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# SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITIES

## SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Temple of Aaron members address the congregation during Shabbat morning services.

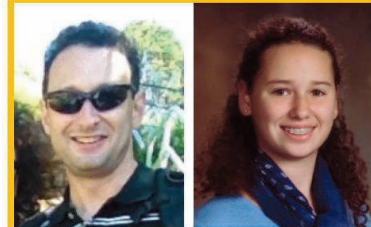
This year we have selected members to talk about significant life cycle events.



**Justin Samuels**  
July 30th  
Topic:  
Birth of a Child



**Jamie Wynn-Bell**  
August 6th  
Topic:  
Conversion



**Vadim & Sarah Braginsky**  
August 13th  
Topic:  
Bat Mitzvah



**Mona Austrian**  
August 20th  
Topic:  
Loss of a Loved One

## LOOK FOR MORE INSIDE...

- Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz Speaking at Shabbat Services July 23rd
- Parks & Ice Cream for Young Families July 23rd at Wabun Park
- Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum Trivia Night July 20th
- Got Shabbat Dinner July 15th
- ToA Staff Camp Visits in July & August

### Letter from the President



**Gary Portnoy**

I am excited and happy to be the new President of the Temple of Aaron. I look forward to working with the clergy and staff to continue to build a strong Temple of Aaron. Over the last 14 years this community has given so much to me and I am fully prepared to work hard to give back as much as possible.

On the east side of our building the words from Isaiah are prominently displayed, "Everyone That Thirsteth Come Ye For Water." At a very difficult point in my life these words on the building encouraged me to walk through the doors of the synagogue and meet with Rabbi. It had been a long time since I was involved in synagogue life. Rabbi met with me and went out of his way to understand my situation and to help me enter the congregation. From that first meeting with Rabbi I saw hope and a way forward. The words on the wall were and continue to be true, our congregation is a caring and loving

community for those people who are looking to be part of the community. All are welcome. This February when we read Parshat Vayakhel-Pekude we again learned about the artisan Bezalel who was chosen to design and build the Tabernacle that carried the tablets of the law that Moses brought down from Sinai. The job of building the Tabernacle required an individual with the qualities of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to complete the task of building the Mishkan. Bezalel was filled with the spirit of God and God instilled

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# From the Rabbi



## Rabbi Jeremy Fine

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## The Summer is for Jewish Education

I have many memories from Jewish summer camp, but a turning point for me was my first summer at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. Visitor's weekend my parents had come up and as we said our goodbyes I looked at my mother and said, "Take me home with you." I cried (don't tell anyone) and my parents went to the Director. He convinced them to leave me at camp and it was at that moment that my life changed. I stayed at camp and there was a point in my life I never thought I'd ever leave. I worked through my nerves and started a journey of becoming my own Jewish person.

Camp Ramah was instrumental in my life journey. I learned to live with others, explore my own thoughts, and strengthen my connection to Judaism. I met people from all over the world, many of whom I keep in touch with today. I am not sure there is anything more important to the Jewish world than Jewish summer camp. The immersive nature of

making Jewish decisions, which even includes what to "ditch" and what to participate in launches a thought-process with Judaism at the forefront. I am incredibly thankful for my days at Ramah.

However, while Ramah might have been the right fit for me, we are lucky to have other great options serving the Twin Cities. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to Herzl Camp and Camp Butwin both filled with tremendous ruach. Josh Fineblum will be spending a Shabbat at Ramah, while Rabbi Strausberg will lead a group to Herzl. This summer I will return to Camp Chi in the Wisconsin Dells to be the camp Rabbi for four days. Camp Chi was actually where I began going to Jewish summer camp and I am excited to once again live within their campgrounds. Many ToA congregants spend their summers at Camp Chi and I hope to engage with them throughout my stay.

Each camp is an outlet for different children who want to explore what their Judaism can be at its best. Each is also an opportunity for all of us to see the best the Jewish world has to offer. I am so proud of ToA's history of sending our youth to Jewish summer camp. For those on the fence or find there to be barriers I hope to will explore your options. I am happy to meet and discuss the best option for your child. We have a new program at Temple of Aaron called **Judaism 365**. Our board and staff understand the importance of summer camp and the year-round continual education helps provide our youth. Temple of Aaron wants to help all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders get to camp. We are so grateful to our sponsors the Martin & Esther Capp Family Foundation and the Arnold and Sylvia Goldman Family Fund for their dedication to our youth's Jewish journeys.

For those of you with younger children who are thinking about Jewish summer camp down the road, I encourage going to visit the various camps during the summer. The best way to know what will work for your family and child is being present. Jessie and I have found this a great way to get outside during the summer and experience the outdoors through the vibrancy of Judaism.

See you in shul,  
Rabbi Fine

## ToA Staff Camp Visits

Temple of Aaron clergy and staff look forward to visiting members at summer camps. Here is the schedule for camp visits.

Please contact clergy or staff member if your child is attending or staffing at any of these summer camps.

Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum will visit Camp Ramah for Shabbat July 8th-10th.



Rabbi Avi Strausberg will be at Herzl Camp on Wednesday, July 13th.



Rabbi Jeremy Fine will spend three days at Camp Chi, July 19th-22nd.



New Engagement Director Adam Bender will visit Camp Butwin Wednesday, August 3rd.





# Adult Education

## Temple of Aaron's 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Temple of Aaron is starting its 107th year of operation. Our Board of Directors has established bylaws for the successful oversight and operation to help members of all ages. We deeply appreciate the dedication, ideas and wisdom shared by various members:

Sandy Aaron, Tracy Arnold, Ben Axelrod, Mike Bell, David Berg, Alan Bernick (Secretary), George Bier, Alan Divine, Barry Divine, Mark Divine, Richard Epstein, Molly Garelick, Olga Gekht, Bill Gotlieb, Jim Gleekel, Steve Kafitz (Executive Vice President), David Katz, Bob Kaufman, Lisa Lerman, Ron Less (Treasurer), Bob Marvy, Tim Oskey, Emily Paper, Gary Portnoy (President), Roxanne Portnoy (Sisterhood), Scott Rodman, Polly Saxon, Margie Schneider, Sue Schwartz, Rosalyn Segal (Immediate Past President), Steve Shaller, Andrei Shofman, Alisha Simon, Tom Skadron, Rick Smookler, Peter Wilton, Joe Wolkowicz and Debbie Zuckerman.

## Judaism 365: Plan Now with Temple of Aaron for Summer 2017

Make sure summer camping 2017 fits in your plans and in your budget. Temple of Aaron has made special plans to help our children develop their Jewish identities while having summer fun. Make sure your children and friends are enrolled in our 2016-2017 school programs and we will be awarding camp grants to all students in grades 4 to 6. We call it Judaism 365. Explore the excitement!

### Even God Loses Patience: Leave the Complaints Behind

The Israelites are a complaining people. If the Israelites were a couple of children in the backseat on a road trip, they'd be the ones saying, "Are we there yet? I'm hungry. I'm hot. Are we there yet?" A few weeks ago, we began the book of Bamidbar, which literally translates to the Book of the Wilderness in English. And, since we took our first tentative steps through that arid, desert wild, our fearless leader Moshe has been subjected to hearing about all of our aches and pains. In Parshat B'ha'alotkha, we're told that the people take to complaining bitterly against God, wailing about the good ol' days in Egypt (remember, when they were slaves) and all the abundance of yummy food that kept them going. They fantasize about cucumbers and melons, leeks and onions, to the extent that God, fed up with their ranting, finally rains down a barrage of meat upon them just to quell their complaints.

And, I get it. The Israelites have been asked to blindly following some strange guy and some strange God in the wilderness for an indefinite period of time to get to an unnamed promised land. I imagine that if I had been there, I'd also be longing for days of security. I'm a person of routine and I'm also a snacker. I like to know where my food is coming from, when it's coming, and what I can expect from the rest of the day. Much like the Israelites in the Book of Bamidbar, I'm not one for blind trust and surprises.

And, yet, as I'm reading the Torah this time around and taking issue with the Israelites complaining, I'm going to take this as a call this summer to complain a little less and to enjoy a little more. We're officially well into summer. And, in Minnesota, that means days of parks and lakes and walks abound. Sure, it's hot but we get to be outside and enjoying the green outdoors. Things are good; I have a lot to be grateful for. And unlike my ancestral counterparts, I'm not stuck wandering around in a wilderness with nowhere to go, waiting for the current generation to die out so we can get moving on to the Promised Land.

So, the next time that itch to complain rises up within me ("I wish it was less humid; I wish the line at the ice cream shoppe was shorter; I wish there was lox at this kiddush), I'm going to think of the Israelites in Bamidbar and turn my thoughts instead towards contentment and gratitude. I've got everything I need and thank God, we made it out of that wilderness a long time ago.



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# Judaism

## 365

The optimal immersive Jewish education

Invest in your child's future through Judaism 365, Temple of Aaron's year-round Jewish focus and summer camp scholarship program.

Enroll your 4th, 5th and 6th graders at Temple of Aaron's religious school and get 50% off an approved 4-week summer camp. All enrolled students are eligible to receive the scholarship. **Judaism 365 helps everyone; it is not tied to merit or need.**

For more information, contact Rabbi Jeremy Fine at [rabbijeremyfine@templeofaaron.org](mailto:rabbijeremyfine@templeofaaron.org), or call us at 651-698-8874

# Youth Education



**Joshua Fineblum, CJE**

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A common question I hear is: Summer has begun so...what do you do all day at Temple of Aaron? The answer will surprise many of you. The summer is actually my busiest time of the year. Besides tutoring our upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students and visiting our youth at summer camps, ToA clergy and staff take this time to plan out the entire next year of programming. The calendar itself was done as the last school year ended but now we get down to each individual program and prepare for another school year to begin.

I have had the privilege to work with our Choir Director and Resident Musician Tom Bartsch throughout the past year. We took quite a bit of time to look ahead to the upcoming High Holyday season. We have been working diligently on making this coming season meaningful and memorable. I want to take this opportunity to thank Tom for all of his hard work that goes into making our services so beautiful.

We are still looking for people to participate in this year's choir for the Holyday season. If you want to be a part of our choir please contact me. Practices for High Holydays will begin in early September as Rosh Hashanah is not until October 2nd this year.

We look forward to seeing all of you throughout the summer months at services and programming and I hope some of you are able to join me at my Trivia Night on July 20th. It should be a great time and educational too!



**Bad Weather Brewery  
Trivia Night  
Wednesday, July 20th  
7:00pm  
Cost: \$5**

Join Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum for a fun evening at Bad Weather Brewery (414 7th St. W, St. Paul). Enjoy your first drink on us and the opportunity to socialize in a fun and intimate setting. RSVP to Clergy Assistant Danae Thorpe: DanaeThorpe@TempleofAaron.org or 651-698-8874 x107



**Register Today For  
2016-2017 School Year**

Remember to register your children for next year to get tuition discounts.

Sign up here:  
<http://templeofaaron.org/education/schools/enrollment/>  
Questions: Susie Haim  
susiehaim@templeofaaron.org  
651-698-8874 ext 100

Encourage friends and non-members to try our school and receive one month **FREE** tuition (restrictions apply)

## **We Need Your Help! August 26th - 28th ToA USY Hosts EMTZA Region Leadership Training Institute!**

Temple of Aaron's families will be asked to help house USY leaders from all over the Midwest.

Please contact Engagement Director Adam Bender (AdamBender@TempleofAaron.org) or Housing Chairpeople, Marilyn Bloom (Marilyn.bloom@hotmail.com) and Lisa Lerman(marklisa22@msn.com), if you can help house students.



*Daniella Kotovsky & Sasha Gekht*

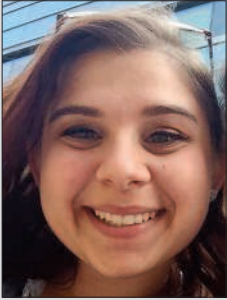


### **Join ToA Adult Choir for High Holydays 5777**

Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum and Choir Director Tom Bartsch are looking for members to join Temple of Aaron's Adult Choir. The choir, led by Tom Bartsch, enhances High Holyday services, is featured during special Shabbat service. Contact Joshua Fineblum to be a part of this fun and exciting group of singers. No auditions required to be a part of this group.



**Welcome New Youth Advisor  
Elissa Wiener**



Elissa Wiener, a student at the University of Minnesota, will be joining the Temple staff as Youth Advisor and Experiential Educator in Fall 2017. She grew

up in Omaha, Nebraska, where she was an active member of Beth El Synagogue, president of USY, and held several other positions in the chapter. She is a graduate of Beth El's Hebrew High School, and was very involved in Beth El's Talmud Torah, serving as an assistant teacher for 4 years. Elissa also spent many years as a tutor and service leader at Beth El's Junior Congregation, and has served as a counselor and leader for many Beth El Synagogue youth group activities and events for kids from pre-school through 7th grade. She currently volunteers as an advocate for the Aurora Center at the U of M, and as a Big Sister through Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Twin Cities, and she is Social Chair in her sorority, AEPi. She is spending her summer as a camp counselor at Beth El's Camp Kef and at the JCC in Omaha. Elissa is really excited to become a part of the Temple of Aaron family, and she is looking forward to meeting everyone!

**TAXY  
Summer Happy Hour**

TAXY hosted the annual summer happy hour on June 8 at Wild Onion in St. Paul. 30 TAXY members showed up for drinks, conversation, and to welcome our new Engagement Director, Adam Bender.



# Youth Happenings

Summer is now in full swing, and I am half-way across the country for USY on Wheels East! I am thrilled how welcoming the Temple of Aaron community has been to me since I have taken over full time as Engagement Director. I also am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue working at Temple of Aaron, and I look forward to meeting more and more people each week. I will be returning from my summer out east first thing in August. At that point, please feel free to reach out to me with suggestions and questions. I am greatly looking forward to taking members out to coffee and getting to know all of the many faces around Temple of Aaron.



**Adam Bender**

Engagement Director  
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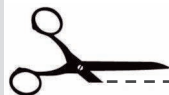
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July is the perfect opportunity for all our parents of college students to sign up for our College Kesher program!

**End of Year BBQ**

We had an amazing time finishing up this school year with our End-of-Year BBQ. Thank you to David A. Berg Family for their generous donation. Thank you also to Men's Club Flipping Crew. We cannot wait to see everyone next school year.

*(Pictured: David Berg; Cooking Crew Howie Paper, Mike Bell, Scott Rodman; Ben Goldman)*



**Sign Up for College Kesher Today!!**

Students receive two packages during the school year for only \$36/student. Fill out the form for your student(s) today. Questions? Contact Adam Bender

**College Kesher Fun Facts**

2016 Summer Opportunities Guide sent to Students

Packages during the holidays

Clergy & Staff have visited students at UW-Madison, UofM, University of Kansas, Barnard, Iowa & University of Maryland.

**College Kesher 2016-2017**

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Here For Direct Billing \_\_\_\_\_, or Check to be made out to Temple of Aaron

# Destination Shabbat

FRIDAY, JULY 15  
6:30PM

FOLLOWED BY  
GOT SHABBAT DINNER  
AT 7:30PM

## SHABBAT IN THE GARDEN

Join us for this special musical Erev Shabbat service in the beautiful Effress Family Garden.

FEATURING  
**Amanda & Berek Awend**  
With Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum and  
Choir Director Tom Bartsch

Dinner: Adults \$15 / \$12; Children \$10 / \$8; RSVP to Susie Haim at  
SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org or 651-698-8874

## Service Schedule

### Friday Night Services

July 1—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
July 8—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
July 15—6:30pm in Effress Family Garden  
July 22—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
July 29—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Saturday Morning Shabbat Service begins at 9:00am in Main Sanctuary  
Minyan Monday-Thursday begins at 6:00pm in Leifman Chapel

## Shabbat Morning Features

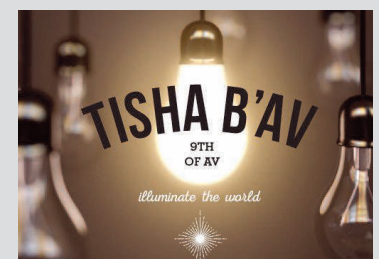
### Cantor/Educator

Joshua Fineblum Sermon—July 2  
Rabbi Jeremy Fine Sermon—July 9  
Rabbi Jeremy Fine Sermon—July 15  
Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz Sermon—July 23  
Rabbi Dershowitz was Director of Jewish Summer Camps for 23 years including Herzl Camp for 8 years.

**Summer Speaker Series Begins—**  
**Member Justin Samuels delivers**  
**Sermon on birth of a child—July 30**

## Tisha b'Av Community Ceremony Saturday, August 13th, 9:30pm Temple of Aaron

Mark your calendars for the St. Paul community Tisha B'av ceremony on Saturday, August 13 at 9:30pm hosted at Temple of Aaron. We'll join together in a powerful, evening prayer service with dim lights and candles lit to mourn and remember the destruction of the Temple.



### Justin Samuels: Shabbat Summer Speaker July 30

Justin and his wife Dr. Elena Averbakh welcomed their first child, Shaina Samuels, in August 2015. Justin will share his experience as a first time parent and how they are raising her in a Jewish home.



### Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz Guest Speaker Saturday, July 23rd



Rabbi Dershowitz will bring his 23 years of experience as a Director of Jewish Camps, including 8 at Herzl Camp, as he addresses the congregation on *Jewish Education at Summer Camps: Why It Is So Important*. Born in Czechoslovakia, he arrived in the U.S. 33 days before the Nazi invasion. He is currently Rabbi Emeritus at Sinai Temple in L.A. after serving that congregation for 25 years. He also worked in ToA's youth department from 1955-61.

### Parks & Ice Cream Series for Young Families Saturday, July 23 at 11:00am

ToA Youth Department invites all young families to enjoy Rita's Italian Ice and splash pad at Wabun Park (4655 46th Aves. Mpls). Bring your own lunch and we'll provide dessert! Contact Joshua Fineblum with questions.



\*Sponsored by Steve & Nancy Lane Dor L'Dor Endowment and Grandparents Endowment Fund



## Israel Committee

Israel Committee welcomes guest contributor Joelle Walmsley's reflections on AIPAC Minnesota Annual Event.

It was another successful AIPAC conference this year. Jeremy Bash, former Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Defense and CIA, delivered the main address that included a moving account of Jeremy and Benjamin Wise, two brothers that were killed in military operations in Afghanistan.



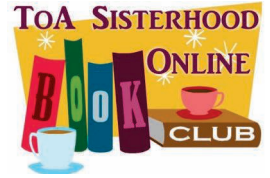
Pastor Chris Edmonds, another featured speaker, recounted the story of his father being held at gunpoint by a Nazi officer who wanted to single out American Jewish soldiers. Edmonds' father refused to tell the officer who was Jewish, and instead told him all the soldiers were Jewish. He asked the officer if he was going to kill all of them. The Nazi officer relented, knowing he couldn't and let them go. As I write this, our nation is observing Memorial Day, a time to remember those who sacrificed their lives for the betterment of our own. Let's keep these examples of bravery and duty with us as we stand for the values of our nation and the nation of Israel.



Temple of Aaron members help build with Habitat for Humanity and Interfaith Builders.

# Group & Committee Voices

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood



**NEW!! Temple of Aaron Book Mavens: Online Book Club** - Join this exciting online book club by creating an account at [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com), then request to join the group: Temple of Aaron Book Mavens. After you are accepted by the co-chairs you can begin reading at your own pace and chat via blog. **This is open to all Temple members.** Co-chairs Barb Pogoler (651-699-9525 or [abpogoler@msn.com](mailto:abpogoler@msn.com)) and Chaya Zien (651-452-4465 or [czien@q.com](mailto:czien@q.com)) will answer your questions. Look for more info soon about in person meetings. Books to read: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, *The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tzabari, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz.

**Gift Shop Sale** - Free gift if you spend \$25 or more. Support Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron by purchasing your Judaica items for all events from the Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. New Hamsa silver necklaces, new fusion glass items from Demdaco and new mahjongg pieces from Source 4 Judaica are now available. The Gift Shop stocks a wide variety of Judaica pieces from the following vendors: Classic Touch Tervy Collection, Tamara Baskin, decorative items from Rosenthal, Aram and Judaica custom lego sets from JBrick. Gift cards and registries for all life cycle events always available. Contact the Gift Shop directly at: 651-699-9192. Hours: **(Note Tuesday time change)** - Sun. 9am - noon; Tues. 10am - 1pm; Wed. 10am - 1pm, or by appointment - call Chair Marcia Taple (651-688-3030).

**Sisterhood Knits** - Thursday, July 7, 6:30pm at Temple of Aaron. Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or [suziemgonzalez@comcast.net](mailto:suziemgonzalez@comcast.net)) or Susan Tervola ([susantervola@templeofaaron.org](mailto:susantervola@templeofaaron.org)). All levels welcome.

**Building Fund Cards** - Send a beautiful card for any occasion - only a phone call away - no hassles. All funds raised go directly to benefit our beautiful building. To purchase, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner (651-454-8336). For billing questions, call Paula Schrabner at 651-454-2708.

**Watch for more info** - 2017 IntraContinental Spring Conference of Women's League for Conservative Judaism hosted by Temple of Aaron Sisterhood.



### Sisterhood Hosts Swing Dancing Professional for Closing Program

Sisterhood President Roxanne Portnoy thanks Closing Program Chairs Margie Schneider and Amy Miller Stern for planning a wonderful evening of swing dancing, dinner and socializing. Thank you to all who attended and continue to support Temple of Aaron Sisterhood.

## Social Justice Committee

### July 18-29 are Habitat building dates for Interfaith Builders and Temple of Aaron

We will be building at 552 Charles Ave., St. Paul this year. No experience necessary. Must be 16 or older to build. Youth up to 17 bring an adult for every four youth to join the fun. Bring friends and family to help out. Being a synagogue member is not a requirement! Site host/ess needed (Think photographer/First aid station attendee) every day of the project for those who want to help us but are not capable of manual labor. Join the "Tikun Olam" effort of healing our neighborhoods, building a house for a needy family. We also need to raise our share of funds used for building supplies. If you are not able to join us please consider sending a check made out to Temple of Aaron entering "HFH/Interfaith Builders" in the memo section. Or contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff and have a donation added to your monthly bill. Join the Temple of Aaron effort this year.



For more information, to sign up for a day or two or if you have questions contact Susan Flynn at [suellenflynn@comcast.net](mailto:suellenflynn@comcast.net) or call 651-683-0706.

# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
May/June 2016 Iyar/Sivan 5776

Aldes, Michael	Godes, Barb & Steve	Meerovich,
Allen, Jeffrey & Carol	Goldberg, Sharleen	Gedaly & Alexandra
Amnuel, Miryam	Goldberger, Debbie	Paper, Steven
Berde Doris & Michael	Graham, Esther	Pogoler, Andrew
Binkin, Bella	Hirschhorn, Gerry	Saxon, Michael & Polly
Bloomfield, Cathy	Hirsekorn, Fred & Barbara	Schenker, Shirley
& Brock Siegel	Kadis, Jonathan	Shear, Isabelle & Jerry
Braginsky, Gregory & Inna	Kaplan, Burleigh	Sherman, Ronna & Tom
Burnstein, Gilman	Kaplan, Steven	Shumilovsky,
Burnstein, Joyce	Kaplan, Vicky	Serafima & Vitaly
Cahan, Elizabeth	Kaufman, Stuart	Simes, Josephine
Chulok, Mikhail	Khaskin, Iosif	Simkovich, Boris & Raisa
Divine, Arne	Klein, Marion & E. Gary	Skadron, Nancy
Edelstein, Rebecca	Krawetz, Leah	Smith, David & Dede
Esrig, Evelyn	Krugman, Faina	Smookler, Richard
Fiedelman, Eileen	Lerman, Frank	Stacker, Howard
Flynn, Susan	Levitt, Rachel	Strohm, Leslie, Jim,
Ganopolskiy, Adel	Lifson, Helen & Ron	Ezra & Maya
Garelick, Eileen	Lyons, Patti	Waldman, Jerry & family
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Mack, Ellen & Tom Bates	Watchman, Clara
Geller-Wollstein, Judith	Marver, John & Jeannie	Weinberg, Idele
Glickson, James	Maymind, Azriyela	

... to Anita Ernst and Burt Katz for adding mailing labels to over 900 newsletters so we can keep members informed about our array of services, programs and classes.

## Help Those Who Need Food Shelf Every Week



Thousands of Minnesota families rely on food shelf for a simple meal. We can help working families, children and seniors who might go without food. Bring food to synagogue, go to website and donate, or mail check to chair-person Harriet Levy. Harriet will mail a card for get well, celebration or condolence. Help us help others!

# Blessings

## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We display every 5 years and all anniversaries of more than 50 years

מזל טוב

- 51 Howard & Arlene Kurs
- 40 Bob & Joanne Gillman
- 35 Brian & Enrica Zaidman
- 35 Gregory & Marina Shor
- 25 Harlan & Amy Stern
- 10 Joshua & Andrea Fineblum
- 10 Jeff & Carol Allen

*Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away*

**Meri Sorkin  
Jackie Stein**

*A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For  
Claire "Maudie" Cohen*



## Election Judges Needed in August & November

Temple of Aaron will again be a polling place this year on August 9th and November 8th. Hundreds of our neighbors will be coming here to vote – you can help them have a good day by working as an election judge. Call the Ramsey County Elections Office, 651-266-2214, for more information.

**SIVAN BANNER:** In memory of Donald Miller by parents Lillian and Sam R. Miller. Entitled "Ten Commandments" (Ben Shahn design). The banner depicts the Ten Commandments, which were given in Sivan.



## Members & Non-Members at Cemetery

Temple of Aaron's Cemetery sells graves to both members and non-members. That enables you to create a family section for loved ones. Take action



Ken Agranoff

this month and contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff for an 18 minute meeting to make important decisions in advance to save later emotional pressure.

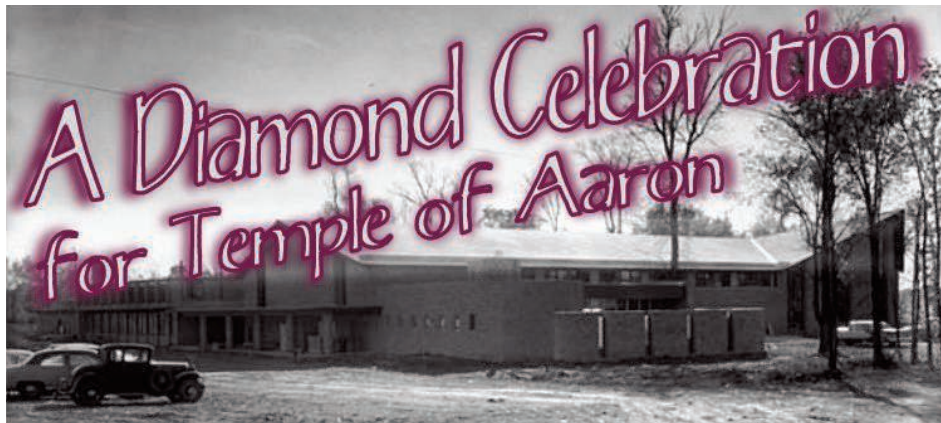
## Explore Successful Kiddush Lunch Program

Thank you to each financial supporter of our Kiddush Lunch Fund which provides the weekly meal. Treasurer Steve Kafitz reminds everyone we need more 2016 funding for this fantastic community building program. You can add the donation to your monthly statement, mail a check, or go online and use our website PayPal account.

## Security Provides Reassurance

We have added security for over a decade on High Holydays and school Sundays. Organizations all over the country adopted plans after a shooting at the Los Angeles JCC. Each member has an opportunity to make a donation to help us hire off-duty police for added security. We respect the viewpoints of those who believe the added precautions are not needed.

# ...and More



November 6 will be a night to remember as we celebrate 60 years of memories at our Highland Park location. We have celebrated bar/bat mitzvah, weddings, Holydays, Holidays, Kindergarten Consecrations, 10th Grade Confirmations, bris/baby naming, Sisterhood events, Men's Club events, School events, Seders and so much more. We have supported each other at funerals, shivahs, Yom Hashoah and Yom Hazikaron. We have attended Shabbat services, minyan services, classes, social programs, scouting events, Melody Minyan, music concerts, USY Plays and so much more.



Annual Tribute Co-Chairs Tracey Agranoff and Wendy Baldinger and their committee are planning a fantastic evening. We will be recognizing the 30 Presidents who stepped forward and led our membership for the past 60 years. We are very proud of our successes in meeting needs of thousands of people of all ages for six decades. We are very proud of our work with the larger community through visiting tour groups, support of the local food shelf, Habitat for Humanity, collaboration with other Jewish organizations and so much more. The activities, trips and programs surrounding Israel have been important and memorable.

We sought out a distinctively different speaker and we will be "Getting Reel With Spike Lee" exploring our society and movies from a different perspective. We will be selling tickets to this special event at all price ranges so everyone can attend. President Gary Portnoy is thrilled to be part of this wonderful November 6, 2016 program extending sincere appreciation to those leaders who helped facilitate our historical successes. Save the date as we look down memory lane and then hear the edgy observations from a societal icon.

Spike Lee is a notable writer, director, producer, and actor who revolutionized both the landscape of independent cinema and the role of black talent in film. His movies are a series of outspoken and provocative socio-political critiques that challenge our cultural assumptions about race, class and gender identity.

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thoughts in him so he could make designs of all kinds. The materials that Bezazel needed to build the Tabernacle, gold, silver, copper, turquoise, purple, scarlet wool and were brought to complete the job. It was a team effort that required the entire assembly of the Children of Israel. The Temple of Aaron is filled with talented and creative people and our continued success depends on you being involved. We have a multitude of opportunities to be involved at the synagogue from High Holyday Services to Shabbat parsha class with Rabbi Strausberg, Hanukah party to Shabbat and Daily Services, Purim Party to Sisterhood, Sukkot Building to Mens Club, TAXY to Guest Speakers, Social Justice Committee to Scholar/Artist/Athlete in residence, and a plethora of classes for

children and adults. Make a point to join a committee in your zone of interest or sign up for a class next fall. The more involved you are the stronger your Judaism will be and the Temple of Aaron will thrive.

The Temple of Aaron is enjoying a renaissance in many very different areas and we are blessed to have a dynamic young clergy team of Rabbi Fine, Rabbi Strausberg and Cantor/Educator Fineblum leading the way. Attendance at Shabbat services has continued to grow and the Shabbat community has grown closer together because of the Kiddush lunch following services. Shabbat mornings are very special and I invite you join in if it's been awhile since you attended. Come for services and stay for lunch.

As I said in the opening, I am excited about being the new President of The Temple of Aaron and I am excited about our future.

# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

July 2016  
Sivan - Tammuz 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:45pm	<b>2</b> 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Avi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services
<b>3</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>4</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Joshua Fineblum to Camp Ramah Candle Lighting 8:42pm	<b>9</b> 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Avi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services
<b>10</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>11</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>13</b> Rabbi Avi Strausberg Visits Herzl Camp 6:00pm Minyan	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services in Garden with Awend Band 7:30pm Got Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 8:38pm	<b>16</b> 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Avi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services
<b>17</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>18</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Minyan Rabbi Fine to Camp Chi	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Trivia Night with Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:32pm	<b>23</b> 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Avi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services—Speaker Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz 11:00am Parks & Ice Cream at Wabun Park
<b>24</b> 9:00am Minyan	<b>25</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:24pm	<b>30</b> 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Avi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services—Summer Speaker Justin Samuels
<b>31</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast						

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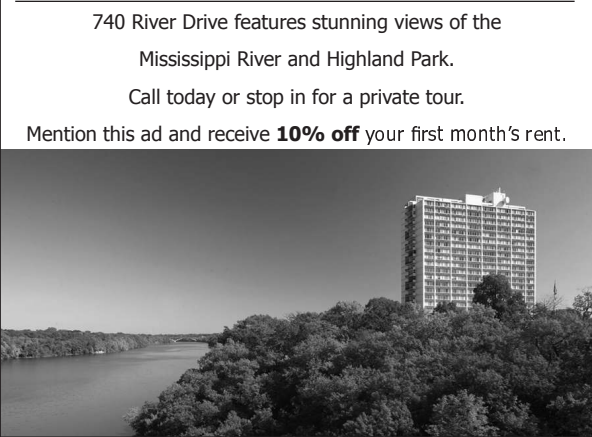
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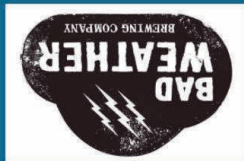
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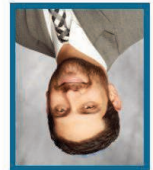


Bad Weather Brewery Trivia Night  
with Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum  
July 20th at Bad Weather Brewery (414 7th St W, St. Paul)

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Join Temple of Aaron's Clergy on  
Wednesday Nights this Summer as they go  
Around our Town. Each event begins at  
7:00pm, includes a free drink and  
opportunity to socialize with clergy and  
friends in a fun and intimate setting.



Each event is limited to 20 people. All activities are paid for by individuals.