



The Hilarious Comedy of *Legendary Judy Gold*

Purim is not just for kids!



March 9th, 2020
at House of Comedy

6:00 pm Megillah Reading (Free)

7:00 pm Comedy Begins

Tickets to show available at
moa.houseofcomedy.net

JUDY GOLD

Veteran comedian, actor, and writer, Judy Gold has had stand-up specials on HBO, Comedy Central and LOGO. She appears on the new season of Murphy Brown, and is a regular on Comedy Central's current series This Week at the Comedy Cellar. Judy has recurring roles on Netflix's Friends From College, TBS's Search Party, and can be seen on Showtime's I'm Dying Up Here.

ToA Goes to the Olympics for...

POURM



March 8th at 11:00 am

**Pro-Clinics, Olympic Activities & Crafts,
Sports Inflatables and More!**

Anderson Athletic & Recreation Center 2115 Summit Ave, St. Paul



Fun for All Ages!

\$10 Per Person (Minimal Food Cost)

For Questions Contact JoshuaFineblum@templeofaaron.org

or go to ToA's Facebook Events Page



The Rabbi's Desk



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You Don't Have to Wait

On the "Jewish" calendar, February is in its own category. In many ways we wait for Purim and Pesach and we might neglect our Judaism and our synagogue. The cold shuts us in, we grow jealous of snowbirds, and we think there isn't too much going on. Of course, everyone has already bought their tickets to our HUGE March events: Purim with Judy Gold at House of Comedy on March 9; and the Second Annual Big Night of Jewish Thought with Rabbis Bradley Shavit-Artson, Rachel Sabbati Beit Halachi, and Shmuly Yanklowitz on March 29. So how do we engage in the cold of February?

I suggest trying something new. Something that you never thought, Jewishly, you might do. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Shabbat Morning Services:** Winter can be tough, but it is a lot easier with community. Call a friend and try Shabbat services on a regular basis and see if the calm, music, and our growing volume of young students makes a difference in your life.
2. **Support our Sisterhood:** February usually features Sisterhood Shabbat and 2020 is no different. On February 8th we will host Rabbi Ellen Wolintz Fields who is the Executive Director of International Women's League. This program welcomes all members and it would be great if we could have a wonderful crowd to welcome her.
3. **Sing, Stomp, or Close Your Eyes:** Our NEW Kehillat Shabbat (Friday Night Musical Service) is one of the best things we have done. The new music melodies are easy to learn for most and engages our community over time. It is also a chance to take a breath and hear Judaism's sounds and heartbeat. Our next service is February 7th at 6:00 p.m.
4. **Hercules:** Please come see one of the performances of our USY Play! Last year we added younger actors of elementary ages to join the fun and it has made for an even better play (I am a biased father). This year our thespians are performing Hercules.
5. **Let Your Mind Explore:** My final suggestion is to read a book. Maybe it is Bari Weiss' new *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, or you can take a book from our Smith Library (which we encourage you to keep), allow yourself the time to grow Jewishly in a way that makes sense for yourself.

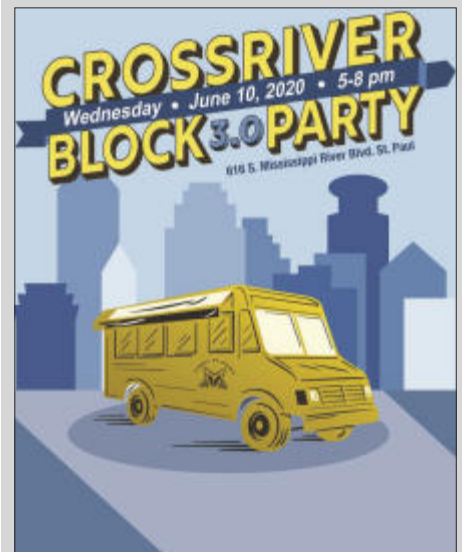
In some ways February is a Jewish gift, to allow you to do your own exploring without major Holidays to interfere. Work on your own spirituality or Jewish path. Hopefully, Temple of Aaron can be that hub that helps guide you.

See you in Shul!
Rabbi Jeremy Fine



*Rabbi Fine is serving as
Camp Rabbi at Camp Ramah
in Wisconsin, June 25-July 8.
If your kids are going to Ramah,
contact Temple of Aaron.*

Rabbi Fine & Cantor Joshua Fineblum delivered Hanukkah donuts to the ToA Community, including the JCC, Jewish Federation, and Quixotic Coffee.



Rabbi Fine visits WCCO to discuss safety in the Jewish Community.



The Rabbi's Notes

Hebrew Reading Crash Course 2

with Rabbi Miller

Sundays, February 2, 9, and 23
10:00 am



NJOP's Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II is designed to improve students' reading

skills and fluency by introducing them to special pronunciation rules and basic Hebrew grammar to help them expand their Hebrew comprehension skills. Students will begin to recognize various parts of verbs and nouns, learn how to dissect words, and identify new words and phrases that will enable them to better understand the prayer book.

Gods & Monsters with JTS PhD Candidate Ryan Higgins

Saturdays, February 15 & 22

This class gets up close and personal with the hideous and horrifying supernatural beings of ancient Israel and its neighbors. We will discuss what makes a monster, why they are so menacing, and explore the love-hate relationship between the deities and their demons. Finally, we will see how God is both the hero in combat with, and the master in control of, the Bible's most famous monster: the sea serpent Leviathan.



Yoga with Hollie Carr — St. Paul JCC Certified Personal Trainer

February 22



Shabbat is a day meant for relaxation and reflection. In order to help with this we invite you to join Hollie Carr for a special shabbat Yoga

experience. Hollie graduated from St. Paul College with a degree in Personal Training. Hollie focuses on functional movement training. The skills you learn with her you can incorporate into your daily life. She believes that focusing on the little things allows you to move better, live better & feel better!

Grow your Jewish Expression

Our tradition has so many amazing holidays!

One such holiday that fits into this category is Tu B'shevat (15th of Shevat). Perhaps some of you are very familiar with this holiday while others are not. The holiday commonly called the Israeli Arbor Day is one of my favorites because of one special experience. While April and I were getting more acquainted with one another she had asked me about my faith and desired to experience some of the holidays and traditions.

It happened that it was in the middle of winter and Hanukkah had passed and the next holiday was Tu B'shevat. So we did what Isaac Luria Z"l, the renowned 16th century Kabbalist did. We had a seder.

That's right, Seders are not just for Passover! However, the Seder for this holiday is not as elaborate than the one recalling our redemption but there are some critical elements. During this Seder there are fruits and nuts that we are supposed to eat and this is due to what they represent.

The first category of food is one that is hard on the exterior but contains a softer interior like coconuts, almonds, and walnuts. These chosen because they are to symbolize protection the earth can give us. The second set of fruits are soft with a pit in the middle – olives, dates (my favorite), and apricots. This is a reminder to the life sustaining power of the earth and also the strength within us.

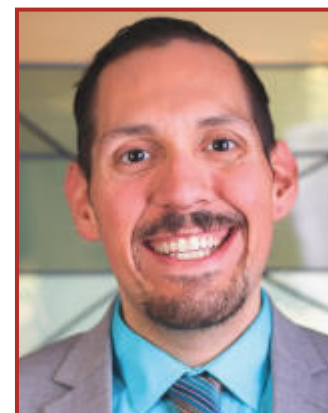
Then the third is something that is entirely edible and soft throughout so think of raisins or figs. They are set to show the connection between us and the earth and how we are tied to it. Lastly, is something sweet fruit on the inside and tough skin on the outside the avocados and bananas of the world. These fruits represent the mystery of the world and us seeking to uncover her secrets.

However, this year I learned a new tradition which, as a vegan, was not so surprising. There is a tradition to serve vegetarian dishes on this day on some level to focus on all the magnificence that is produced from the soil. As someone who has decided to live this lifestyle because of the lasting impact industrial meat farming has on the world I now am a vegan because of how beneficial it is for the earth. My choice to not eat meat or dairy helps God's planet.

I am not using this as a platform to tell you all to be vegan (but April, Aria and I would welcome you to the club). Rather, perhaps think about a way in which you can honor this holiday of ours. Maybe it is having a small or large celebration and seder with your family, maybe it is thinking about what you can do to better the environment through choices you make on Tu B'Shevat or throughout the year, or maybe you just appreciate HaShems masterpiece a little more on this holiday.

All I ask is do not forget some of the lesser known treasures from our tradition and also realize ways you can enact your Judaism in new ways.

Kol tuv,
Rabbi Micah Miller



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Youth Education



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I have had the chance to lead and accept Aliyot in services all over the world: from Israel to Greece, Italy to the Caribbean and many places all over the USA. Each time it is unique. Whether it be taking an Aliyah in the Ghetto of Venice or leading Kabbalat Shabbat in Israel, they all have a special place in my heart. Meaningful times leading have come in beautiful synagogues, social halls, and even outside in nature.

When we pray with the words on the pages of the siddur or the thoughts in our hearts, each of us must strive to figure out what that time and what those words mean to each of us. Sometimes, the feeling we each get can be influenced by those other memories of when we did those Tefillot for the first time or with whom we did it with.

I am lucky to have both be true. I became a Bar Mitzvah 30 years ago. My journey started before that as I was learning Tefillot in Troy, New York in the

Spring of 1985 when I was in third grade. My father the Rabbi and I would sit on Shabbat afternoons and he would help me learn different Tefillot in the siddur. By that time I was doing many Tefillot each morning in school but there was one particular prayer which was not actually in Hebrew that was creating trouble for me. Specifically, I was challenged by the Aramaic prayer which we do many times throughout our services, Kaddish Shalem. As I continued to work through the words and I kept getting tongue-tied, my father challenged me that once I got the words right, I could do any prayer as speedily as I wanted if those words were correct.

It was now four years later in the summer of 1989 in Cinnaminson, NJ when I became a Bar Mitzvah that the realities of what that meant came to life for me. For the first time, I was on the Bima alone with my parents, including my father the Rabbi, four grandparents, and siblings sitting in the front row on the sanctuary. I had just finished the Shacharit Amidah and was about to lead the congregation for the first time in this meaningful prayer for me that I had struggled with for so many years. I looked up at my two grandfathers sitting there together. I vividly remembered having sat in between them on many occasions. With excitement and pride, I recited the Kaddish Shalem with precision and speed just as my father had told me I could. We all know it can be difficult to share skills in front of family members.

It has now been since 2005 and 2015 since my grandfathers have passed, and I recall many memories of them and that vivid memory from 30 years ago with Kaddish Shalem. I davened with them many times since and remember the way my Grandpa Benny would always be five words ahead of the leader and how Grandpa Jerry would try his hardest to be as off tune as possible when he davened. These two men, along with my father, pushed me to be who I am and in their memory and honor, I developed my davening style.

Each one of us should use the memories of the past in helping us find comfort and happiness in the way we act and help others today. I would love to hear your stories of what impacted your style of prayer, service reflection and spirituality. For me at times, I want to keep them alive with the things I do, the way I pray, and the way I strive to be better for the people around me each day. May we each find something tangible to hold onto from those who have meant so much to us. May we each also look forward to new experiences that can help shape each of us in the future.

Need Scholarship for Overnight Camp & Israel?



Go to this link and scroll down for the latest scholarship application.

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

Questions?

Joshuafineblum@templeofaaron.org

Apply Today!



**Jewish Community Night
Twolves vs. Dallas Mavericks
Sunday, March 1st @2:30pm
\$30 for 2 tickets, Tee shirt, and
Community Picture!**

To Purchase Tickets:

timberwolves.com/groupoffers
+promo code:JCNTempleofaaron

Questions:

joshuafineblum@templeofaaron.org

**INTERESTED IN READING TORAH?
CONTACT CANTOR FINEBLUM TO
BEGIN OR RE-ENGAGE IN LEARNING**

February Education & Youth Calendar

- 1 **Shabbat School**
- 2 **TiKone USY**
K-12 Play Practice–TECH WEEK
- 3 ... **7th-12th Play Practice–TECH WEEK**
- 4 **Play Parent Preview**
- 5 **Youth Department Play**
NO Hebrew School/TiKone USY
- 8 **Shabbat School**
Youth Department Play
- 9 **NO TiKone USY**
Youth Department Play
- 10 **Tu B'Shevat**
- 12 **Hebrew School/TiKone USY**
- 15-16 **NO SCHOOL–President's**
Day Weekend
- 19 **Hebrew School/TiKone USY**
- 22 **Shabbat School**
- 23 **Religious School/TiKone USY**
5 Senses of Judaism
- 26 **Hebrew School/TiKone USY**
- 29 **Shabbat School**



Thank you to Natalie Dobkin, Sam Dobkin, Benny Goldman, David Goldman, Max Goldman, Shari Lazarus, Alicia Lazarus, Howie Paper, Andrei Shofman, Alisha Simon, Evan Simon, Norman Simon, and Terry Zien for all of their help assembling the stage extension and with creating set props for Hercules!

Youth Happenings

After many months of hard-work, preparations, and long Tech-Week rehearsals, performances are finally here! Come celebrate our K-12th grade students by joining us at any of the following performances of *Hercules*: Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30pm (Dinner Theatre), Saturday, February 8 at 8:00pm, and/or Sunday, February 9 at 11:30am (Lunch Matinee).

This show would not be possible without the direction and expertise of our production staff. Thank you to Curtis Reid, Play Director; Eric Heltemes, Music Director; Eddie Winthrop, Technical Director; Ellie Berg, K-4th Grade Coordinator; and Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum. Thank you to all of you for dedicating your time, creativity, and energy!and that's *The Gospel Truth*.

We are grateful for the support and enthusiasm of our cast members' parents and extended family. Thank you for all of your assistance – whether it was shuttling your child(ren) to/from rehearsal, running lines at home, building set pieces, helping with ticket and/or concession sales, or working behind the scenes... we appreciate you! A very special thank you to Andrei and Irina Shofman for serving as our Play Parent Coordinators. Way to *Go the Distance!*

Finally, thank you to all of our community members who helped support the play with an ad in our play program. Your financial support helped cover the costs of all parts of our production. We could not have done this production without you.

See you at a show!



Jorie Bernhardt

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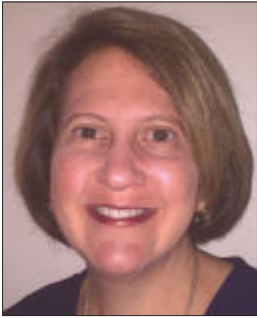
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DINNER THEATER
FEBRUARY 8TH @8PM
FEBRUARY 9TH
@11:30AM

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Destination Shabbat

Sisterhood Shabbat 2020



Rabbi Ellen
Wolintz-Fields

Please join Sisterhood members for a wonderful Shabbat on February 7 and 8. We are so fortunate to have the Executive Director of Women's League, Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields, joining us for the weekend. She will deliver the sermon and lead a discussion after lunch on Shabbat. The weekend begins with a Kehillat musical service Friday evening, followed by a congregational dinner. The cost for dinner is \$18, RSVP to susiehaime@templeofaaron.org. Shabbat morning will be led entirely by Sisterhood members. Bakers needed for Kiddush lunch. Please contact co-chairs Amy Miller Stern (amymills@comcast.net) or Jody Cohen Press (jody@presslawoffice.com) if you can bake or wish to participate in services.

What is Women's League?

Women's League for Conservative Judaism supports its network of individual members and 400 sisterhoods and synagogue women's groups through:

- Innovative programming materials designed to educate and activate members of every age.
- Customized Consulting Services to help every sisterhood be the best it can be.
- Regional networking opportunities with like-minded women.
- Leadership development to ensure an exciting tomorrow.
- Women's League is the voice of the women of the Conservative Movement, representing its membership at a wide array of national, international, religious, and social action organizations.



You can be part of this dynamic organization by joining a sisterhood in a synagogue near you or by joining as an individual member.

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

- Traditional Shabbat – February 1**
Sermon by Rabbi Miller
Learning with Rabbi Miller
- Sisterhood Shabbat – February 8**
Vision Speaker: Rabbi Ellen Wolintz Fields
Hacking the Holidays: Tu B'Shevat
- Traditional Shabbat – February 15**
Sermon by Rabbi Fine
Gods & Monsters Class
- Traditional Shabbat – February 22**
Sermon by Rabbi Fine
Yoga Class
Gods & Monsters Class
- Traditional Shabbat – February 29**
Sermon by Rabbi Miller

TEMPLE OF AARON ANNUAL FAMILY AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL KALLAH

MAY 1-3 2020

Join us for our annual Kallah weekend with fun for all families and young professionals at Camp Chi in the Wisconsin Dells!

Program begins Friday at 3pm and join us Sunday in the Dells for more fun before heading home!
To Sign up or questions email JoshuaFineblum@TempleofAaron.org

USCJ



Vice President Barry Divine and Treasurer Roxanne Portnoy attended the biennial United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Conference.



180 people had fun celebrating Hanukkah at our Crayola Toakeover! From Top: Ezra Lunser & Betty Meerovich; Ariana Katz & Ethan Perelstein; Tracey Agranoff.

Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

HAMANTASCHEN ON SALE NOW! – Sisterhood is once again baking and selling the best hamantaschen in the Twin Cities. WE HAVE GLUTEN FREE! Available through the gift shop and the Temple kitchen, or by special arrangement. Contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340) if you need to arrange a special time. We have apricot, mixed fruit, poppyseed and chocolate.

MAHJONGG – Sunday, February 2 at 1:00pm, in the Smith Library. All levels welcome, including beginners. Contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net) for more information or to reserve a spot at the table.

SISTERHOOD KNITS – Thursday, February 13 at 6:30pm in the Smith Library. Bring your own materials. All levels of knitters and crocheters welcome, including beginners. Contact Susan Gonzalez(612-791-5606 or suzimgonzalez@comcast.net) for more information.

SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP – Sunday, February 2 at 9:30am at Baker’s Square in Highland. The selection is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamont. Contact Barb Pogoler (abpogoler@msn.com) to ensure your spot or with questions.

BUILDING FUND CARDS – purchase a card with a \$5 minimum donation for any happy or sad occasion. Contact Susan Kushner (651-454-8336) and she will send one out. You will be billed for the cards. All monies raised are presented to the Temple for enhancements to the building!

FOOD SHELF – Sisterhood and the Social Justice Committee work together to fill the Francis Basket Food Shelf. Use the bins outside the gift shop for food items or send a check in honor or memory of someone you love to: Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, MN 55122. Questions? Call Harriet at 651-454-6829.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP – Looking for meaningful Judaic merchandise for gifts or for yourself? Look no further, and come to the Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Gift Shop, where we have lovely merchandise, and where you will find beautiful new talitot, and new silver nickel plated merchandise from Classic Touch. Our Gift Registry is available for anyone to register for Life Cycle Events. Hours are Sun., 9am-12pm; Wed., 10am-1pm and 6pm-8pm; and by appointment with Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340).

FOOD SHELF – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

Harriet Levy is retiring from her position as chair of food shelf donations for Sisterhood. We want to say a special thank you to her for approximately 10 years of helping to feed the hungry in St. Paul! Harriet will be passing the torch to Susan Gonzalez, who serves on the Sisterhood board, the Temple board, and the social justice committee. To make a monetary donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, send a check with pertinent information to:

Susan Gonzalez, 5015 42ND AVENUE S., MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417.

Please call Susan at 612-701-5606 if you have questions.

Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)
December 2019/January 2020 Kislev/Tevet 5780

Baldinger, Robert	Kanivetsky, Veniamin & Rozita	Rubenstein, Robert
Barenbaum, Bettie	Kaplan, Cheryl	Rutzick, Steven & Barbara
Binkin, Vladimir & Bella	Kaster, Barbara	Saxon, Mike & Polly
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Butwinick, James	Klein, E Gary	Schraber, Paula & David
Daniels, Marjorie	Knox, Naphatali	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue
Drucker, Barb	Kopilenko, Alexander & Bella	and family
Dubinsky, Alan & Deborah	Kushner, Barry & Susan	Segal, Yoav & Rosalyn
Edelstein, Rebecca	Kushnir, Rozaliya	Shear, Bert
Eisenstadt, Larry & Linda	Levine, Marvin & Harriet	Sherlin, Nataly
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Flynn, John & Susan	Miller, Diane	Steinfeldt, Sharron
Gak, Feliks & Alla Vysotsky	Netzman, Steve	Strohm, Jim & Leslie
Gerr, Pattie, Richard Oestreich	Olinova, Bella	and Ezra & Maya
Goldberg, Richard & Gayle	Orkin, Etta Fay	Tilsen, Sandy & Bob
Goldman, Howard	Ostrovskaya, Galina	Toomasson, Judy
Gordon, Frank & Cookie	Paster, Jacqueline	Uchenik, Esfir
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Hirsekor, Barbara	Ripps, Sherri & Lenny	Unowsky, David
Hites, Karen	Rose, Gary	Warren Adrian & Margaret
Jacobson, Marvin & Millie	Rosenblatt Ross, Cynthia	Weil, Barbara
Kahn, Jim & Marcella	Rubenstein, Bob	Wolkoff, Patty

... to Play Parent Chairs Andrei & Irina Shofman.
... to David Baldinger, Erin Baldinger and Mark Divine for leading services on the Bemah.
... to Betty Meerovich for sharing her family's immigration story with the 1st -4th grade HUT Shabbat School Class (Holiday Happening, Ulpan Ivrit, Torah Tidbits).
... to Kehillat Shabbat leaders David Baldinger, Erin Baldinger, Mark Divine, April Miller, Carter Pederson, Dan Perelstein, Alisha & Jesse Simon.
... to all members who invested time helping Temple of Aaron on committees and special projects.

Help Those Who Need Food Shelf Every Week

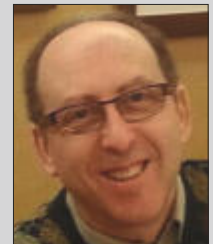
Thousands of Minnesota families rely on food shelf for a simple meal. We can help working families, children and seniors who might go without food.



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!

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 651-252-6406 or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org for an 18-minute meeting. Seize the opportunity to avoid a last-minute emotional meeting.

Blessings

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 59 Lew & Marge Blustin
- 59 Thomas & Ronna Sherman
- 54 John & Virginia Bordeaux
- 51 Loren & Rosie Geller
- 45 Manson & Etta Lambright

נחמו נחמו עמי

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

Bert Walter
Ryvelle Tilsner
Bella Olinova
Alice Gurstelle
Patrick Devine

SHEVAT BANNER: In memory of Joseph Rutman by his family. Entitled "Shir," it honors Jewish Music Month and depicts various shades that make up the Jewish people. A David Neeman design.

Fragrance Sensitivity in Our Community

We are working hard to build and sustain community. Being verbally welcoming is one step. Inviting someone to sit with you at services is another step. Providing food options at Shabbat Lunch is another step. Being aware of people with sensitivities to strong fragrances is another step. Temple of Aaron will continue to thrive as we all work together embracing similarities and differences.

Reserve April 9 for Temple of Aaron's Community Seder in Stein Hall led by Clergy. \$36 for adults and \$18 for children under 13.



Shabbat Lunch Builds Community

Temple of Aaron is thrilled members of all ages have enjoyed the lunches and socializing as we relax in the Shabbat spirit. The lunch program is a pay as you go program not tied to member dues. We rely on members to make donations to cover costs of lunch food and kitchen staff. We can bill you monthly or you can make donations when convenient. The true cost of each meal is \$13 per person per week. We are deeply appreciative for over 300 different donations in 2019 providing the resources to prepare lunch all 52 weeks. Please help us in 2020. Contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff with any suggestions, concerns or a pledge.

...and More

5 Senses of Judaism Presents Tu B'Shvat

Have you ever wondered where maple syrup comes from? Join Us & The Harriet Alexander Nature Center for a morning of learning about the holiday of Tu B'Shvat with all of your senses!

Sunday, February 23
9:15-11 AM

616 Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul

FREE for all families with Birth-K aged children; older siblings welcome



RSVP: joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org

5 Senses of Judaism is supported in part by a generous grant from National Center to Encourage Judaism



L'Door V'Door: Baby Judaism @ Your Door



Calling all Children from Birth-2 years of age to join Cantor Josh and Briana for a fun musical afternoon on the West Side of the River!

February 29th
3:00-4:30pm

Email Cantor Josh or contact the ToA office for more details!

Blessed Be These Names Who Have Invested In Our Future Through Endowments

...a gift that will help fulfill a deep and sincere wish to ensure that Judaism and the Temple of Aaron are strong and vital for generations to come. Our *It's Your Legacy* Committee is steadily working very hard to provide a comprehensive program. We are grateful to the supporters of our *Temple of Aaron L'Olam Endowment Program*:

Tracey & Ken Agranoff High Holyday Family Service	Howard Geller Children's Prayer Books	Lillian E. & Samuel R. Miller New American Family Life Education	Esther Tucker USY Activities
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David A. Berg Family Passover Kiddushim	Faye Glickman Sanctuary Candles	Marvin Perlman Bimah Flower Fund	Sam J. Winnick Tzedakah
David A. Berg Family Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey	Debbie Goldberger Bar/Bat Mitzvah Certificates	Ossie Perlman Food Shelf	Eva & William Wolkowicz Holocaust Education
David A. Berg Family Shavuot Kiddush	Shirley & Sidney Goldberger Bar & Bat Mitzvah Bibles	Stanley and Evelyn Perlman Youth Programming	Susan & Paul Yellin Annual New Member Reception
David A. Berg Family Simhat Torah Caramel Apples	Howard Goldberger USY Activities	Charlene Rafowitz Holocaust Education	Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School Teacher Endowment Funds
David A. Berg Family Simhat Torah Flags	Cele & Aaron Goldetsky Music, Minyan, Food Shelf	Alexander & Sophia Rosenaur Learner's Minyan	Dr. Lydia & Louis Schaffer Music Specialist
David A. Berg Family Sukkot Kiddushim	Arnold & Sylvia Goldman Clergy Chair	Lea & Herbert Schaffer Sukkot Salad Bar	Sam Goldberger Second Grade Teacher
David A. Berg Family Yom Kippur Break the Fast	Drs. Malka & Ernest Goodman Adult Ed: Scholar-in-Residence	Marvin Scherzer Annual Financial Review	Angy & Milt Moore Seventh Grade Teacher
Brittani & Danielle Berg Yom Kippur Havdalah Ceremony	Annette & Theodore Goodman Adult Education	Rose & Herman Schleiff Adult Education	Joyce Tilsen Arts & Crafts Specialist
Marcia & Herbert Bernick Purim Seudah	Rabbi Julie Gordon Continuing Education	Sarah & Isadore Schneider Education Programming	Rossy & Richard Shaller Third Grade Teacher
Marcia & Herbert Bernick Passover Breakfast For First Born	Dean & Marilyn Greenberg Centennial Cantor Chair	Lois & Larry Schochet Purim Groggers	Molly & Jack Handleman Ninth Grade Teacher
Marcia & Herbert Bernick B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring	Nancy & Richard Grobovsky Golden Kephah Award	Rose Ann & Harry Schraber High Holyday Torah Reading	Judith & Alvin Brown Kindergarten Teacher
Lois & Dr. Paul Bloomberg High Holyday Tashlich Service	Lester & Sylvia Gubman Youth Activities	Felicia & Max Schulz High Holyday Programming	Dr. Henry Oselka Fifth Grade Teacher
Harvey Braufman Shabbat Lunch	Elsie & John Halper/Lieberman Family Jonah Sculpture & Adult Education	Felicia & Max Schulz Holocaust Educator	Leonora Greenberg Confirmation Teacher
Jack Bulwa Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation Booklets	Mervin E. Hites Introduction to Hebrew Class	Michelle & Steve Shaller Synagogue Enrichment	Ruth & Sherman Gordon First Grade Teacher
Martin & Esther Capp Centennial Cantor Chair Clergy Chair	Reuben & Esther Kaplan Programming	Michael & Joanne Silverman Centennial Cantor Chair	Jackie Bregman Sixth Grade Teacher
Rachel Liba Cardozo High Holyday Torah Reading	Norene & Everett Karon Young Adult Education	JoAnn & Howard Silvers Silver Kephah	Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School Program Endowment
Edith & Frank Cohan Lunch & Learn	Bertha Katzman Singles Programming/Havurot	Ethel & Hymen Simes Education/Culture Enrichment	David A. Berg Family Israeli Independence Day Program
Barbara & Stanley Cohn Baby Gifts	Carole Kowitz Shabbat Babysitting	Nancy M. & Dr. Stanley C. Skadron Lunch and Learn Series	Tiffany & Roberta Berg Tu B' Shevat Seders
Susan & Dr. Alan Divine Shabbat Lunch	Howard & Elaine Kuretsky Centennial Cantor Chair	Samuel I. Sloane Veteran's Shabbat Oneg	Toby & Frank Berman Tuition Assistance
Sylvia Dudovitz	Max & Jeanette Kurnow Centennial Cantor Chair	David & Dede Smith General Programs	Sylvia & Joe Bisnow Confirmation Student Award
Marian & Joe Dworsky Mishpacha/Service/ Oneg Shabbat	Harriet & Dr. Miles Lane Newlywed Gift Book	Diane & Dr. Richard Smookler Annual B'nai Mitzvah Reception	Marcia & Herbert Bernick Saturday Tutors
Debbie Feinwachs Shlosha D'varim Fund	Nancy & Dr. Stephen Lane School & Youth	Beryl & Frank Stricken Shabbat Food	Norma & Sidney Chase Tuition Assistance
Jay and Evelyn Etlinger Programming	Yale Libman Haftorah Education	Manya & Ben Sturrey Kids in Shul	Edward & Elaine Devitt Saturday Tutors
Adam Fink & Carrie Fink Tallitot	Harvey & Shirley Lubov Scholar in Residence	Helen & Donald Swartz Wedding Ketubot	Robert & Rona Devitt Saturday Tutors
Stuart W. Gang	Sidney Makiesky Passover Congregational Seder	Alex & Mollie Tankenoff Foundation Centennial Cantor Chair	A.Y. Dworsky, Joseph Dworsky Tuition Assistance
Saul S. and Charlotte Garelick Wedding Anniversary Certificates	Dorothy & Charles Margolis Purim Seudah	Esther & Edward Tilsen Shavuot Blintz Bletter	
Anita & Ronald Geller Yahrzeit Candles	Bessie & Morris Mayeron Passover Matzah Brei Brunch	Sandy & Bob Tilsen Simhat Torah Band	
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A Basic Bequest Helps Our Synagogue Future

Each of us can add a short sentence to our Will or Living Trust, or a beneficiary to a life insurance policy, to make a powerful gift to Temple of Aaron. During our first century of operation we have received thoughtful bequests ranging in size from \$500 to \$1,000,000. Our endowments produce interest and dividend income which have created an important financial foundation for our daily operation. We would be pleased to acknowledge you in a future *Aaronion* if you have already made plans to help us in the future. President Steve Kafitz and Executive Director Ken Agranoff are prepared to discuss any and all aspects of our Dor L Dor Endowment Program with you at your convenience.

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Sunday
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Harry Silverman
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Monday
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Monday
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Wednesday

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...and More

Welcome to Temple of Aaron!

New Member Spotlight: The Toetschinger Family



Our membership committee is sitting down with new members with a Q&A and introducing you to them here in the *Aaronion*! This month we welcome the Toetschinger family. Make sure to say “Hi” next time you see them!

Q: Who are you?

K&J: James, Kelsey and Henry (2 years old).

Q: Where did the people in your family grow up?

K&J: Kelsey grew up in Apple Valley and James in Oakdale. Henry is growing up in Saint Paul, where we currently live.

Q: What do you and Craig do for work? Hobbies?

K: I am a special education teacher for students with autism. In the little amount of free time I have, I enjoy reading and watching movies.

J: I am a house manager at the Guthrie. In my “free time” I enjoy watching movies and exercising.

K&J: Henry loves reading books and watching Scooby Doo. He also enjoys running and water.

Q: Why did you choose the Temple of Aaron?

K&J: Kelsey grew up at the Temple of Aaron (You may remember me as Kelsey Steinman.). We are an interfaith family, but want to raise our children Jewish. So, when we wanted to get Henry more involved, the Temple of Aaron welcomed us with open arms.

Q: Favorite Jewish Food?

K: Matzo Ball Soup

J: Passover Knishes

H: Sufganiyot

Q: Favorite Jewish Holiday?

K&J: Hanukkah.

H: Still Deciding.

Mark Divine, Membership Committee Liaison

Downtown Minneapolis Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Fine



Pictured: Emma Temkin, Oliver Lerner,
Michael Joseph (new member)
and Rabbi Fine.

Security on Multiple Levels

Temple of Aaron gave each member the opportunity to make an annual donation in January to support our security approaches. We accept advice from experts at the FBI, St Paul Police, Homeland Security, JCRC and others. There are multiple good ways to add security and the experts do not always agree on the priority of each suggestion. It is important to note the experts have agreed that we are taking many of the key priority security steps 52 weeks per year.

The experts have advised us about the different risks faced by different organizations at different locations and different times. The list of suggestions is lengthy and we have followed their top priorities. If donations for security exceed the needs created by the top priorities in 2020, then we will institute items on the list that the experts say are helpful yet not critical. We receive weekly security reports that help us balance advice from experts that is not always in agreement. We appreciate all of your security donations and encourage you to make this one of your top giving priorities.

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

February 2020
Shevat ~ Adar 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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 All programs at ToA unless otherwise noted.</p> </div>						
2 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am TiKone USY 10:00am Hebrew Reading Class 1:00pm Sisterhood Mahjongg	3 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	4 6:00pm Minyan 7:00pm Hercules Parent Preview	5 NO Hebrew School/ TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Hercules Youth Department Play	6 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	7 6:00pm Kehillat Shabbat Service 6:45pm Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 5:10pm	8 Sisterhood Shabbat 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Hacking the Holidays: Tu B'Shevat 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch 8:00pm Hercules Youth Department Play
9 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast NO TiKone USY 10:00am Hebrew Reading Class 11:30am Hercules Youth Department Play	10 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan Tu B'Shevat	11 6:00pm Minyan	12 4:00pm Hebrew School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	13 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Sisterhood Knits 7:30pm Bible Class	14 6:00pm Erev Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Potluck Candle Lighting 5:20pm	15 NO 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Gods & Monsters Class 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
16 9:00am Minyan Breakfast NO TiKone USY	17 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan Presidents' Day	18 6:00pm Minyan	19 4:00pm Hebrew School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	20 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	21 7:00pm Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 5:30pm	22 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Gods & Monsters Class 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:00am Yoga 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
23 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am TiKone USY 9:15am 5 Senses of Judaism 10:00am Hebrew Reading Class	24 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	25 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club: <i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks	26 4:00pm Hebrew School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	27 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	28 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:40pm	29 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch

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