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## A DIAMOND CELEBRATION: 60 YEARS IN HIGHLAND



### ANNUAL TRIBUTE EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Mayim Bialik Joins Us to Add  
Entertainment While  
Honoring Temple of Aaron's  
Past Presidents

Mayim Bialik has starred on the #1 TV Comedy Series **Big Bang Theory** since 2010. She earned a degree in neuroscience from UCLA with minors in Hebrew & Jewish Studies, and continued on to receive her Ph. D. in neuroscience. Mayim Bialik is an author, mother, observant Jew, and displays a consistent passion for Israel. She became very visible playing



Bette Midler's character as a young girl in **Beaches** (1988). She was brilliant for four years as the lead role on **Blossom** (1990-1995), the NBC TV Series. She has sparkled on the blockbuster comedy TV Series, **Big Bang Theory**, earning multiple Emmy Award Nominations as outstanding supporting actress.

A Diamond Celebration for Temple of Aaron provides us with a wonderful opportunity to recognize and share our communal pride for the thirty Presidents who dedicated themselves to making Temple of Aaron a beacon in our community. We are grateful for their dedication and lasting legacies. The 1952 fire at Ashland and Grotto propelled the membership to open a new synagogue in Highland Park and we have enjoyed 60 years here helping members of all ages in multiple life cycle events, ongoing holiday celebrations and observances, education and areas of interest.

\*Deceased



# From the Rabbi



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## Birthdays Mean More Experience

This November I turn 35 years old. This was the age people warned me about chronic back pain, inability to make time for the gym and sprouting grey hairs. Truth be told all of those things happened at 30 for me. Every year my wife Jessica asks me what I want to do for my birthday and since I was born on Thanksgiving, naturally birthdays for me always meant family time. Of course I like to let loose as well. When I was younger it meant going little crazy; now it just means a second piece of cake.

The Talmud, Sukkah 53, teaches "Happy is our youth if it leaves no memories in an old age of which we are ashamed." I like this passage because it teaches us that even at a young age we begin to build our Shem Tov (good name) and Shem Rah (bad name). There is no age in which we are not responsible. At 35 years old I am definitely responsible for more people but in regards to my own actions I have been working on my happiness one year at a time.

At Temple of Aaron we have much to be happy about this year. We started High Holidays off in spectacular form. Having a unified team of clergy, staff and lay leaders

allowed us all to be more connected. And right around the corner we will have our annual fundraiser celebrating 60 years in Highland Park and recognizing the leadership that made this community flourish. We will celebrate the happiness Temple of Aaron has brought into our lives from celebrating Simchas to adding meaning to sharing a community. I hope you will all participate in this celebration even if you cannot be present. It is important that we support our past to ensure our future.

This year feels like we are celebrating all year long. December 10 we will officially install Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum as our synagogue's Cantor. What a wonderful moment in the history of the Temple of Aaron. Besides developing strong relationships with our young families, we have found someone with great knowledge and ability to lead us in Tefillah, music, and spiritual guidance well into the future. And then in January we have the third annual Crossriver Kosherfest. Already 25+ vendors have signed on for St. Paul's largest annual Jewish event. We have an amazing volunteer group working on the kinks, promoting the event and finding new ways to engage us all. It is truly a happy time to celebrate being a part of Temple of Aaron.

So I hope this year, a birthday or anniversary does not feel like we are getting older rather more experienced in celebrating. While my back and my grey hairs might disagree, I know I am excited for what is yet to come.

See you in shul! — Rabbi Jeremy Fine

## Save the Date

3rd Annual

## Crossriver Kosherfest

Sunday, January 29, 2017

- Amazing Vendors including: Herbivorous Butcher, Milt's Kosher BBQ, Chicago Tailgators chicken wings, Heavenly Organics
- Special Appearance and Farm-to-Table lunch menu by Food Network's Amy Thielen
- Youth Jelly Belly Spectacular with guests Berenstain Bears and Curious George.

## Welcome to Our New Clergy Assistant



Thank you for such a wonderful welcome to the Temple of Aaron community. While I have been working here for the past six months I have not had the pleasure of meeting all of you but wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Danae Thorpe (Duh-Nay, for those of you who were unsure how to pronounce it). I hail from the state capital of Bismarck, North Dakota where I was born and raised until I graduated from high school. I went to Minnesota State University

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JOIN US AT THE HOME OF RABBI JEREMY AND JESSE FINE  
TO LEARN ABOUT HEILICHER

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7-8:30pm at 2209 Bayard Ave., St. Paul

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We look forward to meeting you!



## Infinity Series 2.0! Sign Up Now!



We're keeping our classic Sunday morning adult ed while offering new modes of learning for you to test and try out! Join us as we kick off a new way of learning, chevruta-learning or paired learning, coming from the Hebrew word chaver or friend. This year, we're partnering with the online learning community Project Zug and will be creating our very own community Beit Midrash (house of study) right here at the Temple of Aaron. To participate, you can sign up with a friend, a group, or on your own and choose from a number of diverse courses taught by excellent teachers and learn as a part of our Beit Midrash. For more information, check out some of the courses offered here: [www.projectzug.org/courses/list](http://www.projectzug.org/courses/list) or e-mail Rabbi Strausberg at [rabbivistrausberg@templeofaaron.org](mailto:rabbivistrausberg@templeofaaron.org).

### Schedule:

#### Fall Semester

Nov. 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18  
10am-11am: Community Beit  
Midrash

Nov. 13; Dec. 4, 11, 18  
11am-12:15pm: Ernie Gulner,  
Women of the Bible

We have all heard the stories of Leah, Rebecca and Miriam but in this course you will be introduced to fifty legendary women, many of whom broke with the strict patriarchal traditions and cultures of their time to serve God in unexpected ways. You will see how they shared the same aspirations women do today and how their stories connect with our modern lives.

# Adult Education

## Winter Signals Great Jewish Growth in Torah

The cold is coming, perhaps the cold is already here. Just a few months ago, it was summer. We were outside at every opportunity, roaming the bike paths, walking the lakes, taking advantage of every playground. And, now, with winter knocking on the door, we begin turning inward. Winter is the time when things seem to shut down and growth comes to a halt. The trees lose their leaves, once again revealing their naked branches. Animals huddle in, waiting until the spring to bring new life into the world. The ground lies hard and frozen, till those first warm days of spring begin to thaw the earth.

And, yet the Torah is on its own calendar. Because for the Torah, this is where things really get going. As the world around us turns cold, going into a deep winter sleep, the world of the Torah breaks forth to new life.

In these opening *parshiot* (portions) of the Torah, one after another, humanity multiplies and we are blessed with one birth after another. It unfolds so quickly, from one parsha to the next, if you blink, you might miss it. In the course of just a few months, over the course of a Minnesota winter, we move from those very first two people Adam and Eve to a Jewish people, countless as the stars and the sand.

We go back to the beginning. Sarah and Avraham are young again, babies toddling around their house, new parents and sleepless nights. A young Isaac sets his eye on Rebecca for the first time, new love to help soothe the loss of his mother. Jacob and Esau, the twins wrestling in the womb from birth, bringing new energy to their parents Isaac and Rebecca. And, then before you know it, Jacob's grown and married not once but twice, with thirteen children in tow. And, now the Jewish people begins to take shape, moving from one couple to a handful of families to a mass of people and generations and descendants whose stories are passed down to us today.

Before you know it, we'll be enslaved in Egypt and sinning with the golden calf. We'll be losing faith in God and lost ourselves, wandering for months in the desert. But, right now, everything is new. Everything is possible. We are young and full of hope.

While for us, the winter may be a time where the world seems to stop, in the world of the Torah, this is a time of potential and hope, growth and new life. As we turn inward to the warmth of our homes over these next few months, this is a time to put new energy into our own families. This is a time to focus on each other, on our relationships, and to take extra care of one another with actions of thoughtfulness and generosity.

May we be so blessed to witness the hope and potential we see in these opening chapters of the Torah in our own lives, in winter and in all seasons.



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## Pop-Up "Ask the Rabbi"

Rabbi Avi Strausberg and Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum engaged with the community with a pop up "Ask the Rabbi" session at Quixotic Coffee on Cleveland Ave. They were open and available to anyone with a question. Look for the next "Ask the Rabbi" soon.



# Youth Education



**Joshua Fineblum, CJE**

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As I sit in my office writing this article, I now have a new little one at home whom we have been blessed with. Over the past year we have been anticipating and waiting for this moment when we are able to bring our new little son home. We have been hoping and praying for him and Andrea to be healthy and for us to all be together and begin to live our lives as a family of four. The first Friday night, after Gordon's birth, I had the chance to bless my two sons just like Ephraim and Menashe were blessed in the Torah and I am so thankful for that moment and all the others we have had as a family since.

In Judaism we don't have just one day of Thanksgiving as we do as Americans. We have the chance each and every day, during the Amidah, to thank God for the things he has given us or the strength to get through life and moments of adversity. We have the opportunity to also thank those around us for all they have done to make our lives just a little bit better each day.

While we have the chance this month to let others know what we are thankful for, we should keep in mind those who need our help as well. Beside the B'yachad project, which we are once again partnering in, we will hold our fourth Kinyon Tzedakah, Charity Mall, here at Temple of Aaron on November 13.

The value of tzedakah (giving charity) is a very important concept in Judaism. The root itself is the word Tzaddik meaning a righteous person who puts value in the needs of others. This value of giving tzedakah helps us define who we are as people and reminds us of Rabbi Hillel's quote in Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1:14: "If I am only for myself, what am I? But if I am not for myself. Who will be for me?"

Every other year our USY leaders and teachers have helped choose charities which make an impact locally, nationally, and in Israel. This year is no different as we will be choosing five charities that we will learn about that morning, raise funds for, and donate to together as a community. Our social Justice committee and USY leaders have already begun to discuss the program and we are looking forward to community members and our students participating in this wonderful morning.

I want to say thank you to all of you for helping us this month for being a part of these amazing charitable programs and hope you all join us and participate. We as a family of four are so thankful to be part of this wonderful caring and giving community and look forward to seeing you participate in these programs with us.



## Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum Installation with

**Musician-in-Residence**

**Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro**

**Dec. 10, 11:00 am after services**



Temple of Aaron is excited to formally install Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum. Josh has been a part of our staff for over 6 years and is in his second year as our Cantor. He is a strong addition to our clergy team leading services, training B'nai Mitzvah students, and working with our young families. Josh has invited his mentor and friend Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro of Beth El in Voorhees, NJ as the guest speaker at his Installation following Shabbat morning services. Hazzan Alisa is one of the premier Hazzanim in the Conservative movement and will help lead services during both during Friday December 9th Erev Shabbat Musical Service and Saturday morning Shabbat Services. She and Cantor/Educator Fineblum will also do a sing-a-long as a lunch and learn following Shabbat morning services and kiddish Luncheon for the entire community.

**Temple of Aaron and  
B'yachad joining forces to  
help those in need in our  
community!**

**Be a Part of the Solution.  
Help Now.**

## B'YACHAD

This community drive helps create gift baskets for those in need during the holiday season. Please refer to the list on bin to find out how you can help.

**Donations of New, Unwrapped  
items needed!**

This project helps over 120 families and individuals in our community!

Questions?

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### November Education Calendar

- 6:** Annual Synagogue Fundraiser
- 11:** Prayers in PJs, Turkey Dinner Got Shabbat, Musical service
- 12:** All Youth Shabbat
- 13:** Kinyon Tzedakah-Charity Mall
- 20:** Youth Play Auditions
- 23:** Thanksgiving Break-No School
- 24:** Thanksgiving
- 24-27:** USY Kinnus (9th-12th)
- 26:** Thanksgiving Break-No School
- 27:** Thanksgiving Break-No School

### Save the Date! College Keshet Campus Visit

**Wednesday, November 9th  
UW-Madison!**

Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum and Engagement Director Adam Bender want to see everyone there! If you or your child are a current Badger, get in touch with Adam to meet up!



## November Youth Events:

### November 2

Bounce, Beads & Burritos

### November 9

The Bing Bang Bash

### November 12

All Youth Shabbat

### November 13

Kinyon Tzedakah

### November 16

USY invites Parents to Family Feud!

### November 20

Tryouts for Youth Play Grease

### November 24-27

EMTZA Kinnus in Kansas City

### November 30

USY Special Olympics

## Kinyon Tzedakah – Charity Mall

Sunday, November 13



ToA Youth and Social Justice Committee will join together once again to learn about some worthwhile charities. Youth will be presenting on these charities, and members will be able to donate tzedakah through USY's Tikun Olam program to these great causes. Don't miss out!

### Sign up for EMTZA Kinnus!

Contact Adam Bender  
for more information!



# Youth Happenings

November. In Minnesnowta. As we prepare for this year's first snowfall, we look forward to all the warmth that this month brings around ToA. With the High Holydays in the rearview mirror, we look to other major ToA and community events.

- November 12 marks our first Youth Shabbat of the year. I'm extremely excited to see our youth on the bima again, leading services, reading Torah, and giving Divreh Torah. Contact Adam Bender to participate.

- Wednesday night, November 16, we invite all 8th-12th graders, along with their parents, to join us for a night of Family Feud. We are all looking forward to having parents join us for this special lounge night.

- The afternoon of Sunday, November 20 marks the annual youth play tryouts! This year's production of Grease is bound to be better than ever!

- USYers from all over the Midwest will join is Kansas City for this year's EMTZA Kinnus! Will you be there? For more info contact Adam Bender.

As the weather outside gets colder, the walls inside ToA will only continue to get warmer. I look forward to seeing everyone around for our array of programming this month!



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## Calling all ToA 7th-12th Graders! Auditions for Grease Sunday November 20th @ 12:00 pm



Contact Adam Bender with any questions.



# Destination Shabbat

## Veterans Shabbat November 11th 8:00pm

Join us to salute our Veterans in this special Erev Shabbat service with guest speaker Peter Nickitas, MN Commander, Jewish War Veterans.



## All Youth Shabbat! Saturday, November 12



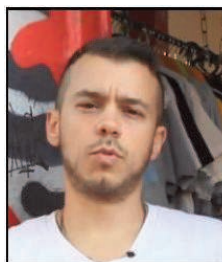
Temple of Youth will read Torah, deliver the d'var Torah and participate in all parts of Shabbat morning services. Watch your child show their skills on the bema. Interested in participating? Contact Ethan Less at [Elless0329@gmail.com](mailto:Elless0329@gmail.com)

## Vision Speaker Series: Craig Dershowitz, Artists 4 Israel "Spray Paint on the Kotel"

December 17

*Israel Innovation: At The Cutting Edge*

Craig will focus on understanding Israel, its perception in the world and ways to enhance that perception through harrowing, hilarious and heartwarming stories of international graffiti artists in the Mother Land. Artists 4 Israel has led over 400 artists representing 21 different countries throughout Israel and wrestled with some of the most unexpected issues, each time learning more about how the world sees Israel and how we can help them see it more beautifully.



## Got Shabbat Turkey Dinner! Friday, November 11th @ 6:30pm

Enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with your family and don't worry about cleaning the dishes. Turkey, stuffing, and all the fixins'...stay for services and enjoy apple crisp for dessert.

5:45pm Prayers in PJs

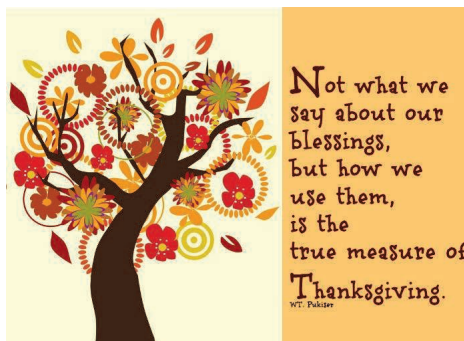
6:30pm Got Shabbat Dinner

8:00pm Veterans Shabbat Service

RSVP for dinner with Susie Haim at 651-698-8874 or

[SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org)

Dinner: Adults \$15/\$12; Children \$10/\$8



## Service Schedule

### Friday Night Services

Nov. 4—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Nov. 11—8:00pm in Greenberg Room  
Nov. 18—6:30 in Leifman Chapel  
Nov. 25—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

**Traditional Shabbat**—Nov. 5  
Sermon by Rabbi Jeremy Fine

**All Youth Shabbat**—Nov. 12  
ToA Youth will participate in all parts of the service. D'var Torah by USY President Max Lerman.

**Traditional Shabbat**—Nov. 19  
Sermon by Rabbi Avi Strausberg

**Thanksgiving Shabbat**—Nov. 26  
Sermon by Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum

**Interested in sponsoring a community Kiddush lunch in honor of a special birthday, anniversary, accomplishment or special occasion?**

Contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff at 651-698-8874 x106 or [KenAgranoff@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:KenAgranoff@TempleofAaron.org)



## Israel Committee

The Israel Committee notes with sadness the passing of Shimon Peres, a historic figure in Israel and among the Jewish people, and an inspiration around the world.

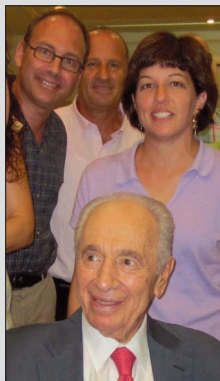
Always quotable, Peres said: "The Jews' greatest contribution to history is dissatisfaction. Whatever exists we believe can be changed for the better."

His interviews were legion. Search the Internet for interviews in English but especially those with Charlie Rose.

Temple of Aaron members describe their personal encounters:

"I had the sincere honor of meeting former Israeli President Shimon Peres on my recent April 2016 Partnership trip to Israel. I will especially remember his great optimism for an eventual peace in the region among all of the parties who live there. I will also remember his great support for the 'progressive Judaism' that many of the Partnership attendees represented. Although physically frail at the time I met him, I still saw a great man who was mentally sharp and energetic as he envisioned a boundless future for the State of Israel." — Larry Eisenstadt

"In 2011, we met Shimon Peres at a celebration for our Partnership 2Gether community of Kfar Tavor. He led immediately with a question: 'Do you speak Hebrew?' The question was simple but profound, at once taking the measure of our connections to Israel and the Jewish people, and making the point that proficiency in Hebrew can add deeply to those connections." — Rosalyn & Yoav Segal



"In Israel I had the pleasure of attending a question and answer session with Shimon Peres. He answered the questions in detail and provided many facts and figures to support his opinions and observations on modern day Israel and its ongoing issues. His mind was still clear and sharp even with his advanced age. My take away from the presentation is that in Mr. Peres opinion, Israel-Arab relations today should not be about or measured in land and territory, but about Israel's technology and business success." — Larry Solomon

May his memory be for a blessing.

# Group & Committee Voices

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

**Gift Shop** — Support Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron by purchasing your Judaica items for all events from the Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. Hanukkah Sale, Nov. 20 thru Dec. - 20% off most items; 10% books; no discount on parchment. Free gift if you spend \$25 or more. New items from Rosenthal, Tamara Baskin and Shira Jewelry. Also available, items from Demdaco, Source 4 Judaica, Classic Touch Tervy Collection, Aram, Jillbeads and more. Books stocked for children, young adults and adults; Gift cards and registries for all life cycle events available. Contact 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). Watch for the special Hanukkah table near the Gift Shop.

**Sisterhood Knits – Knitted Knockers** – Thursday, Nov. 17, 6:30pm. New community service project creating handmade breast forms for women who've had mastectomies ([www.knittedknockers.org](http://www.knittedknockers.org)). Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or [suziemgonzalez@comcast.net](mailto:suziemgonzalez@comcast.net)) or Susan Tervola [susantervola@templeofaaron.org](mailto:susantervola@templeofaaron.org)). All levels welcome – knit or crochet.



*Sisterhood President Roxanne Portnoy and Treasurer Sandy Gale present check to Executive Director Ken Agranoff. This was the final payment directed to the Capp Family Building Renovation Fund.*

**Building Fund Cards** – Send a beautiful card for any occasion - only a phone call away - no hassles. 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](mailto:jasch924@aol.com)).

**Mahjongg** – Nov. 20 - 1pm in Smith Library. All levels welcome. RSVP/Questions, contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358 or [7381jbs@comcast.net](mailto:7381jbs@comcast.net)).

**Membership Renewal** – Please renew ASAP and save Sisterhood the expense of reminders and phone calling. Questions, contact, Alexandria Ganzel (651-490-7683 [organzel@comcast.net](mailto:organzel@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 – Theme: Open Your Eyes. Volunteers needed. Questions, contact Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or [mtaple@comcast.net](mailto:mtaple@comcast.net)) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340 or [ettalambright@gmail.com](mailto:ettalambright@gmail.com)).

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

**Save the Date: Torah Fund Tea**, Sunday, Dec. 4, 12:30pm, Silent Auction, White Elephant – watch for your invitation. All proceeds go to Torah Fund, which supports Rabbinical and Cantor training at JTS, Ziegler, Israel and South America.

## Social Justice Committee

### Social Justice Committee Members and Volunteers Helped at Prior Crossing

ToA Social Justice/Action Committee Members and volunteers assembled bed and café tables on September 18th at Prior Crossing, where 44 homeless youth are moving into the individual studio apartments and will be assisted by Wilder and Beacon Interfaith. Temple of Aaron members along with House of Hope members raised funds and collected necessities for each apartment. You can still assist in this cutting edge project. Contact Irene Goldman at [higgoldman@msn.com](mailto:higgoldman@msn.com) for more information. Volunteers Pictured: Roxanne Portnoy. Alden Hoffman, Liz and Richard Strimling, Gary Portnoy, Wendy Oskey. Peter Ganzel, Brian Zaidman, Tim Oskey, Howard Goldman, and Alexandria Ganzel.





# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
September/October 2016 Elul/Tishri 5776

Averbach, Rose	Greenberg, Richard	Ringer, Jan & Sherman
Axelrod, Lenny & Linda	Grin, Alexandra	Savage, Edith
Behr, Beverley & Richard	Grobovsky, Nancy & Rick	Schachtman, Steven
Berke, Beryl & family	Hirschhorn, Gerry	Schenker, Shirley
Blackman, David	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Schwartz, Sue & Jerry
Blyakher, Igor & Sima	Kaplan, Harvey & Sue	and Jenni
Braginsky, Inna & Gregory	Karon, Robert	Shneur, Revkka
Brody, Phyllis & Sanford	Kaufman, Stuart	Silverman, Artice
Calof, Rochelle	Kukulevskiy, Yuliy	Stacker, Howard & Tillie
Calof, Stan	Kushner, Susan & Barry	Stein, Lawrence & Naomi
Dreyster, Vladimir & Galina	Levey, Annette	Stock, Doreen
Eisenstadt, Linda & Larry	Lieberman,	Tilsen, Robert
Feldman, Kayleen	Sheila & Stephen	Trager, C.A.
Fishman, Jerry	Lubov-Ripps, Sherri	Uchenik, Esfir
Garbuz, Khaye	Mack, Ellen & Tom Bates	Udodovsky, Mira
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Makhlin, Boris & Yuliy	Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Gochberg, Peter & Vera	Marsh, Herbert	Vinnik, Luda & Val
Gokhberg, Raisa	Nemer, Helen	Waldman, Jerry and family
Goldberg, Sharleen	Pogoler,	Ward, Allen
Goldberger, Geralddean	Andrew & Barbara	Weiller, William
Greenberg,	Rein, Mildred	Winthrop, Sonie & Steve
Leibert & Barbara		

... to Louis Reis Family Fund #3 of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities for supporting our Shabbat Kiddush Fund.  
 ... to our Choir Director/Organist Tom Bartsch who help prepare this year's choir.  
 ... to choir members Howard Bell, Michael Bell, George Bier, Mary Clark, Susan Flynn, Renee Kvasnik, Amy Miller-Stern, Jennifer Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz, Marsha Schwartz, and Elliott Stern for enhancing our High Holyday services this year.  
 ... to all the people who helped make High Holyday Youth Programming run so smoothly: Lindsay Berg, Rachel Bloom, Susie Haim, Maddie Harrison, Daniela Kotovsky, Max Lerman, Ethan Less, Marc Lowenthal, Jacob Thomas, David Zylberberg, Samantha Zylberberg, and Janet Zylberberg.  
 ... to Mark Divine, Erin Baldinger, Jason Divine, Sam Gantman, Ethan Less and Jim Berg for leading services and blowing shofar throughout High Holyday services.  
 ... to Wendy & Tim Oskey for donating the rolling cabinet by main entrance for collecting food, clothing and other items for Tikun Olam.  
 ... to Sue Schwartz for coordinating Sisterhood's Book Sale Fundraiser which raised over \$500 for the Kiddush Lunch Fund.  
 ... to High Holyday usher captains Harlan Stern, Ron Miller and Neil Gitlin.  
 ... to the Board of Directors for welcoming everyone as they entered to attend services during the High Holydays.

# Blessings

## NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 64 Norman & Ethel Smith
- 62 Marvin & Beverly Edelstein
- 56 Steven & Barbara Godes
- 51 Bill & Lynn Kantor
- 45 Steve & Nancy Browne
- 30 Lori & Brian Levine-Ford
- 15 Yuliya & Boris Makhlin

נחמו נחמו עמי

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

**Samuel Saide  
Jeanette Kurnow  
Joyce Burnstein**

**TISHRI BANNER:** In memory of Anna Schloff by children, Dr. Ivan Schloff, Marvin Schloff and Fern Melzer. Titled "World" (Yaacov Agam design). It shows the world is in constant movement and change.

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



Ken Agranoff





## CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!

Sisterhood Knits has decided to participate in a community service project and we need your help. Knitted Knockers is an organization affiliated with the American Cancer Society. Their purpose is to supply, free of charge, hand made breast forms for women who have had mastectomies or significant lumpectomies. Not every woman opts for or can have reconstruction surgery and many find currently available prosthetics uncomfortable. We have been in touch with the local distributor for women in MN and she will be delighted to accept and distribute our knockers. The patterns are available at [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org) and are free. If you don't want to stuff them, we will do that for you. Please follow the guidelines on types and gauge of yarn to use as these must be soft, comfortable and washable. Happy knitting!

## JCC to Honor Wendy and Steve Baldinger at December 3 Event



Pictured: Etta & Mike Barry; Wendy & Steve Baldinger

More info:

[www.stpauljcc.org/programs/special-events/itsabouttime/](http://www.stpauljcc.org/programs/special-events/itsabouttime/)

# ...and More

## Come Ride the TAXY Random Acts of Kindness Bus!

### What's a Random Acts of Kindness Bus?

Young Adults (20s & 30s) from all over the Twin Cities, will explore St. Paul performing Random Acts for those around us.



**Thursday, December 1  
6:30-9:00 pm**

\$25 to ride, all proceeds will be used for Random Acts of Kindness during the evening, any money not spent will be donated. RSVP to Adam Bender. Limited Spots Available.

## Welcome to Our New Clergy Assistant — continued from page 2

of Moorhead and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design in 2015.

When I joined the Temple of Aaron staff I got to meet the clergy and programming team and fit right in as an integral part of what we do each day. I assist the Clergy with their day-to-day activities to ensure everything runs smoothly for them. As the Rabbis are writing their sermons and Cantor getting things ready for services, I make sure that the Shabbat schedule and announcements are printed and all of the little things are ready for them be able to lead the congregation effectively from the Bemah. Utilizing my graphic design background, I have made a few ads for local newspapers and newsletters for special events; which is one of my favorite things to do. I love that I can use my fine art skills in an organization that helps community members in so many ways. It is so meaningful to watch the clergy help people through the best and toughest times and I am here on the front lines assisting them in any way I can.

Throughout these past months working at Temple of Aaron my days have been filled with many new experiences. A special thank you to my predecessor

Susan Tervola for great training and systems. This year's High Holyday season was my first ever! Not only was I helping the Clergy and programming team prepare for the Holydays, but I was also learning about the Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah as well. From learning what a Sukkah is, to what the phrase Shana Tovah means, I have learned so much. At first it was a little overwhelming, and to be honest a little foreign for me to understand the traditions and the significance of each symbol and celebration, but it has also been exciting at the same time. I have traveled to foreign places throughout my life and one of my favorite things to do is to observe different cultures and talk to people so I can learn about their traditions. What I love about working at Temple of Aaron is that I am learning everyday about the beautiful and sacred traditions of Judaism with people that are so welcoming and helpful.

It has been a great start and I hope to spend many more years learning and embracing the wonderful community I have been a part of in this short yet impactful time here! Happy Thanksgiving to all and I hope to meet more members of the community over the next 6 months!

# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

November 2016  
Tishri - Heshvan 5777

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
			4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm TikOne — Election Program 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services  Candle Lighting 5:38pm	8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 7:00pm ToA Event w/ Mayim Bialik  <b>Set Clocks Back 1 Hour</b>	Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan  <b>Election Day</b>	4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm TikOne — Jewish Identity 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	5:45pm Prayers in PJs 6:30pm Got Shabbat Turkey Dinner 8:00pm Erev Shabbat— Veterans Shabbat  Candle Lighting 4:30pm	8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am All Youth Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School — Kinyon Tzedakah 10:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Beit Midrash 11:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Ernie Gulner	Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	5:00pm Kinnus Parent Meeting 6:00pm Minyan	4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm TikOne—Family Feud 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	5:45pm Kinnus Meeting 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services  Candle Lighting 4:23pm	8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Beit Midrash 11:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Ernie Gulner 12:00pm Youth play tryouts	Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	4:00pm No Lower School 6:00pm No TikOne 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class  USY Leaves for Kinnus <b>Thanksgiving</b>	6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services  USY at Kinnus  Candle Lighting 4:18pm	8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am NO School USY at Kinnus
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<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>		
9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am NO Sunday School 10:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Beit Midrash 11:00am Infinity Adult Ed — Ernie Gulner USY returns from Kinnus	Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	6:00pm Minyan	4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm TikOne — Special Olympics 6:00pm Minyan			



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