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SUNDAY, APRIL 22 | 4-9PM

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Celebrate with Musician-in-Residence Abbie Strauss April 20-22

Abbie Strauss is a singer & songwriter and serves as a Cantor in Memphis, TN. She is the founder of Judaism: Inside Out, a musical philosophy that engages the mind, the body and the soul. Her fresh sound takes Jewish music to new heights. Abbie will be part of the Israel at 70th Community Celebration.



Friday:

5:45 pm Prayers in PJs
6:30 pm Crossriver Kosher Dinner
8:00 pm Musical Service

Saturday:

9:00 am Shabbat Services
11:30 am Lunch & Learn

Sunday:

9:00 am School Israel
Programming and Concert

Israel Vegan Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, April 14th

Come celebrate Israel's 70th with Israel Vegan favorites!



Save the Date

Minnesota Annual AIPAC Event

May 3rd, 2018

RSVP at <http://events.aipac.org/minnesota/>

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AIPAC Policy Conference

In Washington D.C.

March 24-26, 2019



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From the Rabbi



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An Evolving Zionist

When I graduated college, my father asked me if there is something I'd like for graduation. Knowing my father, he was expecting me to say a car (which I was not going to get) and wanted me to say, "How about investing it in my future." But without hesitation I said, "How about a father and son trip to Israel." He was shocked by my request but quickly responded, "How about we bring Papa too." Soon thereafter three generations of Fines were off to Israel for 10 days.

I had previously been to Israel twice, but was far more interested in the social elements of those trips. This trip was different. I stood with my father and grandfather in the land of the Jewish people and everything came into focus for me: the history of my family, of my people, and of our land. I was smitten with Israel and my staunch support of Israel and Israelis has never once wavered since then.

This month Israel turns the ripe age of 70. Temple of Aaron has a variety of programs planned leading to the community celebration on April 22. There will be cultural experiences from food to music, and I encourage the Temple of Aaron community to come out strong for this event.

One of the synagogue's greatest success stories over the last ten years for our community has been the Donald and Helen Swartz Family Trips to Israel. The two groups who traveled with me to Israel had amazing times. The trips themselves were successful and the bonds have been undeniable. The true test of that success has been how many people and families have already gone back. I have been so proud to see the growing connection of our members to the Land of Israel, supporting it by traveling to the Land itself, attending conferences, or engaging with Israel right here in Minnesota. In a time when our students on campus must fight against bigotry and our government must battle on an international level, our presence is just as important today as it was in 1948.

Former Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion once stated, "Israel has created a new image of the Jew in the world — the image of a working and an intellectual people, of a people that can fight with heroism." May Israel continue to create a positive image for the world, of its people and its success. And may it counter its naysayers with resilience, blessings, and heroism.

See you in shul!
Rabbi Jeremy Fine

Climb with TAXY!

Celebrate the end of Passover
with bagels & rock climbing

Sunday, April 8

11am - 1pm

Vertical Endeavors

855 Phalen Blvd, St Paul, MN 55106

Cost: \$10

RSVP by April 3rd to Jorie Bernhardt
joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org
651-252-6415

All are welcome!



Crossriver Kosher has two hechshered locations!

Really excited to start working with Nothing Bundt Cakes (Snelling and Grand) and Dunkin Doughnuts (West Saint Paul, Robert St.). Looking forward to adding to the expansion of Kashrut in the Twin Cities.



Rabbi Fine gives the February opening benediction at the Minnesota House of Representatives



Adult Education

Holy Playground

**Holy Playground Classes:
Saturday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.**

Israel Inside: Eye-opener and uplifting discussions about the Israeli society with Ilan Sharon – April 14, 21, 28.

These meetings are great for both people who visited Israel and people who did not visit Israel. Explores the positive characteristics of Israeli society from a humanistic, psychological, and emotional perspective. Learn about the Israeli Society “Actualizers” of Tikkun Olam, Chutzpah, Family, Education, Adversity to Advantage, and Taking Action.

The meetings will be led by Ilan Sharon, an Israeli who now resides in Minnesota and is a member of the advisory board of the producer of the film “Israel Inside.” The film is hosted by Dr. Tal Ben Shahar, who gave up the unique distinction of being Harvard University’s most popular lecturer to return to his native country, Israel. In the film, Ben Shahar explores the core character strengths – called “Actualizers” – that enable Israelis to succeed against incredible odds. Information about each meeting and pre-meeting material will be available at: www.ilansharon.com/ta2018

A Taste of Project Zug with Fellow Congregants – May 5, 12, 19.

We’ve launched an exciting Beit-Midrash model of learning on Sunday mornings in which havurot (small groups) study together on the material of their choice from a wide selection of courses through Project Zug. If you’ve been participating in the Beit Midrash, this is a chance to find out what other people have been learning and if you’re new to it entirely, this is an opportunity to check it out and learn from your fellow congregants. From the Theology of Psalms to Love and Relationships to the Jewish Bookshelf, we’ve got you covered!

We Were Strangers in Egypt: So, What Do We Do Now?

National Expert Speaks at ToA May 5 to Illuminate Emotional Refugee Topic

Stories of refugees and deportations fill my newsfeed these days. With over 5 million people seeking refuge as a result of the civil war in Syria, countries around the world have been challenged to answer questions regarding their responsibilities toward those in need of a safe haven. There’s been much in news of late about President Trump’s administration’s response to the refugee crisis and the increased scrutiny for refugees coming from countries deemed high risk. In addition, there’s been a lot of news coming out of Israel regarding the upcoming deportation of 35,000 refugees from Eritrea and Sudan as Israel announced plans to deport them to Rwanda and Uganda. Both here and abroad, these complicated decisions have sparked heated debate and controversy.

The story of the refugee is a story that hits close to home for the Jewish people. We just celebrated the holiday of Passover, eight days that commemorate our flight from Egypt and 400 years of slavery and oppression at the hands of the Egyptians. Thanks to God’s saving grace, we found ourselves a free people, but a people without a home and without land, who then went on to spend 40 years looking for that home in the wilderness. Throughout history, the Jewish people would continue looking for their home as they found themselves time and time again expelled from their lands at the hands of discriminating governments. During the Holocaust, it was the refugees, the ones who escaped, who were fortunate enough to be housed by individuals who risked their lives to save them, who were the lucky ones, escaping death at the hands of Hitler.

And yet, despite resonances with our people’s story, when it comes to making policy regarding refugees, everything gets a lot more complicated. On Saturday, May 5, we invite Opinions Editor for *Moment Magazine* and former writer for the Washington Post Amy Schwartz who will speak during services about the Syrian refugee situation in Germany, how it relates to Israel, and what perspectives Judaism has to offer. After services, there will be the opportunity to engage with Amy and ask questions over lunch. When I first encountered *Moment Magazine*, I was struck by the diversity of opinions and perspectives *Moment Magazine* brings together on political, cultural and social issues facing the Jewish community. In this past year, it has covered issues ranging from anti-semitism in America to religious pluralism in Israel, from free speech on campus to the growing gap between Israelis and Americans. You can check it out now on sale at the Sisterhood Gift Shop. For every copy we sell, the Sisterhood receives \$5 back in profit.

There’s no easy answer to the refugee crisis in the world but we all have an obligation and an opportunity to be a part of the conversation.



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Youth Education



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During February I had the privilege to be able to attend SLBC, Song Leader Boot Camp, in St. Louis. This was my first time attending the conference and it was a unique opportunity for me to learn from the over 300 attendees. Song Leader Boot Camp provides Jewish leadership training opportunities led by nationally renowned Jewish leaders, educators and music artists. SLBC teaches participants about the many vehicles they have to create powerful, interactive connections, expand their own leadership abilities, and learn specific skills and techniques to inspire musical and tefillah changes in their communities.

This year's conference was educational, inspiring, and a wonderful chance for me to delve deeper into my personal relationship to music and the relationship to music and God. I had the chance to be in sessions about crafting services that involve more congregants, vocal exercises and proper breathing, prayer understanding and interpretation

during davening, building a singing community, the power of stories, the tradition of revolution in Jewish worship and more. Each and every individual there shared in this experience through music, asking important questions, and trying to figure out how God and community fit into what we each do every day.

In the mornings and evenings we all had the opportunity to be a part of services and soulful experiences. There were also chance for artists not performing or teaching classes to be part of the open mic night. It was great to hear some of the amazing Jewish music happening all over the States and beyond. There are still so many tunes from that weekend flowing through my head including tunes from our Artists-in-Residence of the past: Naomi Less, Eliana Light, and Sam Blustin. I also got to hear from our next artist Abbie Strauss, who will be here later this month.

Cantorial Soloist Abbie Strauss counts over a decade of experience as a professional musician. Classically-trained in vocals with a background in piano, guitar, and saxophone, Abbie's talent and vision shines throughout the Temple Israel music program in Memphis. Abbie is also a renowned songwriter and performer sharing her music with communities across the USA. She has sung in arenas from Carnegie Hall to the Memphis Grizzlies professional basketball game as well as in Jewish communities including Song Leader Boot Camp, New CAJE, Jewish Rock Radio, and the new PJ Library Radio. She was also featured last year at the Cantor's Assembly Convention in the emerging artists showcase.

Please join us April 20-22 as Abbie will be joining us for Shabbat and our celebration of Israel at 70. More information can be found in this edition of the *Aaronion* or by emailing SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org.



Songs with Choir

April 28

We have invited all past, present, and future choir members to join Choir Director Tom Bartsch and Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum in singing, sharing, and learning classic Jewish choir music. All are welcome for this spiritual time together.



April Education Calendar

1-8 Passover Break — No School

11 Classes Resume

12 Yom Hashoah

18 Yom Hazikaron

19 Yom Haatzmaut

20 CrossRiver Kosher Israel Dinner and Musical Service

21 Classes moved to Sunday the 22nd

22 Israel at 70 Community Event

Thank you to the David A Berg Family Endowment for their continued sponsorship of our Purim Experience and Carnival each year.

Thank you to all who attended and please go look at our pictures at our Temple of Aaron Facebook if you missed out and want to see what the fun was all about!



Mufasa (Michael Raykhfeld) sings to Simba (Max Gantman) at the Lion King sing-along to start our Purim day!



Much thanks to David and Tiffany Goldman, with sons Benny and Max, for making Animal Kingdom come to life.



Thanks to Lindsay Whalen, Prowl, and all of the other mascots and friends who joined us for this fun day!

Youth Happenings

Shabbat School Calendar

April 7

No school — Passover Break

April 14, *Shemini*

Celebrate Israel

April 21

No School — *Come to Israel*

Programming on the 22nd!

April 28, *Acharei Mot-Kedoshim*

What is Holy?

TiKone USY Calendar

April 4

No TiKone USY — Passover Break!

April 11

6pm Wish of a Lifetime at Sholom

Tuesday, 17

Yom Hazikaron Program @ Beth Jacob

April 18

6pm Israel Program

April 25

6pm T.O.A Night

Sunday, 29

12pm KADIMA Mystery Bus Ride with Saint Paul friends! This program is for our 7th & 8th graders!

Last month, I gave you and your families a few ideas of how to interpret the ten plagues at home. Here are a few more ideas for you to try! Happy Passover!

Frogs: Are frogs really a plague? Learn more about frogs and the amazing things that they do for the environment by visiting a local nature center such as Dodge or Eastman, or even a trip to Como Park Zoo. You can also make frog origami here: <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/origami-frogs-tutorial-origami-for-kids/>

Locusts: Grab a green marker, a clothespin, two green pipe cleaners, a hot glue gun, and make the cutest locust you've ever seen! Directions and template can be found here: <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/09/18/the-plague-of-locusts/>

Darkness: When the plague of darkness descended upon Egypt, it was so dark that no one could see what was in front of them for days. Make the dark feel less scary by exploring the stars right in the comforts of your own home. Grab a paper cup, a pencil (or a skewer), scissors, a gluestick, a flashlight and then head to this website to make your own constellation: <http://www.kean.edu/~fosborne/resources/ex11d1.htm>. Additional templates can also be found here: <https://www2.potsdam.edu/islamma/Phys335Constellations.htm>

You can also find a link to super cute printable *Ten Plagues* finger puppets here: <https://toriavey.com/home-garden/passover-finger-puppets-the-ten-plagues/>



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Destination Shabbat

Shabbat Vision Speakers: Real News, Real Torah



Amy Schwartz

May 5: Amy E. Schwartz of Moment Magazine, "Strangers in a Strange Land: Jews and Refugees, Past and Present"

At the Seder last month, Jews around the world fulfilled the commandment to see themselves "as if you yourselves came out of Egypt." And in a post-Holocaust world, Jews everywhere have been inclined to identify with refugees of all nations and religions and with "the stranger in our midst." But what happens when refugee policy becomes a matter of hot political debate right here and now? How are Jewish communities here and in Israel dealing with the rise in refugee issues, and what is our position as Jews?

Amy E. Schwartz traveled to Germany last summer to report on that country's social and political struggles after a decision to accept 1.3 million refugees from the Syrian civil war and the Afghan war, among other global crises — a decision that inspired and galvanized the country's volunteer sector but also fueled the rise of right-wing backlash. <http://www.momentmag.com/the-consequence-of-conscience/> As Moment's opinion editor, she's overseen coverage of Israel's own internal struggle over how to manage 40,000 migrants from Eritrea and Sudan (Note: we will have links to two opposing columns on this in the March/April issue, as soon as it's finished), as well as the debate in the American Jewish community over whether to welcome Syrian refugees. <http://www.momentmag.com/ask-the-rabbis-refugees/> Combining journalism and Torah, we'll explore the ideals and the realities of a world awash in refugees and our Jewish obligations toward them.

May 19: Rabbi Norman Cohen, "When the Heavens Opened, There Was Ruth"

Join us for a special Shavuot Shabbat learning with Bet Shalom Rabbi Emeritus Norman Cohen. On Shavuot, we turn to the Book of Ruth for wisdom. In keeping with this tradition, Rabbi Cohen will introduce the Book of Ruth during Saturday morning services with a chance for a more in-depth exploration of its themes the evening of Saturday, May 19th in honor of Shavuot.

Food Helps People



Bill, Eta, Richard, Liz and Brian at the food distribution at Metro State — another Social Justice project.

PG2 Presents:

"Stories from Poriya Hospital: Treating Syrian Children Ravaged by War"

SAVE THE DATE: May 12. Post-Shabbat learning with visitors from Poriya Hospital, northern Israel. From May 8-12, a four-person delegation of leaders from Poriya Hospital will be in the Twin Cities. They are ethnically and religiously diverse, reflecting the diversity of the patient populations they serve. Among other things, they will be describing their service to Syrian children whose lives have been devastated by the war. On Saturday morning Shabbat at Temple of Aaron.

Destination Shabbat

Service Schedule

Friday Night Services

April 6—No Erev Shabbat Service
April 14—6:00pm in Leifman Chapel
April 20—8:00pm in Sanctuary
April 27—6:00pm in Leifman Chapel

Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
begins at 9:00am

Minyan Monday-Thursday begins at
6:00pm in Leifman Chapel

Sunday Morning Minyan begins at
9:00am in Leifman Chapel

Passover Schedule:

March 30: First Seder

• 7:30am Service for 1st Born
followed by Breakfast.

Sponsored by Marcia & Herbert
Bernick Endowment in honor of
children & grandchildren.

• No Erev Shabbat Service

March 31: Passover Day 1

• 9:00am Shabbat Service

Partial Shabbat lunch sponsored by
David A. Berg Endowment.

• 6:00pm Community 2nd Seder

April 1: Passover Day 2

• 9:00am Passover Service

Matzah Brei breakfast sponsored by
Bessie & Morris Mayeron Endowment.

April 6: Passover Day 7

• 7:30am Passover Service

Partial breakfast sponsored by
David A. Berg Endowment.

• 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

April 7: Passover Day 8 Yizkor

• 9:00am Shabbat Service with Yizkor
Partial Shabbat lunch sponsored by

David A. Berg Endowment

• Holiday Ends 8:33pm

Shabbat Morning Features

Passover Day 7 Shabbat – April 7

Yizkor with Shlicha Tal Dror
Parenting the Parsha (Holy Playground)

Traditional Shabbat – April 14

Vegan Shabbat Speaker
*An Insider Perspective on Israeli Society
with Ilan Sharon (Holy Playground)*

Israel 70th Shabbat – April 21

Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine
*Musician-in-Residence Abbie Strauss
An Insider Perspective on Israeli Society
with Ilan Sharon (Holy Playground)
Walk (Holy Playground)*

Traditional Shabbat – April 28

Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine
*An Insider Perspective on Israeli Society
with Ilan Sharon (Holy Playground)
Songs with Choir (Holy Playground)*

Israel Committee

What Are We Doing In Israel?



By Bill & Mary Lerman

We visit Israel every year for a month to spend time with our daughter and favorite son-in-law. This year we are enjoying two months, because of a Bat Mitzvah and P2G meetings. We don't tour much anymore, only going to places we haven't yet seen or places we want to revisit — the Agamon Hula bird sanctuary requires a yearly visit! This year we toured the Tower of David Museum in the old city and it is well worth the trip. Don't miss the topographic representation of Jerusalem on the lowest level of the museum! I lift weights at the gym three times a week. A typical day may involve going to Mahane Yehudi to shop for whatever we are making for supper that night. We love the shuk and would probably go there often, even if we weren't food shopping. Thursday and Saturday nights are big nights to go out on the town. We've seen Star Wars at the cinema, heard a comedian (an Orthodox Rabbi!) and visited a jazz club. On Shabbat we attend Mizmor L'David Synagogue and often have guests or are guests for Friday night dinner or Saturday lunch. There usually is a Shiur on Saturday afternoon with former Temple of Aaron member, Diane Bloomfield. We have plans to visit Mitzpe Ramon and join a tour called Eat and Meet Jerusalem. Mary's youngest sister and husband will be joining us in February for touring. — *Bill Lerman*

We are blessed to enjoy this weather in Israel, especially with the extreme weather back home this January. There are 70 community gardens throughout Jerusalem! I garden at Mizmor L'David Organic Garden with

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Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

2018 IntraContinental Region Conference: April 28-May 1, St. Louis, MO. Opportunity to meet wonderful Jewish Women from our region and gain ideas to better our own Sisterhood! Contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net.

Closing Program: Thurs., May 24, 6:30pm. Dinner and dance performance by Temple of Aaron's homegrown Lisa Berman! We will also learn some of her moves. Lisa is the founder and artistic director of In New Company, an exploratory dance theater company rooted in hip hop. She is currently an instructor for Performing Artists and resident hip hop teaching artist for the Cowles Center at Breck School and recently an instructor at Macalester College. Watch for your invitation with details.

Annual Plant Sale: Sunday, May 27, 10:00am-2:30pm. Save space in your garden for the wonderful organic, pollinator-friendly plants that will be ready to put right into the ground or containers!

Mahjongg: Sunday, April 15, 1:00pm in the Smith Library. Contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net if you would like to play or to learn to play, so we are sure to have enough tables and sets. All levels welcome!

Sisterhood Book Group: May 6, 10am at Highland Bakery & Café discussing *The Golem of Hollywood* by Jonathan Kellerman.

Sisterhood Knits: Thursday, April 12 at 6:30pm in Smith Library. All levels of knitters and crocheters welcome. Bring your own materials. Questions? Contact coordinators Susan Gonzalez (suziemgonzalez@comcast.net) or Susan Tervola (susantervola@gmail.com).

Moment Magazine Annual Subscription: available for purchase in Gift Shop. Cost is \$15, with \$5 of every subscription staying with ToA Sisterhood.

Building Fund Cards: Support this fundraiser for the Temple by sending a building card for any occasion, minimum \$5 contribution. To purchase, call Susan Kushner at 651-454-8366. All donations benefit our beautiful building!

Food Shelf: Sisterhood and the Social Justice Committee continue to fill the Francis Basket Food Shelf through putting food in the bins at the Temple entrance and also by making monetary contributions in honor of any occasion. Send check, payable to ToA Food Shelf, to Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, 55122. Questions? Call Harriet at 651-454-6829.

Gift Shop: All Passover merchandise is out, and all the gift shop merchandise is on sale until April 15. Everything is 20% off, except books are discounted 10%. (No discount on parchment). Hours: Sun., 9:00am-Noon, Tues., 10:00am-1:00pm, Wed., 10:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm. For an appointment outside of these hours, call Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891, or Etta Lambright at 612-229-4340. We do have a gift registry for life cycle events.

Purchase our delicious kamish rolls (\$12) and mandel bread(\$11).

Social Justice Committee

Three hours of your time makes a healthy impact in St. Paul

The Social Justice committee is looking for Temple of Aaron members to volunteer to distribute fresh produce through the Neighborhood House Fresh Produce Distribution program. Each distribution provides 150-300 households with access to vitally needed fresh produce. Volunteers will enjoy working to distribute thousands of pounds of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other vital food items directly to families in need. Volunteers will work from 1-4 p.m. This opportunity is available to volunteers 16 years or older. We are looking for volunteers for Tuesday, April 10 at Metro State University, 690 E 7th St., St. Paul. The distribution takes place in Student Center Room 101. You can join us for one or both dates, plenty of volunteer openings are available. To volunteer, please send an email to Brian Zaidman at bmzaidman@gmail.com.



From generation to generation Temple of Aaron's programming and services perpetuate Jewish values and a deep love of Israel. We maintain our rich history and roots while innovating our approaches to remain relevant and meaningful in our modern day.

Temple of Aaron's dedication is our promise for the future of the ToA community. Your loving act of a bequest or planned gift permanently endows the congregation to secure its well-being for this and future generations. It is a wise investment and a loving expression of confidence in our thriving congregation. It is your chance to thoughtfully determine how you want to be remembered.

This is your moment to honor our past and ensure our future. This is your moment to leave an enduring Jewish legacy. This is the spirit in which Temple of Aaron has embarked on a community-wide effort called *It's Your Legacy*.

It's Your Legacy asks each of us to consider our own stories, values, and relationships to the Jewish community. You need not donate anything now; Temple of Aaron asks you to consider an after-lifetime gift to both honor your unique Jewish legacy and sustain our community for generations. Your decision to leave a legacy gift is all that matters; the size of the gift does not.

Every participating organization is making the same request and is using the same commitment form. When we ask for your legacy commitment, we don't just ask for ourselves—we encourage you to include any number of organizations in your Jewish legacy.

Let us help you develop your legacy plan today.

If you have already included a Legacy gift in your estate plan, please let us know by checking the box on top. If you have not already included a legacy gift in your estate plan, check the bottom box.

It is my/our desire that the following organization(s) benefit from my/our gift:

Temple of Aaron

Other _____

There are many ways to leave a legacy gift. Here you indicate how you intend to complete your legacy gift.

You can inspire others to give by allowing your legacy commitment to be listed among Temple of Aaron Society and other legacy donors in the community.

Here you decide whether to be listed publicly, or to remain anonymous. The size of your gift will not be displayed publicly.

Mazel tov & Thank you to the 25 who have already signed letters of intent!

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To begin your legacy plan:

- Cut out and return your completed Letter of Intent to Rabbi Strausberg at Temple of Aaron office, or
- Complete the Letter of Intent online at bit.ly/myjewishlegacy and email to RabbiAvistrausberg@TempleofAaron.org, or
- Contact Committee Chairs Nancy Lane at nlane54@comcast.net, Sue Rosner at srosner52@msn.com, or Rosalyn Segal at rsegal@umn.edu, or
- Schedule a meeting with Temple of Aaron Clergy or Executive Director Ken Agranoff to discuss your Jewish legacy.

My Legacy

It is with deep satisfaction and an abiding commitment to my community that I sign this declaration in order to provide for future generations and assure continuity of services and programs in our Jewish community.

Please Choose One

- I/We have included a legacy gift for the Jewish community in my/our estate plan.
- OR
- I/We will leave a legacy gift and will formalize my/our gift within 3 6 9 12 months. (please circle one)

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- I/We permit my/our name(s) and/or photographs to be included in materials to inspire and encourage others to make commitments to Jewish causes for the future.

My/our names should appear as follows:

- I/We prefer to remain anonymous.

Optional

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Please share any additional comments: _____

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February/March 2018

Shevat/Adar 5778

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... to Anita Ernst and Burt Katz for adding address labels to 900 Aarionians to keep people informed for our religious services, educational classes, exciting programs and so much more.

... to the Reis family Fund #3 of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities, on behalf of Mr. Louis M. Reis for supporting our Shabbat Guest Speaker Fund which illuminates a variety of current topics.

... to Marni Tselos for helping run PJ Library programming at Temple of Aaron for the past four years.

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!

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Ken Agranoff

Executive Director Ken Agranoff at 651-698-8874 ext. 106 or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org for an 18-minute meeting. Seize the opportunity to avoid a last-minute emotional meeting.

Blessings

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

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- 60 Gene & Rhoda Engelson
- 59 Allen & Toba Freeman
- 55 Earl & Harriet Bailey
- 54 Stuart & Susie Swartz
- 40 Murray & Linda Kieffer
- 40 Vladimir & Galina Dreytser
- 30 David & Christy Baldinger

נחמו נחמו עמי

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

Harold Daniels

A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For
Hanley David Cohn

ADAR BANNER: In honor of Donald & Patricia Wolkoff & children, Adam & Dina. Title "Purim Megillah" (Renanah Halpern design). It depicts a huge Megillah for the Festival of Purim.

Israel Committee
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friends I met two years ago. It has been energizing to see this former British barracks site converted to a thriving garden. In 2016 I taught the gardeners how to prune and plant fruit trees – almond, citrus, olive, fig and pomegranate. Now those trees are thriving and bearing fruit! Soils here are heavy clay, so composting is necessary to improve the soil. We collect fruit and vegetable trimmings from our kitchen to add to the compost pile. Winter crops (lettuce, kohlrabi, beets, kale, and broccoli) are being harvested in the garden plots and spring bulbs are appearing in the pollinator flower bed. This spring I am removing weeds below the grape vines and installing permanent mulching to prevent future weeds. Non-gardening: I joined a weekly knitting group at the Orthodox Union center and I will make my yearly visit to Ibrahim on Christian Quarter Road to buy silks at his fabulous shop in the Arab Market/Old City. Bill and I had a short tour of the Hadassah Ein Keren hospital complex. – *Mary Lerman*

...and More



Yom Hazikaron – Tuesday, April 17

St. Paul, Beth Jacob at 7:00 pm / Minneapolis, Beth El at 7:00 pm

Israel is turning 70 because of incredible sacrifice of the soldiers who gave their lives in defense of their country. Commemorating their bravery goes hand-in-hand with celebrating Israel.

Join us, in St. Paul or Minneapolis, to honor the lives of fallen soldiers and victims of terror on Yom Hazikaron. Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum will help lead the St. Paul ceremony.

SUNDAY- APRIL 15- 10:30 AM-
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TASTE OF MEMORY

Join the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul for a special day to cook, eat, and learn the story of Sharon Chen, who lost his life after the Gaza operation when he went to sleep and never woke up again.

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The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Mount Zion Temple, The Minneapolis Jewish Federation, The Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, Generations After MN, and the Micki and Mordechai Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.



Planting Flowers at Cemetery

Those interested in taking advantage of our skilled planting crew should call Mersini Parker at 651-407-0532. She will provide the pricing options for your loved ones. Each year we try to plant 100% of the flowers by Memorial Day.



Kiddush Lunch Helps Solidify Shabbat Community

We have been joining together weekly for Shabbat Kiddush Lunch since 2013. It is an ideal setting for Shabbat regulars, prospective members, school parents, and students to experience services and then relax at lunch with existing and new friends.

President Gary Portnoy and Executive Vice President Steve Kafitz have been diligently seeking gifts to support this wonderful Kiddush Fund. The average cost per person is \$10. Thank you to everyone who made a thoughtful 2017 donation. Please talk to one of the two chairs or contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff about how you can help us continue building Shabbat Community by making a special donation to our Kiddush Fund.

Tzedakah

Do you know the 8 Levels in the duty of TZEDAKAH according to Maimonides?

The 1st, and lowest degree, is to give but with reluctance, or regret.

This is the gift of the hand, but not of the heart.

The 2nd, is to give cheerfully — but not proportionally — to the distress of the sufferers.

The 3rd, is to give cheerfully and proportionally – but not until solicited.

The 4th, is to give unsolicited but directly to the poor man's hand, undoubtedly eliciting a painful emotion of shame.

The 5th, is to give so that those who receive the charity will know the benefactor, but the donor will not know them.

The 6th, is to know who are the recipients of your philanthropy, but they will not know the donor.

The 7th, and very meritorious level, is to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor will not know the relieved persons, nor will they know the benefactor.

Lastly, the 8th, and highest, rung of the ladder of TZEDAKAH is to prevent poverty by assisting the needy with a loan, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him into business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to seek charity.

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

April 2018
Nisan - Iyar 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 9:00am Passover Service No Sunday School/TiKone	2 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	3 6:00pm Minyan	4 No School/TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	5 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	6 Business Office Closed 7:30am Service 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:30pm	7 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg No Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch	
Passover Day 2	Passover Day 3	Passover Day 4	Passover Day 5	Passover Day 6	Passover Day 7	Passover Day 8 Yizkor Holiday Ends 8:33pm	
8 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast No School/TiKone	9 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	10 6:00pm Minyan	11 4:00pm School 6:00pm TiKone USY at Sholom 6:00pm Minyan	12 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class 7:00 pm Yom Hashoah Community Program at Mount Zion	13 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:38pm	14 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 9:15am Parenting the Parsha ★ 10:00am Israel Inside w/Ilan Sharon ★ 11:30am Kiddush Lunch	
15 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 1:00pm Sisterhood Mahjongg	16 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	17 6:00pm Minyan 7:00pm Community Yom Hazikaron at Beth Jacob	18 4:00pm School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan Yom Hazikaron	19 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class Yom Ha'atzma'ut	20 5:45pm Prayers in PJs 6:30pm Crossriver Kosher Israel Dinner 8:00pm Musical Services with Abbie Strauss Candle Lighting 7:47pm	21 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg No Shabbat School - moved to 4/22 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Israel Inside w/Ilan Sharon ★ 10:00am Walk 11:30am Kiddush Lunch with Lunch & Learn	
22 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School/TiKone 10:00am Israel Program Concert-Abbie Strauss (Toddler-12th) 4:00pm Israel at 70 at Mpls. Event Center	23 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	24 6:00pm Minyan	25 1:00pm Boomers at Quixotic 4:00pm School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	26 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	27 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:56pm	28 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg No Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Israel Inside w/Ilan Sharon ★ 10:00am Songs with Choir 11:30am Kiddush Lunch	
29 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School/TiKone	30 Business Office Closed 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>					<p>★ <i>Symbol Indicates Holy Playground Program</i></p>



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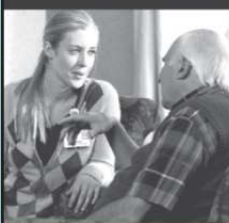
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Questions? Contact Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum
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