

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

Some Advice — Free and Unsolicited

Not to be maudlin, but... you may have noticed there have been a lot of funerals in our community lately. One of the passages from the funeral service includes the line, "For when we die, we carry nothing away...." This is certainly true in the material sense, but there are some less-tangible things we do carry away when we die – all the information we never shared; the stories we never told; the things we thought or felt but never said. Unless we share these things while we can – they will be lost forever to this world when we leave it.

With that in mind, I would like to offer three pieces of very specific advice. (I have more, but three is a good number.)

1. If you have a Hebrew name, make sure your loved ones know what it is. A person's full Hebrew name is included in the memorial prayer, *El Malei Rachamim* and is often engraved on the monument or gravestone. (A person's full Hebrew name includes not only the first name, but also the Hebrew names of their parents. For example, if a person's Hebrew name is Chayim, that is only one part of it. Their full name would follow the form, Chayim ben Shlomo ve-Sarah.) If you know that you have a Hebrew name, but don't know what it is, the best place to look for it is in old Jewish documents or certificates: baby-naming or bris certificates, bar or bat mitzvah certificates, a ketubah (wedding document). Of course, not everyone has a Hebrew name, or perhaps any record of it is long gone. If you need Hebrew name help – please come see me about it. As long as you're still alive, it's not too late to acquire or uncover a Hebrew name.

2. Identify the people in photographs. It is astonishing how quickly a shoebox full of old family photos – powerful images of ancestors, stories of and connections to the past – can become a box full of strangers. Even if the people who will someday inherit

those photos seem to be uninterested now, someday they may want to know who those faces belonged to. Whether you use Post It notes, index cards, or a ballpoint pen – do something to let future generations know who the people are in your old photographs.



3. Share the stories of your stuff. Material objects sometimes get a bad rap: It's just stuff. But stuff has stories, and those stories are the difference between a thing being a cherished treasure and garage sale garbage. If no one knows that a particular cut-glass bowl has been used for five generations to serve horseradish at family seders, that precious heirloom could end up at a thrift store. Even objects that don't have a family history are brought to life and made more meaningful when they have a story that goes with them. But if you are the only one who knows the story, it's gone when you are.

Fortunately, we live in an age when it is easier than ever to share stories. Nearly every one of us carries a video camera in our pocket. It's as simple as opening up the camera app on your phone, clicking on video, and walking around telling stories while pointing the camera at the relevant object. You can name the video something like, "Stories about stuff." You can even conscript a grandkid, a niece or a nephew to film while you talk.

We are a storytelling people. Telling and retelling our story is built into Jewish tradition from the time of the Exodus. And beyond Judaism, an entire branch of anthropology is focused on the study of human beings as "a story telling species." In many ways, our stories are not simply about us; they are us. We are our stories. But what makes something a story is not what it

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Worship Schedule

Currently Friday evening and Saturday morning services are in person and live streamed on our website, tbjds.org.
Saturday morning Torah Study is in person and via Zoom. 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@tbjds.org.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
6:00 p.m. Havdalah and Hamantaschen

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 p.m. A Very Wicked Purim at TBJ

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah : Deb Coppola

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
6:00 p.m. Passover Seder

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

6:00 p.m. Musical Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

1:30 p.m. Sisterhood Tea

Join Us For A Special MUSICAL SHABBAT



Fifteen-year Temple cantorial accompanist Sam Miller, has composed an original Shabbat score. He and fellow Temple musicians will perform this service 6:00 PM, **Friday, April 25**. A cocktails & nosh Oneg will follow.

DINNER AT FAMILY SHABBAT AND “IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE COMING” REQUEST

Starting with the March 7 Family Shabbat, we are asking you to let us know if you plan to join us for dinner. This is NOT a request for reservations! Our goal is simply to get a better sense of how many people to expect so we can have enough food without making way too much. If you know you are coming, please let us know. If you don't know, you can absolutely still come, even at the last minute. Again, this is not a “reservation” system! In the Tuesday email, there will be a link you can use to let us know if you plan to be here for dinner at Family Shabbat. Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Family Shabbat!

President's Comments

In the early fall bulletin, I explained why I think fall, and not spring, is the season of beginning and tied it to Wendy's retirement. This time, I could easily use the more common cliché about spring and new beginnings because we will be soon saying goodbye to our Executive Director. As you know, David is leaving us after 13 years to spend more time with his family. He has our deep gratitude and appreciation for his lengthy service and commitment to TBJ. Watch the Temple weekly emails for information about a farewell event so we can all thank him in person.

This opening provides an opportunity for a complete evaluation of our current staffing and a discussion of our needs and wants going forward. The Board's Executive Committee along with Erin and Charles are working together to determine what that looks like. Erin and Charles are both vital members of TBJ, and we all greatly value their work. Their input in this process is important as we want to ensure their continued commitment to us and make clear our commitment to them. As we reach conclusions, we will, of course, inform all of you. Should you have questions or comments at any point, please reach out to me at president@tbjds.org.

To repeat another theme from my early fall article, take the time to read through this bulletin and notice all the events that are happening for the TBJ and Des Moines Jewish community this spring. From a hamantaschen Havdalah and A Very Wicked Purim to the Rabbi's adult education classes and the annual Temple seder, there is a lot going on! That doesn't include the Federation's events, of which there are many as well. As you can see, we are a vibrant community that enjoys spending

time together. I hope you will attend one or many of these events not only to be with people you know but to meet our new members who are quick to get involved. And, as always, if there is something you want to do, please reach out to a board member or the Rabbi – not for approval but for support and encouragement of your interests.



While that was looking ahead, I ask your indulgence as I look backwards for a moment. On January 18, my youngest son Aaron became a Bar Mitzvah at TBJ. The support of this community for him and our family was incredible. Many attended the service to witness this milestone, and, in my favorite moment, to spontaneously applaud him after his D'var Torah, which (mom brag alert!) was pretty darn great. Some attendees gave him a card and a gift, and a few who didn't even attend mailed a card to him. We were moved by everyone's generosity of time and treasure, especially since I know it wasn't just because I am currently the president. These outpourings of support happen here all the time with life cycle events. We are a congregation of people who support each other in good times and bad; who show up; who give; who spend time; who care. It has nothing to do with our building or our location; it's because that is what being part of the TBJ family – and that is the right word – means. On behalf of Aaron, Scott, Terry and me, thank you all so very much.

Emily Kruse

Rabbi's Message (continued)

contains. In order to be a story, it must be shared. Otherwise, all those things we know, our stories that are the rightful inheritance of those who come after us, unless we share them, it is like burying a precious treasure where it can never be found.

So, perhaps that line from the funeral service: "For when we die, we carry nothing away..." – perhaps we

should think of it not as a description of the nature of life and death. Maybe, instead, we should see it as a call, a commandment: carry nothing away when we die! The treasures of our mind – names, stories, knowledge – give it away while we still possess it. Let it not be buried, but, instead, let it be a bequest.

Rabbi Schuster

Executive Director's Message

When her first grandchildren, William and Mary, were born in 2012, my sister asked my mom, Beth Muenchrath, to write down her life story. After she passed away on January 19, 2025, I decided to go to the Botanical Garden and reread that story. When I read it, nothing struck me more than the last line she wrote. It was in reference to her recent retirement from nursing and newly becoming a grandmother, "I don't see this as an end, but a new beginning."

She wrote those words 13 years ago, when I had just started working at the Temple, was expecting my first child, William, and was looking forward to becoming an uncle to my niece, Mary. I don't think she could have ever known how applicable those words would be for me when I read them. Now 13 years later, as I, as we prepare for my departure as Executive Director of the Temple, I hope that we all "see this (not) as an end, but a new beginning."

Reading her autobiography, I started to wonder what I will be remembered for. Will it be for something I am proud of, or will it be for something more trivial? Like my mother, I am very proud of the work I have done at the Temple. Helping oversee our 2014-2016 renovation to the lower level, and being one of the first organizations in Iowa to receive a Homeland security grant to protect our building will always stand out as highlights for me, just as my mother's nursing accolades will stand out for her.

My mother was definitely proud of her career as a nurse, and should be, but my siblings and I

always remember the night she came home from working in the ER and asked my siblings if they knew who Ozzy Osbourne was. She was the admitting nurse the night Ozzy allegedly bit the head off a real bat in Des Moines, looked at his tongue and determined he would need rabies shots. Of all the things my mother did as a nurse, this was not one of the things she was very proud of, but we as kids thought this was so rad!



Maybe, I will be remembered for the big things I've done, or maybe I will be remembered for something weird and trivial too, either way I know that will be okay with me. I just hope that my time here at the Temple will be remembered as a blessing for the community.

Because I haven't done it yet, I want to thank everyone that has reached out to me these last few months whether that was for my decision to leave my position or after hearing the news of my mother's passing. Those messages have meant a great deal to me.

May the memory of Helen "Beth" Muenchrath always be for a blessing, and again may we all see the next few months not as an end, but as a new beginning for us all.

David Muenchrath
Executive Director



Havdalah & Hamantaschen

Join us on March 8 at 6 pm for an evening of family, friends, food, and fun. After our Havdalah service, we will make Hamantaschen and serve light refreshments.





RESERVATION FORM FOR
Temple B'nai Jeshurun Passover Seder
Saturday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Brisket and Salmon will be served. Please check any special requests below :

- Booster seat needed for _____ child/children
- High chair needed for _____ child/children
- Guest uses a wheelchair _____ seated at table _____ only for transport to/from table

To help us with seating and planning, please fill in the name of each guest in your party and put a check under the appropriate age group heading beside each name.

Name	Adult	Children (6-12)	Children (under 6)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals for each age group:	_____	_____	_____

Cost (13 years and over): \$45 / Children (6-12):\$18 / Children under 6 - free

Request to be seated with or near: _____

(Your requests will be filled to the best of our ability. We must have request & payment by **April 4**)



March:

- 3: Sisterhood meeting at 6:30 p.m. via zoom
 - 10: Breakfast Club, 9:40 a.m. at IHOP in WDM
 - 13: Purim party
 - 21-23: WRJ Heartland West district weekend at Osruj in Okonomowac, WI
 - 27: We Do lunch at noon at Ruby Tuesday, 86th Street in Urbandale
 - 28: Sisterhood Shabbat service
- Schmooze and crafts every Thursday at 10 a.m.

April:

- 1: Sisterhood meeting at 6:30 p.m. via zoom
 - 4-7: WRJ social justice conference in Washington DC
 - 13-20: Passover
 - 14: Breakfast Club at 9:30 a.m. at IHOP in WDM
 - 24: We Do lunch at noon at Chicago Speakeasy, 1520 Euclid Ave. in Des Moines
 - 24: Yom hashoah
 - 27: Sisterhood Tea at 1:30 p.m. at Temple
- Schmooze and crafts every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Books! Books! Books!

Temple Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. via zoom, links are sent out closer to each date; Book Selection for March 24 is *The Jew Store* by Stella Suberman. Book selection for May 12 is *The Golem of Brooklyn* by Adam Mansbach. For notifications and zoom link, contact Ryba Epstein at epsteinryba@gmail.com

Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club meets monthly at 11 a.m. on Sundays at Temple. For more information contact Judy Deutch at jmdeu@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 28 - Sisterhood Shabbat service
- April 27 - Sisterhood Tea at 1:30 p.m.

TODA RABA!
 Thank you for your donations to the small animals collection drive benefiting the ARL of Iowa (Des Moines) and the Story County Animal Shelter this fall. The boxes and tubes were well received and are being used.
 Jody Kolmen, Sisterhood President
 Joelyn Jody Gast, Social Action Chair



COMING SOON ANTISEMITISM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SERIES

A series of gatherings to share information, discussion, and mutual support as we examine various topics in antisemitism.

TUESDAYS AT 6 PM

STAROSELSKY CLUBHOUSE AT CASPE TERRACE

JANUARY 28 **CONTEMPORARY FORMS
OF HISTORICAL ANTISEMITISM**

MARCH 11 **IS ANTI-ZIONISM ANTISEMITISM?**

APRIL 22 **HOW DO WE TALK ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST?**

This FREE PROGRAM includes light dinner, RSVPs are recommended:

RSVP to benjamin@jewishdesmoines.org

Childcare Available—RSVPs REQUIRED FOR CHILDCARE



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Howard Shapiro (father of Steve Wilke-Shapiro) • 1/17/25

Helen "Beth" Elizabeth Muenchrath

(mother of David Muenchrath) • 1/19/2

Stephen 'Steve' Harris Copple • 2/11/25

Yahrzeit Observances

The following names will be read on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1:

Bella Beckerman
Florence Purnell
Rebecca S. Romanoff
Dr. Zane Hurkin D.O.
Charlie Spector
Victor Julio Rincon Valencia
Myron Blank
Lilyann Irene Gantz
Cyla Kolmen
Jose (Joe) Boruchowsky
Babetta Frankel
Mary Silverberg
Harold Stern
Irving Diamond
Bernis M. Frankel
Edward N. Frankel
Dora Callistein
Michael Ramdial
Harry Tobis
Dora Wolfson

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

Theodora Biber Levy
Sadie Marks
Irene Masters
Harriet Friedman
Steven Halsband
Roger Leventhal
Esther Livenstein
Donald Rylatt
Zane Schlesinger
Melvin W. Shadur
Shirley Berck
Sarah Strom Boruchowsky
Zoe Kavan
Marshall Rumery
Ronald Onnen
Joseph Schuster
Helen Stern
Nathan Richards
Stanley Richards
Sarah Krolloff

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

Mirra Dubson
Ellen Elwell
Miriam Friedman Schwab
Moses Gordon
Daniel Hedlund
Harry Jacobson
Cora Loeb Hlad
Margaret E. Lawyer
Shirley Hiersteiner
Ruth Davis
Denise Hoffman
Lenore W. Mandelbaum
Barbara Shendelman
Roberta Hogberg
Isabel Hulse
William Shapiro

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

Myles Harold Davidson
Norman Sehr
John Frederick Musser
Patricia Prince
Jerome Rovner
Rose Waltman
Marjorie Mochel Musser
Eva Silvert
Augusta Weinstock
Adele Ziffren
David Cohen
Kate Marsh Goldman
Evelyn Grossman-Seidler
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Sidney Lantor
Theodore Taylor
Albert M. Schneider
Anne Michelstein
Carrie Scharff
Steven Scherer
Lucie Schoenebaum
Dr. Irwin H. Brown
Rose Sehr

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

Sigurd Anderson, III
Ruben Bassman
Stanley Cohen
Pauline Pomerantz Fischer
Gilbert Cranberg
David Epstein
Sylvia Fiegelman
Jack Pasternack
Irving N. Redstone
Elaine Sherman
Frances Aliber Swartz
Ruth Frankle
Grace Jordan
Edith Friedman
Alec M. Levin
Herbert Rosenberg

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

Jonathan Lee Belin
Maisha Perowsky
Maris Weinstein
Bernard Alper
Isaiah Frankel
Howard Jordan
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Louis Pomerantz
Oscar Feldstein
Celia Tobis
Abraham Givant
Harry Kneeter
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David Yentis

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

Sanford Levy
Mort Solomon
Frances Chervis

Gary A. Friedman
Victor Pomerantz
Harry Pomerantz
Bette Kelinson
Betty Ann Dubansky
Charlotte Carmel
Judith Press
Benjamin Rovner

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

Susan Lumiere
Vivian Huenemann
Shirley Herowitz Wittenstein
David Kikoler
Bernice S. Morris
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Elwood Mueller
John Smith
Irving Balto
John Barkley
Sol Beecher
Mildred Diamond
Phyllis Onnen
Karen Stern

Mary Joyce Alter
Sylvia Beecher
Stanton Belinkoff
Pauline Givant

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

Shirley Dubansky
Florence Friedman Jacobs
Pearl Kaplan Harris
Harry L. Tepper
Melvin Wilk
Nathaniel Baskin
Tom Goldman
Clifford Trinder
Jacqueline Biber
Maurice Givant
Maxwell Jacob Binder
Frank Perowsky
Steve Shrago
Charles Strull
Cecil Balentine
Jacqueline N. Blank
Pauline Horning
Mabel Maggard

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

Herb Perry
Yetta Shendelman
Sarah Gavronsky
Ronda Levy
Sylvia Perowsky
Benjamin Purnell
Ralph Oberbroeckling
Ida Rockowitz
Ethel Weiner
Azriel Borowick
Jelte Bernard Bulthuis
Jack Gibson
Miriam Lorber
Phyllis Press
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Aaron Gallick	February 3
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Elizabeth Bulthuis	February 8
Kimberly Shadur	February 9
Ira Dickman	February 12
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Jose Aguilar	February 15
Richard Kirsner	February 15
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Jonathan Yentis	February 18
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Joelyn Gast	February 20
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John Mandelbaum	February 21
Dean Putnam	February 21
Melanie Choos	February 22
Katie Sinkewjz	February 23
Sally Frank	February 24
Howard Berger	February 25
Terry Kruse	February 25
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Samuel Gurian	March 5
Stuart Shkolnick	March 6
Michelle Maples	March 8
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Samuel Humphrey	March 12
Susan Madorsky	March 13
Tori Godfree	March 14
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Sara Walsh	March 14



Laura Belin	March 16
Evelyn Feingold	March 16
Rachel Wilke-Shapiro	March 17
Linda Blatt	March 18
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Gail Stricker	March 18
Alan Givant	March 19
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
Robert Engman	March 24
AJ Bobb	March 26
Eugene Remer	March 27
Sandra Shendelman	March 28
David Swartz	March 28
Kieran Williams	March 28
Greg Cohen	March 29
Steven Sehr	March 29
Samantha Kemp Carlin	March 30
Julie Dubansky	March 31
Neil Horning	April 1
Callum Tomlin	April 2
Herbert Eckhouse	April 3
David Goldman	April 3
Pete Schnoebelen	April 3

Natali Atkinson	April 4
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
Margaret Gurian	April 12
Cyril Mandelbaum	April 12
Aaron Naiditch	April 12
Joshua Pletcher	April 13
Marcia Sims	April 13
Victoria Eckstat	April 15
Adam Andrews	April 16
Phyllis Rubin	April 16
Laura Arenson	April 17
Deborah Coppola	April 17
Hannah Herzog	April 17
Norman Mandelbaum	April 17
Steven Newman	April 17
Lisa Leventhal-Sobotka	April 18
Brooke Galinsky	April 19
Pat Kroloff	April 20
Craig Kelinson	April 21
William Jagiello	April 22
Linda Fandel	April 24
Nicole Chavas-Schwegler	April 25
Jerry Weiner	April 25
Steven Bailin	April 27
Riley Dodge	April 28
Kristin Engman	April 28
Lyanna Lindgren	April 28
Sharon Squibb	April 28
Denise Swartz	April 28



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Marc & Pattie Klein	March 9
Abram Goldstien & Jackie Garnett	March 19
Robert & Peggy Dubansky	March 22
Michael & Jasmine Mandelbaum	March 23
Timothy & Beryl Guy	March 24
Greg & Suse Cohen	April 16
John & Debra Zieman	April 17
Jessie Pratt & Ron Bougher	April 20

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
		24 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	25 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	26 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	27 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	28 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
		3 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	4 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	5 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	6 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	7 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Havdalah and Hamantaschen
2 11:00 AM Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club	3 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club	4 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting	5 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	6 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 6:00 PM A Very Wicked Purim at TBJ	7 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	8 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
	9 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club	10 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting	11 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	12 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 6:00 PM A Very Wicked Purim at TBJ	13 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	14 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
	16 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club	17 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	18 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	19 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	20 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	21 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
	23 6:30 PM TBJ Book Club via Zoom	24 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	25 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	26 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	27 6:00 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service	28 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
30		31 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	1 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	2 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	3 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	4 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00 AM Deb Coppel Bat Mitzvah
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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00 AM Deb Coppel Bat Mitzvah
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Passover Seder 	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Musical Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Service 	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Sisterhood Tea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 	

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27 ■ 1:30 PM Sisterhood Tea	28	29 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	30 ■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	1 ■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	2 ■ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service ■ 7:00 PM Shabbat Diner	3 ■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
4	5 ■ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club ■ 6:30 PM TBJ Book Club via Zoom	6 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee ■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	7 ■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	8 ■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	9 ■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service ■ 7:00 PM Oneg hosted by Ross Daniels & Amy Ward	10 ■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
11	12 ■ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club ■ 6:30 PM TBJ Book Club via Zoom	13 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ■ 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting	14 ■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	15 ■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	16 ■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	17 ■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
18	19 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	20 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	21 ■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	22 ■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts ■ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	23 ■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	24 ■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
25	26 MemoriaDa... ffclosed	27 ■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	28 ■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	29 ■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	30 ■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	31 ■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

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