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CALLING ALL FOODIES

activities kids will love
Jelly Belly Kid's Experience

special appearances by
Curious George and
The Berenstain Bears



a family friendly
KOSHER FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday January 29th
11:30-2:30pm

special guest

Food Network's Amy Thielen
speaking and preparing a special one time
only Kosher menu



Credit: amythielen.com

Food and Sampler Vendors

Amy Thielens Kitchen, Aviv Vodka, Barneys Butter, Bogart's Doughnuts, Chabad, Chicago Tailgators, Clif Bar, Heavenly Organics Honey, HeBrew Beer, Herbivorous Butcher, Jelly Belly, Joseph's Catering, Kenny's Candy, Lotus Foods, Maddy & Maize Popcorn, McClures Pickles, Menchies Frozen Yogurt, Milts BBQ, Olive Tree Oil, Rita's Italian Ice, Savor, Spirit of Asia, and more!



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Doing Good with Food

Find opportunities to use food
to nourish the soul

From the Rabbi



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Year Three of Kosherfest

There is nothing sweeter than watching your own children eat. The smiles they produce while filling their tummies, especially with chocolate and sweets, has probably no parallel to a parent. And when the child is young, each new food introduced creates another memory. My oldest recently learned from Daniel Tiger (modern children's television program) "Try new foods." And because Daniel Tiger said it rather than mom and dad she pledged on Rosh Hashanah to experience new tastes. There have been some successes and some hysterical failures but nevertheless the images are priceless.

Food is a way into a Jewish person's heart. We can recall the smells from our grandmother's kitchen or the one special thing that dad cooked when it was "his turn." But food is not only essential to Jewish culture but also Jewish texts. There is a beautiful quote from the Zohar that states, "He who gives to charity reverses the course of the river flowing out of

Eden, that it may water the Garden." The image that charity can alter the perfection of the Garden of Eden is incredibly powerful. Its association with the Garden of Eden forces us to analyze to what extent charity plays in our lives.

This year, aligned with our theme "Say Little, Do Much," we are adding to the excitement of Crossriver Kosherfest by turning Capp Lounge into an area to do Mitzvot through food. We will have more Mitzvah Bags that appeared on Rosh Hashanah to hand out, and other ways to give, like the Purim Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot. Of course, Kosherfest will still be filled with a fantastic lunch room, a sampler room with vendors and free goodies, and a children's Jelly Belly Experience. But our addition of the Mitzvah space allows us to "Do Good with Food."

Crossriver Kosherfest has become a highlight of the year. This year we have a committee that is working hard to ensure another fantastic event. I want to thank them and all of our many volunteers. We will have a few special guest joining us: Amy Thielen, from Food Network, will discuss the fascination with the Farm-to-Table trend and even have her own menu through the ToA Kitchen; And Curious George and Berenstain Bears will appear at the children's Jelly Belly Experience. Fun and mitzvot for all ages!

Finally, I have started a Twitter handle and Instagram account @KosherHighway so people can begin to interact with the event on social media. It has already brought in a few new vendors! I look forward to seeing everyone there. Bring your friends and neighbors!

See you in shul,
Rabbi Jeremy Fine

Promoting Kosherfest!

Rabbi Fine jetted off to National Kosherfest in New Jersey at the end of November to promote and connect Crossriver Kosherfest throughout the country. Here are some other places Rabbi Fine will be throughout January:

- January TBD—The Dialogue returns to discuss "Keeping Kosher for the Modern Jew."
- January 12—Rabbi Fine will talk Kashrut with Minnesota's NEW Moishe House
- January 18—Rabbi Fine will appear on Geshet (Minnesota's Metro Jewish Business Connection) Facebook LIVE show
- January 18—Boomers: "Drive-in movie" exclusive screening of "Dough" 6:30pm in Capp Lounge.
- January 25—Kid's Kosherfest Pre-Event during lower school and TiKone USY
- Jan. 27—Annual dinner featuring ribs & wings from NEW! Kosherfest vendor Chicago Tailgators! Limited Space.
- Look for more exciting appearances promoting Kosherfest soon!



Infinity Series Shabbat Edition: King of Thrones

Join Rabbi Fine on March 11 to take an in-depth and interactive look at King David's death and the fight for his throne. Meet the characters and learn who becomes King of Thrones.

Thank you for volunteering to help with tickets, greeting and ushering at our amazing November 6 event:

A Diamond Celebration:

- ◇ Margie & Bart Schneider
- ◇ Mark & Elaine Adelman ◇ Sue Rosner
- ◇ Debbie & Steve Zuckerman
- ◇ Terry and Chaya Zien ◇ Mark Divine
- ◇ Adam Bender ◇ George & Cheryl Bier
- ◇ Susie Haim ◇ Linda Passon McNally
- ◇ Kim Thomey ◇ Lisa & Mark Lerman
- ◇ Danaé Thorpe ◇ Randy Lane
- ◇ USY Leadership

Crossriver Kosherfest Special Dinner
January 27, 2017
Dinner catered by special Crossriver Kosherfest Vendor
Chicago Tailgators. Dinner features ribs and chicken wings.
\$40/person.
Special Guest Speaker Announced Soon!

RSVP to Susie Haim:
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Infinity Series 2.0!

It's time to sign up again for another round of great classes on Sunday mornings. We're going to continue offering our Community Beit Midrash as well as a new class with Rabbi Strausberg! Please sign up now! E-mail: danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org.

Spring Semester

February 12, 19, 26; March 5, 19
10am-11am: Community Beit Midrash
11am-12pm: Rabbi Strausberg, Top 5 Stories of the Talmud

The Talmud is chock full of stories of love and loss, grief and sorrow, struggle and desire as its characters, taken from the very real lives of the rabbis and ordinary folk struggle to make sense of the world around them and the role of Judaism in their lives. In this course, we'll learn five of the best stories of the Talmud intimately, mining its pages for poetry, metaphor, and meaning relevant to our own lives.

Acts of Kindness!

This year, we're pioneering a new effort to offer meals for families when a new baby enters their lives. Having been on the receiving end, this is an incredible act of kindness that makes a world of difference during those first crazy weeks. Please e-mail rabbivistrausberg@templeofaaron.org if you want to be a part of these great efforts. Very little effort required and yet it makes an amazing impact.

Sinfonia Visits Temple of Aaron Saturday January 7, 2017 Free Concert at 7:00 pm.

Artistic Director Jay Fishman is thrilled to present Paganini Pyro Techniques featuring Violinist Ilya Kaler. Founded in 1989, Minnesota Sinfonia is a professional chamber orchestra dedicating over half of its services to children.

Adult Education

One Text, Many Interpretations

This month, we're so excited to welcome our Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Robbie Harris, Rabbi and faculty at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Harris is a scholar on the many different interpretative traditions of the Torah and will be speaking both on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14, offering both a sermon during services as well as a lunch and learn session during Kiddush, partially funded by the Dr. Stanley and Nancy Skadron Endowment.

His talk, humorously entitled "Pshat and Derash Meet in a Dark Alley: The Seventy Facets of Torah" requires a bit of unpacking and reminds me of one of my favorite Jewish texts. There's a teaching in the Talmud that speaks to the multiplicity of interpretations in Jewish tradition. In the Talmud, we read, "Just like this hammer splinters [the rock] into many shards, so too one text has many interpretations." Meaning that for any one word or phrase in the Torah, there's always a multiplicity of ways to interpret a phrase.

This idea, that there's always many ways of understanding any one text, is also at play in another one of my favorite teachings. There's an idea that when Moshe stood with God at Sinai all of the hidden wells of wisdom were opened for him and the Torah was revealed to him in seventy languages with seventy faces. How do we understand this teaching and the seeming repetition of not only the seventy languages but the seventy faces of the Torah? For me, this gets to the heart of the multi-vocal nature of Jewish tradition, which is where the beauty and the fun lies. Don't let anyone ever tell you there's only one way to understand the Torah and be suspicious if someone begins a sentence with "The Torah says..." Because the Torah doesn't say any one thing. Rather, the Torah was given in seventy languages, with seventy difference faces, meaning the Torah says many things and there are always many ways to interpret and understand its wisdom.

According to Dr. Harris, pshat refers to the contextual meaning of the Torah, or what did the Torah mean in the time when it was written and given, within its historical context. Derash, on the other hand, refers to the interpretative meaning that we give to the Torah, as we read it and seek to understand it in our times. Now, we get to the fun vision behind his title "Pshat and Derash Meet in a Dark Alley: The Seventy Faces of Torah." But, don't take my word from it. Be sure to join us on January 13th and 14th and learn from the very best, as we explore together the many ways the commentators have understood the story of Beresheit—that opening unfolding of creation.



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Boomers Drive-In Movie in the Capp Lounge!

In the build-up excitement to Kosherfest, we're introducing an exclusive Boomers screening of the movie "Dough," the story of a Jewish baker struggling to keep his business afloat. Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30pm for the movie "Dough" and pizza dough! (and of course, all of your classic movie snacks).

You don't have to be baked to make some...



Dough

Youth Education



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I've had the privilege of serving this congregation and community in many ways for more than six years and I'm very grateful. I have been your Director of Education, Director of Education and Community Life, and for the past year and one-half, your Cantor/Educator. It's been an honor to be an integral part of the professional staff at Temple of Aaron and I was humbled by the way you have now accepted and installed me as your Cantor.

Many cantors go to school for five or six years in order to learn and know everything about being part of a clergy team in a congregation. They learn about Nusach/Nosach, the tunes we use in services, the different tropes for torah, megillah, and haftarah, as well as many other intricacies and "how to's" of services and the Jewish calendar. My route was different.

I had been listening to people on the Bemah lead services from Philadelphia to the Jersey Shore to Up

State New York and back to South Jersey for the first 8 years of my life. Before the age of nine I had the chance to hear some amazing Shaliach Tzibor and Cantors lead services. My love for leading began at a very young age as I would put on a tallit, hold a siddur, and sing Jewish songs for my family. My grandmother still has this picture sitting in her den from the late '70s. My love for the music and liturgy grew through day school and Camp Ramah, and landed me doing more and more each year in the synagogue just past my bar mitzvah, leading Mincha Yom Kippur services and learning those tunes only done once a year.

As the years passed I wanted to continue helping to lead services and had High Holyday jobs from my freshman year in College on. I led services for 1000 people on Campus at Maryland, was a cantorial soloist at small shul in California, learned with various cantors and were their ba'al Shacharit and mincha, and more. After leaving Maryland in 2004, I returned to Philadelphia and began graduate school at Gratz college where I was in classes with a top educator of Nusach and liturgy, Dr. Saul Wachs. I admired him from the minute I heard him speak in 8th grade as it was his tapes (yes it was a long time ago) that helped me learn the tunes for Yom Kippur all those years before. He became a mentor and teacher of mine and I learned so much from him.

While I wanted to be a Cantor, I also had a love for many diverse aspects of Jewish Community and synagogue life. This interest encouraged me to take a slight turn in my career goals and I decided to expand my course work to get my graduate degree in Jewish Communal Service with a certificate in non-profit management. This degree led to a Day school job in New Jersey and then here to Temple of Aaron.

From the moment I stepped in and met with the wonderful people of this organization I knew this had the potential to be an amazing relationship. I have learned so much in my time here and am so happy to be able to share mine and my family's lives with the Temple of Aaron community. I am looking forward to what the future brings and to continue this remarkable journey together for many years. Toda Raba!



Cantor Joshua Fineblum in the late '70s preparing for his future job at Temple of Aaron.

B'YACHAD

Thank you to over 30 Temple of Aaron families who helped with this important project; from Temple of Aaron Board members, staff families, and Hebrew/Religious School families. A special thank you to the B'nai Mitzvah families and students who participated in this project as part of their B'nai Mitzvah year of study and the concept of Tzedakah. This project helped over 150 families and individuals in our community this year!

The B'Yachad Project, of Jewish Family Service of St. Paul and BOND, was initiated at the Temple of Aaron and has grown to involve the entire Jewish community. This year, we will make the holidays a little happier and more comfortable for 120 clients of JFS.... both Jewish and non-Jewish. The overwhelmingly generous response from the Temple of Aaron Family has been recognized by the staff at JFS as we continue to fill their offices and meeting rooms with gifts in preparation for wrapping and delivery. To all of you who made this project another huge success, *Todah Rabah*, Thank You. — Sandra Aaron, ToA Liaison



JFS Project Leader Margie Solomon and ToA Liaison Sandra Aaron

Sponsors needed for our New-Look Purim Carnival!



Be a part of this amazing face-lift as we turn Temple of Aaron into:

Mickey's Minnie-Sota Adventure

To be a sponsor and help make this event affordable and meaningful for our entire community contact Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum at joshuafineblum@templeofaaron.org

January Education Calendar

- 1 Last day of Hanukah-Winter Break
- 4 Classes Resume
- 13 Legacy Got Shabbat Dinner with Scholar in Residence
- 14 TAXY Shabbat
- 14-15 MLK weekend-No School
- 25 Kid Kosherfest Preview
- 27 Kosherfest Shabbat Dinner
- 29 Cross River Kosherfest 3

November Youth Events:

January 4

TUSY Parsha Paint

January 7

Snow Tubing with BJUSY

January 11

Broom Ball

January 18

USY Split Squad

10th-12th Graders:

Healthy Relationship Seminar

8th-9th Graders:

Relaxation and Bonding

January 25

Kids Kosherfest

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!

Interested in placing an Ad in this year's Youth Department Play Ad Booklet?



Contact Adam Bender for details.

Youth Happenings

... And we are back in action! I hope everyone had a joyous and restful Winter Break, because we are hitting the ground running as January begins! While many of you were off enjoying the warmer climates of our great country, I had the chance to sit back and enjoy another dose of Minnesota winter. Between the snow emergencies forcing me to move my car and early morning hot coffee runs, I can say this winter has been better than most. Hanukah helped to warm many our spirits as the calendar year came to a close, along with many friends and family gatherings. Lets start the new year off right with some awesome programming and gatherings of our own! Some January highlights to keep you going through this winter:



Adam Bender

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- **Snow Tubing with Beth Jacob USY** on Saturday night, January 7
- **USY Split Squad!** 8th-9th graders will have a fun-filled night of bonding. . . 10th-12th graders will learn all about healthy relationships and shalom bait.
- **Play Rehearsals Resume!**
- **CROSSRIVER KOSHERFEST 3.** . . Enough said.

TUSY had an amazing time at EMTZA Kinnus in Kansas City, MO!



TUSY attendees pictured above: Max Lerman, Charlie Skadron, Ethan Less, Annabelle Epstein, Val Merman and Engagement Director Adam Bender.

Destination Shabbat

Life & Legacy Dinner January 13

The Life & Legacy Committee is excited to host a 6:30 p.m. dinner with Dr. Robbie Harris designed for members who have established a Temple of Aaron Endowment or have signed a Life & Legacy letter of intent.

Enjoy a delicious dinner and get ready for a humorous, intellectual journey into styles of Torah reading. Service follows at 8:00 p.m.



Committee members:

Nancy Lane, Sue Rosner, Rosalyn Segal, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Rabbi Jeremy Fine and Executive Director Ken Agranoff.

Shabbat Visions Speaker: Rafael Lev

Saturday January 14, 9:00am

Prejudice and persecutions are not foreign concepts to the Jewish people. Today, even young Jews experience anti-Semitism, ignorance, and stereotypes.

How can we use our individual and collective experiences of prejudice to become allies to those targeted by hatred today?



Rafael is an entrepreneur and currently works at HMJDS. He is a board member of JFS of St. Paul. He will speak during Shabbat morning services.

Honor Your Family with a Dedicated Sanctuary Seat

A striking wall design exists in Capp Lounge. Visit and you will see an exact seating replica of our beautiful sanctuary.

A great way to honor someone is to select the row in which they typically sit at services and have a seat plate engraved. A tax deductible donation of \$500 guarantees a warm feeling every time you walk into Capp Lounge and gaze at the family plate remembering a milestone. Please contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff to explore – 651-698-8874 ext. 106, or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org.

Service Schedule

Friday Night Services

Jan. 6—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
Jan. 13—8:00pm in Greenberg Room
Jan. 20—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel
Jan. 27—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel

Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
begins at 9:00am in Main Sanctuary

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

Shabbat Morning Features

Visions Speaker Rafael Lev—Jan. 7
Scholar-in-Res. Dr. Robbie Harris—Jan. 14
Traditional Shabbat—Jan. 21
Crossriver Kosherfest Shabbat—Jan. 28

Judaism: Back to the Basics Class

Whether you grew up going to Hebrew School or came to Judaism later in the game, this class will be a great, comprehensive look at some of the most important aspects of our tradition. If you've ever wondered why we break a glass at a wedding, where the idea of shiva comes from, or how to navigate the ins and outs of a kosher kitchen, this is the class for you. Bring your questions and we'll open up the books to find some answers. This 12-week course, beginning Saturday January 21, will meet on Shabbat mornings from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, giving you a chance to do some serious learning as well as take part in services and Kiddush! Please email rabbivistrausberg@templeofaaron.com for more info or to sign up.



Rabbi Strausberg

2016 Blood Drive Participants - See Page 7 for New Blood Drive



Nancy Lane



Bill Lerman

Israel Committee

Elyse Less and Bill Lerman visited Israel as participants in the St. Paul Federation's Fischman Mission. The mission celebrated 20 years of Fischman Scholarships, a St. Paul program allowing talented Israelis to study at American universities. Here are snapshots of Bill and Elyse's experience:



Bill Lerman's daughter Harriet (Ariela) Lacovsky, who grew up at Temple of Aaron and now lives in Jerusalem, met with Fischman Mission participants at a girl's school outside Afula. Harriet works at the Ethiopian National Project, which itself works to integrate Ethiopian immigrants into Israeli society, and provides tutoring services at this particular school. Bill and Elyse met with several students, all of whom are looking to college and beyond.



Marissa Goldberger and Annie Balto joined the Fischman Mission in Jerusalem for a symposium. They, along with Justin Less, are studying in Israel on the Nativ College Leadership program. Marissa, Annie and Justin are shown with other Minnesota Nativ students Sam Sheldon, Max Rotenberg and Jesse Steinman, along with Elyse, keynote speaker David Pasik, and former Camp Ramah Wisconsin staff Etia and Gavi Shetrit.

The Israel Committee aims to "Make Israel Internal." To learn more, please contact Susan Tervola at susantervola@templeofaaron.org.

Group & Committee Voices

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

Sisterhood Shabbat – Saturday, Feb. 11, 9am. Sisterhood members will lead services. Guest speaker, Ardis Wexler, the IntraContinental Region President will give the D'var Torah. To participate in Hebrew/English readings, contact Amy Miller Stern (651-686-7125 or amyms@comcast.net). Watch for more info to come.

Gift Shop - Hanukah Sale – Check out our new tallit! Free gift if you spend \$25 or more. Support Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron by purchasing Judaica items for all events from the Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. Now available: Items from Rosenthal, Tamara Baskin, Shira, Demdaco, Source 4 Judaica, Classic Touch Tervy Collection, Aram, Jillbeads and more. A variety of books stocked for children, young adults and adults; Gift cards and registries always available. Contact Gift Shop directly at: 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).

Sisterhood Knits – Knitted Knockers – Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30pm, at Temple. Community service project – creating handmade breast forms for women who have had mastectomies (www.knittedknockers.org). Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or suziemgonzalez@comcast.net) or Susan Tervola (susantervola@templeofaaron.org). All levels welcome – knit or crochet.

Building Fund Cards – Send a beautiful card for any occasion - only a phone call away – no hassles. All funds raised directly 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).

Mahjonnig – Sunday, Jan. 15 - 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. Theme: Open Your Eyes. Questions or to volunteer, contact Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or mtaple@comcast.net) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340 or ettalambright@gmail.com). Bring your old eye glasses/readers to donate.

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

Hamantashen Baking – Baking will begin on Jan. 9. Available soon: fruit with and without nuts, chocolate with nuts, apricot and poppyseed - \$15/dozen. Questions or to help with baking, contact Sue Schwartz (651-451-2188 or jasch924@aol.com). Come see our booth at Kosherfest on Jan. 29!

Social Justice Committee



American Red Cross

Save the Date!

Temple of Aaron Blood Drive is coming...
March 5, 2017 • 9am-3pm

Donors and Volunteers will be needed-signup info to follow

Questions:

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Wendy Oskey at 612-760-8451 • wendy.oskey@gmail.com



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November/December 2016 Heshvan/Tevet 5777

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Appelbaum, Arlene	Gurstelle, Alice	Sanderson, Ann Rae
Averbach, Rose	Hirschhorn, Gerry	Savage, Edith
Barenbaum, Bettie	Kaplan, Harvey & Sue	Schneider, Margie & Bart
Baskina, Ella	Karon, Norene	Schraber, David & Paula
Biglow, Helene and family	Kaufman, Lennie & Jill	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue
Binkin, Bella & Vladimir	Khaskin, Iosif	and family
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Cohen, Lorretta	Lekah, Alex & Helena	Smookler, Richard & Diane
Cowan, Irving & Marjorie	Levinsohn, Dr. Mark and family	Soroka, Tatyanna
Edelstein, Rebecca	Lyons, Stephen & Pattie	Stacker, Howard & Tillie
Esrig, Evelyn	Marofsky, David & Debe	Suponitsky, Aleksander
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Friedelman, Eileen	Netzman, Steve	Toushin, Sally & David
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Garellick, Molly & Ken	Redstone, Shelley	Uchenik, Esfir
Garellick, Phyllis & Don	Rein, Myndel	Upin, Alan
Garnett, Sue	Ringer, Jan & Sherman	Vigdorovich, David & Ida
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Rubenstein, Bob	Vinitsky, Shirley
Gilman, Rose	Rutzick, Sandy & Jim	Vinokur, Aleksandr
Gleeman, Harriet	Saidel, Carol & Jack	Wolkowicz, Joe
Goldberg, Judy		Zaretsky, Karolina

KISLEV BANNER: In honor of Dr. Louis E. Epstein's 75th birthday (William Saltzman Design). The banner is a combination of cloth and metal with eight Hanukkah candles burning brightly. The banner was made by Laeh Raskas, Ruth Ann Schumeister and Mary Calof and took 6 months to complete.

Memorial Plaques Generate Strong Memories

Memorial plaques provide permanent reminders for your loved ones and help assure we will recite memorial prayers every year. You can order a plaque for a tax deductible \$1,000 and multi-month payment plans can be designed. Contact Yahrzeit Specialist Susie Haim at 651-698-8874 ext. 100 or susiehaim@templeofaaron.org

... to Lerner Publishing Group for helping sponsor Kosherfest 2017.
... to Men's Club latke flipping crew.
... to David A. Berg Family fund for sponsoring Hanukah Latke Bash.
... to TAXY Bus participants for Random Acts of Kindness assisting many people in our community.
... to Ethan Helfand and Michelle Rich for visiting TUSY to present info on summer programs.
... to Choir Shabbat participants David Baldinger, Howard Bell, Michael Bell, George Bier, Hugh Gitlin, Susan Flynn, Renee Kvasnik, Mary Clark, Mark Divine, Jenni Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz, Marsha Schwartz, Amy Miller-Stern, Tracy Truesdell & Choir Director/Organist Tom Bartsch.

Improve & Understand Yahrzeit Accuracy

We need your help with address changes and death notifications for non-member relatives who receive yahrzeit letters from Temple of Aaron.

We use the Hebrew date of death for the yahrzeit notice, not the English date. The modern day Hebrew calendar is based upon the lunisolar calendar, similar to Chinese calendar, We measure months in lunar cycles as well as years in solar cycles. This is distinct from the purely lunar Islamic calendar and the almost entirely solar Gregorian calendar.

Because of the roughly 22 day difference 12 lunar months and one solar year, the Hebrew calendar repeats in a metonic 19 year cycle of 235 lunar months, with an extra lunar month added once every two or three years, for a total of seven times every nineteen years.

This background helps explain why the yahrzeit date of your loved ones varies from year to year from the standard or Gregorian date of death.

Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress

Temple of Aaron's Cemetery sells graves to both members and non-members. That enables you to create a family section for loved ones. Take action this month and



Ken Agranoff

contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff for an 18 minute meeting to make important decisions in advance to save later emotional pressure.

Blessings

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

52 Neil & Naomi Arnold
52 Robert & Barbara Rosen

CORRECTION

The following names were inadvertently left out of the Anniversaries in December's issue:

63 Melvin & Evelyn Kamin
60 Lawrence & Honey Zelle
57 Burton & Lucille Garr
57 Howard & Elaine Kuretsky

We apologize for the error.

3 Reasons for Creating an Endowment Fund

1. Financial stability for Temple of Aaron.
2. Lasting legacy for your values and commitments.
3. Perpetual annual support of your synagogue.

Endowments begin at \$5,000 and can be paid in a lump sum, over a period of years or designated in your will. Explore our Life & Legacy Program by contacting team members Sue Rosner, Nancy Lane, Roz Segal, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Rabbi Jeremy Fine or Executive Director Ken Agranoff.

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY,
MARCH 12, 2017

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Temple of Aaron and the St. Paul JCC team up with Danny Schayes

February 5th 2017 @ the St. Paul JCC (all activities)

9am — Minyan and World Wide Wrap

10:30am — USY vs. Parent Basketball game with special referee Danny Schayes

12:30pm — Brunch and Schmooze with ToA & JCC Men's Clubs (All are Welcome).

Hear stories from Jewish NBA Legend

1:30pm — Youth Clinics begin, run by Danny Schayes (open to the community)

MORE INFO TBD

Danny Schayes comes from one of the NBA's most legendary families. Son of Hall of Famer Dolph Schayes, Danny also excelled playing for 18 years and trained with 6 Hall of Fame coaches and 7 NBA Coaches of the Year.

After retiring from basketball Danny became a successful

Real Estate investor and author.

Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

January 2017
Tevet - Shevat 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Minyan 9:00am NO Sunday School New Year's Day	2 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	3 6:00pm Minyan	4 4:30pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone USY - Parsha Paint 6:00pm Minyan	5 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	6 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 4:29pm	7 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services - Visions Speaker Raphael Lev 9:00am Shabbat School
8 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School	9 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	10 6:00pm Minyan	11 4:30pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone USY - Broom Ball 6:00pm Minyan	12 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	13 6:30pm Life & Legacy Dinner 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Services with Scholar-in- Residence Candle Lighting 4:38pm	14 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am TAXY Shabbat Services - Scholar-in-Residence 9:00am NO Shabbat School
15 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am NO Sunday School	16 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan Martin Luther King Day	17 6:00pm Minyan	18 4:30pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone USY - Split Squad 6:00pm Minyan	19 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Sisterhood Knits 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	20 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 4:47pm	21 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School
22 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School	23 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	24 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	25 4:30pm Lower School Youth Koshertfest 6:00pm Tikone USY - Youth Koshertfest 6:00pm Minyan	26 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	27 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services 7:00pm Special Koshertfest Dinner Candle Lighting 4:56pm	28 8:15am NO Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School
29 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Crossriver Koshertfest 3	30 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	31 6:00pm Minyan				

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Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Robbie Harris January 13 & 14, 2017

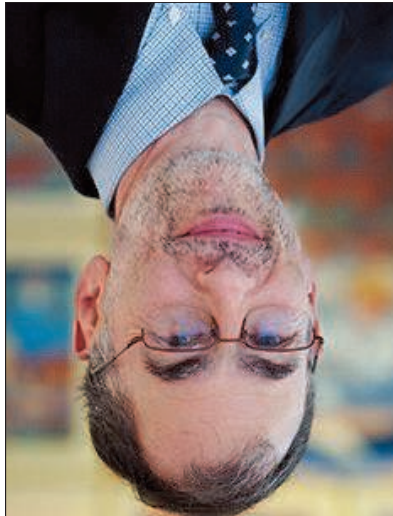
Saturday — In the Beginning, There Were...
Commentaries!

We will explore how major Jewish biblical commentators have understood the very beginning of the Torah and dealt with its complexities and ambiguities in order to understand what the Torah teaches about how our world came into being.

Dr. Robbie Harris, once voted New York's Funniest Rabbi, not only regularly performs with his rock n' roll garage band SR2 but is also an internationally renowned Bible scholar. Dr. Harris, an associate professor of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages at The Jewish Theological Seminary, teaches on biblical literature and commentary and regularly speaks at academic conferences and writes for both American and Israeli academic journals. Over the years, he has served as a rabbi in several congregations in the United States and Israel, directed multiple musical theater productions, and served as a visiting scholar at the Bible Department of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The Drs. Maika & Ernest Goodman Endowment Fund for Adult Education is helping support the visit by Dr. Robbie Harris.

Friday Night — "Pshat and Derash Meet in a
Dark Alley: The Seventy Facets of Torah"



How did Jewish reading of Torah change from "midrash" into "peshat" (and what do we mean by these terms)? In this program, participants learn the process through which Jews have read Tanakh since the Middle Ages (aka "parshanut"), and how this resulted in what we call the Rabbinic Bible.