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Endowed by Eddie & Mary Lee Deerfield (z"l),
of blessed memory

THANK YOU!

To everyone who joined us for our Annual Fundraiser featuring Dr. Asaf Romirowsky and a special thank you to our sponsors.

We are truly fortunate to have your support for this congregation and community.



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In My View - The Jewish Leap Year

BY RABBI MATT

This year there were five Shabbatot (the plural of Shabbat) in February, which means one thing: It's a Jewish leap year! Coincidentally, it also happens to be a leap year in the Gregorian calendar. Otherwise, we wouldn't have changed our desk calendars to February 29th last month. In the Gregorian calendar, calculating the leap year is relatively simple. Just add an extra day in the winter every four years to make up for the extra $\frac{1}{4}$ of a day we experience each solar year.



When it comes to the Jewish leap year, things are far more complex. Would you expect anything different? After all, the Talmud includes over 300 years of commentary on the laws of the Mishnah and Jewish sages aren't known for their brevity. Simply put, we add an entire *month* to the Jewish leap year about every three years. More precisely, the cycle of leap years occurs 7 out of every 19 years. It's called a *machzor*, because like the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur prayer books that share the same name, we *renew* this cycle again and again.

Not all calendars have periodic "corrections" to ensure that holidays don't drift too far off course. The Islamic calendar, for instance, is purely lunar. This means festivals like Ramadan can occur throughout the calendar year. Of course, this wouldn't do in Judaism. Otherwise we'd be celebrating Hanukkah in July and Purim in September! The Jewish leap year keeps Sukkot in the fall, Passover in the spring, and Shavuot in late spring/early summer. This makes our calendar lunisolar.

In the days before a fixed calendar system, Jews throughout the Middle East relied on signal fires, passed along from station to station, to determine the new moon or first day of the month. This worked well until the Samaritans tried to fool the Jews in the 2nd century CE by lighting signal fires at the wrong times. How's that for irony?

After that, Jews used a pony express system, akin to Paul Revere, to announce the new month. Finally, the sage Hillel (1st century CE) codified the current system with some sophisticated mathematical and astronomical calculations. This leaves us with a second month of Adar in leap years. As I write this article, we're in Adar I. In about a week, we'll begin Adar II. Some Jews call leap years "pregnant" due to their extra days. In a leap year, the holiday of Purim always occurs during the second month of Adar.

Leap years are said to include an extra helping of blessing and *mazel* (luck) for the Jewish people. As our sages taught, "*Mi sh'nichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha*. When Adar enters, we increase in joy." We need this uplift, since so many of us have heavy hearts due to the tragedy that unfolded on October 7th and Israel's justified war in Gaza. There are still 100 or more hostages being held against their will by Hamas terrorists. And as we know, the scourge of antisemitism has increased dramatically since then. Nevertheless, it's vitally important that we make room for joy in our lives.

This year, we are blessed with a double portion of Adar! A full 60 days to seek out goodness and lift the spirits of those around us. **Let's celebrate Adar together at our congregational Purim Celebration on Sunday, March 24th at 11 AM.** Join us as we enjoy a Megillah reading to celebrate Queen Esther, a costume parade, great music, delicious food, balloon artistry, and a magic show.

Rabbi Matt



Presidents Remarks -

BY PAULA ROSOFF

We have been a busy congregation since the New Year! In January, we held a wonderful Tu B'Shvat seder for families along with our Religious School children. Thanks to Robin Taylor and Ava Pierce and a great committee for putting this together.

Our Brotherhood and Sisterhood continue to entertain and educate us, highlighted by the Super Bowl party and a Mahjong evening, both loads of fun and very well attended. (Please see their columns for all their scheduled activities).

Our speaker event was a big success. Dr. Romirowsky gave us so much insight into the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and how it has spilled over onto our college campuses. I want to personally thank everyone who bought a ticket for this event. We only have one major fundraiser a year, and these funds are sorely needed for us to maintain our budget and be able to provide all that we do. Thanks again to Steve Konigsberg for chairing this event.

We held our new member dinner, which is always a lovely catered dinner prior to Shabbat services, planned by David Bild. Welcome to all of those who joined our congregation this year!!

Thank you to Melissa and David Bernstein for hosting a "meet the Rabbi" evening. We have found that these intimate evenings are a lovely way to get to know Rabbi Matt and Ida, and to get to know each other too!! Penny Barna and her committee worked hard to make this happen.

We continue to advance our security measures. In January, about 25 of us attended an in-person training session with CSS (Community Security Service). Both the online and in-



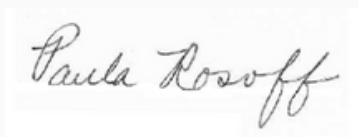
person training will be offered to the whole congregation again. These help us all to be more situationally aware and able to react if necessary.

As President, I have attended a URJ conference of Presidents webinar and a webinar on ethics. URJ offers so much to assist with the leadership of a congregation. I also attended the dinner and informational event at TOP and brought along a new and a prospective Endowment donor. Our Legacy Society is made up of all the thoughtful congregants who have made it a point to include Temple Ahavat Shalom as a beneficiary as part of their final wishes. These funds, which are invested at TOP, will help insure the future financial solvency of our synagogue. I would be ecstatic if every Temple member at least made the inquiry as to what becoming a legacy member entails. Please call the Temple off to ask for a private, one on one meeting with one of our Endowment Committee members.

Lastly, we are all excited to welcome our newest staff member Sydney Payne. She is our in-house full time bookkeeper. Our dear Miranda Mamutaj is still with us part-time, helping to train Sydney. Please stop by the office to introduce yourselves. Sydney will be able to handle all your financial needs, including making payment arrangements. I know that discussing finances can be a sensitive issue, so I am always available to have that conversation should you deem it necessary.

Looking forward to a wonderful Spring and wishing everyone in advance a beautiful Pesach!

B'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Rosoff". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Introducing our new bookkeeper

Dear Congregants,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the new bookkeeper of Temple Ahavat Shalom. My name is Sydney, and I am incredibly honored to join this vibrant and welcoming community.

I come to you with financial experience and am eager to apply my skills and knowledge to support the financial well-being of our temple. Having spent time in the past with Temple Ahavat Shalom, I am deeply committed to contributing to the continued success and growth of our temple family.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Miranda for her continued invaluable service to our temple, as well as her support and mentorship of me during this transition. She will always be available to us should the need arise. I am honored to follow in her footsteps and build upon the strong foundation she has laid.

I am truly excited to collaborate with each of you and I commit myself to serve our temple family with dedication, integrity, and transparency. As your bookkeeper, I am here to assist you with any financial inquiries or concerns you may have, whether it's clarifying your financial statements, facilitating transactions, or any miscellaneous concerns that may arise.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or feedback. I am here to listen and support you in any way I can. Together, let us continue to uphold the values and traditions that make Temple Ahavat Shalom a cherished place of worship, community, and spiritual growth.

Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful congregational family; I look forward to getting to know each of you.

With warmest regards,

Sydney Payne,

Bookkeeper

Temple Ahavat Shalom

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Melvin S. Cutler &
Catherine D. Stavroff
Eddie (z"l) & Mary Lee (z"l)
Deerfield
Richard & Sheila Eatroff
Robert Entel
Syd & Irwin Entel
Janet & Robert (z"l) Ettleman
Judith Fairfield
Nancy & Will Greenberg
Maia Hermann
Susan & David Herron
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Stephanie & Stuart Strikowsky
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Lee (z"l) Vannes &
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(z"l) Of blessed memory

RABBI GARY KLEIN L'DOR V'DOR ENDOWMENT FUND

Have you participated in the Rabbi Gary Klein Endowment Fund?

In order to provide a stronger and brighter future for our Temple now and for future generations, we have created the Rabbi Gary Klein L'dor V'dor Endowment, named in honor for our beloved spiritual leader.

One of the most exciting parts of the fund is that you can opt to donate now and/or make a promise to make a donation in the future through many options including your will, trust, retirement account, appreciated stock, or insurance policy.

For those members who are over age 70 ½ years old, you may donate from the required minimum distribution (RMD*) of your IRA and, therefore, avoid paying income taxes on those IRA funds!

If you choose to donate in the future, you may update your will, trust, retirement account or insurance policy to include the Temple as a beneficiary of funds.

All donors who make a commitment of \$5,000 or more will become Endowment Members joining those listed on this letterhead. We hope that you will join the founding Endowment Members and make a generous donation or future promise!

How do you start? Simply click [here](#) to complete the online form.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Temple office:

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Your Temple Needs You – Please help your Temple

* the maximum gift from an annual RMD is \$100,000



TEMPLE AHAVAT SHALOM'S

Weaner Religious School



"The world exists only on the breath of school children".
-Sayings of our Fathers (Pirkei Avot)



Director's "D'rash"

BY TAMI WOLF

This month, with Purim coming up, we are asking our families to embrace the mitzvah of tzedakah by bringing donations – lists of items needed coming soon- to the Purim Carnival on March 24th for our fulfilling the mitzvah of *shaloch manot* (giving of gifts) and *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts for the poor).

Maimonides said, "We are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of giving to others than any other positive commandment because giving is the sign of righteousness. Nobody is ever impoverished through the act of giving."

Our families were very generous for our Mitzvah Day activities. We were able to donate over 400lbs of food to our Gulf Coast JFCS. We also sent over \$400 to support on going efforts in Israel to take care of our IDF soldiers. Whether it was providing snacks, a special breakfast or needed items like socks - our donations were well used.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's Jewish Education and thank you for sharing your children with us. Let's celebrate Purim together on March 24th. Then because we have Adar 1 AND Adar 2 this year- more time for joyous and celebrating!- Passover comes towards the end of April. We will celebrate with a model Seder on April 21st. Then the next Sunday, April 28th, we'll hold an open house for perspective families , a breakfast for everyone and a

pre- registration celebration for Religious school next year. The following week is our last Religious School session of the year, May 5th. We will have a moving up ceremony and our youth choir performance at 11:30. I hope you will join us for all the wonderful programs and activities. I hope you will also tell your family and friends about our programs and bring them to experience it for themselves.

Am Yisrael Chai,
Tami



WEANER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CALENDAR

MARCH

3/3

- 9:30am-12:30pm Religious School

3/10-17

- No School - SPRING BREAK

3/24

- 9:30-11:00am Religious School (note: classes end early to start the Purim celebration)
- 11:00am-1:00pm PURIM CARNIVAL (this program is open to the public)

3/28-29

- Pre-confirmation and Confirmation Overnight Trip to Orlando

3/31

- No School

APRIL

4/7

- 9:30am-12:30pm Religious School
- 12:30-1:15pm Choir Practice

4/14

- 9:30am-12:30pm Religious School
- 12:30-2:00pm Family Program

4/21

- 9:30am-12:30pm Religious School featuring Model Seder @ 11am

4/28

- 9:30-10:30am Pre-registration Day & Open House for prospective families
- 9:30am-12:30pm Religious School
- 12:30-1:15pm Choir Practice
- 1:00-3:00pm CPR/First Aid Class

MAY

5/5

- 9:30am-11:30pm Religious School
- 11:30am Last Day of Religious School Ceremony

5/19

- 10:30am Confirmation Service & Ceremony

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Purim Carnival - Sunday, March 24th | 11am-1pm

Pre Confirmation, Confirmation, Youth trip to Orlando | March 29-30

Pesach Program Model Seder April 21st | 11am - 12:30

Kid's Shabbat - April 26th | 5pm

Last Day of Religious School - Sunday, May 5th

Confirmation service and ceremony Sunday, May 19th | 10:30am





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March

11 Irv Hoffman
3 Benjamin Gold
3 Adam Rosoff
4 Leah Bergoffen
5 Melissa Rosen
6 Jordan Young
7 Jeanne Abbo
7 Jeremy Schoenfeld
7 Melvin Cutler
8 Shauna Heath
8 Matthew Berger
8 Gary Klein
8 Danielle Epstein
9 Debbie Golomb
9 Jaron Ross
10 Glenn Bergoffen
11 Dana Bergner
11 Tami Wolf
12 Scott Maller
12 Daniel Bolnick
13 Abigail Sorokurs
13 Joshua Scholl

13 Liam Murtha
14 Jerry Brownstein
14 Emma Schechter
14 Arlene Seigel
14 Jack Ouziel
15 Deborah Arnold
15 Eric Plevin
17 Gayle Maller
18 Sally Laufer
18 Jodie Katzeff
18 David Bernstein
20 Robert Young
21 Renee Walter
23 Stefanie Roberts
23 Michael Brudny
23 Erin Newman
24 Gary Rosenberg
24 Shana Kligerman
24 Carl Greenbaum
25 Joshua Chazen
25 Randy Felser
25 Jason Fox

26 Lily Long
26 Gabriella Weisberg
26 Rowan Horwitz
26 Michelle Schachter
27 Dolores Turner
27 Irene Weiss
27 Jacob Rubin
27 Joseph Duran
28 Joanna Schechter
28 Stuart Strikowsky
28 Arlyn Abelson
28 Alan Abelson
28 Ian Matzkowitz
28 Samantha Dedels
29 Natalia Golomb
30 Gregory Seigel
31 Barry Silverstein
31 Jaclyn Rothberg
31 Susan Behar
31 Lydia Murtha
31 Ellen Dantec



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

1 Rebekah Clemens
1 John Walsh
3 Jordan Natelson
4 Larry Israel
4 Dalia Laufer
4 Daniel Kramer
4 Nicole Skalka
5 Lindsey Rubin
5 Emily goldman
5 Judith Groom
6 Richard Katzeff
6 Adam Lowitt
7 Debra Cusick
7 Jeff Reisberg
8 Sanford Plevin
8 Matthew Weinkrantz
8 Martha Lichter
9 Jeanne Feld
10 Paula Rosoff
11 Andrew Abbo
11 Christina Fox
13 Barbara Fox
13 David Patchen
13 Kim Noel
13 Benjamin Fishman
14 Pamela Granoff
14 Ellen Walsh
14 Thomas Silver

14 Harry Kolodner
14 Brenda Smith
15 Eric Hirschberger
15 Beverly Helie
15 Andrew Silber
16 Norma Bloomberg -
Vannes
16 William Lichter
17 Jaela Bandes
17 Kevin Schachter
17 Zoe Bandes
17 Isaac Siegel
17 Karen Burgeson
17 Max Fishalow
18 Asher Ferreyra
18 Joan Felser
18 Ryan Newman
19 Cyrus Arfa
19 Tony Holloway
19 David Chazen
19 Ryan Carter
20 Jamie Cusick IV
20 David Shapiro
20 Jarod Layliev
20 Thomas Larsen
20 Thomas Burgeson
21 Sydelle Freifeld
21 Rebekah Rosen

22 Evan Podber
22 Jonathon Podber
23 Lauren Kaplan
23 Sophie Long
23 Michelle Gordon
23 Steven Sussner
23 Maximus Layliev
24 Bruce Kreutzer
24 Gwen Clemens
25 Luy Teitelroit
25 Irene Lipensky
25 Pheonix Crane
26 Thomas Walter
27 Ian Lieberman
27 Philip Satinoff
27 Parker Koster
27 Tara Boyle
27 Jeff Brandeis
27 Elliot Satinoff
27 Avi Berger
28 Loren Goldman
28 Sally Siegel
29 Bruce Lowitt
30 Alexandra Teitelroit
30 David Schechter
30 Sage Crane
30 Madelyn Greenberg
30 Hannah Zazzaro

Yahrzeits

MARCH

1 Morris Stotland	6 Irwin Fairfield	13 William C. C Chambers	21 William Jackson
1 Edith Eckber	6 David Freudenthal	14 Joel Brettschneider	22 Pauline Dinehart
1 Sylvia Chanin	6 Rayna Abrahams	14 Neil Edward Rothschild	23 Margaret Kovach
1 Ruby F Gornbein	7 Minnie Dauman	14 Joseph Schrabman	23 Amy Pruski
1 Isadora Rutenberg	7 Jerome Rusoff	14 Nathan Buchstein	23 Deborah Tripp
1 Edie Eckber	7 Sylvia Slaff	15 Charles Strikowsky	23 Sherie Lidskin
1 Bonny Dillman	8 Arline Rosenblatt	16 Faye Leah Sokoloff	24 Michael Shapiro
2 Harold Peiser	8 Marvin Weiss	17 Monroe Pincus	24 Duane Curry
2 Julie A. Manning	8 Raymond Shleier	17 Helen Marko	24 Michael Wolf Larish
2 Ruth Zisman	8 Abraham Diamond	17 Harry Weidberg	25 Rachel Novack
2 Mary Posner	9 Nina Layliev	18 Allan Resnick	26 Louis Kovach
2 Theresa Goodstein	9 Emmette Gumm	18 Michele Mann	26 Izzy Kasoff
2 Gertrude Goldstein	9 Arnold Lehrer	18 Ida Ruthberg	26 Mendell Granoff
2 Morris Steinhorn	10 Ruth Hadburg	18 Charlotte Lewis	27 Helen Epstein
2 Hyman Colin	10 Sol Kaplan	18 MaryAnn Messina	28 Pauline Fish
3 Louis Chanin	10 Robert Cohen	18 Aaron Sloane	29 Louis Unger
3 Lucille Arditti	10 Frank Blitzer	19 Anrico Behar	29 Len Sternbane
3 Maria Rosa	10 Hattie Freedman	19 Morris Kanegson	29 Beatrice Goldsmith
4 Robert Brower Sr	10 Roberta Stein	19 Doris Ferguson	29 Israel Nathan
4 Peggy Singer Frankel	11 Milton Hyman	19 Richard E. Harding Jr.	Goldsmith
4 Lenora C Kirk	11 Altamae "Bunny"	19 Louis Friedman	30 Emmanuel Cohn
4 Sydney Weiss	Rosenthal	19 Anne Stosser	30 Leonard Bolnick
4 Abraham Konigsberg	11 Max Eisenberg	19 Morris Weiss	30 Delcie Supow
4 Beatrice Rutenberg	11 Harry Maza	19 Hedwig Goldschmidt	30 Adele Katz
Goldsmith	11 Alan Rothberg	20 Sylvia Estulin	31 Hazel Golob
5 Melvin Auerbach	12 Sylvia Rosoff	20 Anna Kasoff	31 Josif Katz
5 Myron Caine	12 Hattie Hayden	20 Ida Wenig	31 Marshall Greenman
5 Herman Silver	13 Jeanne Steinhorn	20 Marshall Baron	31 Margo Werner
6 Josephine Vitiello	13 Bryce Herbert	20 Abraham Herbsztein	31 Morris Broder

Yahrzeits

APRIL

1 Harold Lipton	10 Sally Levy	15 Sadye Kravitz	23 Jennie Lazerson
1 Thelma Rubin	10 Irwin Tomack	16 Louis Joseph	24 Anna Simon
1 Irving Friedman	10 Louis Moscowitz	16 Stefan Freifeld	24 Harold Arthur Bergner
1 Beverly Slavney	10 Bertha Goldstein	16 Beverly Solomon	24 Sarah Paturick
1 Sidney Bassuk	10 Stephen Noel	16 Minnie Siegel	24 Josse Cohn
2 Jacob Becker	10 Milton Keshen	17 Jeanne Wint	24 Nathan Goldman
2 Rubin Miller	10 Barrish Flashner	17 Sadie "Rusty" Kessler	25 Ida Gordon
2 Harvey Sussman	10 Marvin Rosenberg	17 Stanley Solomon	25 Natalie Skalka
2 Diane Vigder	10 David Dictor	18 Ray Schwartz	25 Alfred Schick
2 Leonard Rothschild	11 Marvin Goldman	18 Harold Terkel	26 Herbert Kotler
3 Jay Byron	11 Violet Martin	18 William Stein	26 Harold G. Wenig
3 Charles Cohn	11 Louis Altner	19 Bess Entel	26 Helaine Katz
3 Dale Ferguson	11 Max Butin	19 Sylvia Fox	27 Dora Barron
4 Abraham Michael	11 Henrietta Rauchwerk	19 Leo Goldsmith	27 Max Berman
Sokoloff	12 Hyman Secundy	20 Morris Ouziel	27 Belle Lubotsky
5 Bea Grant	12 Rebecca Stein	20 Blanche Smolensky	27 Blanche Miller
5 David Wachtel	13 Arlen Cohn	20 Gusta Mellinger	27 Yetta Karp
5 Miriam Kronenberg	13 Keith Willett	20 Mollie Brevoort	27 Stanley Weinstein
5 Sally Caplin	13 Shem Tov Mallah	20 Benjamin Albin	28 Charlotte Kerstein
5 Gerri Tobin	13 Harold Eisner	20 Margie Granoff	28 William Greenberg
6 Riva Kolodner	13 Herbert Gamler	20 Dora Stotland	28 Louis P. Greiner
6 Bella Schlager	13 Alex Hoch	20 Lee C Plevin	28 Miriam Schloss
6 Maldwin Walters	14 Rebecca Segal-Hurowitz	21 Sadie Kessler	29 Helen Tamber
7 Leon Freedman	14 Joann Sorokurs	21 Edward Abbo	29 Goldie Schaffer
7 Albert Schoolnick	14 Barry Heiserman	21 Catherine Devine	29 Maxine Gladstone
7 Jerome Greenhouse	14 Cicily Fox	21 Harvey Nemeroff	29 Joel Cohen
8 Marc Rubins	14 Norman Eatroff	22 Steve Alcorn	29 David Bloom
8 Rose Stark	14 Elizabeth Kovis	22 David Kushner	30 Anna Castillo
8 Anne Blatt	14 Diane Rosen	23 Wayne Vannes	30 Morris Klein
9 Hans Fleisch	14 Isabel Pincus	23 Jennie Schatzburg	
9 Werner Cohn	15 Marjorie Katzeff	Bassuk	
9 Sylvia Fishalow	Buchman	23 Fay Joseph	
9 Louis Baker	15 Jonas Grushkin	23 Esther Albin	

MARCH

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7:00p L'Dor
V'Dor Family
Shabbat
Services



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9:30a Religious
School
12:30p Family
Program -
Hamantaschen
Bake

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7:00p Jews &
Diamonds: A
Sparkling &
Multifaceted
History



4

7:00p
Brotherhood
Board Meeting

5

7:00p Social
Awareness Event:
Getting Your
'Docs' in a Row



6

12:00p Judges &
Prophets Class
7:00p Sisterhood
Board Meeting

7

7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Services



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5:00p Finance
Meeting

12

13

10:00a Bike Club
12:00p Judges &
Prophets Class

14

7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Service



15

9:00a Shabbat
Morning Service



16

10:30a Book
Club



17

7:00p Board
Meeting

18

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12:00p Judges &
Prophets
7:00p Chai
Mitzvah
7:00p Men's
Night Out

21

7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Service



22

10:00a Women's
Shabbat
Morning
Meditation



23

9:30a Religious
School
11:00 Purim
Carnival



24

25

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27

7:00p Inclusive
Traditions -
Sharing Wisdom
and Creating
LGBTQ+
Affirming Jewish
Spaces

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7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Service



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9:30a Religious
School
3:00p BACA
Concert



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12:00p Judges &
Prophets Class
7:00p Chai
Mitzvah

7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Services



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9:30a Religious
School

6:00p Finance
Meeting

12:00p Judges &
Prophets Class
7:00p Speaker
Event

5:30 Kid's
Shabbat
7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Services



19

9:00a Shabbat
Morning Service
10:30a Bar
Mitzvah - Drew
Silber



20

9:30a Religious
School
(Passover Model
Seder)



21

**HAPPY
PASSOVER**

22

6:00p Annual 2nd
Night of Passover
Congregational
Dinner



23

24

12:00p Judges &
Prophets Class

25

5:30p Kid's
Shabbat
7:30p Erev
Shabbat
Services



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27

9:30a Religious
School
10:30a Book
Club

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7:00p Broad
Meeting

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Liturgical Calendar

MARCH

Friday, March 1

7:30pm L'Dor V'Dor Intergenerational
Shabbat Service

Friday, March 8

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Friday, March 15

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 16

9:00am Shabbat Morning Services

Friday, March 22

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Friday, March 29

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services



APRIL

Friday, April 5

7:30pm Sisterhood led Shabbat Services

Friday, April 12

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, April 19

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Shabbat Morning Services

10:30am Bar Mitzvah - Drew Silber

Tuesday, April 23

6:00pm Annual 2nd night of Passover
Congregational Seder

Friday, April 26

5:30pm Kid's Shabbat

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services



Sisterhood News



We continue to pray for peace and recovery for the State of Israel.

Am Israel Chai

Ongoing Sisterhood Programs

Chai Mitzvah:

meets by ZOOM led by Chair / Moderator Barbara Gitomer.

This year's curriculum features Rosh Chodesh as the road map each month. Please RSVP using the Sisterhood email address so that you will be emailed the monthly pro-gram packet and the ZOOM link for the actual session.

Next Sessions:

Tuesday, March 21st and Tuesday, April 11th

Sunday Morning Mahj:

continues on Sundays during Religious School.

There will be no Mahj if school is not in session - new and experienced players are welcome.

The Chesed Committee:

led by Irene Lipensky and Susan Satinoff, continues to nurture our congregation in mourning with gifts of challah and chicken soup.

Please remember the Judaica Shop has beautiful items for all occasions. Ava Pierce, our Judaica Shop buyer, has partnered with the Jerusalem's Israel Museum to present gift items they would normally be selling in their own gift shop. Please take a special look at these beautiful pieces and support both Israeli artists and Sisterhood.

Thank You to our Event Planners!

On Wednesday, February 7th Bev Richman and Sally Laufer Co-chaired an amazing fundraising event - Moo Shu Mahj - an evening of mahj, dinner, raffles, boutique shop-ping and fun & friendship. It was a roaring success and everyone is looking forward to the next one! Thank you Bev and Sally.

Our most recent Girls Night Out on February 21st was a trip on the Jolly Trolley. The event was a sellout and enjoyed by everyone who boarded the trolley. Thank you to our Co-chairs Loren Goldman and Shari Sadler who arranged an evening filled with friend-ship, food and fun!

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

SAVE THE DATES!!!

ALL EVENTS require RSVP and pre-payment, if payment is needed. Please visit the TAS website to make your reservation for any of the events you'd like to attend.

Questions? Email to TASSHevents@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Family Hamentashen Bake

Sunday, March 3rd, 12:30 pm - 3 pm

Children MUST be pre-registered to attend!!! Lunch will be served!
\$5 per child for children of Sisterhood Members; \$10 per child for non-members

Sisterhood Social Awareness Program - Getting Your Docs in a Row

Wednesday, March 6th, 7 pm

Panel discussion with Dr. Richard Maza, Adam Abelson (CFP), Barbara Epstein (Elder Attorney and Dr. Linda Gurvitz (PhD, psychology)
Open and complimentary to all. RSVPs are required for security purposes.

Dessert Reception following the program.

Sisterhood / Brotherhood Shabbat

Friday, March 8th, 7:30 pm

Women's Shabbat Morning Meditation

Saturday, March 23rd, 10 am

Complimentary for Sisterhood Members. RSVPs are required for security purposes.

TAS Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 24th - sponsored in part by Sisterhood

Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, April 5th

A Volunteer's Experience in Israel: Elyse Silver Shares her Story

Along with Marc Silver, JNF Tampa Area Director

Thursday, April 18th, 7 pm

Presented in conjunction with Jewish Women International (JWI) and Lylah Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah

All are welcome. RSVP is MANDATORY.

Details to come - please look for the flyer in the TAS Happenings email.

Temple Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood is part of the national umbrella organization **Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ.)**

**Prayer for the Captive Women and Children
by Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch, Executive Director, WRJ**

Our God, the God of our ancestors
Free all those captured in war.
Free the active women:
Free our mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and aunts.
Free the babies and children, senselessly, violently kidnapped.
Fulfill that great mitzvah, that holds duty
Of redeeming the captive.
May they all return swiftly,
To their families and their homes.
May women's bodies be scared and safe.
Shekhinah, nurturing presence, watch over the.
Guard them.
Protect the.
Bring them home.
Baruch Ata Adonai, matir asurot.
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, who frees the captive.

WRJ Mission Statement

Women of Reform Judaism strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

If you would like to learn even more, please contact Ellyn Kessler who serves on the WRJ District Board and is a member of our Sisterhood Board. Ellyn can be reached at the Sisterhood email address: TASSHevents@gmail.com. Or visit wrj.com.

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Brotherhood had a great turnout for this years Super Bowl Party. Thank you to everyone who joined us and we look forward to seeing you all at the Purim Carnival on March 24th at 11:00am!



**HAPPY
PURIM**

*Happy
Passover*
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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Please join us for our Spring Speaking UP event Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is Dr. Dani Rosenkrantz, Licensed Psychologist from Brave Space Psychology speaking about LGBTQ+ Mental Health, Affirmation, Empowerment & Wellness.

We are holding a SAC led Donation drive for the whole month of March 1st to 31st to benefit Shepherd's Center of Tarpon. We are asking you to do that spring house cleaning now and to bring unneeded gently used clothing, household items, & electronics and place them in marked boxes in the Temple lobby. We will transport them to Shepherds'.

Alternatively, additional Shepherds Center needs are listed on their website Amazon Wishlist at: [tscenter.org](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/ref=ahp_wishlist_page). Please mention that you are a Temple member.

If you are looking for an organization to volunteer your time and energy, please consider the Shepherds' Center and contact Bill Ross for information on the volunteering process at billross2@hotmail.com or 414-350-6195 by phone or text.

A reminder to register now for voting well in advance of November Presidential and state elections.

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-The Talmud

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Adult Education



Chai Mitzvah

The Chai Mitzvah is currently in session every third Thursday of the month during the evenings via Zoom. Please contact Barbara Gitomer: tasshevents@gmail.com for more info.

No preparation required, just bring your desire to connect with Jewish life in ways that are meaningful and important to you!

Adult Hebrew

The Adult Hebrew classes, taught by Linda Ross, focus on learning to read and pray in our ancient language.

Schedule:

Beginner: Sundays, 9:45am-10:45am

Intermediate: Sundays, 11:00am-12:00pm

If you have an interest in either starting from scratch to learn to read, or just need a refresher course, please call Kara in the Temple office to reserve a spot.

We offer this free to all Temple members. The cost for non-members is \$100. (plus the cost of books for all). You can email me with any questions: adminassistant@ahavatshalom.com

Judges & Prophets

For the coming year, the Prophets class will continue to use TANAKH: A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures According to the Traditional Hebrew Text. It is published by the Jewish Publication Society and is available on Amazon and other book sites (new and used). There are also copies in the TAS Library. We will continue with the book of Jeremiah and grapple with some of the most interesting moral and ethical problems facing Jews in ancient times, as well as today. All are welcome; no prior knowledge necessary.

Classes will be every Thursday, with the first Thursday of the month in-person (bring your own lunch), all other sessions will be done via ZOOM. To be added to the link and emails, please send an email to Susi Segal at susiwintsegal@gmail.com

Next Session:

March 7th @ 12:00PM

Adult Education *With Rabbi Matt*

The next topics and sessions will be announced in the Temple Happenings emails



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Jewish Dietary Ethics



As we enter the Spring season we start planning for what many Jews consider their favorite holiday. It is the one that is celebrated in the home and sometimes is the largest gathering for dinner we may have all year. Of course, this is Passover and the seder dinner.

We all know that Passover commemorates the Jewish Exodus from Egypt. It is so important that we tell the story year after year - how the Jews went from slavery to freedom.

This year it is important to think about what is on our plates. Has an animal suffered just to satisfy our taste buds? Has the environment been affected because we have to eat traditional foods? Has our health been impacted by our dietary choices?

Well, it is time to help the environment, respect the animals, and help our health too! Freedom for all!! Here are a few recipes to try for Passover. The internet has many great vegan recipes to make your Seder truly a journey from slavery to freedom.

Recipes for Passover:

Ingredients

- 3 large sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large red or yellow onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 4 to 5 medium or 3 large carrots, sliced
- 1 apple or ripe pear, peeled, cored, and sliced
- ½ cup chopped dried prunes
- ¼ cup chopped dried apricots
- ⅔ cup orange juice, preferably fresh
- 1 + ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh or jarred ginger
- Pinch of salt
- ⅓ to ½ cup finely chopped walnuts for topping, optional

Instructions

Bake or microwave the sweet potatoes until done but still fairly firm. Once cool enough to handle, peel and slice them. You can do this step well ahead of time.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit (180 degrees Celsius).

Heat the oil in a large skillet. Add the onion and sauté over medium heat until translucent. Add the carrots and continue to sauté until the onion is golden.

Combine with the remaining ingredients except the walnuts in a mixing bowl and stir until thoroughly mixed. Don't worry if the potato slices break apart.

Oil a shallow 2-quart baking dish Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the top begins to turn slightly crusty. Serve hot.



Jewish Dietary Ethics -

Ingredients

1 cup chickpea flour

(also known as garbanzo bean flour or besan)

¼ cup rice flour

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves, minced

(use less if that's your preference)

1 tablespoon parsley, minced

1 jalapeño pepper, minced

(deseed if sensitive to heat)

Salt, to taste

1 tablespoon oil for cooking (like avocado or olive)

1 large shallot, thinly sliced

3 cloves garlic, minced

8 ounces crimini or Baby bella mushrooms, sliced (or button mushrooms) Fresh cracked black pepper, to taste

1 + ½ sheets matzo crackers, broken into large pieces

Fresh chopped chives or parsley, for serving

Instructions

1. Make the batter by placing the chickpea flour and rice flour in a bowl with the rosemary, parsley, and jalapeño pepper. Add salt to taste.
2. Whisk in the water, a little bit at a time, until a smooth batter forms. You should need around 1 ¼ cups of water. The batter consistency should be somewhere between that of a crepe and pancake batter, thick but easily pourable.
3. In a large skillet, heat your cooking oil over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic with a pinch of salt and ground black pepper. Sauté until the shallots start to soften but are not brown.
4. Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are softened, about 3-4 minutes over medium heat.
5. Stir in the matzah crackers. Then pour in the chickpea batter evenly over the mushrooms and crackers.
6. Cook over medium to medium-high heat until the edges of the brei appear dry and multiple bubbles rise in the center.
7. Start the broiler. Place the skillet carefully under for 3-5 minutes or until the top is set and the crackers are slightly charred. You need to keep a close eye at this point as the broiler can burn things up pretty fast.
8. Remove the skillet from under the broiler, garnish, if desired, with fresh chopped chives or parsley, slice and serve.

B'Shalom - Paula Rosoff



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SPEAKER:

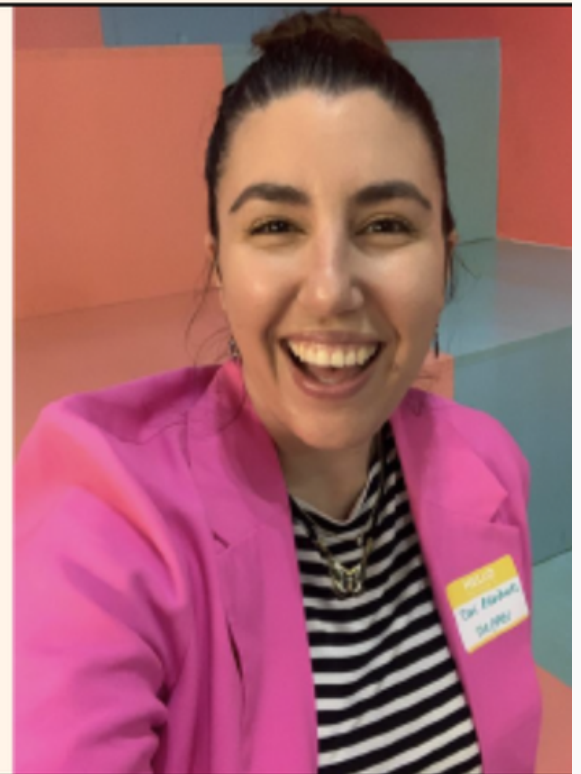
Dani Rosenkrantz, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Presentation
- Q&A Sessions
- Dessert Reception

THURS. MARCH 28 @ 7PM

THE TEMPLE SANCTUARY



BIO:

Dr. Dani Rosenkrantz (she/they) is a Jewish + Queer licensed psychologist and owner of Brave Space Psychology, a virtual private practice rooted in Florida that provides therapy and coaching, gender affirming care assessments, consultation and training. Dr. Dani offers parent and grandparent affirmation coaching and support groups focused on empowering families to best support their LGBTQ+ children and grandchildren and speaks nationally to reduce the impacts of minority stress and build communities where all can feel seen and thrive.



BRAVE SPACE
Psychology

Upcoming Events



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Our Mission

Temple Ahavat Shalom is a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation dedicated to ensuring the continuity of Jewish life, promoting Jewish values, supporting and loving Israel, strengthening Jewish bonds, engaging in community service and fostering life long learning. Our Temple is a second home for our members, where people of all ages can relate with one another in an atmosphere of sensitivity and caring.

Our Vision

Temple Ahavat Shalom is dedicated to nurturing Jewish values and responding to the changing needs of modern families. We look towards sustaining a thriving congregation with engagement of our youth and adults and to utilize music as inspiration for spirituality, scripture, healing and a focal point of connection.

Our Values

We are Inclusive

We are inclusive, warm and welcoming to all ethnicities, sexual and gender identities, physical and intellectual abilities, economic circumstances and political perspectives.

We are Spiritual

We are dedicated to ensuring the continuity of Judaism through religious services, cultural celebrations, social activities, study and fellowship.

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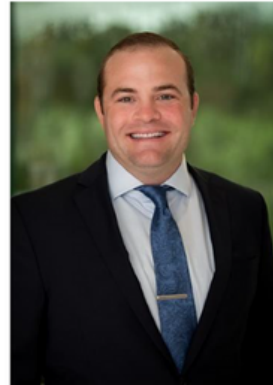
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