# **TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN**

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### **Rabbi's Message**

Ha lachma anya – this is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Mitzrayim (Egypt).

So begins our Passover story. And that is – in fact – our defining story.

For when we sit down at our seder tables – perhaps alone, perhaps with just our immediate family, perhaps with friends or community, perhaps still with a computer or phone screen in front of us as we zoom seder with others – we tell the story how our spiritual ancestors were enslaved and God freed them with miracles, with an outstretched arm reaching down to us, waiting for us to reach up to God.

But it is not supposed to be just a story we tell. In my mind, the central passage in the entire Haggadah is "In every generation, we should see ourselves as having left Mitzrayim." In other words, to really understand, to really feel our defining story, we have to live it.

Well, for the past two years we have.

For the last two years, we have been weighed down by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two years ago March, we did not know what was in store for us. It was, as I imagine, like that verse in the beginning chapter of Exodus: "A pharaoh arose who knew not Joseph."

For our ancestors in Mitzrayim, it must have been a disorienting moment. Having lived in safety and prosperity while Joseph lived, all of a sudden they were confronted with a new reality – in truth, a new plague – in the guise of this new pharaoh. And, as our story progresses, we know that the pain of this new pharaonic plague grew deeper and deeper. It was only after decades and decades of servitude that our cries were heard and God's outstretched arm lifted us up into freedom.

For us, we imagined that we would be back together by the fall of 2020. It didn't happen. We spent time in lockdown. We spent the past two years – in a metaphoric sense – shackled. Only now are we beginning to experience what freedom feels like.



But, just as th€ :hildren of Israel had to do their parts to be free – to put the blood on the doorposts of their homes, to trust Moses and God to leave Egypt, and to have the courage to step into the Sea before it would part – just as they had to do all that, we, too, have our responsibilities in order for our community, our country, our world is released from the prison of this pandemic. In addition to vaccinations, masks, and handwashing – we have an additional responsibility in order for ourselves and others to be truly free.

And that is to embrace freedom. Unlike the Israelites at the Sea, who - so savs midrash - were fearful of freedom and of taking that first step past Egyptian soil - we are ready for our freedom. But what is it we are free now to do? I suggest that now is the time to re-commit to our congregation and community. Over the next couple of months, we are going to have a number of in-person events, some in our building, ,some outdoors. Let us demonstrate our love for this community and our willingness to step up and volunteer to help. Maybe it's a vision taskforce. Or coming to one of the remaining Transition, Dreams, and Vision sessions. Maybe it's stepping foot again into our beloved building. Soon, we will hold Torah Study in person. And all of our Shabbat services - Friday and Saturday - will be in-person (yes, we will continue to livestream). Join us. Let us know that you are with us, that we are a physical community once more.

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# **Worship Schedule**

Currently Friday evening services are in person and live streamed on our website, www.templebnaijeshurun.org. Saturday morning Torah Study and Shabbat Services are via Zoom only. Emails are sent biweekly with streaming links and updates to the schedule if there are any. Contact us if you are not currently receiving Temple emails, office@templebnaijeshurun.com.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service sponsored by the PJ Library7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 29:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Virtual (Re)Intro to Judaism Class – Conversion (via Zoom)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 99:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

5:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Nemitoff6:00 p.m. Passover Seder

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

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

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 p.m. Transitions, Dreams, and Visions (via Zoom)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Virtual (Re)Intro to Judaism Class - Jewish Living (via Zoom)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

 
 Passover Day 7 – Temple Office Closed

 6:00 p.m.
 Erev Shabbat Service with Yizkor for Passover with Rabbi Nemitoff

SATURDAY, APRIL 239:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 11:00 a.m. Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club (via Zoom)

FRIDAY, APRIL 296:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 309:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

**7:00 p.m.** Transitions, Dreams, and Visions (via Zoom)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 6

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Nemitoff

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

9:00 a.m.Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m.Milla Young B Mitzvah

MONDAY, MAY 9 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Club at Windsor Heights Hy-Vee

#### FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with Senior Recognition with Rabbi Nemitoff

#### SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Brytan Bassman Bar Mitzvah

SUNDAY, MAY 15 11:00 a.m. Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club (via Zoom) 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 166:30 p.m. TBJ Book Club, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (via Zoom)

FRIDAY, MAY 20 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service sponsored by the TBJ Sisterhood

SATURDAY, MAY 219:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

THURSDAY, MAY 26 12:00 p.m. WE DO (Women of Experience Dining Out) Lunch

FRIDAY, MAY 276:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Nemitoff

SATURDAY, MAY 289:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:00 a.m. Emmett Lehman Bar Mitzvah

MONDAY, MAY 30 Memorial Day – Temple Office Closed



# **SAVE THE DATE**

High School Senior Recognition Night is Friday, May 13!

## **President's Comments**

On January 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy delivered his historic inaugural address to our country. He stated, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country". It was a civic call to action. An ask to take personal responsibility—do more and give more. These powerful words, spoken just over 60 years ago, are as relevant today as they were then.

As Americans, as Jews, as members of our local community and congregation, we have a call to action. We can use this most basic and necessary human principle to guide us through our congregational life. Ask not what can be done for you, rather, what can you do for your congregation. What can you do for your fellow congregant? How can we act on this call?

Some can offer their time. Others can contribute their talent. And then there are those able to provide their treasure.

Over the past several months, I have been humbled by those in our community who continue to ask what he or she can do—as a volunteer—to assist during this time of transition for our Temple and uncertainty in the world around us. These are the congregants who happily greet you at the door on Shabbat, construct the high holiday tent and stuff envelopes for the office staff. These are our friends who drop off meals during Rosh Hashanah. These are the people we thank for always fitting Temple B'nai Jeshurun into their busy schedules. Time.

Can you hear the notes of our talented musicians who bring heart and spirit every Shabbat and holiday? We thank them for their voices and instruments and the songs that fill our sacred space. We are nourished by the people who bake us fresh challah and fruit filled hamantaschen. We are warmed by those who meticulously prepare seders for the congregation and delighted by the creatives who craft clever events to entertain the whole family. Talent.

We are beyond grateful to those who choose to support us by helping to keep our



sanctuary brightly lit and warm. The people who help us to reward our staff and clergy for taking care of every detail and all of our needs. We thank these congregants who so generously provide scholarships so our children may attend camp year after year. Our future is encouraging thanks to our sustaining contributors. Treasure.

Without our congregants and community, and without your gifts of time, talent and treasure, we are only brick and mortar. When you combine these gifts, and ask what you can do for our congregation, you help us become a beautiful place of worship and life. I thank those of you who have already given so much of yourself. In truth, these gifts you give are the three key components in making the foundation for a harmonious and time-enduring congregation.

As we approach Passover, please let me wish you a Chag Pesach Sameach and offer my one wish—"This year in person!" (And if not this year, then the next!).

Sincerely, Dana Dickson 515-556-2375 danafortbj@gmail.com

### RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued from front page)

Passover's story of freedom is our defining story. May we bring that story to life on this holiday as we emerge from our modern-day servitude to the COVID-19 pandemic. And as we emerge, may we say not "Next year in Jerusalem," but rather "This year, at this time, may we all be together – in one place – around one seder table, within one building, gathered together wherever we are to tell our story and to celebrate the delicious taste that is freedom and that is Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

#### Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff

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### **Executive Director's Message**

It's hard to believe but both Erin and I recently celebrated our 10-year work anniversaries as employees of the Temple. Erin started working for the Temple in November of 2011 and I started my employment a few months later in February of 2012. I know that we are both so grateful for the opportunity the Temple gave us, and that over these past ten years the congregation has felt like a second family to us.

For both Erin and I a lot has changed in our personal lives over the last 10 years. We both welcomed two children into our own families, and it has been a great blessing for us that our children could participate in many activities here at the Temple. If you haven't had the chance to meet them, hopefully someday you will. I thought it was great that my youngest, Walter, recently said that his favorite holiday is Purim because he likes the triangle cookies and that you get to eat pizza.

Of course, Erin and I are not the only ones with an important anniversary to celebrate. If you don't know, the Temple is going to celebrate it's sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary in 2023. Currently, we don't have any definitive plans, but it is certainy on our minds.

For example, I talked to our former facility manager, Jack Huff, about a time capsule which had been buried on the Temple grounds. We are pretty sure we found it, but we'll need some help digging if we want to unearth it.



As I said, there are no definitive plans for our sesquicentennial yet, but I want it to be on all of our minds. If you have some ideas as to how you would like to celebrate this anniversary please share those with me or with any member of our Temple Board. After the High Holidays we will begin planning for our sesquicentennial in earnest.

For Erin and myself, thank you for these last ten years, and I hope that we are all looking forward to the next 150 years of our congregations.

Shalom, David Muenchrath Executive Director

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Debra Zieman	April 17
Benjamin & Joyce Swartz	May 7
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
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

### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

Abbe Shapiro • 1/30/22 (Daughter of Howard Shapiro; Sister of Steve Wilke-Shapiro)

Jeffery Gioimo • 2/17/22 (Father of Jeff Gioimo)

Sandra Land • 2/20/22 (Mother of Linda Lazar)

Florence Purnell • 2/24/22 (Wife of Glenn Purnell)

Zoe Kavan • 3/5/22 (Granddaughter of Lester & Marlene Kavan)

> David Cohen • 3/19/22 (Brother of Linda Cohen)

# **B'NAI MITZVOT**

**Brytan Bassman**, son of Kathy and the late Jerome Bassman *z*"l, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 14 at 10 AM at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Brytan is a 7th grader at Norwalk. He attends Beit Sefer Shalom, where he also is a Madrich on Sunday mornings. He has a wide interest in sports – bowling, football, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, horseshoes, archery, swimming, horse riding, volleyball, lacrosse, and enjoys rock-hounding. He loves to cook and draw and likes to skateboard and play video games. He is active in his school Choir and Show Choir. His volunteer experiences include many years of helping remove and replace flags on Veterans' graves at Jewish Glendale Cemetery, packaging meals at Meals of the Heartland, various projects with NPD LYFE program, and opportunities through his school. For his Bar Mitzvah project, he is collecting donations for kids in the Family Promise of Greater Des Moines program.





Meyer and Jen Lehman are proud to announce that their son, **Emmett Randall Lehman**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at 10:00 AM on Saturday May 28 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Emmett is in seventh grade at Waukee Middle School.

Please join our family as **Kuper Riley Schwartz** is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 4 at 10AM. Kuper is the son of Aaron and Laura Schwartz, and the grandson of Jill and Howard Musin. Kuper is a 6th grader at Urbandale middle school. He enjoys building Legos and reading Greek mythology.





Jim Mollison and Jill Bassman are excited to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Dwight "Jack" Mollison**. The community is cordially invited to join us as Jack is called to the torah at 4:30pm on Saturday, June 11 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.



### Celebrate Passover with our In-Person Community Seder Friday, April 15 - 6-8:30 pm

Join us on the first night of Passover for a community seder led by Rabbi Nemitoff and our musical tefillah team. Open to the first 80-100 people (to have plenty of room between tables), Rabbi Nemitoff will lead us in a fun and tradition-filled seder. We will sing, tell our story of the Exodus, and eat a sumptous meal, lovingly prepared by Edye Beckerman and her staff. All for \$40/adults; \$18/children 6-12; under 6/free. Reservations required. Call the Temple office, 515-274-4679.

Menu - Starters: relish tray, hard boiled eggs, charoset, gefilte fish w/red horseradish, matza. Then, matza ball soup, followed by BBQ brisket and citrus salmon, roasted red potatoes, tzimmes. Desserts include flavored macaroons. mandel bread, fruit slices. We will have grape juice, white and red wine to enjoy. (Matza pizza will be available in-person only)

A brief 20-minute Erev Pesach/Shabbat service will be held at 5:30 pm, in the Sanctuary, for anyone who wishes to participate. (Our service will be livestreamed. Our seder will be in-person only.)

### Seder Meal-To-Go

If you are planning to be or are more comfortable being at home, consider ordering delicious Seder meals-to-go for those in your family. You can lead your own Seder or follow along with the virtual Seder we will be sending before Passover. You will pick up your food on Friday, April 15 between 4-5:15 pm. Each meal costs \$36 and will include everything we are serving in-person except for wine and matza pizza. To order, call the Temple office.



Temple B'nai Jeshurun invites you to participate in an evening of open conversations, honest questions, and hopeful possibilities as our congregation moves into its next season and the welcoming of our new rabbi.

Rabbi Nemitoff will guide us in speaking about our hopes, fears, and dreams and talking about the past, the present, and imagining the future.

We chose to have an interim rabbi this year partially so we can do OUR transition work: to learn from one another, to support each of us as we mark what is left behind and look forward to what is yet to come.

We invite you to choose one date to join us. Our conversations will not be recorded nor livestreamed. Our attendance will be limited to 25 households for each virtual gathering and 50 people for our in-person opportunity.

Our three dates are: Sunday, March 27-7 pm / Tuesday, April 19-7 pm / Thursday, May 5-7 pm

To sign up and choose your date, click on the following link: https://tinyurl.com/TBJ-TransitionDreamVision

### Yahrzeit Observances

The following names will be read on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 Albert Berkowitz Gil Cranberg Frances Aliber Swartz **Ruth Frankle** Grace Jordan Edith Friedman Alec M. Levin Jonathan Lee Belin Paul Kramer Maisha Perowsky Maris Weinstein Sam G. Cohen Diane Adler Bernard Alper Isaiah Frankel Howard Jordan Melvin Land Herbert Rosenberg Helen Schwied Joyce Shlaes Jack Spevak Carrie Carlstrom Alvin H. Kirsner Samuel Levy

### The following names will be read on Friday, April 8 and

Saturday, April 9: Oscar Feldstein Celia Tobis Karen Silverberg Harry Kneeter Morris Mandelbaum Sr. Sidney J. Pearlman Louis Pomerantz David Yentis Henry Epstein Sanford Levy Fannie Pearl Shedle Mort Solomon Stanley G. Swarzman Frances Cheris Nathan Epstein Gary A. Friedman Victor Pomerantz Isaac J. Wallerstein A. Milton Cohen Albert J. Cohen Frances Rose Miller Harry Pomerantz Lorraine Rindskopf **Blanche Weiss** Joseph Z. Marks

The following names will be read on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16: Bette Kelinson Marion Laner Betty Ann Dubansky Charlotte Carmel Judith Press Benjamin Rovner Lewis Caspe Max Spilka Jane Abrams Vivian Huenemann Morton O. Neufeld Shirley Herowitz Wittenstein Rose Caroline Greene David Kikoler Murray Resk Meyer Rosenfield Betty Wilcox Lino Gonzalez-Dopeso Elwood Mueller

The following names will be read on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23: John Smith Ben Stern Irving Balto John Barklev Mildred Diamond Phyllis Onnen Rose Rosenberg Helen "Sis" Stein Karen Stern Mary Joyce Alter Stanton Belinkoff Sophie Davidson Arthur C. Robinson Shirlev Dubansky Florence Friedman Jacobs Pearl Kaplan Harris Frank Joseph Santo Jacob L. Sheuerman Harry L. Tepper Sol Beecher Melvin Wilk Julius D. Adelman Nathaniel Baskin Sylvia Beecher **Clifford Trinder** The following names will be read on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30: Jacqueline Biber Ann B. Kline Joseph Pomerance Maxwell Jacob Binder Jean C. Goldman Yetta Hahn

Mollie Hockenberg Frank Perowsky Steve Shrago 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 **Charles Strull** Cecil Balentine Anne Miriam Cohen Hyman Fingert Bernard Kilberg Ralph Oberbroeckling Ethel Weiner Ira Berck Mary Buchsbaum Louis Ciesla Sophie Smuleson

The following names will be read on Friday. May 6 and Saturday, May 7: Jack Gibson Miriam Lorber Phyllis Press Jerome Edward Wolf Deborah Levv Ida Rockowitz Azriel Borowick Paul Huenemann Norman J. Kelinson Lorraine Kuba Hannah Patterson Rose A. Shloss Israel Altman Jay Daniels Sara Elizabeth Foss Jacob Reich Lillian Susskind Geraldine Tabach Joan Hightshoe Sara Strull Harold Zapel Hermine Goldman Hattie S. Levv Edward Mazvinsky Rose Silverstein

The following names will be read on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 14 : Don Paulsen Elizabeth Perowsky

Harriett Shrago Harlan W. Wittenstein **Richard McMahon** Marvin Bailin Morton Fingert Max Levin Helen Miller **Rachel Younker** Emma S. Braverman Kris Jacobs Henry D. Rockowitz Gayla Smith Mort Bader Betty Deutch Leanore Herzog Ida Simon Holland Mary Resk Fannie Shalett Jim Adelman Mary Kay Conley Marvin Dubansky Abe J. Friedman Nicholas N. Goldman Lois Shkolnick **Barry Shlaes** 

The following names will be read on Friday, May 20 and and Saturday, May 21: Victor Mazie Herbert Scharff Opal Ward Milton Brown Jeanette A. Loeb Ben Small Jane Werner Abraham Aizman Lederman Boni Druker Bernard G. Epstein Doris Mandelbaum Field Leonard Robinson Edith Hurwick William Kitsis Fern Norris

Fred Sudak Frances Yentis Billie Shlaes Louis Tessel Jennie Aliber Erwin Frank Dorothy Kirsner Lawrence A. Weinstock Hiram I. Levy

The following names will be read on Friday, May 27 and and Saturday, May 28: Joe Grivois Neil Levitt Harry Mills Julius P. Schoenebaum Jean Wieder Peter Pintus Mose E. Swartz Norman J. Shalett Julian Silverberg Ruth M. Block Phillip Epstein Charlotte Wolf Agnes Louise Duchen Pearl Kaplan Norman I. Menzer Samuel Fingerman Fannye B. Jacobson Ron Rubin

The following names will be read on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4: Mary Fingerman Sergio Daniel Rudich Jacob Shalett Roy Lee Swarzman Vic Untrauer Margaret Holland Brown Hyman Druker Harry Hiersteiner Chester P. Goldman Isadore Pomerantz Sheila Robinson 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

**PJ Library Family Shabbat** BOOKS, CRAFTS & FUN **APRIL 1, 5:30 PM** SERVICES BEGIN AT 6 PM

# Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club

If you like to read and discuss short stories, this Book Club would be perfect for you! We meet one Sunday morning a month from 11:00am - 12:00pm or 12:30pm and discuss a short story from the anthology "The Art of The Story," edited by Daniel Halpern. It's available on Amazon:

Our next two meetings are April 24th and May 15th. We currently meet on Zoom but hope to resume meeting in person as the pandemic allows.

We'd love to have you join us! If you have questions, please reach out to Judy Deutch at jmdeu@yahoo.com 515-314-4242 or 515-224-1668.

### We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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# **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Our first youth group event of 2022 was a huge success! Youth Groupers grades 6-11 gathered at the Tavern for a White Elephant gift exchange. It was great to see the students chatting and having a good time. We also talked about other activities the kids might be interested in, these included karaoke, game night, bowling, baking, and a lock in. Keep an eye on your emails for updates on youth group.

As I continue to transition into the youth advisor role, I will be using tbjyouthgroupia@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to our youth group mailing list, please let me know! Thank you, **Shaynna Fisher Wendy Beckerman** 

# **Temple Book Club!**

Below is a list of all the books the Temple book club has read and discussed thus far. Please contact Wendy at tropemaven@yahoo.com to be added to the Book Club email list.

- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (To be discussed May 16 via Zoom)
- Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano (Was discussed March 14)
- This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel

The Matzah Ball by Jean Meltzer

Marjorie Morningstar by Herman Wouk

The Color of Love by Marra B. Gad

Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman

Caste the Origins of our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

The Color of Water by James McBride

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

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# JewishGen Future Scholars Fellowship Program

Travel to Poland, and help preserve our Jewish family history and heritage for future generations

### JULY 5 - JULY 14, 2022

### **PROGRAM COST**

Fully subsidized (including r/t air from NYC) except for a \$350 registration fee.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Graduate students, along with current third and fourth-year undergraduate students.

This 10 day immersive program focuses on the role of Jewish cemeteries today in preserving the memory and legacy of former Jewish communities. Participants will help clean-up a cemetery, learn about symbols on tombstones, the general state of Jewish cemeteries in Poland after the Holocaust, efforts to preserve them from both a communal, political, and Halachic perspective, and what lessons can be gleaned to inform our own life choices today.



WE WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF PLACES/SITES, INCLUDING: Warsaw, Lublin, Krakow, Auschwitz/Birkenau, and Przysucha.

LEARN MORE, AND APPLY AT: WWW.JEWISHGEN.ORG/FELLOWSHIP

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# LILITH SALON!

One of my favorite Sisterhood programs is our quarterly Lilith Salon. In open discussion we discover the depths of primary articles and how each of us experiences those life topics fRom a feminist point of view - or not! Each issue is filled with diverse essays, book reviews, "voices," poetry, and more. At the end of the evening we are left with a good deal to consider and certainly an expanded understanding of what it means to navigate life as Jewish women. That is just the beginning. Best of all I've come to know women who attend and I appreciate how diverse our congregation really is. I would love for everyone to enjoy these evenings and then to bring another Shabbat to an end with a Havdallah service. The Sisterhood has a Temple copy of the latest issue available - no need to subscribe. No need to read - just jump in on



the discussion! Save these dates and watch for details: June 25, September 10 and December 10. Emails are sent to Sisterhood members though Salons are open to all. *Leheit raot!* **Bebecca Shaffer** 

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	Rabbi's Virtual Intro to Judaism Class - Jewish Living		Rabbi's Virtual Intro to Judaism Class - Conversion		Wednesday	
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Erev Shabbat Service	Passover Day 7 - Temple Office Closed Erev Shabbat Service with Yizkor for Passover	Erev Shabbat Service Passover Seder	Erev Shabbat Service	Family Shabbat Service sponsored by PJ Library	Friday	
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Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service	Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service	Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat & Festival Morning Service	Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service	Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service	Saturday	Anril 2022

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Thursday	5	7pm Transitions, Dreams, and Visions (in person)	12	19	26 12pm WE DO (Women of Experience Dining Out) Lunch	
Friday	6	6pm Erev Shabbat Service	13 6pm Erev Shabbat Service with Senior Recognition	20 6pm Erev Shabbat Service - Sisterhood Shabbat	27 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	
May 2022 Saturday	7		14 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Brytan Bassman Bar Mitzvah	21 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service	28 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Emmett Lehman Bar Mitzvah	

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