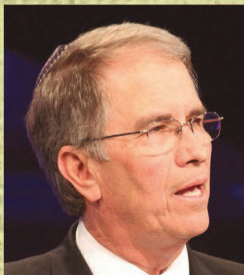




Shavuot

When The Heavens Opened, There Was Ruth
with Rabbi Norman Cohen

Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 pm



Shavuot is one of our greatest holidays as we celebrate receiving the Torah in the desert. Traditionally, we turn to the Book of Ruth on Shavuot, a book that's rich with teachings on love and loss, identity and peoplehood. Join us as our local scholar and Bet Shalom Rabbi Emeritus Norman Cohen leads us in a study of an ancient text with contemporary questions. Torah and vegan milkshakes for all!



From Heaven through Torah to Man
with Rabbi Benjamin Segal

Monday, May 21st at 9:00 am



In honor of Shavuot, a holiday that is said to be the yartzheit of King David's death, Rabbi Segal will take us through an exploration of Psalm 19, a psalm King David is said to have authored.



From the Rabbi



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A Year of Veganism

In 2017, we were honored to receive a grant from the Jewish organization Shamayim V'Aretz which is devoted to ethical eating and treatment of animals. This grant contained a challenging question for the staff: How do we use food to engage the concepts of Kashrut and mirror them with a modern Jewish approach?

From an Israeli vegan lunch to collaborating with local Kosher and vegan vendors, the grant enabled Temple of Aaron to create a new way for us to think about one of the pillars of Judaism. I want to thank member Howard Goldman for helping recruit Christine Coughlin who spoke on ethical eating and all of you who have come to these events with an open mind (and belly).

Trying a “new” way of eating or a Jewish experience takes an incredible amount of openness. Whether it be a change in the synagogue or in the home, Jewish customs need constant innovative approaches to allow all of us the access holidays and rituals.

Shavuot is a break from our constant. In Judaism, there is a belief that meat (or fish) constitute a Jewish meal. Our text even advocates for such eating. Except this is not true on Shavuot. Shavuot has the custom to eat dairy, which traditionally we highlight with cheesecake, a modern delicious approach to eating dairy. This year thanks to our grant we are going to mix it up, as Rabbi Strausberg thought of the cool idea of having Vegan Milkshakes to go along with our May 19 night of learning. Of course, we will have the incredible Rabbi Norman Cohen (served Bet Shalom for decades) as a Rabbi-in-Residence to lead a fantastic evening of learning as well.

Over the last few years at the synagogue we have tried very hard to spotlight our symbols and rituals from the holiday, so our congregants can learn in a creative way how to celebrate. For example, this past year’s Tashlich pizza program was a way for our young families to learn about a ritual done on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. We used a pizza crust project in advance of Rosh Hashanah to get the children excited to look forward to Tashlich.

The Shamayim V'Aretz grant provide the opportunity for all of us to think about Kashrut in the 21st century. Is it just about separating meat and milk? What about where the meat and milk come from? Has the poor treatment of animals gone too far?

As I celebrate my 30th year a vegetarian, the treatment of animals has always weighed on me, especially considering the traditional Jewish eating which includes promoting the consumption of meat. The grant has challenged the staff and others to think about what we eat. I hope many of you will join us for our summer 2018 Vegan programming; it’s an effective way to step outside our own understanding and experience new perspectives on Kashrut.

See you in shul!
Rabbi Fine

Minnesota’s Annual AIPAC Event

May 3, 2018

**AIPAC invites you to hear
Mosab Hassann Yousef,
the author of *Son of Hamas*,
a former Hamas operative.**



Mosab Hassan Yousef was born in Ramallah, in Israel’s West Bank in 1978. His father, Sheikh Hassan Yousef, is a founding leader of Hamas, internationally recognized as a terrorist organization and responsible for countless deadly attacks against Israel.

Yousef was imprisoned several times by the Shin Bet, the Israeli intelligence service. He withstood torture in prison only to discover Hamas was torturing its own people in a search for collaborators. He began to question who his enemies really were—Israel? Hamas? America? After a chance encounter with a British tourist, Yousef started a six-year quest that jeopardized Hamas, endangered his family and threatened his life. He then embraced the Christian faith and sought political asylum in America.

In 2014, *The Green Prince*, featuring Mosab Hassan Yousef and Gonen Ben-Itzhak—his former Shin Bet director, received the Audience Award for best documentary at Sundance Film Festival.

Yousef revealed new information in his book *Hamas*, unveiled the truth about his own secret role, and shared his belief that to “love your enemies” is the only way to peace in the Middle East. He called the Palestinian Authority “the enemy of the Palestinian people.” To RSVP, go to <http://events.aipac.org/minnesota/>

Adult Education

Holy Playground

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

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!

Boomers — May 23

It doesn't matter when you were born, if you're looking for a little daytime learning, join us for our monthly meetings this fall at Highland Park's Quixotic as we explore together the wisdom of *Pirkei Avot*, the Wisdom of our Fathers. This is a book of so many quotable quotes and important nuggets of reflection and learning. Please RSVP to danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org.

Shavuot Special Notes

Shavuot starts Saturday night May 19, 2018. History tells us Moses encountered G-d on Mount Sinai and wrote down what he was told. The Torah was presented to the Jewish people in 1289 B.C.E. Moses was a good teacher and prophet and it is interesting to recognize the Torah is often called the 5 Books of Moses. The Torah is one vital part of our Bible. The other two parts are Prophets and Holy Writings. The Torah is both our most sacred object and the most sacred text.

Historians say the Torah's purpose is to provide instructions for finding and following the path of G-d and the path to G-d. The words in the Torah contain 304,805 letters and some ancient sages taught that all wisdom in the universe is hidden within these letters.

We will have a May 20 Sunday morning service that begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with the annual blintz bletter which is endowed in memory of Edward & Esther Tilsen. We will have the final Shavuot Service on Monday, May 21 beginning at 9:00 am, includes Yizkor and is followed by light sweets/fruit endowed by the David A. Berg Family.

Hadar and Back Again

I still remember my very first experiences learning Gemara. I was sitting in a classroom at Mechon Hadar in New York. I barely knew Hebrew. I barely understand the difference between Torah and Tanakh, Mishna and Gemara. My teacher, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, was explaining the back and forth of the sugya, a short section of Gemara, capturing the arguments of the rabbis with his body. Two rabbis were debating something; what it was I have no recollection, and I remember him saying, and "Rav Papa has him on the ropes," as he literally flung his body against the wall to demonstrate how Rav Papa was now on the ropes, with the other rabbi having the upper hand. Of course, Rav Papa had some smart reply so Rav Elie then flung his body to the other side of the room, and so on as the sugya went back and forth. For me, this was an incredible experience of our ancient rabbinic texts coming alive. These rabbis, long gone for hundreds of years, now stood before me in the room, their arguments playing out in real time with a sense of urgency and importance.

Experiences like this one were the reason I went to rabbinical school. Experiences that made Jewish learning exciting and inspired me to become a teacher so that I could hopefully one day energize others as Rav Elie had energized me. During my time at Temple of Aaron, I have had the blessing of doing all kinds of work and I have deeply appreciated all of the many ways in which I've come into connection with our community. But, for me, the thing that makes me feel the most alive is the teaching.

For this reason, I am especially excited for the next step in my professional journey. I have accepted a position as Faculty with Hadar as their Director of National Learning Initiatives based out of D.C. My role will be to bring Hadar's learning and programming, which is currently based in New York, to the D.C. area and will give me the opportunity to teach alongside the rabbis that first inspired me when I was so new to Jewish learning. This is an intimidating prospect but also marks an incredible step in my own personal journey.

I will take with me all of the many conversations, debates, and questions opened up for me in the classes I've had the opportunity to teach at Temple of Aaron. Thank you to each of you for being my chevruta, my learning partner, while here. I'm looking forward to soaking up the next two months with you. I offer you an open invitation to reach out to me for a coffee, a meal, or just an opportunity to connect in these coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you soon!



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Youth Education



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This year has been another exciting one here at Temple of Aaron for our youth. We have done so many fun programs from the beginning of the year Make your own Pizza and Tashlich program to our Hanukah Shop program with musicians Eliana Light and Sam Blustin, this year's Animal Kingdom Purim carnival, through our Israel programming with Abbie Strauss. We won't stop there as we have plenty more to share with you in May and throughout the summer.

We are so excited that over 60 people are joining us at our second annual family Kallah the first weekend in May. We had an amazing time last year and Rabbi Fine and I, along with our families, are looking forward to sharing a meaningful Shabbat, filled with fun activities, and great time with everyone who attends. Each year we hope to continue to grow this weekend and our 2019 date will be out in June for people to mark on their calendars.

This month, as we do at the end of each year, we have the opportunity to honor people in our community who have made impact in the classroom, through teen programming, and beyond. We will be honoring our fifth graders (Silver Kephah), six graders (Greenie Beanie), seventh graders (Lower School Graduation), teachers, Weingarten award winners, and our continuing education students of 10th through 12th grade on Shavuot this year. Join us Sunday morning May 20 at 9:00am as we honor and congratulate them on all of their accomplishments this past year. Both students and families will be asked to participate in that morning service so please mark it on your calendars and plan on joining us.

Thanks for another fun year and we look forward to see you all at the End of year BBQ on June 3, and look for information on fun summer programming coming soon!

Kayitz tov, Have a great summer!

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Thank you to all of our teachers for their guidance and passion for Judaism they impart upon our students each year. Their dedication to Judaism and teaching future generations, is a gift they share with their students and our community. Please join us on Sunday, May 20 as we honor our teachers during services that morning.

May Education Calendar

4-6 2nd Annual Family Kallah

13 Mother's Day-No School

16 Last Wednesday/Menchies Day

19 Last Shabbat School
Silver Kephah/Greenie Beanie

20 Last Sunday for 5th-12th Graders
Teacher Honoring,
Greenie Beanie/Silver Kephah,
Weingarten Awards,
7th Grade Graduation,
Honoring Teachers
and 10th-12th graders

Mazel Tov to this year's Silver Kephah and Greenie Beanie Students!

5th Grade Silver Kephah

Mason Axelrod

Hannon Axelrod

Yonah Bates

Annie Leventhal

Mark Makhlin

Bennet Rutzick

Shey Sorenson

6th Grade Greenie Beanie

Lily Axelrod

Samson Axelrod

Jacob Braginsky

Ari Goldberg

Isaac Hoffman

Join us on Sunday, May 20 as they lead services and we honor them and their families for this wonderful accomplishment.

7th Grade Graduates

Gabriela Kotovsky

Ruby Lipschultz

Mazel Tov to our 7th graders for their accomplishments! They will be honored on Sunday, May 20 during the 9:00 am Service.

Join us on Sunday May 20 for Shavuot and End of School Honors!

We will be honoring our 5th, 6th, & 7th graders,
Weingarten Award Winners and
10th-12th grade Confirmation attendees!

*Find out who the winners are in
upcoming Ma Chadash e-mail.*

Services followed by Kiddish Lunch sponsored by
Temple of Aaron Education Department.

Valerie Merman Our USY President Goes to D.C. March 24



I went to Washington D.C. for the *March for Our Lives*. I decided to go for a few reasons. The first reason was the program purpose: Minnesota raised enough money from donations and sent around 70 Jewish teens to D.C., this made me feel so honored while I was marching. I knew I was representing the Jewish community of Minnesota on this very crucial topic. Another reason that convinced me to go was the March itself. Gun violence has been in the news my entire life, from suicides by guns to school shootings. It really struck home when the Florida Parkland High School shooting occurred. Those teens who were victims of gun violence were my age. It's scary to think that something this horrible might happen to me. The March in D.C. was incredible; the teens who organized it spoke clearly and emotionally, as

well as other teens who have been affected by gun violence. The experience was unforgettable and very impactful.

End of Year BBQ and Annual Meeting

June 3rd

10:15 am – Annual Meeting

11:00 – End of Year BBQ

Bouncy House, Family Games, Burgers and Dogs, and more!

Sponsored by Temple of Aaron Education and Youth Departments, Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, Steve & Nancy Lane Dor L'dor & Grandparent Endowment, with and Help from the Men's Club flipping Crew!

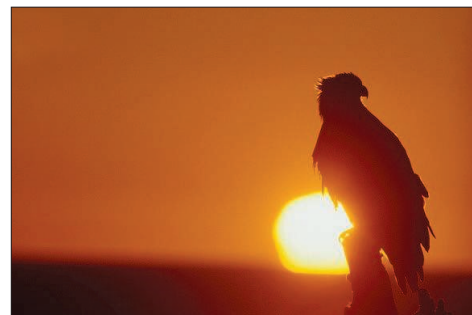


Thank you to the commitment of our 10th-12th graders who have continued their studies and for being teen leaders in our community.

Elias Bier(10th)
Annabelle Epstein(11th)
Max Gantman(12th)
Sarah Hoffman (10th)
Rachel Lowenthal (10th)
Val Merman(11th)
Benjamin Perlstein(11th)

We are so proud of them and happy to honor them and their families on **Sunday, May 20** as part of our end-of-year programming.

Pollinator Garden Will Explode in Color Near Temple of Aaron



Help Temple of Aaron, Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, plant an extensive pollinator garden featuring native ornamental grasses on the east side of the Temple's parking lot in the abandoned alley right-of-way. This garden will measure 300 ft. long by 10 ft. wide, extending south from Hartford Ave.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be on hand to assist volunteers with planting the "plug" grasses and wildflowers. We ask that you bring your family members out for this one-time installation of a garden that will not only attract bees, butterflies, and Hummingbirds, but will also serve as a snack bar for our resident Bald Eagles. Be sure to bring a pair of garden gloves, and a hand towel or shovel. Refreshments will be available.

Fresh Produce Distribution Project



Temple of Aaron has continued to be a great support to Neighborhood House and even more specifically our food support program. 8,733 pounds of produce went home to 124 families (over 570 individuals represented within those families).

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 percent of the flowers by Memorial Day.

Temple of Aaron Students Participated in Wish of a Lifetime with Sholom Shaller Campus

This year, Temple of Aaron have been asked to be a part of a project from the national organization “Wish of a Lifetime,” which matches organizations to collect living histories of residents in old age homes. TOA students partnered with Sholom Shaller Campus residents, in April and May, collected oral histories, and then wrote an essay based on the lives of the resident partner. We are so happy that our teens were chosen to be a part of this national program and for us to build relationships with the residents at Sholom. Thank you and Mazel Tov to our students who participated in this meaningful mitzvah: Lily Axelrod, Samson Axelrod, Sarah Braginsky, Jacob Braginsky, Aaron Castle, Sam Dobkin, Annabelle Epstein, Max Gantman, Ari Goldberg, Gabi Kotovsky, Blake Krisko, Ethan Less, Tory Leventhal, Ruby Lipschultz, Val Merman, Emily Najlis, Arielle Shofman, Charlie Skadron, & David Skadron.



Youth Happenings

Shabbat School Calendar

May 5, *Ki Tisa*

No school — Family Kallah in WI!

May 12, *Behar-Bechukotai*

Please Pass the Cheesecake

May 19, *Bemidbar*

Last Class, Lots of Surprises!

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, June 3

End-of-Year BBQ

TiKone USY Calendar

May 2

5pm Meet at Sholom Shaller Campus

May 9

6pm Progressive Dinner

May 16

6pm Board Elections

May 23

Final Banquet, Officer Installation

Sign Up for Passport to Israel Today!

Passport to Israel is a savings incentive program that encourages families to start saving early for a child's educational Israel experience. This program helps make a trip to Israel more affordable with help from the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul. Jewish children ages 8-16 are eligible to enroll in Passport to Israel. Families and sponsoring congregations contribute a combined total of \$200 per year, per child, \$150.00 from you and \$50.00 from Temple of Aaron's Belzer Family Fund. The Jewish Federation adds \$150 per child for up to eight years.

Everyone gains from Passport to Israel:

- Teens strengthen their Jewish identity through a concrete connection to Jewish history, and contemporary Israeli society and culture.
- Families earn additional funds to send their children on Israel trips.
- Temple of Aaron values trips to Israel and encourage families to enroll in Passport
- The Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul fulfills its mission to strengthen bonds between Jewish communities in St. Paul, Israel, and around the world.

Sign up today by contacting Susie Haim, Administrative Assistant at 651-252-6401 or susiehaim@templeofaaron.org.

"Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them. Play allows children to create and explore a world they can master, conquering their fears while practicing adult roles..."

— Dr. Kenneth R. Ginsburg, American Academy of Pediatrics

It has been fun to create play opportunities for your children! As part of my job, I like to encourage and create opportunities for children to learn through open-ended creative play. It is the hope that the child (and by proxy, their parents/caregivers) build positive memories and want to come back for more fun. What is the best way for children and adults to build memories? Through experiences that involve their senses. One of the reasons I love my job is the ability to help children find their spark and their love for Judaism through experiential learning and sensory play... whether it's exploring applesauce oobleck on Rosh Hashanah, making LED paper-circuit menorahs for Hanukkah, measuring in cubits, or recreating a few of the ten plagues. It was incredible to have eighty people, including a few new families, come to the Five Senses of Passover program, which was specifically for young children to start to understand the rituals of Passover in the best way possible. Smelling familiar scents that will remind anyone of Passover, playing in a rice sensory bin filled with plastic frogs, baking macaroons, and exploring a felt sensory Haggadah filled with different tactile experiences. Creating these moments and memories are fundamental to not only building cognitive development, but also for building a love for Judaism, and a desire to keep learning. I look forward to finishing this school year on a strong note, and excited to bring more creative programming as well as plenty of opportunities for sensory play throughout the next year.



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Director of Youth and Family Programming

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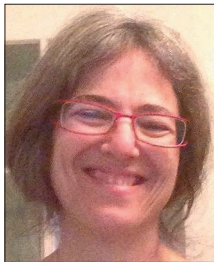
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Thank you to all of the families who joined us for Five Senses of Passover!



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 [they] 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. 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, as well as the debate in the American Jewish community over whether to welcome Syrian 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.

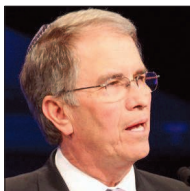
May 12: "Stories from Poriya Hospital: Treating Syrian Children Ravaged by War"



Poriya Hospital, in Israel, is located a short distance from the Syrian border. For several years, it has quietly been providing medical care to children who live with their families in Syria, and who have no other access to care, because the Syrian civil war has destroyed the medical infrastructure. Two leaders, Dr. Milad Qarawany and Dr. Batsheva Tzadok, from Poriya Hospital will describe how they work together

as a dedicated team to help these children and their families, despite the fact that Syria is officially at war with Israel, too. They also describe how they care for the highly diverse population in their region, a diversity reflected in the medical staff.

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 19 in honor of Shavuot.



Minnesota Hillel Prepares for Bright Future at Maroon & Gold Shabbat April 2018.

Destination Shabbat

Service Schedule

Friday Night Services
begins at 6:00pm in Leifman Chapel

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services
begins at 9:00am

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

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

Shabbat Morning Features

Vision Speaker - May 5

Amy E. Schwartz of Moment Magazine
Taste of Project Zug (Holy Playground)

Vision Speaker – May 12

P2G "Stories from Poriya Hospital Treating Syrian Children Ravaged by War"
Taste of Project Zug (Holy Playground)

Shavuot Shabbat – May 19

Vision Speaker Rabbi Norman Cohen
Taste of Project Zug (Holy Playground)
Meditative Service with Rabbi Fine (Holy Playground)

Traditional Shabbat – May 26

Sermon by Rabbi Strausberg

Annual USCJ Dues

We support our national association (USCJ) and give each member an option to support Conservative Judaism. USCJ provides quality regional, national, international and Israel programs for our teens. Periodically, they provide training for lay leaders and help with some job searches.

Israel Committee



Jim & Leslie Strohm at AIPAC 2018

In March, with fellow TOA members, we attended the American-Israel Public Affairs Conference (AIPAC) in Washington D.C. Over 18,000 people, young and old, students and professionals, Republicans and Democrats, Jewish and non-Jewish men and women united to support Israel and advocate for pro-Israel policies.

AIPAC provided three days of keynote speakers, break-out sessions, small group discussions and impromptu meetings, each with a unique focus on Israel. In fact, there were so many options that the biggest challenge we faced was debating about which session to attend!

As first-time attendees we wanted to experience everything that AIPAC had to offer. Rather than focusing on a single subject, we took in a little bit of everything. Frank Luntz's session on combatting Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) was extremely timely; the student body at the University of Minnesota recently voted in support of a BDS referendum. Luntz focused on how to combat BDS by using carefully crafted speech that gives facts and promotes dialogue without being offensive toward the opposite point-of-view — a difficult but necessary technique to use in any conversation. We both love the Netflix show, *Fauda*, so it was fascinating to sit in the front row listening to lead actor Lior Raz describe the importance of *Fauda*'s realistic portrayal of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. The smaller sessions were great opportunities to learn

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Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

ANNUAL PLANT SALE — Sun, April 27, 10am-2:30pm. All plants are organic and pollinator friendly, and will be ready to put right into the garden or containers. Sisterhood supports many programs at ToA, in part funded by the plant sale. Tell all your friends! Great prices and great joy!!

MAHJONGG — No mahjongg in May; next date is June 10 at 1:00pm in the Smith Library. As always, all levels will be welcome, even total beginners. Contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net.

SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP — May 6, 11:00am (note time change) Highland Bakery & Café. We will discuss *The Golem of Hollywood* by Jonathan Kellerman. Join us even if you haven't read the selection and help plan future dates and titles.

SISTERHOOD KNITS — Thursday, May 10, 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 through the gift shop. Cost is \$15, of which \$5 comes back to Sisterhood.

BUILDING FUND CARDS — Support this ToA fundraiser by sending beautiful cards for any occasion with a minimum of \$5/contribution. To purchase, contact Susan Kushner at 651-454-8336. All donations benefit the Temple building.

FOOD SHELF — Sisterhood and the Social Justice Committee continue to join forces to fill the Francis Basket Food Shelf. Use the bins outside the gift shop or send a monetary contribution in honor or memory of someone you love to Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, 55122. Questions? Call Harriet at 651-454-6829.

GIFT SHOP — The summer gift shop hours begin in May: Sun. 9am-noon, Wed. 10am-1pm & 6pm-8pm when there is Religious School. We have some beautiful new tallit, a wonderful selection of Gary Rosenthal, Tamra Baskin, Classic Touch and Mahj merchandise by Source 4 Judaica. See our Facebook page with pictures.

BAKED GOODS — Hamantaschen on sale for \$10/dozen until this year's batch is gone; and limited supply of mandel bread and kamish rolls.

It's not too late to contribute to the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign for 5778. Please use the envelope sent with your January billing, and help support the education of our rabbis, cantors, educators and lay leaders. The institutions they attend are Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in L.A., Seminario Rabbinico Latinoamericano in Argentina and the Zacharias Frankel College in Germany. **Make your checks out to "Torah Fund."** You have until May 10 to be included in this year's campaign. Any questions, contact Sue Schwartz at 651-451-2188 or jasch924@aol.com

Social Justice Committee

Help Build a Home in St. Paul

You, your friends and family are invited to join with fellow Temple of Aaron members to help build a house for a St. Paul area family. We don't have exact dates yet, but it is likely we will be helping to build a St. Paul area home through Habitat for Humanity in late July or early August. We will work with other local congregations for a two-week period. Volunteers can work one day or all the days, subject to availability. If you are unable to work, you can support us through your financial support. For details, contact social justice committee chair Brian Zaidman, at brian.zaidman@gmail.com.

Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)

March/April 2018

Adar/Nisan 5778

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Becker, Janie
Bell, Robert & Lucia
Benjohar, Albert
Bream, Eileen
Brody, Edwin & Beth
Cahan, Elizabeth
Chacon, Jeanne
Cherner, Zhanneta
Dudovitz, Sophie
Edelstein, Rebecca
Edelstein, Sandy & Steve
Eisenstadt, Linda & Larry
Fridman, Alla
Garbuz, Khaye
Garelick, Eileen
Geller, Loren & Rosie
Gleeman, Harriet
Gonzalez, Susan

Grin, Alexandra
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Schaffer, Michael
Schraber, David & Paula
Shneur, Revekka
Siegel, Rick & Teri Specktor
Siegler, Merna
Silverman, Morton
Simkhovich, Boris & Raisa
Stacker, Howard & Tillie
Steinman, Elaine
Unowsky, David
Upin, Alan
Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Weil, Barb
Werthauser, Helen
Zaretsky, Karolina

... to Strohm Family for making donation to Shabbat Lunch Fund to honor Jim Strohm's birthday.

... to Anita Ernst for helping label nearly 900 *Aaronions* to keep everyone informed.

... to Howard Goldman for arranging Vegan Shabbat speaker.

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

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

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67 Sidney & Francine Jerson

54 Harvey & Nancy Miller

35 Gregg & Tracie Steinman

30 Mark & Lisa Lerman

25 Ken & Tracey Agranoff

25 Samuel & Tracy Arnold

25 Stuart & Marilyn Bloom

15 Michael & Jamie Bell

10 Robert & Barbara Ann Weinstine

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

**Sofiya Antonovskaya
Tamara Sinitsky**

A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For

Lori Fink Garelick

NISAN BANNER: In honor of Mildred and the late Meyer Rosen. Titled "Lamb" (Menashe Kadishman design). It is a symbol for Passover.

Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress

We sell affordable graves to members and non-members with multi-month payment plans. Act now to solidify family plans. We have a mixed faith section for members. Contact



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.

Israel Committee
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about a specific topic, yet AIPAC really sparkled with its keynote speakers.

One keynote speaker, Nikki Haley, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, told us her story. She described growing up with traditional parents from the country of India was sometimes difficult, because she was bullied at school for being different. Although her Indian descent gave her a point-of-view that sometimes was different from her classmates, she explained there is never an excuse for bullying. Over the years she realized the importance of being true to her beliefs, which helped her become a stronger woman. Ambassador Haley told us of how she used her childhood lessons when discussing Israel during a UN council meeting and was told by another member to “shut up.” Her response was, in part, “I will decline the advice I was recently given by your top negotiator, I will not shut up. Rather, I will respectfully speak some hard truths.”

Throughout the three days of AIPAC, we heard many other keynote speakers such as, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar discuss how Minnesota legislators advocate for Israel, Senator Chuck Schumer’s inspiring speech about the importance of supporting Israel, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s true appreciation of our support for the Jewish homeland. All of these speakers motivated us as we ended the conference by meeting on Capitol Hill with Minnesota representatives to promote pro-Israel policies.

This was our first AIPAC conference with assistance from Temple of Aaron’s *It’s Your Legacy Fund*. Please contact either of us to discuss joining us next year at AIPAC in D.C.! *Am Yisrael Chai!*

...and More

Honoring Sis Goren and Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Building Fund

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Building Fund is still important after all these years.

Around 50 years ago, Janet Gordon was approached by Rabbi Raskas to start a Sisterhood fund that would help raise money for the new addition to the building and continued support for our beautiful building and community. Janet’s daughter, Lisa Perlman, noted that her mom worked tirelessly to raise money for the Temple and “It was truly her heart and soul.” Lisa remembers writing telephone messages for cards in a special spiral notebook. Through the efforts of our volunteers, like Janet and Sis, and the contributions of many members, Sisterhood has been able to donate thousands of dollars to the synagogue.

Times have changed. Many people do not remember the Building Fund. We truly thank those that remember to use it to make donations for any occasion, happy or sad. As Executive Director Ken Agranoff said, “It still remains important today.”

We will honor Sis Goren at Sisterhood’s closing program on May 24 for her many years of taking donation calls and sending the appropriate cards. Thank you Susan Kushner for continuing to take donation calls and send cards. We remember Janet Gordon^{z”l} and Betty Agranoff^{z”l}, and all who have gone before us, for providing a foundation upon which we stand today and as we look to the future. For donations call Susan Kushner 651-454-8336. For any questions or about billing call Sue Schwartz, Building Fund Treasurer, 651-451-2188.

Dinner & Dance Performance

Sisterhood Closing Program
Thursday, May 24th at 6:30pm

with
Lisa Berman

Temple of Aaron’s own Lisa Berman is founder of BRKFST, a hip hop dance troupe utilizing foundational breakdancing with contemporary & experimental concepts. Lisa is currently an instructor at St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists and resident Hip Hop teaching artist for The Cowles Center. She received a 2016 McKnight Dancer Fellowship and Jerome Travel & Study Grant for Choreography allowing her to train, choreograph & perform with Hip Hop Huis in Netherlands.



Join us to honor Rabbi Avi Strausberg for her strong support of Sisterhood during her three years at Temple of Aaron, Sis Goren for her 30+ years of work with building fund, and SaDee Soderlund for creating and monitoring our Sisterhood Facebook page!

RSVP by May 18th by sending \$18 check to:
Barb Pogoler, 1610 Rome Ave., St. Paul, 55116. Questions, need a ride, babysitter, or vegetarian/gluten free? Contact Barb at 651-699-9525.

Jewish Family Service of St. Paul’s Second Annual Celebration of Service

JFS will hold its Second Annual Celebration of Service fundraiser on Sunday, May 6, from 9:30am-noon. A champagne brunch will be served with music provided by the John Guari Jazz Combo. The Celebration will feature KARE 11 Breaking the News co-anchor Jana Shortal as the master of ceremonies. Judy Brier and Leslie Hahn, past presidents of the JFS board, will be honored for their decades of service to the organization and its mission. Tickets are \$36 per person; \$25 under 40. Purchase tickets at www.jfssp.org. Event hosted by Beth Jacob.

Six13 A Cappella – Wednesday, June 13

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Six13 is a groundbreaking, six man a cappella vocal band that brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems. The members of the New York City-based group sound like a full band – while using nothing but their voices. Check out their music and videos here: www.six13.com. The a cappella concert is preceded by a Craft Cocktail Dinner Party – guests can sign up for the dinner and the concert, or just attend the concert. For more information and the registration link: <https://www.adathjeshurun.org/six13.html>.

Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company Presents: *Natasha & the Coat*



Natasha has just begun a fashion internship in an atelier in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. When she clumsily spills coffee on a vintage fur coat, she takes it to a dry cleaner where the work of Yossi, an Hasidic Jew, results in beautiful restoration. As Natasha, eager to please her unknowing boss, brings more and more items for cleaning, the very different lives of these two 20-somethings intersect, opening up possibilities for what their futures may hold. Join MJTC for the world premiere of a poignant play about independence, self-exploration, and defining your dreams.

We Honor Veterans at Special Cemetery Service on Monday, May 28, at 11:15 am

Rabbi Avi Strausberg and Cantor-Educator Joshua Fineblum will lead a Memorial Day Service at Temple of Aaron Cemetery in Roseville to honor the memory of our loved ones who served in the United States Armed Forces. Volunteer Irv Rosenblum (612-396-8234) supplied names including those of loved ones buried at a different cemetery, but whose family attend the Temple of Aaron service.

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Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

May 2018
Iyar - Sivan 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00pm Minyan	2 4:00pm School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	3 Lag Ba'Omer 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	4 7:30am Service 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:05pm Family Kallah	5 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg No Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Taste of Project Zug ★ 11:00am Speaker Amy E. Schwartz of Moment Magazine 11:30am Kiddush Lunch Family Kallah
6 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am School/TiKone Family Kallah	7 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	8 6:00pm Minyan	9 4:00pm School 6:00 m TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	10 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	11 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:13pm	12 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Taste of Project Zug ★ 11:00am P2G Israel Speakers — Poriya Hospital 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
13 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast NO Sunday School	14 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	15 6:00pm Minyan	16 Last Wednesday School 4:00pm School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	17 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	18 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:21pm	19 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Last Shabbat School Class 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Taste of Project Zug ★ 10:00am Meditative Service with Rabbi Fine 11:00am Speaker Rabbi Norman Cohen 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
20 Shavuot 9:00am Service 9:00am Last Day Sunday School/TiKone	21 Shavuot Yizkor 9:00am Service Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	22 6:00pm Minyan	23 1:00pm Boomers at Quixotic 6:00pm Minyan	24 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	25 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:28pm	26 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
27 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 10:00am Sisterhood Plant Sale	28 Business Office Closed 11:15am Memorial Day Service at Cemetery 6:00pm Minyan Memorial Day	29 6:00pm Minyan	30 6:00pm Minyan	31 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class		★ <i>Symbol Indicates Holy Playground Program</i>

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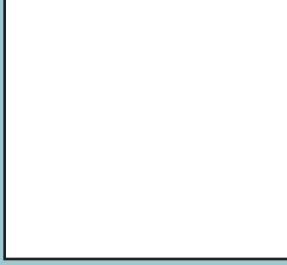
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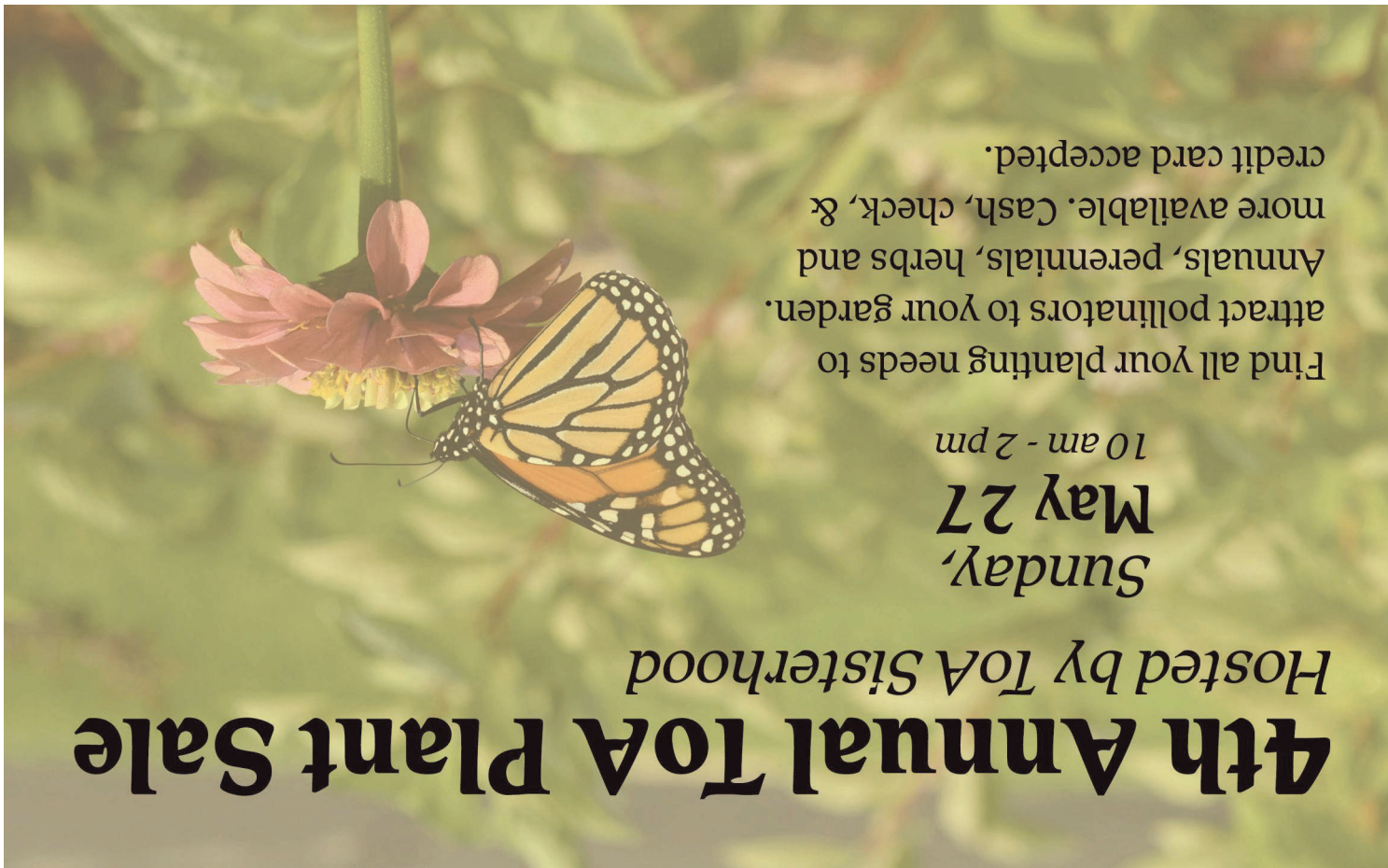
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