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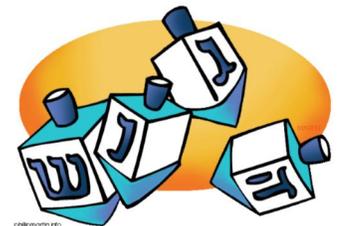
**Calendar of Events– December**

Friday, December 1	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Beryl & Howard Feldman, Zale Glauberman and MaryJo & Stan Wasser
Saturday, December 2	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Vayishlach                      Genesis 34:1—35:15
Friday, December 8	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Shabbat Shira Musical Service, led by Barbara Seidman Oneg Shabbat hosted by Barbara & Barry Seidman and Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz
Saturday, December 9	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Vayeshev                         Genesis 38: 1—30
Tuesday, December 12	<b>First Night of Chanukkah</b>
Friday, December 15	Joint <b>Shabbat Eve Services and</b> <b>Chanukkah Dinner</b> .....5:30 pm At Temple B'rith Shalom
Saturday, December 16	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Miketz                            Genesis 41:53—43:15
Tuesday, December 19	<b>Last Night of Chanukkah</b>
Friday, December 22	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kim Knuuti & Zvi Pasman and Jori & George Sisk
Saturday, December 23	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Vayigash                         Genesis 45:28—46:27
Friday, December 29	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pam & Ted LeBlang and Melanie & Don Caspary
Saturday, December 30	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Vayechi                          Genesis 49:1—26



**December  
 Candle  
 Lighting  
 Times**

<b>December 1</b>	<b>4:16 pm</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>4:16 pm</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>4:17 pm</b>
<b>December 22</b>	<b>4:20 pm</b>
<b>December 29</b>	<b>4:24 pm</b>



**Other Events**

Monday, December 4, 11, 18	<b>Talmud Class</b> .....12:00 noon
Thursday, December 7	<b>Board Meeting</b> .....7:30pm
Tuesday, December 12	<b>Sisterhood Book Club</b> .....1:00 pm <i>The Bridal Chair</i> <i>Gloria Goldreich</i> <i>Temple Israel</i>
Thursday, December 14	<b>Adult Education</b> .....7:00 pm Ethics in Jewish Life



## Acknowledgement



Over the past month, I have had occasion to participate in three interfaith events, all of which were deeply gratifying to me. In early November, I took part in the Food and Faith series at the Chiara Center on the grounds of the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse. This was one of four scheduled evenings of dinner and discussion that began in September and will run through March of next year. People from diverse faith traditions in the community gather together for dinner, listen to brief presentations by members of an interfaith panel of clergy and lay people, and then have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issues among themselves. Jewish, Roman Catholic, Islamic and Protestant faith traditions are represented in the discussions. The purpose is to promote interfaith understanding, and the atmosphere is one of genuine outreach and good fellowship.

Several days later I took part in an interfaith worship service for peace and unity at Laurel United Methodist Church. Our Temple president, Saul Morse, also participated. Each participant offered a reading on the themes of peace and unity drawn from his or her tradition. Saul read a prayer for peace composed by the 18<sup>th</sup> century Chasidic master, Nachman of Bratzlav, and I shared with the congregation the Scripture from Isaiah, looking forward to the Messianic era when swords will be made into plowshares and nations will no longer resort to war.

The Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association held its annual interfaith Thanksgiving service at the African-American History Museum, featuring the theme of "Honoring our Heritages." An even more diverse group of faith traditions was represented, including Quakers, Universalist-Unitarians, Baha'i, and Hindu.

It is always gratifying to me when members of Temple Israel and our larger Jewish community attend events such as these. We will not have true peace and harmony in our communities, and we will not overcome the polarization that plagues our public and communal life, until we learn to reach out to one another in fellowship and understanding. Our revered teacher, Abraham Heschel, taught us that one who knows only one religious tradition does not really know or understand religion at all.

From November 8<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, Nancy and I were in Los Angeles, where we participated in the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America. At this annual meeting (this was my fifth GA in six years), attended by some 3,000 Jewish professionals and volunteers, vital issues on the Jewish communal agenda are discussed, innovative programs are presented, and inspiring messages on the work of Federations and on putting our Jewish values into practice are delivered.

I am writing this message the day before Thanksgiving, looking forward to our family gathering and meal. I appreciate the themes of the Thanksgiving holiday – that we who enjoy freedom, sustenance and security need to show and express gratitude and to share our blessings with those less fortunate. I am looking forward as well to Chanukah and to our joint Temples celebration. Chanukah comes following a 2 month "dry spell" on the Jewish calendar, during which there are no holidays. The joy of the festival and its message of the triumph of light over darkness will be most welcome.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

### ***Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Cruise News***

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## President's Message

As this is being prepared, the Boards of Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom have just had their first joint meeting. We are working to get to know each other better and discuss concerns and issues for the future of the Jewish community, as well as the possibility of consolidating our two congregations. I can report to you that the meeting went well and we are planning to meet again after the first of the year. In the interim we are working together on some new ideas and projects. We also are going to have a period of joint services which will try to explore some new ways to worship together and entice everyone to experience both facilities and Rabbis in ways they perhaps haven't in the past. We will keep you advised as we move forward.

At the same time, your Board has been discussing ways to move our congregation forward regardless of the outcome or duration of consolidation discussions.

At the November Board Meeting, Vice-President Loren Iglarsh agreed to take the lead in exploring changes in activities, programs, and operations which might be appropriate for the Temple and could work well were we to consolidate the congregations together. Initial proposed ideas from Loren are in this bulletin and we encourage you to be in touch with Loren or me about them and others you may have, as we will discuss ways to move forward towards our goal of enhancing, improving and sustaining our Congregation and community, and creating a lasting and stronger Jewish presence in Springfield. Please look for updates on this topic in future Bulletins.

In the meantime, may you have a joyful Chanukah and a happy new year.

Saul J Morse

## *Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!*

I hope everyone had a joyful Thanksgiving with friends and family. I would also like to thank all who participated financially and/or volunteered to the Thanksgiving baskets...a wonderful community project.

On Friday, December 15, 2017 Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom will have a joint Chanukah service and dinner at TBS. The food will be catered by Maldaner's. Dessert will be provided by Temple Israel Sisterhood which will include little jelly filled munchkins (donuts), fruit, and other goodies if anyone is so inclined to bake!! If you are willing to bake please call me at 529-9255 (H) or 494-9447(C). A trivia contest will be included in the night's festivities. A flyer with all the details will be sent out. Hoping that we will have a good turn out! Sounds like a fun evening!!

By now everyone should have received the new Sisterhood membership directory. If there are any additions or corrections, please call the Temple office and Ozma will send out information via email.

Happy Chanukah!

# Community News

## WAYS TO ENGAGE THE FUTURE

*We believe that this effort at self evaluation is necessary and would be helpful whether we decide to consolidate the two synagogues or opt to stay as we are. Please read it and share your thoughts with the Board.*

At the November TI Board meeting, Saul asked me to prepare a list of possible elements of change for TI for the Board to review. The goal is to continue moving our Synagogue forward as we await progress in the Temple consolidation. Elements of change could either be programs that increase participation by existing TI members or bring new members into our community.

I am seeking input from congregation members for any suggestions you might have for programs that could be included in the list, beneficial contacts to consult, or source material I should examine. I ask you to ask yourself, what additional programs would you like our synagogue to offer to better serve the Springfield Jewish community.

I think we all agree the Temple serves as our home for Jewish prayer and spirituality and that our members form a community whose mutual concern is reflected in our care and social activities.

With this view of our mission, new initiatives can be focused on expanding our community, making additional forms of prayer and spirituality available to the community, and on new care and social activities.

To get the discussion started, here are some of my off-the-wall ideas:

- 1) We could look at expanding our religious and cultural activities, already successful through our music and adult education programs, to such areas as a Jewish cooking group, a Jewish arts and crafts group, or a Jewish spiritualism and meditation group. A gardening group could add to our grounds and perhaps grow items, such as horseradish, that could be distributed for the appropriate holidays.
- 2) Adding some modern versions of old Jewish rituals might be interesting. For example, some congregations are celebrating Rosh Hashanah LaBehema (the new year for animals) with a wonderful blessing for their pets (<http://jewishinitiativeforanimals.org/judaism-animals/resources-celebrating-birthday-animals/>). Or having a family appreciation dinner on Tu B'av, the Jewish Valentine's Day. <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bav/>.
- 3) Turning to outreach, a revised dues program using the informed voluntary model reviewed by the Budget Policy Committee could attract some individuals who are put off by the current TI dues structure.
- 4) With respect to unaffiliated member, the current Bubbe and me and past programs to introduce children to Judaism, could be expanded to attract unaffiliated adults with young children. Adult education could work on programs for introducing individuals curious about Judaism to Jewish religious traditions and ethics.
- 5) And finally any ideas on how to develop a Temple connection to young adults of Jewish origin would be greatly appreciated.

Your help in putting together a potential program list will be the starting point in determine which are feasible and might attract community interest.

Loren Iglarsh

## Tributes

### GENERAL FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

**Joe Cates** by Valerie Cates

**Alex Gralnick** by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

#### In Memory Of:

**Marvin Gubin** by Zale Glauberman

**Marvin Gubin** by Richard Bass

**Marvin Gubin** by Rose & Doug Turner

**Marvin Gubin** by Stephanie Metnick

**Marvin Gubin** by Lee Routman

**Marvin Gubin** by Carol & Ralph Loewenstein

**Marvin Gubin** by D. Sawyer

**Marvin Gubin** by Wanda Gibson and Susan Keasler

**Marvin Gubin** by Mary Warren

**Marvin Gubin** by Delores & Harvey Rothschild

**Marvin & Sylvia Gubin** by Michael Evnin & family

**Marvin Gubin** by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

**Jojene Sabath** by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

**Dennis Israel** by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

#### In Honor of:

**Everly Allene Flynn** by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### In Honor Of:

**Lisa Stone** by Linda Lingle

**Lisa & Jonathan GoldbergBelle's Anniversary**  
by Linda Lingle

### FAMILY FUND

#### In Honor Of:

**Michael Rakov's wedding** by Annette & Jerry Schwartz

#### In Memory Of:

**Marvin Gubin** by Annette & Jerry Schwartz

## 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.

## B'rit Yisrael News

Wow! We are running to the end of the semester. I can't believe it was just summer and we were planning for the new year.

We had an enrollment of 26 students this semester. We had a new kindergarten class of 7 and a continuation of 8 1st/2nd graders. We have a new 3rd grade student bringing up the 3-5 th grade class to 7. Our post bar and bat mitzvah class retained 4 students studying Comparative Religion. SBJE is so thankful for the numbers and it is excited to see so many new students making Jewish friends.

We had a surprise last Sunday. The Governor and First Lady addressed parents and students of the Hebrew and Religious School and then visited our classrooms. The Governor mentioned that he and Diana raised their children in a conservative synagogue in the Chicago area and that he had recently had a trip to Israel. He is hoping that the State of Illinois will be able to conduct additional business with the state of Israel. Mrs. Rauner shared with me some thoughts on JCC preschool programs that cater to Jewish and non-Jewish families. Many of the children were excited to visit with the Governor and I was really proud at how well behaved the children were.

The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield hosted the most recent Children of Abraham program on November 15th. We had three students in attendance and three adults. The children played a Jinga ice breaker and then played various minute-to-win-it games to get to know each other. Lastly there was a vegetarian meal of pizza, apples, carrots and brownies. Because of the time change, the evening call to prayers was during the event, so the children got to experience Moslem prayer practices with a brief explanation on why men and women pray separately.

SBJE is the host for the January program. Our topic will be caring for the environment as it is close to Tu B'Shevat. We are also responsible for providing a vegetarian meal.

Please continue to bring your GENTLY used shoes to either drop off boxes in Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel. We send the shoes onward to a business who sells them to vendors for sale. Happy Holidays

Elissa GoldbergBelle

# Yahrzeits—December

1 Lillian Cross  
 1 Sadie Greenberg Sherman  
 1 John Spiegel  
 2 Louis Cohen  
 2 Yetta Seidman  
 2 Sarah Weiner Sherman  
 3 Mitchell Alan Cohen  
 3 Sarah Simpson  
 3 Jeanne Stein  
 4 Goldie E. Feuer  
 4 Marvin Levine  
 6 David Damashek  
 7 Herman Goldberg  
 7 Mary Block Kitterman  
 7 Frank Lerman  
 8 Sam Robinson  
 8 Seymour Schriar  
 8 Margaret Stern  
 8 Ann Stetson  
 9 Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff  
 9 Elizabeth Nathanson  
 10 James E. Myers  
 11 Ida Bass  
 11 William Marks  
 12 Abram Brown  
 12 Rose Snyder Stern  
 13 Solomon Davidovitch  
 13 Rosa Hornstein  
 15 Meyer Eisenberg  
 15 Louis Ochman  
 16 Esther L. Cohen  
 16 Lizzie Custin  
 16 Leah LeBlang  
 16 Pearl Weinberg  
 17 Gail Lieberman  
 20 David Greenberg  
 20 Molly Katz  
 21 Rose Epstein  
 22 Fay Alper  
 22 David H. Cohn  
 22 Isaac Dubinsky  
 23 Oscar Baer  
 25 William G. Diamond  
 25 Sophia Gingold  
 25 Henry C. Lapidus  
 25 Joseph Robinson  
 25 Abraham Stern

25 Bernice Foster Burdick  
 26 Faye M. Eisenberg  
 26 Mary Frooman  
 26 Phillip Smith  
 27 Lena Feuer  
 27 Minnie Gordon  
 28 William Fishman  
 29 Abraham Goldstein  
 29 Bessie Oberman  
 29 Samuel Oberman  
 30 Daphna Mayersdorf  
 30 Alex Rabins  
 30 Ester Sherman  
 30 Esther Weiner  
 30 Jack A. Wolff  
 31 Walter Feuer  
 31 Rose G. Paris  
 31 Cecile Greenberg Rubin

## 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, October 4, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church (533 South Walnut)

Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Islamic Society of Greater Springfield (3000 Stanton Road)

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)

TEACH THE  
 CHILDREN  
 SO IT WILL  
 NOT BE  
 NECESSARY  
 TO TEACH  
 THE ADULTS

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