



Community Passover 2nd Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00pm

Temple of Aaron invites members and non-members to a dynamic Seder on the 2nd night of Passover with Deviled Egg Bar, Charoset Bar, Adult Learning and more.

Led by: Rabbi Jeremy Fine, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum

Reserve a full table for your whole family or we will assign a table for your smaller group.

Enjoy a delicious meal of brisket, chicken, matzah ball soup, vegetable and dessert.

Vegetarian option available by reserving early.

All are welcome!

RSVP necessary—\$36/adult, \$18/child

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Selling Hametz and the Maot Hittim (The Matzah Fund)

Selling Hametz: Jews do not eat Hametz on Passover. It is very important to be aware that every Jewish household must remove Hametz from its possession. To prevent financial loss, it is possible to sell the Hametz for the duration of Passover and keep it set aside in your home for use after Passover. Rabbi Jeremy Fine is glad to be your agent in this sale. Please return the form below by 11:00am on **April 9, 2017**. Please remind your relatives, friends and neighbors to do the same. There is no charge for this service but donations are accepted.

Maot Hittim: The Matzah Fund: Passover can be an expensive holiday and some community members cannot afford matzah, wine, and other needed items. As Passover approaches we take steps to ensure all Jews can celebrate Passover. Please support our Matzah Fund (Maot Hittim—money for wheat) with a donation. Every dollar collected will go to feed the hungry. Please note Matzah Fund on your check payable to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

To: Rabbi Jeremy Fine, Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55116

I designate Rabbi Fine to sell all hametz in my possession in accordance with Jewish law for Passover 5777.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Date: _____
Signature: _____

From the Rabbi



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Our Holy Playground

In Exodus the Israelites build a Tabernacle, the resting place for God. Our Rabbinic sage, Ramban refers to Exodus, as the Book of Redemption. Why is the Tabernacle important to redemption? Because the redemption was not complete by leaving Egypt or receiving the Ten Commandments, rather the Israelites had not achieved the peak spirituality of Sinai until it was a fixed part of the Israelites' lives. This is to suggest that prayer and relationships with God, are not merely when we need God or when God needs us. There needs to be a permanent element of prayer and spirituality for the Jewish people.

Of course, today we do not have the Tabernacle, but rather tabernacles, or as we refer to them as synagogues. Places in which spirituality needs to become unearthed. In February instead of President Gary Portnoy and I learning about Terumah we decided to live it. Alongside Sisterhood President Roxanne Portnoy and Facility's Committee Co-Chair Bob Marvy

we visited seven Florida synagogues, spoke with six Rabbis, one Executive Director and learned a great deal. We had two goals in mind; one to examine and reflect on our current prayer model and two to search best practices that could work for our Minnesota realities. We asked all of the Rabbis 3 questions; what are you currently doing, what would you do in a dream scenario, and where is Jewish prayer headed? Here are a few common themes about the direction of Jewish prayer that we witnessed:

- They all wanted to have flexibility in their prayer spaces; meaning that their chapel (and even sanctuary) would have the ability to move seats to accommodate different types of services for different ages and demographics.
- Across the Conservative spectrum the Cantor is leading services facing forward to the ark in the center of the room or front center. Every person we spoke with explained the importance of Cantors leading the congregation in prayer not praying at the people.
- Friday night evening services were at 6pm and Shabbat mornings allowed for a variety of experimental ways to engage in spirituality. Some of this is difficult to replicate because of the sheer number of Jews in Florida, but this allowed for more people to center their Jewish lives on Shabbat.
- Most synagogues are using music, some with instrumental accompaniment and some without, but all have figured out how to do it well. Some were paying professionals to be musicians; choir, extra cantors, and even drummers. While music was a draw, synagogues centered their music around the talent that they had. For example, one synagogue had a young drummer who did a drum circle Friday night service but when he left town they did not need the "drumming" since they wanted the "drummer."

What does this mean for us at Temple of Aaron? Over the next several months we will be taking a long, hard look at our current situation. How can we best engage the weekly synagogue goer? How can we capture the attention of the occasional synagogue goer? Is there something to encourage the never-goer to see Shabbat as a Palace in Time, to quote Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. You will hear this from me going forward, to steal a phrase from Karina Silberman (Director of the 92 Street Y) what does our *Holy Playground* look like? What is there for children? Parents? The explorer? The spiritual seeker? The traditionalist? The music minded? The one who needs to feel it in his/her heart?

The Tabernacle was, for the Israelites, their *Holy Playground*. There they explored their relationship with God in a permanent structure. The Tabernacle was the Israelites' opportunity to evaluate their connectivity to God and how this structure could be the vessel to reach higher, explore deeper and connect closer.

Purim Sponsorship



Temple of Aaron is lucky to have caring members create funds and endowments to allow our members to enjoy special holiday extras at no cost.

- Free Purim Meal is endowed by Nancy Berkley in memory of her parents Dorothy & Charles Margolis and by Marcia & Herbert Bernick in honor of their children and grandchildren.
- Purim Groggers are endowed by Joanna & Michael Volk and Sheryl & Wesley Schochet in honor of their parents Lois & Larry Schochet.
- Purim booklet is underwritten by Marion & E. Gary Klein and Burniece & Bill^z Goldestky in memory of parents Isador & Bessie Goldetsky.

- Jane & David Berg for special support of carnival.



Successful Shabbat Kiddush Lunch Builds Community

A bonus feature from attending our Shabbat service is staying for lunch each week and chatting with a friend or making a new friend. Numerous members have already made 2017 pledges to sustain this lunch program and we need more as the year continues.

One easy option is to place the pledge on your monthly statement. Also, you can speak with one of our three program leaders at your convenience: President Gary Portnoy, Executive Vice President Steve Kafitz, and Treasurer Ron Less.

Keeping the Spirit Alive on April 30, 2017

JFS and JFCS are sponsoring a conference on dementia with keynote speakers Deb Grossfield and Marc Grossfield and other breakout sessions led by local experts. This free conference will assist caregivers and those supporting a loved one with dementia. Call JFS at 651-698-0767 to register for Sunday conference at Adath running from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm.

Adult Education

Changing the Narrative: From Hate to Love

In the wake of dozens and dozens of repeated bomb threats to JCCs and Jewish schools around the country, the last few months have been a time of increasing fear and rising sense of insecurity for many in the Jewish community. In my 20s, I did a lot of traveling around Europe, and on all of my various trips, my grandma would always warn me not to tell people that I was Jewish. I was quick to dismiss her concern as that of an older person who had been around for one of the darkest periods of hate and anti-Semitism in Jewish history. For me, that anti-Semitism was never real. It's something that existed generations ago. It's something that belonged to a different place and time. It's something that perhaps was located in handfuls of individuals but never individuals with the ability to touch my life.

That's changed. As some hate-filled caller or group of callers continues to flip through a rolodex, one by one targeting Jewish communities with threats of violence, as Jewish cemeteries are desecrated and gravestones knocked over, we seem to be living in a new time. This is a time in which it is no longer unthinkable that our local JCCs and day schools will receive bomb threats but in fact, it seems inevitable. This is a time in which some JCCs have been evacuated not once, not twice, but three times because living under the daily threat of these hate calls is part of the new normal.

In the face of these anonymous phone calls which are successfully terrorizing our communities and shaking many of us from a comfort just months ago we took for granted, it is difficult to not feel powerless. As Pesach quickly approaches, my mind turns to the story of our Exodus from Egypt. I imagine the Israelites, as they endured 400 years of slavery at the hands of the Egyptians, also felt powerless. They were oppressed because they were different, because they were the other. The Egyptians feared their growth and their success and so they sought to make them small by physically and emotionally breaking them down.

What could they do to protect themselves with Pharaoh intent on destroying them? They did the only thing they could. They helped each other, they saw the humanity in one another when even others sought to dehumanize them. Our Torah preserves the stories of these acts of kindness, in which individuals took risks for the sake of the other. We have the story of Pharaoh's daughter seeing a Jewish baby in need and adopting him as her own. We have the stories of the midwives, who in direct defiance to Pharaoh's orders, allow the male children to live, refusing to be a part of Pharaoh's campaign of hate. We have the story of Moshe, who seeing an Egyptian oppress an Israelite, intervenes refusing to be a party to that act of oppression.

There are many things in this world we cannot control. But, we can control how we are to each other and to those around us. The past few months have brought not only fear but also hope. We've seen communities standing up for each other, lending their resources, physical, emotional, and financial to those who have been targeted by hatred. After the recent mosque burning in Tampa there was an outpouring of donations to help them rebuild, just as after the recent vandalizing of the Jewish cemetery in St. Louis, the Muslim community raised \$130,000 in donations toward reparations. At both the Minneapolis and St. Paul JCCs, during their respective evacuations, there were stories of teachers doing whatever they could to protect their students, wrapping children in their own coats as they did an amazing job keep them calm and occupied. And, parents responded with great kindness and generosity to these teachers. For days after, there were donuts and cookies in the staff lounge, just small tokens of a gratitude that far exceed baked goods.

There are many things we cannot control in this world. But, we can control how we are to each other. It's okay to be afraid; it's normal to be afraid. But, our story doesn't end in fear. We will be kind, we will be loving, we will be generous. We will come together to support each other, both within the Jewish community as well as standing with other communities that find themselves the targets of hatred and prejudice. In the words of my friend and colleague Rabbi Adina Allen, "This moment is about heartbreak, yes, but we get to write our own narrative. ...all of us who so choose — can write a new narrative — one of connection, solidarity, and love." Pesach is about telling our story but it all depends on how we tell our story. We get to frame the events in our lives; we get to choose where we focus our energy. May we change the story, from one of hate to one of hope, from one of fear to one of love.



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Youth Education



Joshua Fineblum, CJE

Cantor/Educator

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Throughout the year we have an abundance of distinctly different types of Jewish music and songs. Whether it be on Shabbat, holidays or other times we wish to celebrate, there is always a song or tune for the occasion. We have celebrated so much here at Temple of Aaron in 5777 and April will continue that pattern as we celebrate the holiday of pesach.

Pesach is quite different than others on our calendar as we celebrate our freedom from slavery. We as individuals and families enjoy each other together at the synagogue

during services and also have the opportunity to be part of a seder in our own homes or with friends and family in their homes.

On that first night of Pesach we get to use whichever Haggadah we chose. We have the option to add songs from many different genre to our own Seder. We decide how to bring relevant and modern discussion to our tables. We have the chance to have everyone from young to old participate in this family and friends Jewish home experience.

Growing up, I remember adding something every year to our Haggadah for Pesach. I remember in the early 80s that we would always add the children's tunes, such as the Frog Song and Bang, Bang, Bang into the Seder even though they weren't in the Haggadah. Since then, the cute songs have become a

way for younger children to get involved in the seder besides reading the four questions. I recall my great-grandmother and grandfathers doing things in Yiddish including chad gad ya. Having all of those voices heard around the table created wonderful memories for me.

In later years my family put together their own haggadah keeping the old and adding the new. We added songs from the national musical group, Safam. These songs talked about hoping for peace in our time and how we have overcome adversity to get where we are today. We added songs from The Prince of Egypt and even Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. We also added discussions and modern interpretations for parts of the seder to get people to think about the many ways we are still slaves today.

The Seder ceremony is such an amazing opportunity for people to break free and create new traditions a more meaningful experience for all. It is my hope that you will think about how you can broaden what you do to make it more meaningful for those who attend. By adding a song, poem, or focused discussion, you can make this Seder unique to our times and to those who attend while striving to add meaning and connection to the exodus from Egypt all those years ago.

Contact me at any time for specific suggestions if you wish to update your Seder style this coming year while still keeping your family traditions alive.

Chag sameach!

April Education Calendar

- 1-12 Spring Break
- 10-18 Passover
 - 10 First Seder
 - 11 ToA Community 2nd Seder
 - 15 School Resumes
 - 16 Sunday School
 - 23 Yom Hashoah

For Our Youth

CASINO NIGHT

Calling all adults for a night of fun as we raise money for our youth.

\$18 per person
(Including Live Entertainment, Games, Door Prizes, Drinks, Appetizers)

April 26, 2017
6:30 pm

**Bring extra money for live auction of Vikings Tickets and more!

Questions? 651-698-8874 ext 115

ToA Family Kallah 2017 Sign-Up May 12-14, 2017

Families with children birth-2nd grade and young couples are invited to join us for an amazing weekend away.

** Babysitting and fun activities for kids, Adult only programming, All-inclusive stay at the Perlstein Center, Sunday optional programming in the Wisconsin Dells!

We will begin at 1 pm on Friday. Late arrival up until 6 pm before Shabbat. (Optional programming past brunch on Sunday) Questions? Contact Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum joshuafineblum@templeofaaron.org or 651-698-8874 ext 115

April Youth Events:

April 15: USY Program TBD

April 19: USY Make Your Own Pizza (Carbo Load)

April 20-23: EMTZA Region Spring Kallah (Ogden, IA)

April 26: USY Ta'am L'chaim—Taste of Life Featuring Shlichah Eden Kohali

April 30: Kadima Program with BJUSY (6th-8th grade)

Youth Happenings

The calendar continues to turn the corner, whether we're ready for it or not. Well, ready or not, it's almost Passover! And along with Passover comes one of my favorite traditions, the search for chametz (leavened products), or as I like to call it, the Jewish Spring Cleaning! The house got cleaned, and we in a sense, cleansed ourselves for the upcoming holiday. My favorite holiday of them all.

Each year, weeks before Passover, we turn over our entire houses searching for chametz. I always find it fascinating how some Jews who don't keep a lick of Kosher during the year, will turn Uber-Jew when it comes to cleaning for Passover. I wonder what it is about this holiday and tradition that makes people bring out their Jewishness. Mostly because I had a similar upbringing. My family did not keep separate dishes, or even limit ourselves to only Kosher meat, however when Passover came around, the bread, crackers, and cookies all took a back shelf and were "sold off" to our Rabbi.

As we finish up cleaning our houses and sell off all our chametz, I think about all the times during the calendar year where we have the opportunity to find meaning in being Jewish. If you do not usually keep the traditions of Passover, give it a try. Maybe start with laying off of just "bread" or even cookies, but try.

As we all sit down at our Seder tables this year, I want to wish you all a Chag Pesach Sameach!



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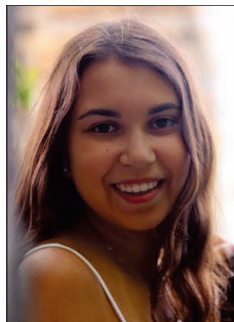
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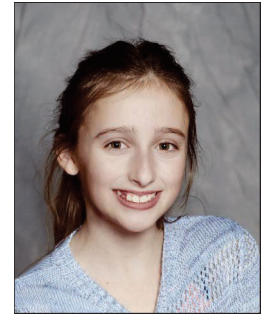
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2017 Today!
May 12-14
JCC Camp Chi—Lake Delton, WI
Contact Adam Bender for Application
and more information!**

Youth Department Play Reflections from Cast Members

My name is Rachel Bloom. I have participated in the USY plays for six years. Sadly, my days of performing at ToA have come to an end. My experience started back in seventh grade when I auditioned for *All Shook Up*. I really didn't know what to expect. The only reason I auditioned was because my friends were doing it. I had no idea what I had just gotten myself into. There were many long and tiring nights, but it was well worth it. The friendships I built were not only with my grade, but the entire youth department in TUSY was absolutely amazing. As the years went by, my friendships would grow stronger with each individual, and some more than I ever thought possible. Little did I know that I would go from being in the chorus with no lines, to being the lead of the show. My experience participating in these plays has been absolutely incredible and I would go back and do them all again if I could. So anyone who is unsure about joining the play, my advice to you is 100 percent get involved and try out, I promise you won't regret it! — **Rachel Bloom, Senior** (*All Shook Up*, *Hairspray*, *Peter Pan*, *Legally Blonde*, *Aladdin Jr.*, and *Grease*)

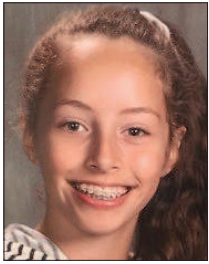


My first ToA play ever was amazing! Let me just start off by saying how lucky I was to join the play one year earlier, because if I hadn't then I wouldn't have made such good friends. My favorite memory would have to be our Thursday night rehearsals because it would be a small group of us and we just had tons and tons of fun together. Another great time was when we went to the costume shop and we got our costumes which were way too big for me. Finally, I just want to say that it was a great experience. I'm sad that the same cast will not be doing it again next year but new people will come and it will be great. I can't wait for the next plays leading up to my senior year. Thank you all for the amazing experience. — **Gabriela Kotovsky, 6th Grader** (*Grease*)



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Play such a meaningful and impactful experience for our Youth!

Destination Shabbat



Sarah Zuckerman, daughter of **Deborah and Steven Zuckerman**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Sarah is in the seventh grade at Friendly Hills Middle School, where she participates in gymnastics and tennis. She also enjoys cooking, hanging out with friends, and playing with her dog, Rosie.

Sarah has designated the Animal Humane Society of Minnesota, and Wags & Whiskers Animal Rescue of Minnesota, for her tzedaka contribution.

Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Sarah's parents, **Deborah and Steven Zuckerman**.



Samuel Isaac Zien, son of **Terry & Chaya Zien**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Samuel is in the seventh grade at Friendly Hills Middle School, where he participates in Future Cities and choir. He also enjoys Boy Scouts, Camp Butwin, computer programming, and gaming. Sam also enjoyed being part of the technical crew for the USY play this year.

Sam is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Sam has designated the Humane Society of St. Paul for his tzedaka contribution.

Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Sam's parents, **Terry & Chaya Zien**.

Vision Series: *In God's Image - Inclusion in Jewish Tradition*

Final speakers in our series on *Inclusion in Judaism!*

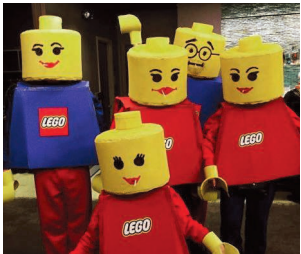
Saturday, April 8

Phil Oxman and Harvey Zuckman, one of the very first same-sex couples married in Minnesota, *From Condemnation to Inclusion: The Personal Perspective of Two Jewish Gay Men*



...and More

ToA Purim Fun



Service Schedule

Friday Night Services

April 7—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
 April 14—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
 April 21—8:00pm in Leifman Chapel
 Sarah Zuckerman Bat Mitzvah
 April 28—8:00pm in Leifman Chapel
 Sam Zien Bar Mitzvah

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services

begin at 9:00am in Main Sanctuary

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

Passover Service Schedule

Monday, April 10th—7:30am

Minyan Service for First Born
 Passover Breakfast sponsored by Marcia & Herbert Bernick Endowment in honor of children & grandchildren

Tuesday, April 11th—7:30am

Services
 Kiddush sponsored by David A. Berg Family Endowment

Wednesday, April 12th—7:30am

Services
 Matzah Brei breakfast sponsored by Bessie & Morris Mayeron Endowment

Monday, April 17th—7:30am

Services
 Kiddush sponsored by David A. Berg Family Endowment

Tuesday, April 18th—9:00am

Services—Yizkor Recited
 Kiddush sponsored by David A. Berg Family Endowment

Shabbat Morning Features

Traditional Shabbat—April 1

Sermon by Rabbi Avi Strausberg

Visions Speakers

Phil Oxman & Harvey Zuckman—April 8

Phil and Harvey were one of the first same-sex couples to be married in MN.

Pesach Shabbat—April 15

Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine

Sarah Zuckerman Bat Mitzvah—April 22

Sermon by Rabbi Avi Strausberg

Sam Zien Bar Mitzvah—April 29

Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine

Israel Committee



My Birthday In Israel

When it comes to my birthday I am a bit of a pacifist.

On December 22, while traveling with the Temple of Aaron TAXY trip to Israel I turned 41. I didn't really know, before the trip, if I was going to make a big thing of it. As my wife Alisha says, "You're so weird about these things..." Perhaps I'm this way because I am the youngest of four children and my family never made a big deal about birthdays.

I never came to expect much, so I figured if some of my travel companions privately wished me a happy birthday on Facebook that would suffice!

I overslept the morning of my birthday in Tiberias. I was still jet lagged and had to scramble to get packed and downstairs in time. Anyone who knows me knows that punctuality isn't one of my virtues. David, our tour guide, was very generous in helping me with my bags while I grabbed some coffee and breakfast on the go (which was difficult because Israeli breakfasts are monumental). In that moment I had forgotten it was my birthday, and became panicked in making the others wait and what those repercussions would be.

I came running around to the bus expecting a scolding for being late, but instead I was greeted with "Yom Huledet Sameach!" (Happy Birthday sung in Hebrew). I was a deer in headlights! I had never had a "surprise birthday party"; this would have passed for one! That was a highlight not only for the trip, but my life.

Just twelve years ago I was a single man new to the Twin Cities experiencing a very lonely and despondent 29th birthday. I didn't know anyone, nor did I have a Jewish community. It was awe inspiring to see that contrast; not only in Israel but with people with whom I feel a deep connection. Most of these folks have known each other over their lifetime or with a connection of going to school together. Even without the wonderful birthday greeting, I feel like I share that same connection with this group. I know I wasn't the only one to feel this deep sense of connection.

Throughout our time in Israel we recognized the stark contrast between our trip and other social pilgrimages such as USY and birthright. A common theme was that even if group connections were strong on those trips the fact of the matter is people disperse. What an incredible gift it is – not only for the birthday boy – but for everyone to share this experience knowing that our children will grow up together and we will grow old together at Temple of Aaron!

It was pretty incredible! And it was made possible by you. Yasher Koach! Toda Raba.

– by Jesse Simon



Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

Gift Shop – SALE – April 1-May 14 – 20% off all merchandise, except books (10% off), no discount on parchment. Variety of new items in stock. Free gift if you spend \$25 or more. Support Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron by purchasing your Judaica items from Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. Now available: Items from Shira, Demdaco (fusion glass), Source 4 Judaica (mahjongg), Aram, Jillbeads, beaded kippot by Wanda and more. A variety of books for children, young adults and adults; Gift cards and registries for all life cycle events available. Contact the Gift Shop directly: 651-699-9192. Hours: Sun., 9am–noon; Tues., 10am–1pm; Wed., 10am–1pm and 6–8pm, or by appointment – call Chair Marcia Taple (651-688-3030).

Shavuot Farmers' Market – May 30, 2017 – to help out or to donate baked goods, contact Barb Pogoler (651-699-9525 or abpogoler@msn.com) or SaDee Soderlind (612-802-0642 or sadee4real@yahoo.com).

Book Club is back!! – meeting on a Sunday morning in late April at Temple. Read "Esther" by Rebecca Kanner, available in paperback. Questions, contact Barb Pogoler (651-699-9525 or abpogoler@msn.com).

Sisterhood Knits - Thursday April 6 at 6:30pm in Smith Library. Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or suziemgonzalez@comcast.net) or Susan Tervola (susantervola@templeofaaron.org). All levels welcome – knit or crochet and bring your own needles/yarn.

Building Fund Cards – Pick up the phone and show someone you care by sending one of these lovely cards for any occasion. All funds raised go directly to benefit our beautiful building. To purchase our cards, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner (651-454-8336). For billing questions, contact Sue Schwartz (651-451-2188 or jasch924@aol.com).

Mahjongg – Sunday, April 2 and April 30 at 1pm in Smith library. All levels welcome. RSVP/ Questions, contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net).

Spring Fling - IntraContinental Women's League for Conservative Judaism Conference – May 6-9, 2017, Airport Hilton, Bloomington, MN. Hosted by Temple of Aaron Sisterhood – all members encouraged to attend. Registration forms now available – deadline April 15. Theme: "Open Your Eyes ..." To register or have questions - contact Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or mtable@comcast.net) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340 or ettalambright@gmail.com). Bring your old eye glasses/readers to the Gift Shop or the Conference to donate to Lions Club International. Speaker/Entertainer Highlights: State Senator Sandra Pappas, Secretary of State Steve Simon, genetic counselor Shari Baldinger, Beth El Cantor Audrey Abrams (accompanied by our own Tom Bartsch on piano), Rap with Rabbi Fine, Torah Study with Rabbi Strausberg, services conducted by Cantor Josh Fineblum, author Rebecca Kanner, Moran Birman (Consul for Public Diplomacy from the Office of Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest), a craft project and more!

Kamish Rolls & Mandel Bread - Available after Passover for purchase in the Gift Shop or in the Temple kitchen. Kamish Rolls - \$12 each; Mandel Bread - \$11/bag.

Third Annual Plant Sale – Sun., May 21, 10am–2pm, Temple of Aaron parking lot. Save the date – watch for more details.

Closing Program – May 25, Cabaret program. Save the date.

Social Justice Committee

Community Conversation: Immigration & Refugees Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm

Temple of Aaron's Social Justice committee will host a community conversation about whether the United States is a welcoming country for immigrants and refugees. We will have speakers from Jewish and Islamic organizations. We will begin with a study of Jewish teachings. Join us at Temple of Aaron for this important conversation.



Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)
February/March 2017 Shevat/Adar 5777

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TEMPLE OF AARON PESACH GUIDE 2017/5777

KOSHER FOODS FOR PESACH, PERMITTED FOODS FOR PESACH:

DO NOT REQUIRE Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased PRIOR to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives. (General Foods coffees are NOT kosher for Pesach unless marked KP), sugar, pure tea, non iodized salt, pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen raw vegetables, milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), Muenster (semisoft), and Camembert

(soft), frozen raw fruit with no additives, baking soda. Canned Tuna Fish in water (not vegetable broth).

DO NOT REQUIRE Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased BEFORE or DURING Pesach: Fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

REQUIRE a Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased BEFORE or DURING Pesach: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned

or bottled juices, canned tuna in vegetable broth or oil, wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda.

REQUIRE a Kosher l'Pesach label if purchased DURING Pesach: Processed Foods: (canned, bottled, or frozen foods), milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, fish and foods listed in the preceding paragraph.

KOSHER L'PESACH LABELS:

Caveat emptor, "Let the buyer beware," especially during Pesach! The most important thing to remember when buying food for Passover is to read all labels with care. Although a product may or may not have a statement reading kosher l'Pesach, it cannot be relied upon without some official trademark indicating rabbinic supervision. The most

common symbol is the OU, the circled-U symbol found on the labels of many commercial and consumer food products. If the product is kosher l'Pesach the OU will be accompanied by a "P" signifying Passover, or the statement "kosher l'Pesach." A "K" or "KP" is not a copyrighted symbol and therefore is not a reliable symbol for the kashrut status of foods. The label should

be a part of the product label, not just a sticker on the product.

Most rabbis who are involved with the supervision of kosher foods have their own symbol which is placed on the label of various food products. If you are not familiar with a particular symbol, please feel comfortable consulting with Rabbi Fine or Rabbi Strausberg for advice.

PREPARING THE HOUSE FOR PESACH:

During the festival of Pesach we are obligated to be very zealous in the preparation of our homes for the holiday. It is best to clean the rest of the house before one cleans the kitchen. Most of the house just needs a good cleaning. Family members should stop eating in rooms other than the kitchen/dining room. Closets and drawers should be examined and all food removed. Don't forget to check backpacks, camping equipment, cars and boats for stray food. Try and use up all non-Passover food prior to the holiday. Vacuum under furniture and even remove the cushions from upholstered chairs and sofas. You may as well get rid of all that food at the office as well. Food that has fallen into cracks and crevices does not need to be removed if not easy to reach. Children can participate in the process by cleaning their own rooms and searching for crumbs, and any residue of Hametz.

The next step in koshering a home for Pesach is to attack the kitchen! Begin by taking inventory of all foodstuffs and removing all chametz and all other food inappropriate for use during Pesach. Store this food in a closet or cupboard, or donate it to a food bank. The storage compartment

should be locked or secured to prevent entry during the holiday. This will be sold for the duration of Pesach. You will need to sign the document at the Temple that makes the Rabbi your agent to sell this Hametz on your behalf. Having removed the inappropriate foodstuffs from the kitchen, the remaining cupboards must be cleaned and lined.

Many families have separate sets of dishes, pots, pans, and utensils used only for Pesach. Since these objects have never been in contact with chametz, they require no special preparation prior to their use. Kitchen objects which have been used during the year and have been in contact with chametz require an appropriate kashering process before they are used during Pesach. (Not all objects can be koshered for Pesach - please consult a knowledgeable authority for advice.)

The kashering laws are based upon the principle stated in the Talmud, k'volokach polto, "As the vessel absorbs so does it rid itself of what is absorbed." (*Pesachim* 30a) Utensils used for broiling must be koshered by heating over an open fire, objects used for cooking are koshered by immersion in

boiling water, and utensils used only for cold food may be koshered by rinsing. The four methods used for koshering utensils are:

1. **Hagalah**-immersion in boiling water
2. **Libun**-fire
3. **Iru**-pouring water over a surface
4. **Milui v'irui**-soaking in cold water

Do not go overboard buying things for Pesach. Unless you are making Seder for 40 people, just some simple kitchen implements are all that should be needed. Many people use paper and throw-away items for the week to keep it simple.

Then onto the rest of the kitchen: stove, countertops, oven, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, sinks, and all other objects which have had contact with chametz must be thoroughly cleansed and koshered for Pesach. Those objects which cannot be purged of their chametz, (formica on kitchen countertops, for example) and are a necessity during Pesach, are covered with a secondary material.

With the kitchen purged of chametz, the kosher l'Pesach dishes and utensils are placed in their cupboards and the kitchen is ready for Pesach.

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

April 2017
Nisan - Iyar 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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16 9:00am Minyan 9:00am Sunday School Passover Day 6	17 Business Office Closed 7:30am Services - Passover Day 7 6:00pm Minyan Passover Day 7	18 Business Office Closed 9:00am Services w/Yizkor - Passover Day 8 6:00pm Minyan Passover Day 8	19 4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone USY - Make Your Own Pizza 6:00pm Minyan	20 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	21 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Services - Sarah Zuckerman Bat Mitzvah USY Spring Kallah Candle Lighting 7:48 pm	22 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services - Sarah Zuckerman Bat Mitzvah 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Back to Basics Class — Last Class USY Spring Kallah
23 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School USY Spring Kallah	24 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan Yom HaShoah	25 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	26 4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone USY - AIPAC Program 6:00pm Minyan	27 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	28 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Services - Sam Zien Bar Mitzvah Candle Lighting 7:45 pm	29 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services - Sam Zien Bar Mitzvah 9:00am Shabbat School
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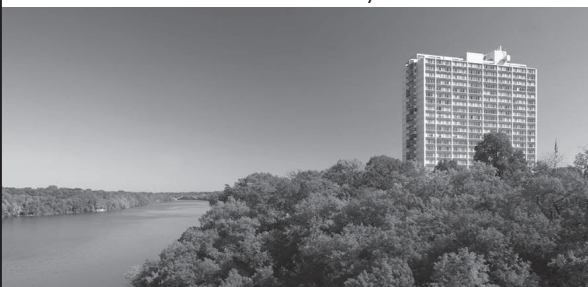
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