

Upcoming Events

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 Spielbound, 3229 Harney Street

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Temple Israel Playground Dedication

A special thank you to Jerry Schneider and family for generously donating our new playground. We also thank our Playground Committee for their foresight and dedication: Jamie Friedland, Danielle Howell and Leora Werner.



Senior Rabbi Search Committee Update

The Senior Rabbi Search Committee's work continues to advance. We recently sent a letter to the congregation with a detailed update on the process. Since that mailing, we have received applications from several more candidates and we plan to keep our position "open" with the rabbinic placement office until we have secured our new rabbi.

The committee is enthusiastic about the quality of our candidates and we plan to bring two-four finalists for in-person interviews in November and December. Our committee's goal is to forward the top candidate to the Board of Trustees in early 2017. In accordance with Temple Israel's bylaws, the board will vote on the recommendation and then bring the recommendation to the entire congregation for a congregational vote.

Thank you for your patience, support and commitment to the long term strength of Temple Israel. Please contact committee co-chairs Andie Gordman or Dan Gilbert with any questions or concerns. We would love to hear from you.

Clergy Report

Choir in the Community

Temple Israel participates annually in a Thanksgiving interfaith service, which this year will be hosted at St. Margaret Mary on Sunday, November 20, 5 p.m. Each fall the synagogue rabbis and church ministers meet to pick a relevant theme, and I meet with the music ministers to pick appropriate choral music. This service is wonderful for all who enjoy choral singing either by listening or participating. Instrumentalists are often featured as well; in the past we have had the opportunity of hearing wonderful bell choirs, organists and first-rate organs.

Synagogue members hopefully value the Jewish tradition of chanting our scrolls and the numerous modes our music employs. The Thanksgiving service is a good time to hear also Koran chanting and the very deep musical traditions of various church denominations. Most western music has borrowed from what came before or what is current in time and place, just as Jewish music took melodies from gypsy music and the army music of Tsarist Russia.

Temple Israel Board Report

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to express gratitude to the clergy, staff and choir for the beautiful services during the High Holy Days. In this season of change with two new rabbis and a new prayer book, we experienced the familiar music, felt the power of our prayers and took pleasure in being together in our sacred space.

During our September and October board meetings, the Board of Trustees:

- Approved the application of six new members and accepted one resignation due to a move. Total membership is now 716 member families.
- Reviewed the budgetary impact of Patron and Sponsor memberships. Patrons contribute \$2,000 above their Fair Share Dues and Sponsors contribute 25% above their dues. This year there are 23 patron members and 80 sponsors, 11 of whom are new to the program. Their generosity contributes \$68,000 to the budget. Thank you patrons and sponsors! And it is

Sharing our common love for the most basic and original of instruments, the voice, is one of the reasons that this Thanksgiving service draws serious attendance from the community year after year.



Cantor Shermet

Our choir, Kol Rina, contributes throughout the year. We have just concluded the Days of Awe and are already into a rehearsal schedule for Thanksgiving. Most years this is followed (sometimes immediately) by rehearsals for Chanukah. Once the secular New Year passes, we start preparing for Shabbat Shira. It has been a long-standing tradition to gather forces with the choir at St. Paul United Methodist Church, under the direction of Jerry Brabec. Sometimes we pick a theme such as Psalms for the Shira service, and sometimes we sing together later in the spring. One of the draws for us is singing on Sunday morning at St. Paul. Their members are unfailingly gracious and hospitable.

never too late to join their ranks.

- Reviewed the budget to track year to date expenditures and revenues.
- Approved Gary Kaplan as treasurer. Gary was previously the assistant but with the sad loss of our treasurer Ron Beach who passed away this summer, Gary moved into the position. An assistant treasurer will be nominated to the board in the spring.
- Approved the final expenditure for the new building of \$17,300, at the recommendation of Building Committee chair John Waldbaum. This amount was negotiated with Vrana Construction to cover a portion of the cost of change orders that had been paid through the contingency fund instead of charged to Temple Israel directly.
- Received reports from the Senior Rabbi Search Committee and from Rabbi Crystal about Tri-Faith.



Rosie Zweiback

Special Events

Celebrate **CHANUKAH**



Latkes, Dreidels & Song

Chanukah Service & Dinner

Friday, December 30

Candle lighting and Kiddush in the Simon Community Court, 5:30 p.m.

Services, 6 p.m., Dinner immediately following

Join us for a special, family-friendly, interactive Chanukah service, followed by dinner and games for all ages. Bring your dreidels! Bring your favorite family menorah to decorate your holiday table! The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children in 2nd - 6th grade; and no charge for kids under 2nd grade. Please RSVP, 402-556-6536 or rsvp@templeisraelomaha.com, by Tuesday, December 27.

We also need to spread our lights among those in our community by bringing non-food items to donate to the Jewish Family Services Pantry, i.e. laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, tissues, paper towels and dish towels.

MENU

Brisket
Vegetables
Latkes with
Applesauce &
Sour Cream
Dessert

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 5 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Church, 6116 Dodge Street
Rabbi Crystal, Rabbi Berezin, Cantor Shermet and the Kol Rina Choir will represent Temple Israel and participate in the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service along with the American Muslim Institute, Countryside Community Church, First Christian Church, First Congregational Church, First Unitarian Church of Omaha, First United Methodist Church, Hanscom Park United Methodist Church, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church. Following the service, there will be a reception with baked goods provided by each congregation.

CHINESE FOOD & a Movie!

Sunday, December 25, 6 p.m.

Join us at Temple Israel for a catered Chinese dinner and a family movie. The cost is \$8 and children under 13 are free.

Please RSVP to Temple Israel, 402-556-6536, by Wednesday, December 23.



Calendar

Pray תפילות

Installation of Rabbi Deana Berezin

Friday, November 18

Services, 6 p.m. followed by an Oneg

Rabbi Berezin, who has been at Temple Israel since July, will be officially installed at this special Shabbat Worship service. Several members of her family will also attend this special occasion as our entire congregation welcomes Rabbi Berezin.

Temple Tots Shabbat

Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m.

All children and families are welcome to participate in a morning of stories, songs, crafts and activities! We are looking forward to a year full of fun and Jewish learning with our youngest members and their families. For more information, please contact Dani Howell, 402 680-4363 or dhowell912@gmail.com.



Learn למודים

Religious School Grades PreK-12

Contact Interim Religious School Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon for more information.

Grades PreK-6, Sundays, 10 a.m.-Noon

Grades 3-6, Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Grades 7-12, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Family School, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

No Religious School on November 23 & 27 and December 21 & 25



Jewish Summer Camp Fair

Herzl, JCC Omaha, Sabra and Shwayder

Sunday, November 20, 10 a.m.

Win a \$1000 Jewish overnight camp scholarship! To register, parents please contact Temple Israel, 402-556-6536, or visit www.templeisraelomaha.com. All classes will visit with Reps from each camp.

Grade 10 L'Taken Trip to Washington D.C.

December 2-5

Grade 5 & 6 Shabbat Service

Friday, December 9, 6 p.m.

Join our 5th & 6th Grade families for a family-friendly service.

31st Annual Bible Quiz

Sunday, December 11, 1:30 p.m., JCC Auditorium

Study with Rabbi Berezin during Wednesday dinners. To register, please contact Interim Religious School Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon, 402-556-6536.

Adult Education

Contact Program Director Scott Littky for more information.

Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays @ Temple

The Lost Art of Jewish Cooking!

Wednesday, November 30
6:30 p.m.

We all love traditional Jewish cooking. Each week we will learn and cook a Jewish recipe with different members of Temple Israel.



A Taste of Talmud: The Most Important Rarely Studied Text in Reform Synagogues

Wednesdays, November 30 and December 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Talmud was written from 200-500 of the Common Era. It discusses every aspect of Jewish life ranging from contracts and capital punishment to holidays and kashrut. The Torah states a law, for example, "You shall honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy." The Talmud talks about how we live the law. The Talmud is the standard upon which modern Jewish life is based. This class will introduce major themes in the Talmud including guidelines for constructive debate, the Rabbis' vision of an ideal society, and the importance of affirming human dignity.

Calendar

Modifying Genetic Disease: Lifestyle and Nutrition with Dr. Bruce Buehler

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

Building on his class from last winter, Dr. Bruce Buehler continues his discussion on modifying genetic disease.

Thursday Mornings @ Temple

The Magic of Rituals with Rabbi Berezin

Thursdays, November 17, December 1-15 and January 5-12, 10 a.m.

Ritual is one of the cornerstones of Judaism, becoming the way in which we mark significant, transitional moments in our lives. In this class, we will explore Jewish rituals: where do they come from? How have they evolved? What makes a ritual successful? And most importantly, how can we reimagine and reinvent rituals to become meaningful markers in our lives?

Sundays @ Temple

Temple TED Talk

*Sundays, November 20 and December 18, 11 a.m.
Media Center*

Temple Israel Book Club

*Sunday, December 11, 10 a.m.
Media Center*

All are welcome to join our book club. If you would like to join the book club or would like more information, please contact Program Director Scott Littky.



Temple Tots Sunday Morning

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.

Children 4 and under (unless enrolled in PreK) and their families are invited to participate in a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and activities!



Engage פעילות

Adult Game Night

Saturday, December 3, 7-10 p.m.

Spielbound, 3229 Harney Street

Come enjoy a night of board games and good company at Spielbound. Cost is \$5. Adults of all ages are invited. RSVP to Program Director Scott Littky, 402-556-6536.

Temple Israel Blood Drive

Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Social Hall

Make an appointment online by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "TempleIsrael" or contact Executive Director Dennis DePorte, 402-556-6536.



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

OTYG

Contact Director of Youth & Young Adult Engagement Aliyah Lasky for more information.

OTYG Meeting

Sunday, December 4, Noon (Lunch Provided)

OTYG Lock-In

Friday, December 16, 5:45 p.m.

Join OTYG as we lock ourselves in at Temple Israel starting off the night attending services. There's a \$20 fee that includes enjoying some great food and participating in amazing programming. Please RSVP to Aliyah Lasky, alasky@templeisraelomaha.com or 402-556-6536, no later than Monday, December 5.

OTYG Meeting

Sunday, December 18, Noon

High Holiday Thank You's

To those who accepted Pulpit honors: Jared Berezin, Dan Gilbert, Andie Gordman, Paul Rabinovitz, Religious School Teachers, Rosie Zweiback.

To Kol Rina for participating in the Rosh Hashanah service and Yom Kippur Service.

To all the greeters and ushers who welcomed all congregants.

To our readers and chanters: Brooklyn Armstrong, Logan Armstrong, Mindi Armstrong, Jennie Gates Beckman, Brent Bloom, Pam DePorte, Ally Freeman, Nate Gendler, Larry Gittelman, Scott Goodman, Jacob Kahn, Elizabeth Kazor, Joey Kirshenbaum, Laura Kirshenbaum, Lauren Kugler, Elijah Marburg, Kate Murphy, Miles Remer, Ariella Rohr, Eric Shapiro, Geoff Silverstein, Josie Slovut

To our Torah holders: Sam Burrell, Justin Norton, Mallory Rogers, Lindsay Thomas

To those who sounded the Shofar: Len Burrell, Micah Gilbert, Noemi Gilbert, Barry Grossman, Alex Kraft, Andrew Wigodsky, Brandon Wigodsky, and Jacob Wigodsky

Marla Cohen MS, NCC, LMHP for leading "The Moments of Remembrance."

Brent Bloom for leading "Forgiveness for the other 364 Days: Practical Tips from Torah, Mindfulness and the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity."

Dr. Zachary Smith for leading "Thoughts on Democracy: Reinterpreting Norman Rockwell's Four Freedom Posters."

Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph for leading "Jewish Wisdom Teaches Suffering is Beloved: God tries the Righteous."

JYG and OTYG for kicking off the High Holiday food drive at Rosh Hashanah services.

Congregation

B'nai Mitzvah בני מצוה

Rose Ellen Friedland, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 3. Rose is the daughter of Jamie and Ted Friedland and the sister of Alex and Sam. Rose attends Westside Middle School where she is in the 7th grade. She plays clarinet in the Middle School band, ran cross country this fall, is playing Warriors basketball, enjoys spending time with friends and family, loves Camp Sabra, and likes to travel. For her Mitzvah Project, Rose, volunteered her time at Camp Munroe working with special needs children as a junior counselor.



Emma Eades, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 17. Emma is the daughter of Leslie and Brian Eades. She is the younger sister of Carter and the granddaughter of Darlene Golbitz and the late Sherman Golbitz and Shari and Robert Eades, Jr. Emma is also the great-granddaughter of Faye Ruback. She is a 7th grade honor roll student at Kiewit Middle School. Emma enjoys playing travel hockey on the Lady Jr Lancers u12 team and horseback riding. For her Mitzvah Project she took care of horses including a few that were being rehabbed at Windridge Stables. She also raised money for her brothers JDRF walk team and participated in the JDRF one walk to cure diabetes.



Congregation

New Members

Samuel Bierner and Joseph Pinson along with their daughters **Sara and Hannah** recently joined Temple Israel. They are new to Omaha having moved here over the summer from Dallas, TX, so that Samuel could take the position of professor and founding chair of the new PM&R program at UNMC. Joseph worked in the IT field and is currently a stay-at-home Dad.



Keep Us Informed

Please do not hesitate to let us know when there has been a loss in your family or someone is ill. If you are hospitalized, you may wish to tell the admissions office to notify our clergy. It's only through this knowledge that we, in turn, can perform the services that our membership should be accorded.

Give to our Endowed Funds

Your contributions to our endowed funds, as well as donations for various projects, are absolutely vital to the financial health of the congregation. In order to provide the high level of services, to maintain the quality education, and to keep the building open, we rely on your generosity. We greatly appreciate your tax-deductible contribution.

Births לידה

Mazel tov on the birth of...

Sophy Reed Silverstein, daughter of Allyson Freeman and Geoffrey Silverstein, granddaughter of Bob and Robyn Freeman and Sam and Renee Silverstein, great-granddaughter of Joanne and Jerry Freeman, Barbara Roberts Burke, Mendel and Sandy Rosenberg and Edith Silverstein.

Engagement אירוסין

Lindsay Keuck and Alex Epstein. Parents and Susie and Kevin Keuck and Lisa and Gary Epstein.

In Sympathy נחמה

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of our members' relatives...

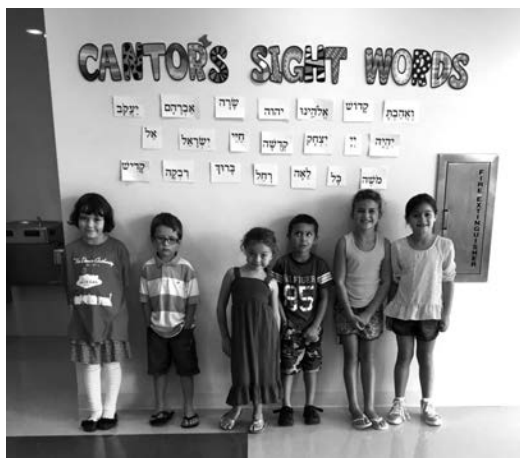
Richard Lee Goldman, preceded in death by wife Myra Goldman. Survived by wife Helen, sister Kaye Kulesh, sons John and Daniel, daughter Jane and son-in-law Jonathan Lieberman;

Annette Yaffe, preceded in death by husband Irvin Yaffe. Survived by daughters Joan and husband Robert Baumgardner, Jr., Ann and her husband Lee Phillips, grandchildren Perry and Lucy Phillips, brother Robert Swezey (Annette). Also by nephews Arieh Breslow (and Anne), John Breslow (and Sonia), Bob Yaffe (and Rita), niece Jane Yaffe-Rowell, nephews Richard Swezey, Kenneth Swezey (and Laura), Stuart Swezey (and Melissa), and grand-nieces and nephews;

...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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LEFT: Our Kindergarten and Pre-K class T'filah with Ben Brodkey and Toby Fellman. TOP: Pre-K students showing their work on their class window. BOTTOM: First Grade learning meaningful Hebrew words for prayer.