

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

Over the years, I've come to realize that music is kind of a strange thing. It's one of those things that is actually unique: there's nothing else like it. It's powerful; it makes us feel things; it creates and evokes memory; it connects us with people – music is awesome.

And if hearing music is powerful, then being a part of it, participating in making and shaping it – that's another level altogether. And singing – singing feels good. It's physically enjoyable. Not that everyone is comfortable or... adept (to be kind) at it. But even non-singers can experience the pleasure of singing in the privacy of their car or shower. Because singing feels good.

When we get to sing with other people, join our voices in rising mellifluous vibration – well then it can be transcendent. Every once in a while the moment just clicks, and our voice goes from being one among many, to being part of a larger whole – that's when it becomes transcendent, what Emil Durkheim called “collective effervescence.”

Collective effervescence doesn't happen every day, but once you've experienced it, you want to experience it again. Unfortunately, it's one of those things that, no matter how much you want it, you cannot make it happen.

What we can do, is create moments when it has the potential to happen, and making music, singing together in connection with community – that's a good way to make moments of potential. Every once in a while, things will just click, and we'll find ourselves inside a moment of awesomeness.

In this sense, when we sing at services, it's not about creating moments of transcendence. It's about creating the possibility of such moments. We can't expect it to happen every week, but by doing it every week, when a moment of collective effervescence

decides to come along, we'll be there for it.

But you can't sing if you don't know the songs.

Feeling outside of the music prevents the possibility of experiencing the kind of moments I'm talking about, and it even gets in the way of simply enjoying it for its everyday awesomeness. Whether it's an unfamiliar tune, not knowing the words, not knowing what the song is about, or not wanting to be the only one around you who is singing; any number of things can get in the way of the meaning and potential of music at services. And even if you're not quite buying my grandiose claims about transcendent moments, if, for any reason, you feel shut out from being able to participate in music at services, we should fix that. Not everyone likes to sing. Not everyone has to sing. But if you want to sing but can't because you don't know the words or you don't know the tune – let's fix that.

Here is what I'm proposing: Throughout the summer, we are going to have a series of in-person sessions where we'll work on learning the words and music to various parts of the service. We will teach the words, teach the music, and we'll practice singing together. For those who read sheet music, we'll have sheet music. For those who want recorded reinforcement, we'll have video versions you can access and practice with to your heart's content.

If you like, you can think of it like joining a choir, but more like a clandestine choir. Instead of performing for people, you're among the people, adding to an ambience of song that makes those around you feel more comfortable joining in.



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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, MAY 23

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MAY 30

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
and Confirmation

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot Services and
Confirmation Service

MONDAY, JUNE 2

SHAVUOT – Temple Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Shavuot Services with Yizkor

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
with Senior Recognition

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

4:30 p.m. Bar Mitzvah : Jake Mollison

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah : Nora Dickson

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

JUNETEENTH - Temple Office Closed

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
David Muenchrath Farewell

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah : Aidan Spizzirri

FRIDAY, JULY 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY – Temple Office
Closed**

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 5

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JULY 11

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 12

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JULY 18

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 19

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JULY 25

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 26

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Rabbi's Message (continued)

These sessions will begin in June. Some of them will be on Sunday afternoons, and some will take the Wednesday evening spot during our summer Adult Ed break. As soon as we hammer out all the dates and times, we'll get the word out to everyone.

If someone doesn't like to sing, that's fine. But if someone wants to sing but doesn't know the words and tunes, this is an effort to fix that.

The whole question of music at services is a big one, and as many words as I'm spilling here on the topic, believe me, it's just scratching the surface. I don't know if what I'm proposing will work. I've never done

it before, and Lord knows I'm open to other ideas. But it's worth a try, and if it opens up the doors of participation for even a few people, it'll be worth the effort. What I do know is that the more that people in the congregation sing, the more the people around them feel a kind of permission to join in. Singing begets more singing.

Singing feels good, and music is awesome. So let's get together and make sure that everyone who wants to can participate in making some moments of potential transcendence.

Rabbi Schuster

President's Comments

Summer is around the corner! Although, honestly, the recent weather does give the feeling it's already here. In our house, summer means it is almost camp time. Our youngest will be returning for his fifth year at GUCI and that month is truly the highlight of every year. As they say, he absolutely lives 11 months for one. It was moving to have five of his camp friends come to Des Moines from Illinois, Massachusetts, and Ohio for his bar mitzvah in January, proving that the bonds made at camp are the strongest bonds possible. This year, our oldest is also returning to camp this time as a counselor! He spent five years as a camper, one in Avodah, and now can't wait to be at his happy place again.

I am thrilled that there will be 11 TBJ kids at GUCI as campers this summer, which is close to a record for us. A few are new while many are returning. The fact that so many families embrace the benefits of camp ensures the continuity of a strong Jewish community in Des Moines. Oh, and there are now three GUCI staff members, all of whom are former campers, who are from TBJ – Jillian (Shkolnick) Hastings, associate director; Hanna (Marcus) Gurwin, assistant director; and Brandon Kaufmann, assistant director – further proving the camp experience is one that makes an impact for a lifetime.

Per usual, summer is also the time for the Temple's annual meeting, which, due to an extremely busy June with b'nai mitzvahs and a wedding, will be Sunday, June 22 at 1p.m. Please join us to welcome and approve a new slate of officers, as well as other official Temple business. We will also introduce our new Director of Programming and Communications. If that

wasn't enticing enough, we are saying goodbye - no, not goodbye, best wishes - to David Muenchrath, our executive director, who is leaving after over 13 years at the Temple to focus on his family. There will be an opportunity to thank David for his service and commitment to TBJ and enjoy

a dessert reception in his honor. To bring this back to my opening point, if you read David's article or see the announcement about the annual meeting, both of which are in this bulletin, David has requested donations to the Temple camp fund rather than gifts to him. Thank you, David, for your dedication to our community and for encouraging the power of camp.

Finally, this is my last bulletin article as president before Rachele Hjelmaas begins her term, which you can watch happen at the annual meeting. It has been an honor to serve this congregation for the past two years. While we have been members for a relatively short time, especially compared to Rachele who grew up here, this community quickly welcomed my family and gave us our Jewish home. I took this role because I wanted my sons to see what happens when you give time and talent to something that is important to you. My service to the congregation has fulfilled me in ways I could not have imagined. Many thanks to all of you for your encouragement, enthusiasm, and support. I look forward to our future and am thrilled to be a part of our past.

Emily Kruse



Brief recap from the sisterhood Shabbat on March 28

The service was well attended with many members participating. Sarah Trone Garriott gave an excellent sermon for the evening. Thank you to all the readers, the greeters and the many members providing desserts for the dessert oneg afterwards. A special thank you to Sally Frank for leading the service and Tara Starr, Sam Miller and Chuck Kuba for the music. Thank you also to Rabbi Neal Schuster for allowing us to continue this tradition another year.

Jody Kolmen, Temple Sisterhood President

Executive Director's Message

This will likely be the last article I write for the Temple bulletin. Hopefully, by now you have heard that my last day will be June 30th, as I will be focusing more of my time on caring for my family.

Recently, my family made the decision to pursue more palliative care for my brother, and my stepfather has begun to experience some health concerns that I've been helping with. As you can imagine, the decision to seek palliative care has not been an easy one, but it is equally difficult to watch my older brother continue to suffer from tremendous pain as a result of his stroke.

Managing all of their appointments and helping them with daily tasks continues to feel like a full-time position—and one that will continue for quite some time. That said, I know I will continue to see many of you in the years and months to come.

While caring for my family, I have accepted a part-time position with Iles Funeral Homes and will be assisting with funeral services as my schedule permits. In addition, I have recently applied to graduate school and have submitted my application to the clinical counseling program at Drake University.

On June 22, the Temple will hold its annual meeting, which will also serve as an opportunity to say farewell to me—and welcome our new director of

programming & communications. I would love to see many of you there and to share my appreciation for my time at the Temple. The one thing I ask is that you please not give me any personal gifts. If you would like to honor my time here at the Temple, I would ask that you make a donation to the Temple's Camp & Israel Fund.



Attending camp was an important part of my life. I went to as many camps as I could—YMCA camps, Boy Scout camps, and a few religious camps like GUCI, where many of our young people go. This year, we've had more of our young people elect to go to GUCI than we've had in over five years. I think that's tremendous, and I would love to see the Temple be in a position to continue helping young people have this experience for years to come. So, as a camp kid, it would mean a lot to me if you made a donation to this fund in my honor.

So, while this may be my last article, I hope we won't see this as an end, but rather as a new beginning for both Temple B'nai Jeshurun and myself.

***Shalom,
David Muenchrath***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1 PM
TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN
DESSERT RECEPTION**

THANK YOU DAVID

During the annual meeting, we will express our thanks to David for his many years of service to the Temple. Please join us to wish him well.

In lieu of gifts, David has requested donations to the Temple Camp Funds.



A stylized illustration of a hand holding a megaphone. The hand is black, and the megaphone has a red handle and a grey cone. White lines radiate from the mouth of the megaphone, indicating sound. The background is black with a large white circle containing the main text.

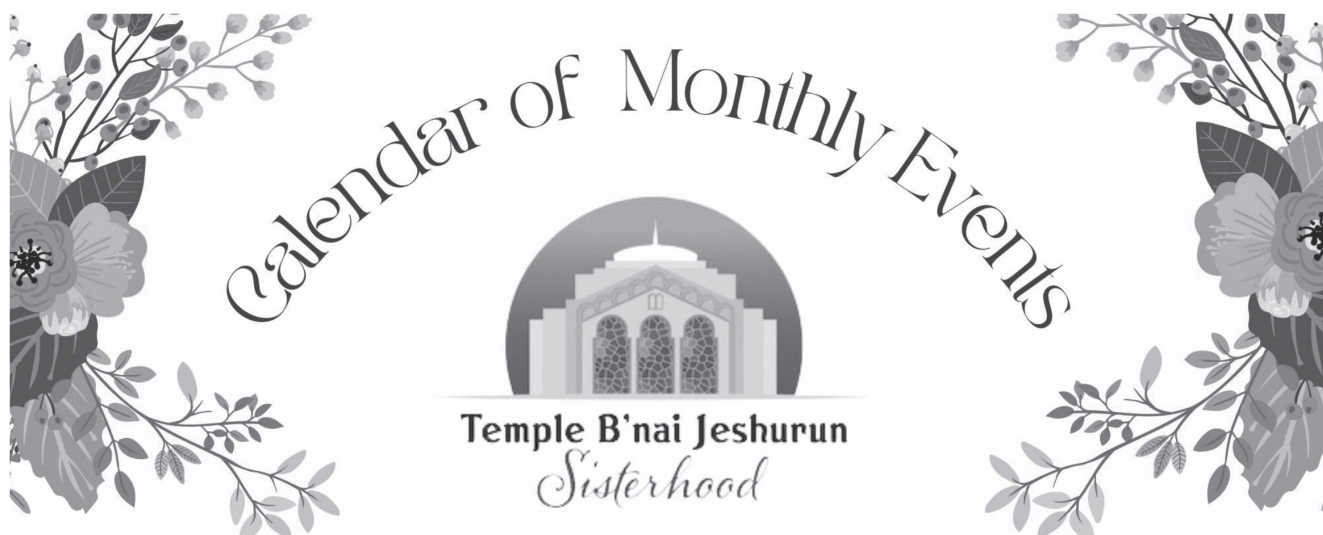
TBJ ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 22

1 p.m.

Come together as a community for official Temple business including approval of the new slate of officers and the introduction of the new Director of Programming and Communications. There will also be a farewell dessert reception for David Muenchrath.

Temple B'nai Jeshurun



May:

6: sisterhood meeting 6:30 p.m. at Temple
 12: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m., IHOP, 50th St, WDM
 12: Temple Book Club 6:30 p.m. zoom
 22: We Do lunch noon, location The Green Olive, Normandy plaza, 1960 Grand Ave, WDM
 Crafts and schmooze Thursdays at 10 a.m.

June:

1-3: Shavuot
 10: sisterhood meeting 6:30 p.m. at Temple
 9: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m., IHOP, 50th Street, WDM
 22: TBJ annual meeting 1p.m.
 26: We Do lunch noon location Opa Italian Greek restaurant, 2800 University Ave., Suite 450, WDM
 Crafts and schmooze Thursdays 10 a.m.

July:

1: sisterhood meeting 6:30 p.m. at Temple
 14: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m., IHOP, 50th Street, WDM
 24: We Do lunch, noon, location The Tavern Pizza & Pasta Grill, 1755 50th street, WDM
 Crafts and schmooze Thursdays 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 July 14 is Goyhood by Reuven Fenton and the selection for September 15 is The World To Come by Dara Horn. 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.

Attention ceramic painters! The sisterhood has arranged for us to have a get together at 1 p.m., August 17 at Five Monkeys studio at 131 5th street in Valley Junction. Cost is \$15 and up depending on the project and we'll pay at the studio on the day of our event. Please RSVP to me so we have an idea how many people will attend. **Jody Kolmen** panicst4c@me.com

HAPPY Anniversary

Ben & Joyce Swartz	May 7	Aliza & Daniel MacKenzie	June 11
David & Andrea Silverstein	May 13	Steven & Renee Newman	June 12
Ira & Susan Dickman	May 13	Sharon & Larry Squibb	June 12
Neil & Susan Horning	May 17	Stuart & Sondra Feldstein	June 16
Jason & Kerrie Bernstein	May 19	Beverley Chapman & Richard Waugh	June 18
Ira & Lisa Lacher	May 24	David & Raynae Kitsis	June 24
Josh Mandelbaum		Gerald & Debra Damsky	June 30
& Katherine Meeker Mandelbaum	May 25	Steve & Victoria Eckstat	July 2
Greg & Daryl Anderson	May 25	Sami & Colin Whittie	July 3
Alex & Claire Hjelmaas	May 26	Jennifer & Michael Hamilton	July 3
Jeffrey & Andi Lipman	May 29	Howard & Heidi Berger	July 6
Lester & Marlene Kavan	May 31	Alexis Manassa & Dustin Shivvers	July 8
Tom & Stacie Franklin	May 31	Gary & Teena Greenberg	July 9
Priscilla & Michael Kalhorn	June 4	Philip & Marla Sobel	July 10
Stuart & Judy Shkolnick	June 5	Neil & Miriam VanHeukelem	July 21
Michael & Ronda Davis	June 8	Louis & Ann Balentine	July 27
Mark & Elizabeth Bulthuis	June 9		

PURIM & SISTERHOOD TEA MEMORIES



Celebrating Aidan V. Spizzirri's Bar Mitzvah



With immense pride and joy, we invite our friends, family, and community to join us as Aidan is called to the Torah in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

Aidan's journey as a Jewish person began at birth, nurtured by the traditions and values passed down from his family. His earliest years were shaped by a deep connection to his heritage, which was further enriched when he became one of the first children to attend Gan Shalom at Caspe Terrace. There, his love for Jewish learning and community first took root, laying the foundation for the milestone he now celebrates.

Aidan exceeds academically and is always eager to challenge himself. He is also dedicated to his physical well-being, earning a double black red belt in Taekwondo, a significant milestone on his path toward black belt, and playing soccer with enthusiasm and teamwork.

Aidan's love for the ocean has led to incredible experiences, like whale-watching in the Pacific and swimming with dolphins in the Caribbean. A passionate traveler, he embraces every chance to explore new places and cultures. While fascinated by marine life, he is equally drawn to engineering and technology, always curious about how things work and can be improved. His adventurous spirit and inquisitive mind drive him to learn and grow with compassion and thoughtfulness.

Beyond his personal interests, Aidan's heart is set on making the world a better place. Guided by Jewish values, he has chosen to volunteer with Can Play, an organization dedicated to ensuring all children have access to sports and recreation. Through this effort, Aidan embodies Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Chesed (kindness), demonstrating his deep sense of responsibility toward others and his desire to bring joy and opportunity to those in need.

With dreams of becoming a marine biologist and one day returning to live in the Netherlands, Aidan embraces life with curiosity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Please join us as we celebrate this remarkable young man and the bright future ahead of him.

Date: Saturday, June 28th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Temple B'nai Jeshurun

5101 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312

With love,
Mark and Elizabeth



Leonard Karpf • 2/6/25

Richard Ansher • 3/2/25

Annette Dunitz • 4/6/25

(Sister of Marv Braverman, Aunt of Rachele Hjelmaas)

B'nai Mitzvah

Steven “Jake” Mollison will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Jake enjoys anything basketball! He is an avid Warriors and Iowa State Cyclones fan. He also enjoys spending time at the lake with friends and family.



Nora Frances Dickson, daughter of Dana and David Dickson, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 14, at Temple B’nai Jeshurun at 10:00 a.m. Nora is the granddaughter of Tamarah and Jonathan Yentis, and Wellesley and Sharon Dickson. She has two younger brothers, Drew (11) and Bennett (7). Nora is in 7th grade at Indian Hills Junior High. She sings and dances in the school show choir, Elevation, and plays select soccer for Vision Soccer Academy. She loves spending her spare time with friends and lives for second session at GUCI summer camp in Zionsville, Indiana.

Dean and Pam Putnam are proud to announce that their daughter, **Olivia Putnam**, will become a Bat Mitzvah on August 30, at 10:00 AM at Temple B’nai Jeshurun. Olivia will return to Stillwell Junior High this fall as an 8th grader, where she enjoys participating in Show Choir. Olivia is passionate about her work at Engman Camp Shalom as a Counselor in Training, especially working with the Pre-K kids. When she isn’t busy with school or camp, Olivia enjoys spending quality time with her friends and binge-watching her favorite shows.



Temple Board Proposed Slate of Officers and Vision Leaders (2025-2026)

Executive Board:

President: Rachele Braverman Hjelmaas
VP & President Elect: Miriam Van Heukelem
Immediate Past President: Emily Kruse
2nd Vice President: Wendi Harris
Treasurer: Brad Goldman
Secretary: Sondra Feldstein

Caring Community: Wendy Beckerman
IT/Communications: Dick Kirsner
Building and Grounds: Don Godfree
Fundraising: Edye Beckerman

Ex Officio:

Sisterhood President: Jody Kolmen

Vision Leaders:

Worship: Sara Coleman
Membership: Wendi Harris

Board Advisor:

Sally Frank

We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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 ***Riley & Morgan Dodge
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 IN HONOR OF THE RABBI,
 MUSICIANS, STAFF, EDYE,
 PORTIA & STAFF – THANK YOU
 FOR A WONDERFUL SEDER
 ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford
 IN HONOR OF THE
 BAT MITZVAH OF DEB COPPOLA
 ***Dorothy & Harlan “Bud” Hockenberg
 IN HONOR OF
 SHAYNA & STEVE FINK’S MARRIAGE
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 IN HONOR OF SAM MILLER
 & THE MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE
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 IN APPRECIATION OF
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 ***Sharon Estaver & Family
 THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR
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 MAXWELL JACOB BINDER
 ***David Binder
 IN MEMORY OF BELOVED MOTHER,
 CHARLOTTE ELMETS
 ***Craig & Laurie Elmetts
 IN MEMORY OF ESTHER LIVENSTEIN
 ***Anne Scherer
 IN MEMORY OF SUSAN LUMIERE
 ***David Binder
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 ***Wendy Beckerman
 IN HONOR OF JAKE MOLLISON'S BAR
 MITZVAH
 ***Wendy Beckerman
 IN HONOR OF AIDAN SPIZZIRI'S
 BAR MITZVAH
 ***Wendy Beckerman
 IN MEMORY OF PAUL HUENEMANN
 ***Jane Tew
 IN MEMORY OF VIVIAN HUENEMANN
 ***Jane Tew
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***Marilyn Musser

Victoria Blake	May 1
Justin Pratt	May 3
Thomas Press	May 4
Anna Kuperman	May 5
Silvia Rosenfeld Klein	May 6
Steve Eckstat	May 7
Susan E. Horning	May 12
Jami Schnoebelen	May 15
Penny Bassman	May 16
Juli Margolin	May 19
Jake Shkolnick	May 19
Judith Blank	May 20
Susan Mann	May 20
Katherine Williamson	May 20
James Wolf	May 20
Suse Cohen	May 22
Kenton Copple	May 22
Daniel MacKenzie	May 24
Connie Cohen	May 26
Linda Solar	May 26
Deb Brewer	May 27
Barbara Shlaes	May 28
Michael Rahe	May 29
Ira Naiditch	May 30
Jeffrey Greenberg	June 4
Stuart Oxer	June 4
Barbara Sherman	June 5
Marla Sobel	June
Dean Lerner	June 8
Tom Franklin	June 9
Daniel Loeb	June 9
Gabrielle Solomon	June 10
David Brown	June 12
Ryba Epstein	June 13
Tyler Atkinson	June 15
Cliff Redish	June 16



Linda Cohen	June 17
Steven Fink	June 17
Jasmine Mandelbaum	June 19
Virginia Stone	June 19
Marsha Johnston	June 20
Mark Conley	June 21
Gerald Damsky	June 21
Philip Sobel	June 22
Jeffrey Lipman	June 23
Jeffrey Margolin	June 23
Ronda Davis	June 24
Brian Feingold	June 24
Gwenn Copple	June 26
Larry Deutch	June 26
Rebecca Shaffer	June 26
Marc Shendelman	June 26
Rocky Sobotka	June 26
Daryl Anderson	June 27
Lawrence Hulse	June 2
Randy Leventhal	June 27
Samuel Miller	June 27
Heather Loeb	June 28
Deborah Gitchell	June 29
Jennifer Hamilton	June 29
Benjamin Kaufmann	June 29
Aliza MacKenzie	June 29
Ann Balentine	June 30

Mary Seidler	July 1
Gil Coosner	July 2
Marlene Kavan	July 2
Beverley Chapman	July 3
Karen Michaeli	July 3
Emily Rahe	July 3
Ben Shlaes	July 4
Debra Damsky	July 7
Allison Pratt	July 7
Janet Epstein	July 8
Joel Hjelmaas	July 10
Valerie Cohen	July 11
Brenda Daisy	July 11
Jane Tew	July 11
Glenn Purnell	July 16
Paul Schwegler	July 16
Stephen Siegel	July 18
David Estaver	July 19
Arlene Wolf	July 19
Maria Cornejo	July 20
Don Godfree	July 20
Gary Galinsky	July 21
Jody Leventhal	July 21
Marilyn Musser	July 22
Joyce Wayne	July 23
Ira Arenson	July 25
Lauren Baker	July 25
Jeff Pomerantz	July 25
Gail Kleerman	July 26
Ronna Pochter	July 26
Jeff Gioimo	July 27
Katherine Eckhouse	July 28
Annastasia Naggat	July 30
Jason Bernstein	July 31
Larry Kirsner	July 31

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A limited number of discounted tickets are being held for the Des Moines Jewish community for the 1 p.m. performance on Sunday, August 3. Tickets are \$56 per person. To purchase your tickets, please contact Erin at the Temple office at office@tbjdsd.org or 515-274-4679 by Thursday, June 12. Again, tickets are limited so make your reservation today. We hope you will join us for the show!



Yahrzeit Observances

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

Helen Miller
Max Levin
Marvin Bailin
Rachel Younker
Morton Fingert
Kris Jacobs
Emma S. Braverman
Gayla Smith
Leanore Herzog
Mary Resk
Fannie Shalett
Betty Deutch
Ida Simon Holland
Mort Bader
Marvin Dubansky
Lois Shkolnick
Mary Kay Conley
Barry Shlaes
Abe J. Friedman
Nicholas N. Goldman
Victor Mazie
Opal Ward
Herbert Scharff
Jeanette A. Loeb
Jane Werner
Ben Small
Milton Brown
Doris Mandelbaum Field
Leonard Robinson
Jennie Aliber
Bernard G. Epstein
Boni Druker

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

William Kitsis
Frances Yentis
Fred Sudak
Joe Grivois
Julius P. Schoenebaum
Louis Tessel
Billie Shlaes
Dorothy Kirsner
Erwin Frank
Lawrence A. Weinstock
Hiram I. Levy
Jean Wieder
Harry Mills
Neil Levitt
Mose E. Swartz
Linda Baskin

Helen M. Clancy
Peter Pintus

The following names will be read on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31:

Norman J. Shalett
Samuel Fingerman
Julian Silverberg
Phillip Epstein
Mary Fingerman
Charlotte Wolf
Ruth M. Block
Agnes Louise Duchon
Marion Rosenthal-Rosenfeld
Norman I. Menzer
Pearl Kaplan
Ron Rubin
Fannye B. Jacobson
Roy Lee Swarzman
Sergio Daniel Rudich
Vic Untrauer
Jacob Shalett
Harry Hiersteiner
Hyman Druker
Margaret Holland Brown
Isadore Pomerantz
Sheila Robinson
Chester P. Goldman

The following names will be read on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7:

Isadore Givant
Ben Silverstein
Philip Remer
Erika Goldberg
Robert Lubetkin
Francis Hunter Rouda
Esther Klass Belin
Ned Barsky
Morris Katanick
Alice Hershfield
Bess Pasternack
Jennie Menzer
Harry Abrams
Elliott Baskin
Larry Franklin
Edward Otto Wolf
Gertrude Bassman
Samuel Neufeld
Harold Friedman
Robert Mandelbaum

The following names will be read on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14:

Susan Hahn
Goodman S. Robinson
Jay J. Barmish
Ralph Hulse
Solomon Joseph
Dave Hoffman
Muriel Oxer
Michael Siegel
Maurice Friedman
Arthur H. Friedman
Mary E. Friedman
Alan Pearlman
Edward Sheppard
Irma F. Joseph
Mathilda Jacobs Wolf
Maurice Raphael Rosin
Laura Sparks
John H. Clancy
Michael Saffel
Benjamin Paset
Edward Hackner
Mollie G. Goldman
M. Burton Drexler
Sue Levin
Annette Friedman
Sam Callistein
Bernard Cohen
Murphy Greenhill
Rose (Roe) Myrna Cohen
Ronald Press

The following names will be read on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21:

Ida Bader
Elsie (Hill) Richards
Shirley Ann Jacobs
Alice Shapiro
Lawrence Duplessis
Ruth Zapel
Louis Fingerman
David S. Gold
Marcus Younker
Bessie Goldberg
Todd Givant
Bertha Sheuerman Strauss
Phyllis Eisenberg
Nathan Levitt
Joseph Taub
Leona Mills
Esther Wolf
Verna S. Copple

Sarah Kaplan
Myer Silverstein
Edith Cohen

**The following names will be
read on Friday, June 27
and Saturday, June 28:**

Betty Dubansky
Ralph Copple
Tinny Nadel
Andrea Elena Levitt
Mildred Pomerance
Constance N. Belin
Gertrude Weinstein
Moses Marks
Ben Glazer
Gilbert Weishaar
Jerome Schlesinger
Jean Givant
John Baker
Arthur David Brody
Irene L. Boldes
Norman M. Wilchinski
Albert Arthur Brewer, Jr.
Charles Hendricks
Estelle Hackner
Herman Katzman
Eleanor Esther Taub
Sigmund Kikoler

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

Marjorie P. Epstein
Rosalyn Berck
Frances Rosin
Irving Lazar
Larry Cotlar
George Stern
Babette Joseph
Jesse Steinger
Joseph Kuhn
Charlotte Solomon
Carrie Oppenheimer
Simon Frank
Jerry Oxer
Albert Ravreby
Alan Rapaport
Fanny Biber Land Lazarus
Sarah Gold
Jon Marc Cooper

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

Benjamin Leventhal
Rose Miller Cowen
Harry Marks

Martin Bucksbaum
Robert Isaac Adato
Irving Numeroff
Julius C. Swartz
Phyllis Grossman Weber
Herbert Harris
Sylvia Feingold
Albert Bassin
Shirley Pearlman
George Chayet
Samuel Hurwitz
Ida Klein
Caroline Maas Weinstock
Louie Patterson
Matthew Kaufmann
Thelma June DeTemple
Steve Dubansky
Bertha Purnell
Max Saul Berck
Abraham Sklar
Sadie Lipsey
Abraham Friedlich

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

John E. Cunningham
Nathan Beckerman
Charles Stanford Steinger
Gretchen G. Friedman
Charles Louis Kuba
Harriette Lubetkin
Agnes Wilchinski
Joseph "Shadow" Foley
Louis J. Rosenthal
Theodore "Ted" Livingston
Sam Fortess
Lucille Weishaar
Gertrude Greenhill
Helene Barricks
Rose Biber
Bessie Greenhill
Mary Franklin
Jana Grady
Nathan Rubenstein
Arthur Goldford
Lloyd Miller
Leon L. Jacobs
Harry Goldman
Melvin Givant
Anne Damsky
Bernard Kohn
Stan Steinger
Joan Mannheimer
Belle Mintzer

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

Esther F. Schneider
Philip Miller
Jerry Dann
Dorothy D. Krause
Burton Press
Dr. Nathan Josephson
Norman M. Carmel
Freda Leff
Linda Beddow
Edward Thomas Tregilgas
Lillian Rothenberg
Samuel Rosch
Julius Mandelbaum
Max Shloss
Loretta C. Conley
Norman Plaslur
Richard A. Schuler
Burton Joseph Sr.

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

Roy Hjelmaas
Max Hiller
Arnold Caplan
Ethelyn Cohen Swartz
Kay Braverman
Myron "Mike" Goldman
Ike M. Block
Louis E. Cohen
Helen Balentine
Rodney Shkolnick
Arthur Gordon Sarlat
Leona Duplessis
Oscar Karp
Leone Morgenstern
Nicholas L. Friedman
Selma Strasburger
Theodosia "Theo" Blank
Roscoe Alcorn
Jill Musin
Steven Bassman
Emma Katanick
Chester Stricker
Charlotte From
Esther Mallon
J.J. Mallon
William "Bill" Silver
Jennie R. Brody
Emmanuel I. Troyansky

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div>■ 7:00 PM Erev Shavuot & Confirmation Service</div>	<div>2</div> <div>■ Temple Office Closed</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Shavuot Services with Yizkor</div>	<div>3</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div> <div>■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee</div> <div>■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting</div>		<div>4</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts</div>	<div>5</div> <div>■ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service with Senior Recognition</div> <div>■ 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner</div>	<div>6</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>■ 4:30 PM Jake Molison Bar Mitzvah</div>
<div>8</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club</div>	<div>9</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div>		<div>11</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts</div> <div>■ 11:00 AM Grief Support Group</div>	<div>12</div> <div>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</div>	<div>13</div> <div>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Nora Dickson Bar Mitzvah</div>
<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div>	<div>17</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div>		<div>18</div> <div>■ Temple Office Closed</div>	<div>19</div> <div>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</div>	<div>20</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service</div>
<div>22</div> <div>■ 11:00 AM Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club</div> <div>■ 1:00 PM Annual Meeting and David's Farewell</div>		<div>23</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div>		<div>24</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts</div> <div>■ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch</div>	<div>25</div> <div>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</div>	<div>26</div> <div>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Aidan Spizzirri Bar Mitzvah</div>
<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</div> <div>■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee</div> <div>■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts</div>	<div>3</div> <div>■ Temple Office Closed</div> <div>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</div>	<div>4</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS)</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service</div>	<div>5</div>

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee ■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting		■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	Temple Office Closed ■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting		■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts ■ 11:00 AM Grief Support Group	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
■ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club ■ 6:30 PM TBJ Book Club via Zoom	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting		■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting		■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts ■ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Service	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting		■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service	

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