



TEMPLE OF AARON

August Program Highlights

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From the Rabbi



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The Blessings of a Grandparent

I am incredibly lucky and blessed to still have two grandparents alive and vibrant. My grandfather, especially, holds an incredibly soft spot in my heart. I consider him the reason I have been afforded the life I live, because of his relentless work ethic and his welcoming nature of everyone. This August he will be celebrating his 90th birthday. What an amazing simcha! Grandparents are both a privilege and a luxury. To have close grandparents not only means to learn from great experience but also to be unconditionally loved. I see this in the way my own parents treat my daughters; as if they could do no wrong and wallets are eternally open for business.

One of the most memorable scenes in the Torah involves Jacob and his blessings for his grandsons, Ephraim and Menasseh, or as many of you know it as the "Priestly Blessings." In Genesis 48:11 Jacob states "I never even hoped to see your [Joseph's] face, but now God has even let me see your

children." The raw emotion of this moment displays how meaningful it was for Jacob, who not only thought he had lost Joseph but came full circle to meet his grandchildren.

I write my *Aaronian* articles over a month in advance (due to printing times). As of this writing, I sit at my desk in a terrible amount of agony over two shootings; one in central Tel Aviv and the other in Orlando. Both were horrific acts of violence to people who will never see their loved ones again. These were people taken far too young because of senseless hatred towards Jews, Israelis, homosexuals and human beings. These innocent lives were taken without mercy to who might now live without them. The pain caused in so many lives was unbearable.

Symbolically, today I booked my ticket to Tel Aviv. I felt proud to press "purchase" in light of the tragedies. I think I got that sense of pride from my grandfather, who is not the most religious person I know but a deeply proud and committed Jew. In the Talmud Kiddushin 30a we learn "Rabbi Joshua ben Levi said, "Whoever teaches his grandson Torah is regarded as if he had received the Torah from Mount Sinai as it is said, 'Teach your children and children's children.'" In a sense my Papa has been teaching me for 90 years and I owe him a great deal of gratitude. It is important that we continue to teach Torah to our children and our children's children. And at the same time help the world heal with that same Torah.

In our Shabbat morning service we say; "May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world." May all of our lives and relationships to family, friends and strangers be like that of a grandparent. May this be a world full of love, compassion and an infinite amount of teachings to better understand ourselves, each other and everyone around us.

See you in shul,
Rabbi Fine

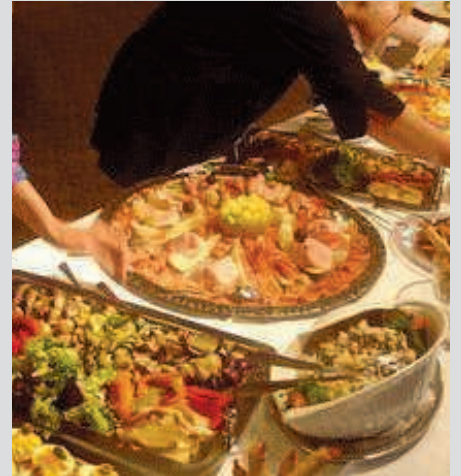
Clergy Night Out with Rabbi Fine Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7:00pm



Join Rabbi Fine for a relaxing evening at Color Me Mine (33245 Promenade Ave, Eagan). Enjoy a complimentary beverage and snack with an opportunity to socialize with Rabbi Fine and friends in a fun and intimate setting. RSVP to Clergy Assistant Danae Thorpe at Danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org or 651-698-8874 x107. All pottery is paid for by the participants.

Rabbi Fine Teaches at 10³ Community Learning August 3rd, 2:00pm

Rabbi Fine will teach on the topic of *Halacha* (Jewish Law) at Coffee Bene (53 Cleveland Ave S.) for a community program highlighting the book *Judaism's 10 Best Ideas* by Rabbi Arthur Green. Rabbis from around the Twin Cities will be teaching different topics. For more information contact sara.lynn@ttsp.org or 651-698-8807. Program presented by Hineni and By the Rivers in partnership with Twin Cities Synagogues.



Calling All Foodies!

Over the last year the Kiddush Club has been working hard behind the scenes at weekly Shabbat luncheons and other events. We want to grow!

Temple of Aaron will start a new section in the *Aaronion* with updates.

At the moment, we are looking for the following:

Share your best recipes through our food listserv for use at Kiddush lunch.

Volunteer bartender for select events.

Find out how to celebrate your simcha, birthday or achievements with the synagogue.

Look for more information soon.

Adult Education

A Service of Memory & Mourning for Tisha B'Av at Temple of Aaron August 13th, 9:15pm

Mark your calendars for the St. Paul community Tisha B'Av ceremony 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. Learning begins at 9:15pm followed by Eicha reading at 9:45pm.

Temple of Aaron will also have a Tisha B'Av morning service on Sunday, August 14th at 9:00am in Leifman Chapel.

Clergy Summer Camp Visits

Cantor/Educator Josh Fineblum spent a meaningful Shabbat at Camp Ramah and joined Rabbi Avi Strausberg for a day trip to Herzl Camp. They visited with Temple of Aaron youth campers and staff.



Joshua Fineblum at Camp Ramah with Justin Less, Elias Bier and Sam Biustin.



July 13th was a great day at Herzl Camp. Pictured: Eli Zelle, Hannah Gilberstadt, Sara Hoffman, Benji Snow, Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum, Ean Katz, Benji Perlstein, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Beta Katz, Rachel Lowenthal, and Rachel Bloom.

The Day the Jewish People Mourned

We walked into a darkened sanctuary. People lined the floor, some sitting cross-legged against the back wall of the sanctuary, others leaning up against the pews. Still others sat on the steps up to the bima. People were everywhere. Children were everywhere. It was night, dark outside. People held candles, or flashlights, faces iridescent in the glow of the flame with just enough light to make out the words of the Book of Eicha, the Book of Lamentations in front of them.

It was Tisha B'Av. We were in Jerusalem. And, an entire congregation of people gathered together for a late night reading of the Book of Eicha, the book that tells the story of the fall of Jerusalem, a city once great that now lay weeping in ruins.

Tisha B'Av, which literally translates to the 9th of the month of Av, marks the saddest day of the year in the Jewish calendar. This is the day that the Jewish people mourn for not only the destruction of one Temple but two. This is the day that the Jewish people mourn that the Israelites who lost faith in the desert will never be allowed to enter the Land of Israel. And, this is the night when we mourn the destruction of the city of Beitar and the brutal murder of many Jews at the hands of Roman conquerors.

Tisha B'Av, like Yom Kippur, is the only other major fast day in the Jewish calendar, meaning we fast from sunset to sunset, in an effort to fully focus on the seriousness of the day before us. But, Tisha B'Av is not only about ancient losses, of a people and a temple long gone, but has come to be a day when we mourn the losses of our times. In the Middle Ages, Tisha B'Av came to include the many expulsions of the Jewish people from countries like England and Spain and for us, Tisha B'Av can be a time to reflect on the tragedies and losses suffered in our days as a result of war and violence, prejudice and hate.

Tisha B'Av commemorates the fall of the two Temples, which fell respectively at the hands of two different conquerors in 586 BCE and 70 CE, but it's also about much more than that. Tisha B'Av is a day for all of us, for all time, to reflect on the violence and instability in the world, the fragility of human life, and the pervasive forces that seek to disturb peace in every age. But, Tisha B'Av is not just a day of mourning and sadness. It is also an opportunity for rebuilding and hope. The city of Jerusalem, that lay in ruins in the beginning of the Book of Eicha, was rebuilt. Hope was restored to the walls of the city. And, so too, Tisha B'Av can be a day of looking forward, looking toward peace, and coming together in community.

Join us as the Jewish community of St. Paul, across synagogues and denominations, comes together as one people to observe this coming Tisha B'Av on Saturday night, August 13 at 9:15pm hosted at the Temple of Aaron. We'll begin with a brief learning and then turn to a beautiful and haunting reading of the Book of Eicha, led by members of all three synagogues (Temple of Aaron, Mt. Zion, Beth Jacob), at 9:45pm.

We look forward to being in community with you on this day of communal mourning and reflection.



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Youth Education



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In July I had my first chance to visit Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. I grew up attending JCC day camp in New Jersey and then Ramah Poconos for several years. Growing up attending Jewish summer camps gave me skills and experiences that are vital to who I have become today. There is truly nothing like a good Jewish Summer Camp experience as it can shape who you are in so many ways.

This is the precise reason Temple of Aaron leadership and generous donors have put so much emphasis on transformative Jewish camping and Israel experiences. We are so thankful to all of those who have made it possible for our youth to have these amazing Jewish experiences and opportunities during the summer months.

One program has just been launched this summer and we hope families take more advantage of it in the year to come: Judaism 365. This one-of-a-kind

program combining Temple of Aaron Hebrew/Religious school with a Jewish summer camp experience.

This new program for currently enrolled students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, will offer 50% scholarship for up to four weeks for an approved Jewish summer camp experience. The scholarship is a commitment to year-round Jewish experiences for Temple of Aaron's youth. All enrolled students (4th-6th grades) are eligible to receive this scholarship as it is not based on merit or need. Jewish summer camps play a vital role in developing Jewish identity, friendships and life-skills; and encourages home observances, synagogue-based program participation and community celebrations. The goal is to provide youth with an optimal immersive Jewish experience through Temple of Aaron and the Jewish summer camp opportunity. This is a three year pilot program so get your child enrolled today!

I am ecstatic that we are able to do this for the youth of our community and that we have so many local Jewish camps for our students to chose from. I am also thankful I get to visit some many of these camps and see our youth in action as campers and staff. I urge all of us to get our students involved in Jewish education programs like Judaism 365 as we shape the Jewish leaders of tomorrow.

TiKone USY 2016 Sign-ups (8th-12th Graders)

Hebrew: Learn with Shlichah Eden Kohali in this interactive class to help you master the Hebrew language as you walk the streets of Israel.

Fantasy Football, Flag Football, and Midrash: Play Fantasy and Flag Football with Rabbi Fine each week at ToA and engage in study about Midrash (explanation of Jewish text by the Rabbis).

Golden Kephah: Earn your Golden Kephah and be a Torah reader at ToA. This class is for new students or those who have already started. Take on the challenge and have your name added to the Golden Kephah Wall of Honor.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

(Circle one)

Modern Hebrew

Fantasy/Flag Football and Midrash

Golden Kephah

Registration 2016-2017

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

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

Sign up here:

<http://templeofaaron.org/education/schools/enrollment/>

Hebrew/Religious School Starting Dates:

September 11th

For Birth-12th grades

9:00 am: Annual Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am: School Assembly and 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

10:30 am: Modified Classes

September 14th

First Wednesday for 2nd-7th and TiKone USY

September 17th

First Shabbat School for Toddler-1st grade

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Youth Happenings

August Youth Events:

- Aug. 3 Engagement Director Adam Bender visits Camp Butwin
- Aug 13 USYer Sarah Braginsky speaks at Shabbat services
- Aug. 26-28 EMTZA Region LTI @ ToA
- Aug. 28 ToA Youth goes to the Lynx Game!

Host Families Needed for Youth August 26-28

We still need your help! Looking for host families to house leaders from all over the Midwest for EMTZA LTI, August 26-28. Contact Adam Bender for more information at AdamBender@TempleofAaron.org.



Boy, does it feel great to be back at Temple of Aaron. After being away for almost 6 weeks on USY on Wheels East, I am back and ready to go. The calendar has now flipped to August which can only mean one thing, youth programming at ToA is back in action. As everyone starts to return from camp and their summer adventures, we continue to prepare for the upcoming year. We are extremely proud to be hosting this years EMTZA Region LTI (Leadership Training Institute) right here at ToA. From August 26-28th, youth leaders from all over the Midwest will come together under our roof to laugh, learn, and engage as they prepare for the upcoming programmatic year. I would encourage all of you to pop your head in for services at some point over the weekend to see the youth in action and in full force. Immediately following LTI, on the evening of August 28, we invite all youth to join us as the Lynx take on Sue Bird and the Seattle Storm! Following the game, we will have a chalk talk with a special guest!



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For those of you who are post-high school days, here are a few ways to stay involved: Registration for College Keshar is in full swing! You do not want to miss out! For more information email me at AdamBender@TempleofAaron.org. Stay tuned for our full lineup of TAXY programming coming soon! Hope everyone has an amazing end to their summer, and I look forward to seeing you around ToA!

Highlight Event: USY Attends Lynx Game Sunday, Aug. 28

USY Opening Program the MN Lynx Basketball Game Sunday, August 28th, 6:00 pm

The youth department is excited to have USYers watch the MN Lynx take on the Seattle Storm for their opening program. This program is FREE!!! Stick around after the game for a special meet and greet with a Lynx player. Tickets are limited to RSVP to Adam Bender by August 12th to secure your spot.



Sign Up for College Keshar 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 Keshar 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 Keshar 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

PARKS AND ICE CREAM SERIES! Fun for Young Families

ToA Youth Department invites all young families to enjoy ice cream at parks
Around our Town. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide dessert!



Saturday, August 13, 11am
Horace Mann Elementary School
(2001 Eleanor Ave)
Kickball Game
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream



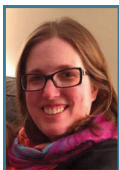
Questions? Contact Joshua Fineblum at joshuafineblum@templeofaaron.org or 651-698-8874

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ToA Goes AoT
Around our Town

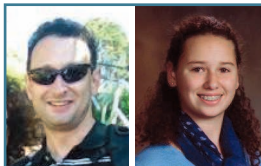
Shabbat Summer Speaker Series

Temple of Aaron members address the congregation during Shabbat morning services. This year we have selected members to talk about significant life cycle events.



Jamie Wynn Bell will speak at services **August 6th** about her choice to be a part of the Jewish people and community. Jamie has been an active parent in the toddler program with her son Ethan, and attended the TAXY Israel trip in August 2015 with her husband Michael.

Vadim Braginsky and daughter Sarah Braginsky will speak **August 13th** about Sarah's Bat Mitzvah in July 2015. Sarah will share how her Bat Mitzvah was a significant milestone in her Jewish life, while Vadim will share how the experience affected him and his wife Irina.



Mona Austrian will be on the bema **August 20th** to talk about the loss of a loved one. Mona lost her son Michael Winston on September 1, 2013 after a long and courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Mona will talk about this difficult time in her life and how she has moved through the past three years.

Service Schedule

Friday Night Services

August 5—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
August 12—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
August 19—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
August 26—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

Summer Speaker

Jamie Wynn Bell—August 6
Jamie will speak about choosing Judaism and her conversion process

Summer Speaker

Vadim & Sarah Braginsky—August 13
Vadim and Sarah will talk about Sarah's Bat Mitzvah.

Summer Speaker

Mona Austrian—August 20
Mona will talk about dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Rabbi Fine Delivers Sermon—August 27



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.

TEMPLE OF AARON

An extremely fun "sport" that combines basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and bumper-cars!

Men's Club Reboot

Join **Thursday** **U5**

August 18th
7:00 pm

Submit Teams
of Five by
August 10th

RSVP with
Clergy Assistant at
danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org

Located at

13644 Booth Circle North, Maple Grove

Israel Committee

The Israel Committee aims to "Make Israel Internal." Some opportunities hide in plain sight.

For over 20 years, our own St. Paul JCC Camp Butwin has had summer *shlichim*, young Israeli emissaries who work as camp specialists. This summer is no exception. Liron Shemesh from Holon is the *Rikud* (Dance) specialist. Yuli Aloush from Ramat Yishai is the *Omanut* (Arts and Crafts) specialist.

The Camp Butwin *shlichim* are hosted by community families for up to three weeks at a time. Temple of Aaron families have been well represented.

Lisa and Mark Lerman write: "We have hosted 10 Israelis over the years. It has been a life-changing experience for our family. Recently when we were in Israel for a family wedding we got to spend time with 4 of the Israelis who stayed with us. We had formed lifelong connections with them and feel so fortunate that we had the opportunity over the years."

David Baldinger writes: "We will forever be indebted to Alex Locke for recommending us to be a host family for the Camp Butwin Israeli *Shlichim* program. There's no better way to bring a little more Israel into your home. In just three short weeks, Neta Alkobi transformed from stranger into member-of-the-family. Four years later, Christy and I joined Neta and her parents under the *chupah* at her wedding in Israel."

If you love Israel then consider "adopting" an Israeli. Starting next year, welcome a Camp Butwin *shaliach* into your home, and bring him or her to Temple of Aaron. For more information, contact Tracey Agranoff, Jewish Life & Learning Coordinator, Assistant Camp Butwin Director at the St Paul JCC by phone at 651-255-4735 or via e-mail at tagranoff@stpauljcc.org.



Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

Temple of Aaron Book Mavens – Sunday, Aug. 21, 10am, at Temple of Aaron – discussion on *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. Join this online book club by creating an account at www.goodreads.com. Once you set up your account and request to join the group entitled Temple of Aaron Book Mavens, you will be accepted by the committee chair and you can begin reading and chat via blog. This is open to all Temple members. Questions, contact Chair Barb Pogoler (651-699-9525 or orabpogoler@msn.com). More in-person gatherings will be planned – wine/cheese, babysitting available.

Gift Shop Sale – August 15 through the High Holydays. 20% off most items; 10% books; no discount on parchment. 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. Items from Demdaco, Source 4 Judaica, Classic Touch Tervy Collection, Tamara Baskin, Rosenthal, Aram, Jillbeads and more. A variety of books are also stocked for children, young adults and adults; Gift cards and registries for all life cycle events always available. Contact the Gift Shop directly at: 651-699-9192. Hours: Sun., 9am–noon; Tues., 10am–1pm; Wed., 10am–1pm, or by appointment – call Chair Marcia Taple (651-688-3030).

Sisterhood Knits – Thursday, Aug. 11, 6:30pm at Safe Zone. Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or suziemgonzalez@comcast.net) or Susan Tervola (susantervola@templeofaaron.org). All levels welcome.

Building Fund Cards – Pick up the phone and show someone you care by sending one of these lovely cards. All funds raised go directly to benefit our beautiful building. To purchase our cards, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner (651-454-8336). For billing questions, call Paula Schraber (651-454-2708).

Mahjongg – The following Sundays: Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, March 5, June 4 – 1pm in Smith library. All levels welcome. RSVP/Questions, contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net).

Rosh Hashanah Fundraiser – Wish your Temple of Aaron family a Shanah Tovah Tikatevu for 5777 in the October Aaronion. Send your \$10 check by August 15, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, to Shari Lowenthal, 2183 Arkwright St., Maplewood, MN 55117. Indicate how you would like your name to appear in the Aaronion. Questions, call Marcia Taple (651-688-3030). Thanks very much for your support.

Membership Renewal – You should have received your renewal letter. Please renew asap and save Sisterhood the expense of reminders. Questions, contact, Alexandria Ganzel (651-490-7683 or organzel@comcast.net).

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, or call us at 651-698-8874

A collage of photos showing children and adults engaged in Jewish education and summer camp activities. The photos depict children sitting at tables, possibly in a classroom or library, and a group of children sitting on a bench outdoors. The background of the collage is decorated with various Jewish symbols like the Star of David, menorah, and Torah scroll.

Thank you תודה רבה

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

Antokolskaya, Zinaida	Jerson, Francine & Sidney	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue
Braginsky, Inna & Gregory	Kaplan, Harvey & Sue	and Jenni
Brody, Edwin	Kaufman, Stuart	Shaller, Rossy
Butwinick, James	Khaskin, Sofiy	Shneur, Revekka
Cohen, Loretta	Knurenko, Izabella	Simon, Jerome & Yetta
Eisenstadt, Edith & Samuel	Levey, Sylvia	Stillman, Tom & Sue
Eisenstadt, Larry & Linda	Malmon, Stanley	Tisnovskaya, Izabella
Ernst, Anita	Marvy, Bob & Florie	Tragar, C.A.
Fridman, Alla	Netzman, Steve	Udodovsky, Mira
Gak, Feliks & Alla Vysotsky	Redstone, Shelley	Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Godes, Barb & Steve	Rein, Myndel	Usem, Mark & Lynn
Goldberg, Sharleen	Savage, Edith	Vinnik, Val
Grin, Alexandra & Grigory	Schneider, Bart & Margie	Walter, Nancy
Guiver, Abby	Schraber, David & Paula	

Blessings

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 68 Fred & Barbara Hirsekorn
- 67 Melvin & Marilyn Warren
- 61 Ronald & Elaine (Sis) Goren
- 61 Sherman & Jan Ringer
- 61 William & Ryvelle Tilsner
- 60 Ronald & Shirley Goldman
- 58 Mikhail & Ruta Fradkin
- 56 David & Ida Valdman
- 55 Paul & Ellen Roitenberg
- 54 Yale & Jean Kanter
- 52 Gary & Susan Bloom
- 50 David & Fern Sanders
- 50 Donald & Janie Rutman
- 40 Brian & Sandy Kamin
- 30 Alan & Lisa Bernick
- 30 Steven & Karen Nusbaum
- 25 Frank & Carolyn Gordon
- 10 James & Heather Grams

Corrections from July Aaronion

Temple of Aaron apologizes for the special anniversaries that were not listed in July Aaronion

- 64 Arnold & Harriet Usem
- 60 Larry & Lois Schochet
- 55 Carl & Tammy Birnberg
- 55 Vitaly & Serafima Shumilovksy
- 54 Harvey & Suzanne Kaplan
- 54 Michael & Joanne Silverman
- 52 Morton & Ruth Weisberg

Our deep and sincere sympathy to the family of the following member who has passed away

Leslie Edelstein

TAMMUZ BANNER: By Janie & Donald Rutman in honor of Keith's Bar Mitzvah and Janie's parents' (Dodie & Morrie Geller) 45th wedding anniversary. Titled "Trees" (Avran Scheinfeld design). It depicts a tree in all seasons on an Israeli Kibbutz.

... to David Baldinger, Mark Divine, and Erin Baldinger for helping lead Shabbat services this summer.

... to Amanda & Berek Awend for a moving musical Shabbat evening in the garden



Sisterhood Fundraiser to Benefit Kiddush Lunch Fund

Sisterhood is having a fundraiser to benefit the Shabbat Kiddush Lunch Fund and our Temple of Aaron community on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, from 9a.m. to 1p.m., in the Capp Lounge.

Sisterhood needs your new or gently used adult hardcover & paperback books, children's books & toys, and games. Donation boxes are located by the Gift shop until Thursday, Sept. 22.

For any questions or if you need items picked up, call Sue Schwartz at 651-451-2188 or email jasch924@aol.com

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!

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



Ken Agranoff

Temple of Aaron Proud of Progress On Recycling/Composting and Energy Savings

National experts conclude people in USA could recycle/compost 75% of the trash if we measure its weight. The current national average for recycling/composting is 34% so there is room for improvement. Minnesota is more successful with our current average of 47%.

Temple of Aaron is making progress with our recycling/composting in 2016 and an expert will be measuring our progress in the very near future. We extend public appreciation to volunteers Jesse Simon and Jeff Allen for encouraging efforts and finding grant money. Our Facilities Committee and Social Justice/Action Committee are steadily working on improving both recycling/composting and energy efficiency with regard to lighting, heating and cooling.

We are working closely with local sustainability expert Terry Gips (member of Temple Israel) and EnerChange (energy savings consultant supervised by State of Minnesota, funded by Xcel Energy & CenterPoint Energy). Terry is President of Sustainability Associates, has written books, lectured, and worked in the sustainability field for over 30 years.

Security Makes A Difference

Each year membership is asked to make a donation to the Security Fund. We appreciate the previous support and utilize the generous donations to hire off-duty police officers to help us during the High Holydays and each Sunday morning when school is in session. It is a solid investment in our safety and you will see the security option on your August billing statement. One of the officers who helped us nearly 10 years ago is now the St. Paul Police Chief (Todd Axtell).

...and More

A Diamond Celebration Recognizing Past Presidents Nov. 6th

Temple of Aaron in Highland Park opened in 1956 after the 1952 fire at the synagogue building on Ashland and Grotto. We have had 30 dedicated volunteer Presidents invest hundreds and hundreds of hours helping the synagogue thrive since the move in 1956. Lay leaders, committee members, supportive families, clergy, staff and the general membership also worked together to create successes. We will recognize their efforts at our November 6, 2016 Annual Tribute.

These individuals and their families have positively impacted the entire Twin Cities community. Annual Tribute Co-chairs Tracey Agranoff and Wendy Baldinger are thrilled to work with a dedicated group of volunteers to help make this event meaningful and special.

We will unleash a powerful flood of memories for so many life cycle and outstanding cultural programs and events for thousands of people. We are grateful for the efforts made by our distinguished Past Presidents and we hope to see you in attendance on Sunday evening November 6, 2016.



Synagogues and other religious organizations add a tremendous amount to the fabric of our Minnesota community. This evening presents an opportunity for Temple of Aaron to recognize and congratulate those who invested the time and caring to make us special for the past six decades in an ever changing societal landscape.

Our Talent Task Force found Spike Lee who is highly regarded for his movies which are a series of outspoken and provocative socio-political critiques that challenge our cultural assumptions about race, class and gender identity. His movies on Malcolm X, Hurricane Katrina, Civil Rights Church Bombing, and World War II look at African American Division stuck in Tuscany compelled America to be more introspective. We are very excited about Getting Reel with Spike Lee.

We will have VIP tickets (\$5,000 & \$2,500 & \$1,500) enabling people to meet Spike Lee, take a picture, drink a beverage, have an appetizer and then enjoy the show. We are also providing reserved seating (\$125 and \$75) and general admission (\$36). The price range enables more people to attend and recognize our Past Presidents before enjoying Spike Lee's distinctive view on society reflected through his movies since 1986.

Please review the Past President list chronologically taking a trip down memory lane: Ben Freeman 1954-57, Paul Spicer 1957-58, Jerry Butwinick 1958-60, Jacob Locke 1960-63, Gene Schway 1963-66, Frank Schaffer 1966-68, Saul Garelick 1968-70, Kokie Goldenberg 1970-72, Don Swartz 1972-74, Joe Kaplan 1974-76, Arthur Freeman 1976-78, Gerry Hirschhorn 1978-80, Sanford Brody 1980-82, Allen Freeman 1982-84, Stuart Steinman 1984-86, Merrill Kuller 1986-88, Janice Lazarus 1988-90, Gerry Frisch 1990-92, Tom Kieffer 1992-94, Eileen Bream 1994-96, Stuart Marofsky 1996-98, Steve Baldinger 1998-2000, Gary Swartz 2000-02, Betty Sue Lipschultz 2002-04, Phil Kibort 2004-06, Mark Adelman 2006-08, Nancy Lane 2008-10, Michael Saxon 2010-12, Judy Werthauser 2012-14, and Rosalyn Segal 2014-16.



Past Presidents L to R: Don Swartz (of blessed memory), Tom Kieffer, Gary Swartz, Gerry Frisch, Stuart Steinman, Janice Lazarus, Phil Kibort, Betty Sue Lipschultz, Merrill Kuller (of blessed memory), Eileen Bream, Mark Adelman, Nancy Lane, Michael Saxon

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

August 2016
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	2 6:00pm Minyan	3 Staff Visit Camp Butwin 2:00pm Rabbi Fine teaches at Coffee Bene 6:00pm Minyan	4 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	5 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services	6 9:00am Shabbat Services—Summer Speaker Jamie Wynn Bell
7 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 1:00pm Sisterhood Mahjongg	8 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	9 6:00pm Minyan TOA Hosts Primary Voting	10 6:00pm Minyan	11 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Sisterhood Knits 6:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	12 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services	13 9:00am Shabbat Services—Summer Speaker Vadim & Sarah Braginsky 11:00am Parks & Ice Cream Series—Kickball & Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream at Horace Mann 9:30pm Tisha B'Av Community Ceremony at Temple of Aaron
14 9:00am Tisha B'Av Service	15 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	16 6:00pm Minyan	17 6:00pm Minyan 7:00pm Clergy Night Out with Rabbi Fine at Color Me Mine	18 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Men's Club Whirlyball 7:30pm Bible Class	19 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services	20 9:00am Shabbat Services—Summer Speaker Mona Austrian
21 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	22 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	23 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	24 6:00pm Minyan	25 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	26 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services TOA Hosts LTI	27 9:00am Shabbat Services TOA Hosts LTI
28 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 6:00pm Synagogue Wide Program at MN Lynx Game TOA Hosts LTI	29 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	30 6:00pm Minyan	31 6:00pm Minyan	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website templeofaaron.org</p> </div>		

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- Left Column:** A circular graphic with the text "BIRTH TO 12TH GRADE & ENTIRE COMMUNITY RATE WILL BE HELD!" and "AND A LITTLE HELP FROM THE MEN'S CLUB FLIPPING CREW". Below it is an illustration of a pancake with blueberries.
- Middle Column:** The text "TOA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS" is positioned above an illustration of a plain pancake with a pat of butter.
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