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January 2018  
 Tevet/Shevat 5778

**Calendar of Events– January**

Friday, January 5	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Cary & Trudy Israel
Saturday, January 6	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Shemot Exodus 3:1—4:17
Friday, January 12	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kim Knuuti & Zvi Pasman and Merle & Stuart Shiffman
Saturday, January 13	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Vaera Exodus 7:8—8:15
Friday, January 19	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Deborah & Harry Berman and Grace & Peter Wenz
Saturday, January 20	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Bo Exodus 11:4—12:28
Friday, January 26	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Anne Draznin and Linda Morrison
Saturday, January 27	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Beshalach Exodus 14:15—16:10



**January  
 Candle  
 Lighting  
 Times**

<b>January 5</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>4:37 pm</b>
<b>January 19</b>	<b>4:45 pm</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>4:53 pm</b>



**Other Events**

Thursday, January 4  
**Board Meeting**.....7:30pm

Tuesday, January 9  
**Sisterhood Book Club**.....1:00 pm  
*The Hours Count*  
*Jillian Cantor*  
*Temple Israel*

Thursday, January 11  
**Adult Education**.....7:00 pm  
 Ethics in Jewish Life

Monday, January 15, 22, 29  
**Talmud Class**.....12:00 noon

**Children of Abraham**

Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to quarterly gatherings hosted by four faith communities: Grace United Methodist Church, The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Children from all faith communities are invited as we build friendships, learn about one another, and share a vegetarian meal. We will complete the year with a collaborative service project.

Wednesday, January 24, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Hosted by Temple Israel (1140 W. Governor's Street)

Wednesday, March 14, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Hosted by Grace United Methodist Church (1612 E. Capital)

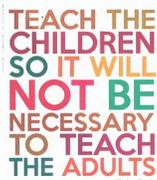
Sunday, April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Joint Service Project (location TBD)

Children of Abraham Planning Committee:  
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 Springfield Board of Jewish Education

Rhonda Hubbard (blesse58@yahoo.com)  
 Grace United Methodist Church

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 Islamic Society of Greater Springfield

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kleffer  
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 Westminster Presbyterian Church





## Rabbi's ReMarks



Chanukah 5778 has come and gone, and the new year 2018 is almost at hand. I find myself taken aback by how quickly time passes. During the coming year, I will be marking my 75th birthday, but it seems to me like it was only yesterday when I entered into my sixties. The words of the Psalmist resonate with me now more than ever regarding how quickly life passes and beseeching God for the wisdom that we might learn to number our days. As with our Jewish High Holiday season, the advent of a new civil year evokes for me the question, “What is it that gives meaning to my life?” For me the answer is to be found in that venerable Hebrew word that is highlighted in our liturgy – *rachamim*, compassion. Knowing and understanding the frailty of the human condition, the transience of all of the blessings that we enjoy – prosperity, health, and life itself, the inevitability of loss and suffering in our lives, and the challenges and obstacles all of us face in trying to do what is right, we are called upon to deal with each other with compassion and kindness and to avoid being harsh or judgmental. All else pales in comparison; the frustrations, disappointments and hurts that agitate and upset me in my daily life and loom so large in the moment must not be allowed to overshadow the enduring imperative of our tradition – to strive for holiness and to emulate the ethical traits we associate with God (“as God is merciful and compassionate, so you too must be merciful and compassionate”).

Because our Jewish tradition embodies the ideal of balance, however, a word of qualification is in order. Along with *rachamim*, Judaism also values *din*, law, and *mishpat*, justice. There is so much injustice, greed, violence, exploitation and abuse in our world that quite rightly outrage us. As individuals, we find it all too easy to rationalize our own selfish behavior and our complacency and to demonize, stereotype or scapegoat “the other.” A God worthy of our efforts has a stake, as Rabbi Heschel taught us, in the affairs of humankind and in our endeavor to build a more just society here on earth. That pursuit too is one that imparts meaning to our lives.

On a lighter note, I very much enjoyed the recent celebration of Chanukah attended by members of both our local congregations, and I look forward to activities and programs in the coming year that will bring us together. I have also been gratified by the participation in my Monday noon class. This year, I devoted our opening sessions to the study of Moses Maimonides’ introduction to the tenth chapter of the Mishnaic tractate Sanhedrin (known as *Perek Chelek*). This text deals with the concept of reward and punishment as well as with the nature of Messianic times and the world to come. It is the source of Maimonides’ well-known Thirteen Principles of the Faith. We had some lively and interesting discussions on these and other topics. When we resume class on January 15th, we will be returning to our study of the Talmudic tractate Berachot. Our initial topic will be the Grace after Meals (*Birkat Hamazon*). The rationale for this lengthy prayer following a meal is that we must be thankful for our sustenance not only when we are hungry but also after we have eaten and are satisfied.

I look back on the blessings I have enjoyed over the past year and feel a sense of gratitude for all those things that brought me satisfaction, pleasure and meaning. May 2018 bring you and yours health, well-being, joy and fulfillment.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

### Condolences to

Merle Shiffman, on the passing of her mother Frances Weiss

Howard Chodash, on the passing of his father Eugene Chodash



## President's Message

With the new year comes both the cold and the promise of new horizons and activities.

As this is being prepared, a committee of representatives from both Temples is starting discussions of joint services to be held for a period of approximately two months this winter. This idea came from the joint board meeting that was held between the two synagogues in November. We want to explore ways in which our services, both on Friday and Saturday, can be rotated between the two facilities. The intent is to close one facility each week and urge people to attend to both explore potential new friendships and experience differences in the respective services. Perhaps this will allow us to contemplate what it might be like to be in a single congregation and how we can be welcoming to our friends as well as open to new ideas. I appreciate very much the willingness of Loren Iglarsh, Jori Sisk and Anne Morgan to participate on our behalf.

Separately, I have forwarded to Lisa Stone, at her request, a message outlining the position of the Temple Israel Board with respect to future discussions on consolidation. As you may recall, last January, when the Joint Committee came out with its report, our Board, after both analysis and learning that the adoption of that report was unanimous within the Committee, voted unanimously to support the recommendations. In the year since we have tentatively explored areas of commonality and areas of difference.

The Temple Board believes, and I have communicated this to Lisa Stone in her role as President of Temple B'rith Sholom, that future discussions should be based on the idea that everything is open to discussion and negotiation. As many of you know and have heard, the issue of the location of a consolidated congregation has become a major issue.

We understand and respect the attachment which all of us in both congregations feel to our respective Temples, which have meant so much to us for so many years. However, our view is that if either congregation refuses to leave or substantially modify their facilities in order to be both welcoming and feel new to the other congregation, we are unlikely to have a successful consolidation.

I hope that when our two boards meet again, which will be soon, we can all agree that discussing every issue is the proper way to proceed, so that consolidation can be accomplished out of a spirit of equality and mutual respect .

I will endeavor to keep everyone informed as these discussions move forward. If you have thoughts, comments, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, the Rabbi, or any member of your Board.

Saul J Morse

### ***Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Cruise News*** ***We are going International!***

Travel with your friends on a fabulous European cruise!

***11-night Spain, France & Italy Cruise aboard the Celebrity Constellation***  
***October 19, 2018 – October 30, 2018***

Ports of Call: Rome, Italy; Ajaccio, Corsica; Malaga, Spain; Seville, Spain; Gibraltar, United Kingdom; Sete, France; Provence, France; Portofino, Italy; Florence/Pisa, Italy

This promises to be a wonderful experience for all. Fun and fundraising at the same time!  
For additional information, please contact: Howard & Lori Hammel at 217-741-6656 or lorihammel1@gmail.com



## Community News

### Unity in the Community Luminaria Project

Temple Israel was invited by Douglas Avenue Methodist Church to join in lighting our two blocks as a symbol of 'Unity in the Community.' We joined with them on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in placing almost 1,500 bags and candles around our buildings. Many thanks to TI members who volunteered on short notice to provide cookies, place bags, or staff a table with cookies and hot chocolate. More than a dozen TI members took some role in making this happen.

This is not the first time Douglas Avenue Methodist Church has reached out to us. Six years ago we accepted their invitation to help mentor children from Dubois School in their Compass after school program. We have not only been able to perform the mitzvah of helping children, we have made friends with their congregants and pastors. Several of our Methodist friends have come to our Purim musicals in recent years.

There will be an evaluation of the luminaria; it probably served to introduce congregants from across the street to each other more than meeting other neighbors in the community. If you have feedback, please let me know. I hope you will join in taking advantage of other opportunities to work together.

Anne Morgan  
Social Action chair

## B'rit Yisrael News

The semester ended with a Chanukah Party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Barbara Seidman played the guitar and taught our children several Chanukah songs. That was followed by a variety of games including spinning the dreidel, a latke frying pan relay, pin the flame on the hanukkah, a Chanukah goblin story and menorah craft. Our Chanukah party wouldn't have been complete without the obligatory potato latkes which Elissa made and served up with apple sauce and sour cream.

We resume the second semester with Hebrew on January 3.

Our gratitude goes to Sharon Star for organizing the games, to Dr. Nathanson for her art skills, Barbara Seidman for her music, Amy Gross for volunteering and our staff Rabbi Marks, Rabbi Datz, Rae Lipsky, and Sharon Snyder.

Please remember we are still collecting GENTLY used shoes for our school Tzedakah program.

The Abrams family is collecting gently used blankets and towels for charity. Please drop gently used blankets and towels into the box provided in the lobby.

Lisa GoldbergBelle

## Yahrzeits—January

2 Herman Chudacoff  
 2 Lillian R. Korish  
 2 Nettie Sorkin  
 3 Abe L. Egherman  
 3 Rachel Rubinsky  
 3 Irvin Spiegel  
 3 Ruth Wald  
 4 Esther Oguschewitz  
 4 Francine Bernstein Post  
 6 Tillie Goldberg  
 6 Isadore Hornstein  
 7 Morris Brozgold  
 7 Eva Weiner Holtzman  
 7 Nathan A. Holtzman  
 8 Mildred Goldstein Jacovitz  
 8 Carol Sorkin Marks  
 8 Joseph Pudick  
 9 Sarah Hyman  
 9 Rose G. Kleinman  
 9 Rebecca Stein Marcus  
 9 Ida Oberman  
 9 Maurice Pell  
 9 Samuel N. Yaffe  
 10 Harry Potish  
 10 Cece Stern  
 11 Rachel Feuer  
 11 Barney Kalin  
 11 Sara R. Pearlman  
 12 Max Shiffman  
 15 Helene Claire Epstein  
 15 Milton Wolfson  
 16 Morris Feuer  
 16 Lynda Krueger  
 16 Ben Strum  
 17 Louis Roberts  
 17 Eva Rubin  
 18 Sam Carl  
 18 Ida Gralnick  
 18 Gustava Skovronsky  
 19 Mollie Pollack  
 19 Frances Shiffman  
 20 Leah Bodner  
 20 David Holtzman  
 20 William Hornstein  
 20 Alec C. Oberman

21 Dr. David J. Evans  
 21 Sheldon Levine  
 22 Harry Rubin  
 23 Solomon Hornstein  
 23 Harold Kuhn  
 23 Molly Linder  
 24 David Levine  
 24 Ann Margaret Pell  
 24 Sam Shapiro  
 24 Ada Stein  
 24 Mollie Weiss  
 25 Benjamin Cooperman  
 25 Gertrude Schoeneman  
 25 Hyman Smith  
 26 Isaac Gingold  
 26 Cecile Schwartz  
 27 Joseph Meyer Lubin  
 28 Rose Rubinsky  
 29 Joseph Hyman  
 29 Fanny G.G. Kohn  
 29 Miriam Marx  
 31 Harold Chesky  
 31 Jeanette Prastein

### A MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

#### Regarding SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES

As has been the case for several years,  
Saturday morning services begin at 9:00.

The Torah portion of the service typically  
begins between 9:30 and 9:45.

On many Shabbat mornings, the start of the  
Torah service is delayed because we have no  
minyan.

If you plan to attend Saturday morning  
services, please make every effort to arrive at  
the synagogue by 9:30.

## Tributes

### GENERAL FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

Carlos, Jason and Andrea Reynolds  
by Elaine & Gary Reynolds  
Pearl Weinberg by Sandra Oberman Levey

#### In Honor Of:

Jody Wallace by Beryl & Howard Feldman  
Jody Wallace by Evelyn & Rick Griminger

#### In Memory Of:

Frances Weiss by Sari & Mark Wancket  
Eugene Chodash by Sari & Mark Wancket  
Frances Weiss by Arlene & Bob Barewin  
Frances Weiss by Beryl & Howard Feldman  
Eugene Chodash by Beryl & Howard Feldman  
Frances Weiss by Evelyn & Rick Griminger  
Eugene Chodash by Evelyn & Rick Griminger  
Frances Weiss by Anne Morgan & Saul Morse  
Eugene Chodash by Anne Morgan & Saul Morse  
Marvin Gubin by Gail & Marty Megeff  
Frances Weiss by Karen & Robert Westbrook

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks by Trudy & Cary Israel  
Jody Wallace by Pam & Ted LeBlang  
Rabbi Marks by Deb & Harry Berman

#### In Memory Of:

Marvin Gubin by Deb & Harry Berman

### FAMILY FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

Mildred Goldstein by Barbara & Barry Seidman  
Ruth Wald by Barbara & Barry Seidman

#### In Memory Of:

Frances Weiss by Annette & Jerry Schwartz  
Eugene Chodash by Barbara & Barry Seidman  
Frances Weiss by Barbara & Barry Seidman  
Marvin Gubin by Barbara & Barry Seidman

### MUSIC FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

Morton Sabath by Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz

#### In Memory Of:

Frances Weiss by Carol & Jay Kitterman  
Frances Weiss by Sandy & Barry Weiss  
Eugene Chodash by Sandy & Barry Weiss

#### In Honor Of:

Jody Wallace by Carol & Jay Kitterman  
Jody Wallace by Sandy & Barry Weiss

## *Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!*

Happy New Year sisters!! Now that the holidays are over we can look forward to 2018 events! On Thursday, January 18 you are invited to attend, along with the Temple B'rith Sholom sisterhood members, an exciting evening at Douglas United Methodist Church, our across the parking lot Neighbors. I realize there is a conflict that evening, Jerry Seinfeld concert. So, I'm hoping if you are not attending the concert that you will go to "Wooden It Be Lovely!" Please see flier for all the details and information.

On Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Temple Israel will host Children of Abraham from 4:30 - 6pm. Lisa GoldbergBelle asked if sisterhood could help with sign-in, activities, food preparation (a vegetarian meal will be served), and serving. The program includes children from Kindergarten-6th grade from four faith communities: Grace United Methodist Church, The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, and Westminster Presbyterian Church This is an opportunity for children from different faith communities to build friendships and learn about one another. Please contact Lisa (H. 698-9727 or C. 414-9727 or [egoldbergbelle@gmail.com](mailto:egoldbergbelle@gmail.com)) if you can help.

Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, February 16, 2018 for a DAYTIME Sisterhood get together! Let's do lunch!! at The Village Tea Room, 3001 Robbins Road. A flier with the details will be included with the February bulletin. Also, on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 the Billy Joel Purim Spiel will be presented by our fabulous choir and Rabbi Marks. Be ready to enjoy a fun evening listening to the Story of Esther Megillah and eating a delicious dinner! More information will be included with the February bulletin.

More events are being scheduled for March through August including a social with the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield Women, a work night to prepare for Rabbi Marks's birthday party, Taste and Tell, Donor Brunch, and Sisterhood Shabbat to name a few!!!

Happy 2018  
Sandy Weiss

**Temple Israel Sisterhood and  
Wooden It Be Lovely**  
(a Douglas Ave United Methodist Church Program)

**Invite you to an evening of  
Discussion and a Painting  
Activity**



Thursday, January 18th

Time: 7:00pm

Douglas Ave Church across from TI

Wooden It Be Lovely's mission is to offer hope and empower and employ women healing from lives of poverty, addiction, and abuse. The mothers are employed to refurbish and sell donated wooden furniture.

Please wear comfortable clothing you don't mind getting paint on. RSVP to Ozma at (217) 546-2841 by

Tuesday, January 16th

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