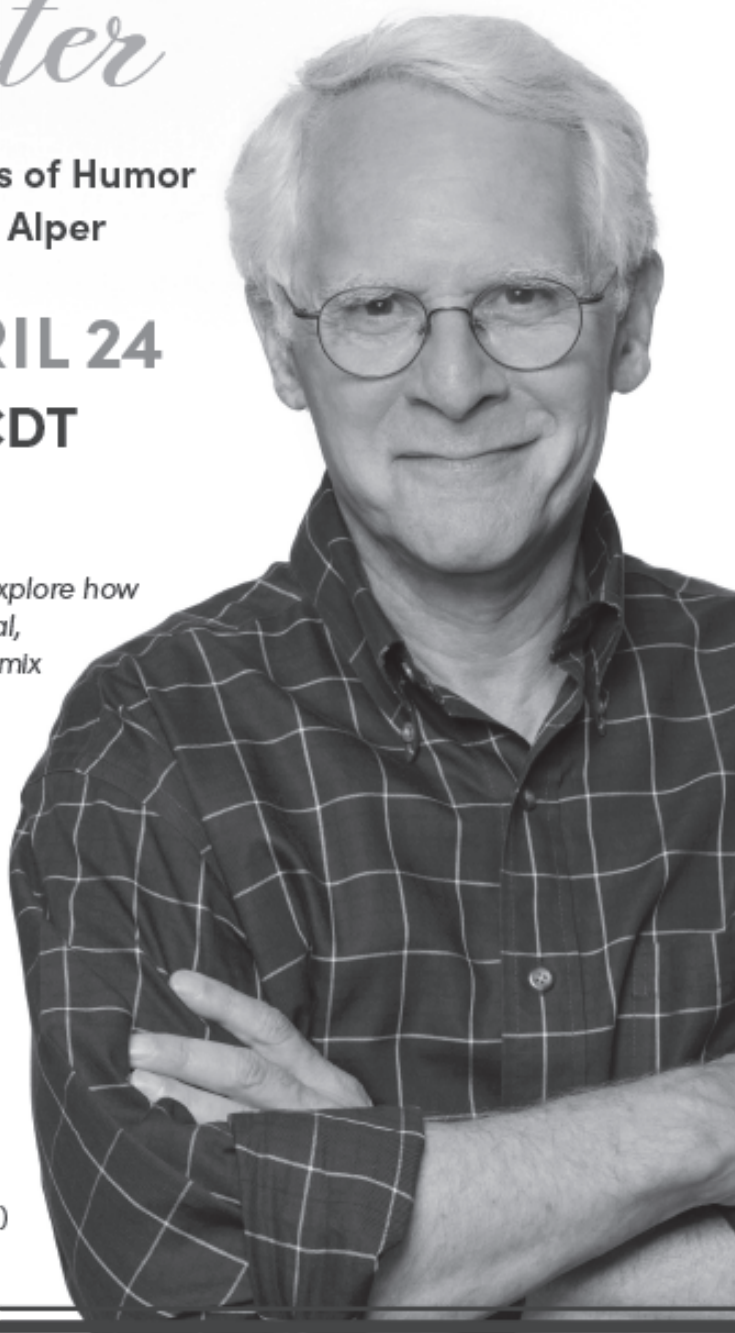
A Jewish look at the holiness of humor—explore how Judaism values the spiritual, psychological, and physiological benefits of laughter. A mix of great Jewish learning and pure knee-slapping comedy is guaranteed!

**Registration in
advance is required:**

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MARGO AND DON BLUMENTHAL JEWISH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline
Friday, April 30, 2021

The Margo and Don Blumenthal Jewish Student Scholarships are for Jewish students who will attend or are attending post-secondary schools within the state of Iowa.

Applications will be accepted from Jewish students who have attended a high school in Central Iowa or whose grandparents are or were recognized members of the Des Moines area Jewish community.

Scholarships will be awarded based on estimated financial need along with academic achievement.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Jody Ingersoll at jody@jewishdesmoines.org

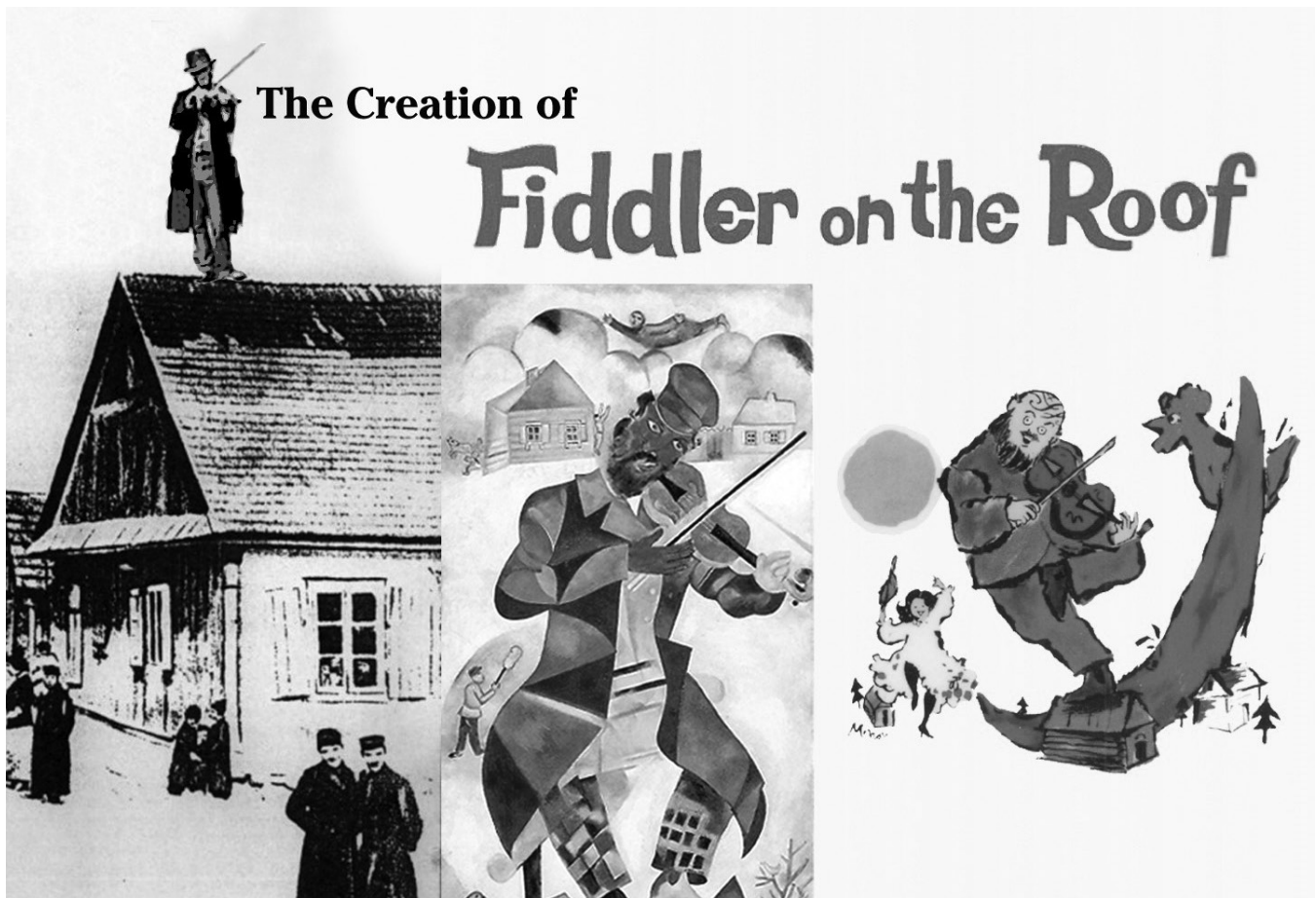
JOIN TBJ SISTERHOOD FOR “THE CREATION OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”

Save the date!

On May 1 at 7:00, the TBJ Sisterhood invites you to Zoom-in on “The Creation of Fiddler on the Roof,” presented by Charles Troy, America’s most acclaimed dramatic musical theatre historian.

The stories of Yiddish writer Sholom Aleichem seemed an unlikely subject for a musical, and certainly of limited appeal. We will see how genius director-choreographer Jerome Robbins guided his creative team to find universality in the material, and how they made a "Jewish musical" that struck a responsive chord in virtually every country in the world.

Charles Troy is a graphic designer and former theatre lyricist. During the pandemic, he has converted his multimedia presentations on musical theatre subjects into videos which he presents virtually. Mr. Troy’s visually seamless presentations combine his own original graphics with historic photos, edited audio tracks with the lyrics displayed onscreen, and illustrative video clips. — all coordinated with a scripted narrative, weaving pertinent events into a dramatic tale.



We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Bruce Glauberg • 2/10/21

Donald Pochter (Husband of Ronna Pochter; Father of Andi Lipman)
2/11/21

Sigurd Anderson • 2/14/21

Ernest Elton Davis • (Grandfather of Havah Frank)

Marty Begleiter • (Husband of Ronni Begleiter) 3/10/21



A Holocaust Memorial Day Walk on the Streets of the former Warsaw Ghetto: Remembrance, Reflection and Hope



When: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Time: USA 11:00am Central Time / Poland 6:00pm CET / Israel 7:00pm IDT

On ZOOM Free and open to the public

To register, go to: bit.ly/ajcevent

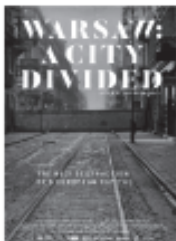


In commemoration of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), you are invited to join us on a live, online ZOOM walking tour in the space where the Warsaw Ghetto once existed and stops at three (3) special locations as narrated by attorney and Holocaust educator, *Michael H. Traison* (left). The Germans murdered over 400,000 Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, including those who died of starvation, typhus and disease.

Following this live pilgrimage, the students from the Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities in Davenport, Iowa, will perform a Holocaust-themed dance.



Following the dance and from Chicago, world famous Cantor, *Alberto Mizrahi* (left), will chant *Kel Maleh Rachamim*, the Jewish prayer for the souls of the dead. The program will conclude from Israel with world renowned Cantor, *Israel Rand* (right), leading all of us around the globe in the singing of *Hatikvah*, the 19th century Jewish poem and National Anthem of Israel which tells of the 2,000 year hope of the Jewish people to return to their homeland, Israel.



****As a special bonus, you are all invited to view for free on Vimeo the outstanding, new documentary, *"Warsaw: A City Divided"* by Eric Bednarski from Sunday, April 4th starting at 6:00am Central Time to Wednesday, April 7th ending at 6:00am at:

VIMEO-<https://vimeo.com/469079287>

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We wish to express our appreciation to the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Chicago for hosting this program as well as the following sponsors (so far):

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Yahrzeit Observances

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

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Edith Friedman
Alec M. Levin
Jonathan Lee Belin
Paul Kramer
Maisha Perowsky
Maris Weinstein
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Jack Spevak
Sol Beecher
Carrie Carlstrom
Alvin H. Kirsner
Samuel Levy
Sylvia Beecher
Oscar Feldstein
Celia Tobis

The following names will be read on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10:

Harry Kneeter
Morris Mandelbaum Sr.
Sidney J. Pearlman
David Yentis
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Sanford Levy
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Mort Solomon
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Isaac J. Wallerstein
A. Milton Cohen
Albert J. Cohen
Frances Rose Miller
Harry Pomerantz
Lorraine Rindskopf
Blanche Weiss
Joseph Z. Marks
Charles Strull
Cecil Balentine

Bette Kelinson
Marion Laner

The following names will be read on Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17:

Betty Ann Dubansky
Charlotte Carmel
Judith Press
Benjamin Rovner
Lewis Caspe
Ida Rockowitz
Max Spilka
Jane Abrams
Azriel Borowick
Vivian Huenemann
Morton O. Neufeld
Shirley Herowitz Wittenstein
Rose Caroline Greene
David Kikoler
Murray Resk
Meyer Rosenfield
Betty Wilcox
Lino Gonzalez-Dopeso
Elwood Mueller
John Smith
Ben Stern
Sara Strull

The following names will be read on Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24:

Irving Balto
John Barkley
Mildred Diamond
Rose Rosenberg
Helen "Sis" Stein
Karen Stern
Mary Joyce Alter
Stanton Belinkoff
Sophie Davidson
Arthur C. Robinson
Shirley Dubansky
Florence Friedman Jacobs
Pearl Kaplan Harris
Frank Joseph Santo
Jacob L. Sheuerman
Harry L. Tepper
Melvin Wilk
Julius D. Adelman
Nathaniel Baskin
Clifford Trinder
Henry D. Rockowitz
Ann B. Kline
Joseph Pomerance

The following names will be read on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1:

Jim Adelman
Maxwell Jacob Binder
Jean C. Goldman
Yetta Hahn
Mollie Hockenberg
Frank Perowsky
Steve Shrager
Jacqueline N. Blank
Mabel Maggard
Samuel Friedman
Anita Mandelbaum
Herb Perry
Sarah Gavronsky
Charles E. Glueck
Fred Hart
Ronda Levy
Sylvia Perowsky
Benjamin Purnell
Henry Riegelman
Anne Miriam Cohen
Hyman Fingert
Edith Hurwick
Bernard Kilberg
Ralph Oberbroeckling
Ethel Weiner
Ira Berck
Mary Buchsbaum
Louis Ciesla
Sophie Smuleson
Jennie Aliber
Jack Gibson
Miriam Lorber
Phyllis Press
Jerome Edward Wolf

The following names will be read on Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8:

Deborah Levy
Joe Grivois
Paul Huenemann
Julius P. Schoenebaum
Norman J. Kelinson
Lorraine Kuba
Hannah Patterson
Rose A. Shloss
Israel Altman
Jay Daniels
Sara Elizabeth Foss
Jacob Reich
Lillian Susskind
Joan Hightshoe

Harold Zapel
 Hermine Goldman
 Hattie S. Levy
 Edward Mazvinsky
 Rose Silverstein
 Don Paulsen
 Elizabeth Perowsky
 Harriett Shrago

The following names will be read on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15:

Samuel Fingerman
 Harlan W. Wittenstein
 Mary Fingerman
 Richard McMahon
 Marvin Bailin
 Morton Fingert
 Max Levin
 Helen Miller
 Rachel Younker
 Emma S. Braverman
 Kris Jacobs
 Gayla Smith
 Mort Bader
 Betty Deutch
 Leanore Herzog
 Ida Simon Holland
 Mary Resk
 Fannie Shalett
 Mary Kay Conley
 Marvin Dubansky
 Abe J. Friedman
 Nicholas N. Goldman
 Lois Shkolnick
 Barry Shlaes
 Victor Mazie
 Herbert Scharff
 Opal Ward

The following names will be read on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 :

Milton Brown
 Jeanette A. Loeb
 Ben Small

Jane Werner
 Abraham Aizman Lederman
 Boni Druker
 Bernard G. Epstein
 Doris Mandelbaum Field
 Leonard Robinson
 William Kitsis
 Fern Norris
 Fred Sudak
 Frances Yentis
 Billie Shlaes
 Louis Tessel
 Erwin Frank
 Dorothy Kirsner
 Lawrence A. Weinstock
 Hiram I. Levy
 Neil Levitt
 Harry Mills
 Jean Wieder

The following names will be read on Friday, May 28, and Saturday, May 29:

Milton Brown
 Jeanette A. Loeb
 Ben Small
 Jane Werner
 Abraham Aizman Lederman
 Boni Druker
 Bernard G. Epstein
 Doris Mandelbaum Field
 Leonard Robinson
 William Kitsis
 Fern Norris
 Fred Sudak
 Frances Yentis
 Billie Shlaes
 Louis Tessel
 Erwin Frank
 Dorothy Kirsner
 Lawrence A. Weinstock
 Hiram I. Levy
 Neil Levitt
 Harry Mills
 Jean Wieder
 Peter Pintus

Mose E. Swartz
 Rabbi Aaron Gorbaty
 Muriel Oxer
 Norman J. Shalett
 Julian Silverberg
 Ruth M. Block
 Phillip Epstein
 Charlotte Wolf
 Agnes Louise Duchon
 Pearl Kaplan
 Norman I. Menzer
 Fannye B. Jacobson
 Ron Rubin
 Sergio Daniel Rudich
 Jacob Shalett
 Roy Lee Swarzman
 Vic Untrauer

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

Margaret Holland Brown
 Hyman Druker
 Harry Hiersteiner
 Lawrence Duplessis
 Chester P. Goldman
 Isadore Pomerantz
 Sheila Robinson
 Bessie Goldberg
 Erika Goldburg
 Robert Lubetkin
 Philip Remer
 Francis Hunter Rouda
 Ben Silverstein
 Ned Barsky
 Esther Klass Belin
 Morris Katanick
 Edith Lepolstat-Cohen
 Alice Hershfield
 Jennie Menzer
 Bess Pasternack
 Harry Abrams
 Elliott Baskin
 Larry Franklin
 Edward Otto Wolf



SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

The Temple will be honoring all of our graduating Seniors on May 7 during our Family Shabbat Service at 6:00 p.m.

Families with Seniors, please send or email a picture of your senior with a short bio including future plans for the next Temple Bulletin. Please email office@templebnaijeshurun.com if you have any questions.

Neil Horning	April 1
David Cohen	April 2
Callum Tomlin	April 2
Herbert Eckhouse	April 3
David Goldman	April 3
Karen Silverberg	April 3
Diane Pratt	April 4
Ruth Glick	April 6
Stacie Franklin	April 7
Josh Mandelbaum	April 8
Heidi Berger	April 11
Helene Fein	April 11
Muriel Sheppard	April 11
Larry Squibb	April 11
Irving Stone	April 11
Cyril Mandelbaum	April 12
Joshua Pletcher	April 13
Marcia Sims	April 13
Victoria Eckstat	April 15
Clifton Mitchell	April 15
Adam Andrews	April 16
Phyllis Rubin	April 16
Laura Arenson	April 17
Hannah Herzog	April 17
Norman Mandelbaum	April 17



Steven Newman	April 17
Lisa Leventhal-Sobotka	April 18
Kay Braverman	April 19
Brooke Galinsky	April 19
Pat Kroloff	April 20
Craig Kelson	April 21
Arlene Freeder	April 22
William Jagiello	April 22
Linda Fandel	April 24
Nicole Chavas-Schwegler	April 25
Steven Bailin	April 27
Lyanna Grund Lindgren	April 28
Rena Skoog	April 28
Sharon Squibb	April 28
Denise Swartz	April 28
Victoria Blake	May 1
Thomas Press	May 4
Anna Kuperman	May 5

Silvia Rosenfeld Klein	May 6
Steve Eckstat	May 7
Richard Ansher	May 8
Charles Stanton	May 10
Susan Horning	May 12
Rabbi David Kaufman	May 13
Howard Shapiro	May 13
Penny Bassman	May 16
Richard Seidenfeld	May 18
Juli Margolin	May 19
Jake Shkolnick	May 19
Judith Blank	May 20
Susan Mann	May 20
James Wolf	May 20
Susan Seidenfeld	May 21
Suse Cohen	May 22
Kenton Copple	May 22
Daniel MacKenzie	May 24
Connie Cohen	May 26
Deb Brewer	May 27
Barbara Shlaes	May 28
Michael Rahe	May 29
Ira Naiditch	May 30



A DESSERT FAREWELL FOR RABBI DAVID KAUFMAN
 SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH — 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
 TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN — RAIN OR SHINE
 DETAILS TO FOLLOW

B'nai Mitzvot

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 will follow. Due to health precautions, there will not be a community luncheon.



Jeffrienne Young and Eytan Young are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Oliver Milo Young**. The community is cordially invited to join us as Oliver is called to the Torah at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021, via Zoom Video Conference.

We'll be together again.

Starting on April 16, we will begin holding in-person Friday evening Shabbat services for members only with an attendance limit, social distancing and masking requirements.





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). 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? ☐ 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?

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| <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).

THANK YOU!

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10am Sisterhood Crafts Rabbi's Class - Antisemitism & Philosemitism 7pm	2 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Family Shabbat Service 6pm	3 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service with Yizkor for Passover 10am
4	5	6 10am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee Sisterhood Meeting 6:30pm	7 11am Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day Program Ongoing Study of the Historical Books 1pm	8 10am Sisterhood Crafts 8am	9 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service 6pm	10 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service 10am
11	12	13 10am Temple Staff Meeting	14 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books 1pm	15 10am Sisterhood Crafts Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel Independence Day - Program TBD 7pm	16 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service 6pm	17 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service 10am
18 11am Joanne's Short Story Book Club	19	20 10am Temple Staff Meeting	21 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books 1pm	22 10am Sisterhood Crafts Rabbi's Class - Zionism & the Founding of Israel 7pm	23 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service 6pm	24 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Alex Zeff and Oliver Young B'nai Mitzvah The 7:45pm
25	26	27 10am Temple Staff Meeting	28 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books 1pm	29 10am Sisterhood Crafts Rabbi's Class - Israel & the Pursuit of Peace 7pm	30 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service 6pm	Spirituality of Laughter with Rabbi and Comedian Bob Alper

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service 7pm Sisterhood
2	3	4 10am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	5 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	6 10am Sisterhood Crafts	7 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Family Shabbat with Senior	8 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
9	10 6:30pm TBJ Book Club, "Unorthodox" by Debra Feldman	11 10am Temple Staff Meeting	12 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	13 10am Rabbi's Birthday Sisterhood Crafts 7pm Rabbi's Class - Angels in the Jewish	14 10am Recognition Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	15 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
16	17 Shavuot - Temple Office Closed	18 10am Temple Staff Meeting	19 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	20 10am Tradition Sisterhood Crafts 7pm Rabbi's Class - The Afterlife	21 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	22 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Marlyn Musser Bat Mitzvah
23	24	25 10am Temple Staff Meeting	26 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	27 10am Sisterhood Crafts	28 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	29 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
30	31 Memorial Day - Temple Office Closed					

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	2 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	3 10am Sisterhood Crafts	4 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Family Shabbat Service	5 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
6 2pm Farewell Rabbi Kaufman	7	8 10am Temple Staff Meeting	9 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	10 10am Sisterhood Crafts	11 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	12 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
13	14	15 10am Temple Staff Meeting	16 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	17 10am Sisterhood Crafts	18 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	19 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
20	21	22 10am Temple Staff Meeting	23 1pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	24 10am Sisterhood Crafts	25 10am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	26 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
27	28	29 10am Temple Staff Meeting	30			

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