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Co-Chairs Lisa Perlman & Kristi Bader  
Invite You to Temple of Aaron's

## Annual Fundraiser

Featuring Josh Radnor  
Star of CBS TV hit show "How I Met Your Mother"

**August**  
24th 2017

VIP Reception 6:00 pm

Program 7:00 pm

Dessert Reception 8:30 pm

### Josh Radnor

Temple of Aaron is excited to welcome actor and director Josh Radnor to St. Paul. As the star of the hit CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," Radnor continued to be a Jewish role model. He will share behind-the-scenes stories from the Emmy Award-winning TV show and share his new interests as an actor on Broadway as well as a producer and screenwriter. A passionate supporter of Israel, Radnor will also participate in a thoughtful discussion of how Hollywood shapes American and Jewish cultures.

### Hats Off to 65 Years of USY

Temple of Aaron has the distinguished pleasure of being the first location for USY. Since 1952, TUSY has set the groundwork for one of the most transformative Jewish groups over the past hundred years.

The memories and friendships built during these formative years are everlasting. Our USYers have gone on to be leaders inside the synagogue as our synagogue presidents, parents in our religious and Hebrew schools and incredibly connected individuals in the community. August 24th will be a poignant moment in Temple of Aaron's history to look back and celebrate these amazing 65 years of USY.

### Tickets

General Admission: \$50 Reserved: \$125 VIP: Contact Ken Agranoff

Tickets available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)  
or email/call [KenAgranoff@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:KenAgranoff@TempleofAaron.org)  
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# From the Rabbi



## Rabbi Jeremy Fine

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## How I Met USY

I will never forget my first USY election. I had been freshman representative and now running for Membership/Kadima Vice President. Elections were held in the sanctuary of my synagogue for all 20 of us. I lost to one of my closest friends. It was disappointing but nonetheless I moved forward. The next year I was president and then on Regional board. I was an active USYer, mostly regionally, and used USY as a way to go out of town for a weekend and meet new people. My best friend and I, as we moved up the ranks, bonded through these weekends and because of it he served as the Best Man at my wedding.

USY has been a vital part of the Conservative Movement ever since it was created — right here at Temple of Aaron. Rabbi Bernard Raskas and other Minnesota Rabbis found it so important to see our teens connected and engaged through our youth group. TUSY (Temple of Aaron USY) has thrived ever since.

On August 24 at our Annual Fundraiser, we are honoring the 65 years of TUSY by highlighting our USYers through the years. Many of our past presidents will be there as we welcome “How I Met Your Mother” star Josh Radnor. Radnor himself was an active Jewish teen and has contributed to the Jewish community recently through writings and speaking engagements. The story of the hilarious #1 television show was about Radnor’s character, Ted Mosby, finding that perfect mate. Oddly enough that is how many saw USY — a chance to meet their beshert.

While I never found love in USY, I did find much of my Judaism. I remember one winter CHUSY (Chicago USY) met up with EMTZA USY for a Shabbaton at Camp Beber. Little did we know years later that Tracey (Warren) Truesdell and I would still be together at Temple of Aaron. Who knows maybe she was recruiting me back then?!

I hope everyone can join us on August 24 for our Annual Fundraiser. A big “thank you” to our co-chairs Kristi Bader and Lisa Perlman, who tackled this event from the minute I pitched it to them. I have loved working with them and I know the evening will be special. Another special “thank you” to Carl Birnberg for suggesting we hold this year’s event in the summer, allowing our snowbirds to attend. Looking forward to another amazing year together and continuing the legacy of watching TUSY thrive!

See you in Shul!  
Rabbi Fine



*Rabbi Fine and Tracey Truesdell at USY convention together in 2000.*

Come Meet Our  
Director of Youth and  
Family Programming:  
**Jorie Bernhardt**



Join us for an Ice Cream  
Meet and Greet!  
Thursday, August 17th  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Questions?  
Contact Main Office

**Save the Date**  
**Community**  
**Selichot 5778**  
***Spiritually prepare***  
***yourself for the***  
***Holy Days!***  
**Saturday,**  
**Sept. 16, 2017**  
**7:00 pm**  
***Hosted by***  
**Temple of Aaron**  
**with Adath Jeshurun**  
**& Temple Israel**  
**Look for More Details!**

# Adult Education

## Summer Speaker Series: Where Do You Give of Yourself!

In the summer, we love turning to you to hear your stories and to get to know our congregation better. Giving, whether through time, money, energy, is such an important part of Judaism and many of us express what's most important to us through the way that we give. This summer, we turn to you to ask the question, "Where do you give and why?" Get to know your community better, support your friends, and leave inspired.



### Get Your Shofar On!

Join us for a special pre-Rosh Hashana Shofar Blowing Class on Sunday, September 17 at 10am with our resident expert and Shofar Blower, Erin Baldinger! If you've always wondered how, come and learn in a low-pressure environment.

\$20 for the class includes a brand-new shofar for you to take home; or \$5 if you bring your own!

Please RSVP by September 10 to [danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org) to ensure we order the correct number of shofars.

## Next Week in Jerusalem! Israel Comes Alive for Our Temple of Aaron Tour Group

In just a week's time, 15 of us from the Temple of Aaron will be setting off on a trip to Israel. The group includes: Roxanne and Gary Portnoy, Gary's brother Neil and sister-in-law Sharon Portnoy, Bob and Barbara Weinstine, Cheryl, George, Manny, Elias, and Ellie Bier, Terry and Chaya Zien, Susan Gonzalez, and Sue Rosner. We'll land in the seaside city of Tel Aviv, at once a mix of old and new as the ancient port of city of Jaffa collides with high-tech and fancy glass, multi-story malls. We'll continue up North to the artist colony of Tzfat where we'll revel in a city painted in turquoise, its walls and prayer spaces, its markets and stones. We'll raft down the Jordan River and visit an Ethiopian Culture center, learning about the Ethiopian exodus to Israel and how they made their way. And, ultimately we'll end in Jerusalem, where we'll spend four days together as we visit the Western Wall, climb the heights of Mount Masada, and delight in the saltiness of the Dead Sea, all while Bat Mitzvah-ing two of our members in a special ceremony at Robinson's Arch.

Israel is a place whose stones are filled with history, so many stories and voices, perspectives and memories, calling out waiting to be heard. In preparation for this trip, I've been immersing myself in these voices, reading book after a book on Israel, trying to get a better sense of its depth and history. I've read *Like Dreamers* by Yossi Klein HaLevi, which documents the different paths of the paratroopers of the 55th Brigade, one of the units credited with the capture of Jerusalem in '67. Through the stories of these men, from kibbutzniks to secularists to religious Zionists, we see expressed a complicated love for Israel that spreads the political spectrum, including a deep range of opinions. I turned to Danny Gordis' book *Israel: A Concise History* (which incidentally is not so concise), which attempts to present a balanced picture of Israel's history, following the developing of the State from the early inklings of Modern Zionism in the late 19th century to the rising tensions in the '20s and '30s to the formation of the State and the successive wars of security and borders in the latter half of the 20th century.

What struck me in all of my reading is that the history of Israel, the many different perspectives and narratives, is as complex as our relationship to Torah. Just as the rabbis taught that the Torah was given with 70 faces in 70 languages, so too Israel has 70 faces, a different face, a different narrative for each person who lives there. Just as with Torah, we seek out new perspectives and meanings, so too with Israel, I hope that we can continue learning and listening about Israel with an open heart and mind. In doing so, we will learn and grow, clarifying our own perspectives and better understanding those of another.

Next week in Jerusalem!



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# Youth Education



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We have many amazing ways to be a part of our wonderful Temple of Aaron community. There is an entry point for each member throughout the year. Some members participate in adult education classes, some engage in family programming, some attend daily services, some take part in Sisterhood programming, some invest time pursuing social action events, some attend our annual fundraiser, and many take part in family life cycle events. We are grateful to those who enjoy Shabbat and holidays with us and have strengthened our community. Other members elect to participate in Temple of Aaron through our school's educational and social programs.

I love seeing people walk through our building and becoming an active part of our community. My favorite time is seeing members doing things around the building, whether leading a program or service, planting a garden, volunteering in the gift shop, helping a tour group, serving on a committee to

create programs, or helping behind the scenes. It is wonderful to have members involved in what we do each day for our total membership.

The end of summer is approaching and we have begun thinking about the new Jewish Year (5778). This is the perfect time to acknowledge a very small group of individuals who have helped us throughout 5777 with their consistent weekly commitment to reading Torah and leading services. Temple of Aaron has remained vital because members step to volunteer and add value. We are doubly grateful when members with special religious skills step forward to assist the entire membership.

July 2015 marked the move to St Paul by Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Chana Kupetz and their son Ori. The entire family has been a strong addition to our community. With little fanfare, Chana has regularly displayed superlative Torah, Haftarah, and Megillah reading skills. She has been a wonderful addition to our Shabbat and holiday reading crew and we will be awarding her the prestigious Golden Kephah this Fall.

It is the ideal time to acknowledge Jay Baldinger and Alisha Simon for their continuing commitment to read Torah monthly. It is great to have a newcomer like Chana and it is very reassuring for clergy to have regular readers over the years. Jay and Alisha have served as part of the foundation for our technically proficient readers and we look forward to their participation in the years to come.

Temple of Aaron is blessed to have some dedicated people who have joined me in leading services on a consistent basis this past year. We have had members step up and lead both on Shabbat and during weekday services. Thank you to David Baldinger, Mark Divine, Erin Baldinger, Alan Divine, Jay Baldinger, and Emery Sher. It is wonderful having people like you in the congregation who are service leaders on the bema.

Over the past few years we have been honored to have our current ToA President Gary Portnoy help with spiritual aspects of the congregation. Not only does he lead ashrei when asked on Shabbat, but he has been at the helm for leading our Sunday minyan. He has been an important leader in many ways and I look forward to seeing what will be next in his repertoire strengthening Temple of Aaron.

It is my honor to thank all of our service leaders and service participants. I look forward to seeing more people participate in the year to come. You will feel a great sense of pride while developing and refining special skills. If you are interested in reading Torah or Haftarah, please let me know.

There is a great opportunity for some people to join our High Holyday Choir for 5778, led by Tom Bartsch. Practices for the choir begin in late August so please email me today and let's explore how you can display your enjoyment for music when our entire community gathers for the High Holydays!

## **Temple of Aaron School Starting Dates:**

### **September 10**

For Birth-12th grades

9:00 am: School Assembly

9:30 am: Modified Classes

10:30 am: Make your own

Pizza/Tashlich All-School

Family Program!

### **September 13**

First Wednesday for

2nd-7th and

TiKone USY (8th-12th)

### **September 16**

First Shabbat School for

Toddler-4th grade

**It's Not Too Late:  
Register Today  
for  
2017-2018**

Remember to register your children for next year to get tuition discounts. Encourage friends and non-members to try our school and receive one month **FREE** tuition (restrictions apply)

Sign up here:

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

Questions: Susie Haim  
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## 2017-2018 School Advancements:

1. 2nd to 4th grades are moving to Shabbat morning this year.
2. 2nd to 7th grades will have Hebrew study on Wednesday afternoons.
3. All Birth to 4th grade families are encouraged to be part of education for adults and children on Shabbat!
4. Shabbat Schmooze with clergy from 9:00 am to 9:15 am before we begin services and programming.

# Youth Happenings

## New Beginning

After a month of traveling and a move from Michigan to Minnesota, I am looking forward to calling St. Paul my new home and joining the Temple of Aaron staff as Director of Youth and Family Programs! Aaron and I have been so lucky to have been part of Jewish communities in Chicago and Ann Arbor and now we have the chance to be a part of the Twin Cities Jewish community as well.

I am excited to meet our community members and to get ready for a great school, youth department and programming year. It will be wonderful to be part of the Twin Cities greater Jewish community and I am ready to learn what all of the Jewish organizations in town do. I am also eager to share my years of education programming experience and love of Judaism with the Temple of Aaron community!

I can't wait to meet you all at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 17, at 5:00 p.m.!

See you there!

Jorie



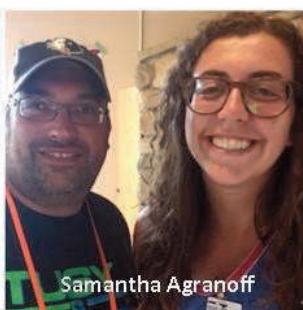
**Jorie Bernhardt**  
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Ruby Lipschultz and Ilana Blyakher



Ean Katz



Samantha Agranoff



Natalie Baldinger



Sara Hoffman and Rachel Lowenthal



Leah Guralnik and Jordan Rutzick



Lilly Axelrod, Noa Rutzick, and Rachel Bloom



Marissa and Lauren Goldberger

**Cantor Joshua Fineblum has a meaningful day at Herzl Camp seeing our students and former students. His day included leading a staff session about how to bring meaning to tefillah at camp and had some time with our campers throughout the day! He can't wait to see what Camp Butwin will be like this month.**

# Destination Shabbat

## Summer Shabbat Speaker Series Concludes

*Allie Markman Divine will be our sixth and final speaker August 5, 2017. She will share reflections on volunteering time to impact her community. Allie will share her motivations and the ability to translate those into action and feel great pride in seeing the results strengthen our community. Join us August 5 for services, hear her meaningful words and stay for a relaxing lunch.*

Join Us For A Picnic in the Park & Play Softball  
with TUSY, Parents, and Men's Club!

Saturday, August 19th  
At: Hillcrest Park at 12:00 pm

RSVP to the Main  
Office by Wednesday,  
August 16!

## Join ToA Adult Choir for High Holydays 5778

Cantor Joshua Fineblum and Choir Director Tom Bartsch are looking for members to join Temple of Aaron's Adult Choir.

The choir, led by Tom Bartsch, enhances High Holyday services. Contact Cantor Joshua Fineblum to be a part of this fun and exciting group of singers. *No auditions required to be a part of this group.*



## Service Schedule

### Friday Night Services

Aug. 4—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Aug. 11—6:30 in Leifman Chapel  
Aug. 18—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Aug. 25—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel

## Shabbat Morning Features

**August 5—Summer Speaker: Allie Divine**  
Member *Allie Divine* will speak during services about her volunteer service to the Jewish Community.

**August 12—Traditional Shabbat**  
Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine

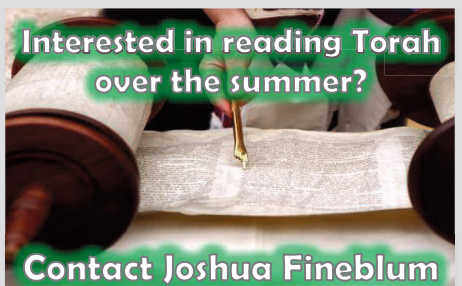
**August 19—Traditional Shabbat**  
Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine

**August 26—Traditional Shabbat**  
Sermon by Rabbi Avi Strausberg

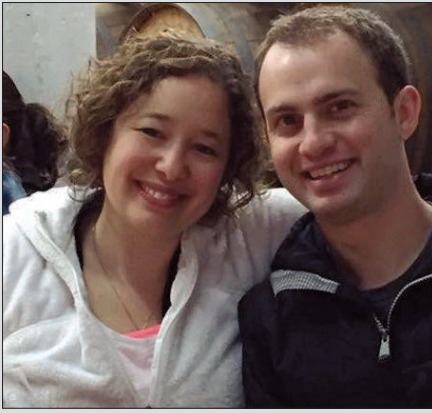
## Shabbat Morning Class Reminder:

*Saturday Morning Learning with Rabbi Strausberg will NOT be held August 5-12.*

*Class will resume on August 19 at 8:15am*



## Meeting an Israeli Family



Tiffany & David Goldman

Did you know that St. Paul has a sister region in Israel? We didn't, nor had we even heard of this region before our trip in December. When Rabbi Fine shared our itinerary with all the fantastic events he had arranged for us, eating dinner with a family from Sovev Kinneret at their home wasn't really what we were excited about. However, it was one part of the trip and would be one of the best experiences we had.

After we had learned about our sister region and the organization that connects us to Israel we met our host and they drove us to their home for dinner. We didn't only learn how to make a new recipe; we got to see what life was like for this family of five living in their community. Their oldest about to enter into the army, their son in middle school studying for his exams, and to our surprise their youngest daughter was obsessed with watching the same YouTube videos our 5-year-old son is also addicted to.

They explained that normally they wouldn't have such a fancy dinner each night, but they rolled out the red carpet for us. As we ate Shashuka the dad explained that he is an engineer in a top-secret warehouse that works on Israel's defense system and designed the Iron Dome. He told us he wasn't allowed to talk about what he was working on now, but if we thought the Iron Dome was impressive, well... I guess we will have to wait and see what technology Israel will come up with next.

The mom is a teaching aid or what she called a second teacher in the classroom for high school special-ed. She didn't go into a lot of detail, but she explained their school system a

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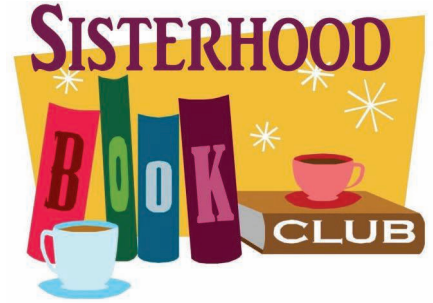
# Group & Committee Voices

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

**Sisterhood members are working hard to plan a fun year of special programs. Watch for a newsletter at the end of the summer.**

**Sisterhood Book Discussion Group** — Sunday, August 27 at 10am at Highland Bakery & Café. Sisterhood members will discuss the book *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Contact coordinator Barb Pogoler at 651-699-9525 or abpogoler@msn.com.

**Mahjongg** — Sunday, August 20 at 1pm in Smith Library. All levels welcome, including beginners. Questions, contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net



**Sisterhood Gift Shop** — Sale Aug. 13-Oct. 1. Shop now for the High Holydays: challah trays, apple & honey plates and pots and more. Items available from Tamara Baskin, Gary Rosenthal, Demdaco (fusion glass), Classic Touch by Tervy, Jill Beads, Mahj items and much more. Gift Registries for weddings and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs always available. Hours: Sun. 9am-Noon; Tues 10am-1pm; Wed 10am-1pm. By appointment call Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030.

**Rosh Hashanah Greetings** — You have until August 5 to wish your Temple of Aaron community a *Shanah Tovah* and get your name in the September *Aaronion*. Contact Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030 to make your \$10 donation.

## Social Justice Committee



Hunger Has No Summer Vacation

TEMPLE OF AARON  
SUMMER FOOD DRIVE



Help our food insecure neighbors this summer with a gift of healthy, multi-cultural groceries!

**Fill a Grocery Bag with non-perishable food items & drop off at Temple outside of Sisterhood Gift Shop.**

**Food In Demand:**

oil, flour, sugar, cereals, coffee, rice, beans, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, sauces, tuna, pasta ...

**Financial Donations:** \$10 will allow Francis Basket to purchase 37 meals.

Send Checks payable to "ToA Sisterhood-Francis Basket" to Harriet Levy at 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan 55122

Sponsored by ToA Social Justice Committee and Sisterhood



# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
June/July 2017 Sivan/Tammuz 5777

Averbach, Rose	Marvy, Bob & Florie	Shimelfarb, Masha & Iosif
Baldinger, Bob	McKee, Lenore	Simon, Jerome & Yetta
Baldinger, Wendy & Steve	Michaels, Noreen	Smookler, Richard & Diane
Beckman, Jerry	Mogol, Marc	Stacker, Howard
Bubar, Anna	Netzman, Steve	Stillman, Tom & Sue
Butwinick, James	Noun, Joan	Strohm, Leslie, Jim, Ezra & Maya
Fridman, Alla	Phillips, Jan & Janet	Trager, C.A.
Godes, Barbara & Steve	Pogoler, Barbara	Udodovsky, Mira
Jerson, Francine & Sid	Rein, Myndel	Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Kaplan, Vicky	Ringer, Sherman & Jan	Vinnik, Val & Ludmila
Kloner, Louise	Schneider, Margie & Bart	Vysotsky Alla & Feliks Gak
Kushnir, Rozaliya	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue	Watchman, Clara
Malmon, Stanley	Shear, Isabelle & Gerald	

... to Sue Rosner for cleaning and repairing the white High Holyday Torah Covers originally donated by Dena & Arnold Frishberg, of blessed memory. We are grateful for Sue's dedication and attention to detail.  
... to Anita Ernst and Burt Katz for adding labels to nearly 1,000 monthly *Aaronions* so we can keep everyone fully informed. You can also go the website and read the electronic Aaronion.  
... to Ken & Tracey Agranoff for sponsoring Sunday morning breakfast in July to honor yahrzeit of Uncle Phil Ravitzky.  
... to everyone who attended the Summer-in-Winter Block Party.

## Prudent Security Needs Your Support

We have provided High Holyday security for decades. As society changed over the past decade, we added security each Sunday morning we offer school classes. Our membership has positively responded to the annual security plea each year. In 2016, experts suggested we add security every Shabbat morning.

Once per year in August we ask for your financial security donations to hire the off-duty officers. We respect the viewpoints of those who believe the added precautions are not needed. We appreciate each member's general support and encourage you to consider the current value of taking security precautions.

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

# Blessings

## AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 69 Fred & Barbara Hirsekorn
- 62 Ronald & Elaine (Sis) Goren
- 62 Sherman & Jan Ringer
- 62 William & Ryvelle Tilsner
- 61 Ronald & Shirley Goldman
- 59 Mikhail & Ruta Fradkin
- 57 David & Ida Valdman
- 56 Paul & Ellen Roitenberg
- 55 Yale & Jean Kanter
- 53 Gary & Susan Bloom
- 51 David & Fern Sanders
- 51 Donald & Janie Rutman
- 50 Marla & Robert Powers
- 40 Stephen & Nancy Lane
- 40 William & Mary Lerman
- 35 Jim & Sandra Liston
- 30 Jim & Judy Berg
- 30 Sol & Sheila Rosenthal
- 5 Stacy & Dan Johnson

נדממו נדממו עמי

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

**Shirley Neren  
Milton Blumenfeld  
Andrew Pogoler**

*Memorial Plaques Have Been Displayed For  
Morris & Bella Schneider*

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



## Tal Dror is St. Paul's New Schlich



Hello Everyone! My name is Tal Dror. I come from Kfar Tavor, a small village next to the Kinneret in Israel. It's a beautiful place with a many open areas and mountains. I graduated from Kadoorie School with a major in art and design. My father is an engineer, and my mother is a nurse. My brother is 29 years old, and my sister is 26. I am 22 and the youngest. I completed my army service last year. I served as an education guide in the Jerusalem area, where I guided activities, tours and meetings with high ranking officers. I spent last summer at Camp Wise in Cleveland as a horseback riding instructor and counselor, and I will return to Camp Wise again this summer. I love horses and have been riding for 12 years. I also enjoy sports, travel, cooking, art, being with friends, and having fun. I'm very excited to meet all of you, and I'm sure it's going to be a great year for all of us!

See you soon! - Tal

## 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 with



-out 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!

# ...and More

## Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Builders Wanted!



Are you looking for something fun and rewarding to do this summer? Join Temple of Aaron members along with nine other St Paul faith-based congregations – “Interfaith Builders” – as we partner with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable homeownership through the building of a new single family home in St Paul.

No building skills required, just a willingness to learn. As an Interfaith Builder, you can volunteer your time and/or money to help construct a new St Paul home for a deserving family. Homeownership helps families invest in their future; Habitat for Humanity builds quality, affordable homes in neighborhoods where there is fair access to jobs, transportation and schools.



**Dates of Build: August 21-September 1, 2017.**

**Time: Monday through Friday, 8:30 -4:00pm.**

**A ONE-DAY COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED.**

\*You must be 16 years and older to participate. No experience required.

Sign up: <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/interfaithbuilders/events>

### Cost to Participate:

A financial donation is appreciated as Temple of Aaron is responsible for raising \$1400 to help offset building expenses. Suggested donation is \$54 (triple Chai) but any amount will be appreciated. *No builder will be turned away.*

Not interested in building but want to support this partnership? **You can make a financial donation as well.** Checks can made to Temple of Aaron with “Habitat for Humanity-Interfaith Builder” written in the memo section; checks can be sent to Brian Zaidman, c/o Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul 55116.

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little more in-depth before we had dessert. It's amazing how Israel has secular schools, religious schools and specialty schools free to everyone. This all comes as a burden to the taxpayers, but it really is amazing the wonderful option the children in Israel have to get a great education.

The whole family was warm and welcoming. We asked them how they felt in terms of being safe and raising a family in Israel and they shared with us their journey as they lived in many countries. Israel felt much safer to them compared to London and several other countries they lived in over the years. We had the same experience as we went to Paris for a few days after our trip and

Israel felt much safer. Being in Israel is magical. It's peaceful and it's a second home. We would like to thank the Swartz Family for generously allowing us to attend this trip. It allowed us to really connect to the land and the people around us. It was not only this family that made this trip one of a kind. It was our Temple of Aaron group. We entered the trip with a handful of "acquaintances" at Temple of Aaron, but we left with memories and friendships. It gave us a sense of pride and encouraged us to participate/lead by example by chairing this year's Purim Carnival. This is both a scary and exciting time for Temple of Aaron and it is our job to help make sure our community is thriving.

Thanks again for this amazing experience.

Tiffany and David Goldman

# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

August 2017  
Av - Elul 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9:00am Tisha B'Av Eicha at Beth Jacob 6:00pm Minyan <b>Tisha B'Av</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class 7:30pm Men's Club Bonfire	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:17pm	<b>5</b> 8:15am <b>NO</b> Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services — Summer Speaker Allie Divine
<b>6</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>7</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 8:07pm	<b>12</b> 8:15am <b>NO</b> Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services
<b>13</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>14</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>17</b> 5:00pm Ice Cream Social 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:56pm	<b>19</b> 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Picnic in the Park & Softball: TUSY vs. Parents Hillcrest Park
<b>20</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>21</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>24</b> 6:00pm ToA Annual Fundraiser VIP 7:00pm Annual Fundraiser	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:44pm	<b>26</b> 8:15am Learning w/Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services
<b>27</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	<b>28</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>30</b> 4:00pm Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Minyan	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website: <b>templeofaaron.org</b></p> </div>	

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