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February 2018
 Shevat/Adar 5778

Calendar of Events– February

Friday, February 2	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Carl Faingold and Barbara & Barry Seidman
Saturday, February 3	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Yitro Exodus 18:1—20:23
Friday, February 9	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Cassandra Claman and Vera Herst
Saturday, February 10	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Mishpatim Exodus 22:8—23:19
Friday, February 16	Joint Shabbat Eve Sevices & Dinner*5:45 pm Temple B'rith Shalom Services led by Rabbi Marks Oneg Shabbat hosted by : Sharri & David Bloomberg Andrew Boyer Eli Goodman Jerry & Paula Gruebel
Saturday, February 17	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Temple B'rith Shalom Services led by Rabbi Marks Terumah Exodus 26:1—30
Friday, February 23	Shabbat Eve Services5:45 pm Temple Israel Services led by Rabbi Datz Oneg Shabbat hosted by: David Radwine Carol & Nat Radwine Annette & Jerry Schwartz Brian Schwartz
Saturday, February 24	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Temple Israel Services led by Rabbi Datz Tetzaveh Exodus 28:31—29:18
Wednesday, February 28	Purim Dinner & Megillah Reading*6:00 pm

* Details inside bulletin



**February
 Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

February 2	4:30 pm
February 9	4:37 pm
February 16	4:45 pm
February 23	4:53 pm

Save the Date

APRIL 21

**RABBI MARKS'
 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!**



Other Events

Thursday, February 1	Board Meeting7:30pm
Monday, February 5,12,19,26	Talmud Class12:00 noon
Thursday, February 8	Adult Education7:00 pm Ethics in Jewish Life
Tuesday, February 13	Sisterhood Book Club1:00 pm <i>The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem</i> Sarit Yishai-Levi Temple Israel



Rabbi's ReMarks



It has been a most peculiar January in terms of our weather. We went from sub-zero temperatures on New Year's Eve and two spells of frigid cold to several days of near sixty-degree warmth as we approached the end of the month. We're back again now to temperatures in the thirties and blustery winds. I appreciate each day that we move closer to spring. We will soon be celebrating Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, marking the time when almond trees in Israel begin to blossom and the sap in the trees starts to rise. That means only a month until Purim and (this being a regular rather than a leap year) two months to Passover.

Our B'rit Yisrael Religious School hosted a gathering of the Children of Abraham with participation by our students and by children from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and the Islamic Society. The themes, in keeping with the Tu B'shevat holiday, were the benefits we derive from trees and the importance of planting for future generations.

The annual Purim *spiel*, featuring readings from the book of Esther interspersed with a retelling of the Megillah set to popular music, is a highlight of the Temple Israel calendar. In previous years we have heard the music of Sinatra, Elvis, the Beatles, Motown and Nashville among other musical genres. This year Ahasuerus, Vashti, Esther, Mordecai and Haman will be singing their lines to the music of Billy Joel. The choir has been working hard at rehearsing over the past several months. I hope to see you on Wednesday evening, February 28th. I know you will enjoy the Purim dinner followed by the performance of the Billy Joel Megillah. I am pleased that this year Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom have scheduled their Purim events on successive nights, so that the Springfield Jewish community can enjoy two evenings in a row of feasting and merriment. As the rabbis said: when the month of Adar comes along, we abound in rejoicing. Details about both celebrations can be found in this bulletin.

We will be privileged in mid-February to hear a very special and inspirational speaker. Avraham Infeld, a distinguished Jewish educator who has served as director of Birthright and President of Hillel, will be speaking to the Springfield Jewish community on Tuesday evening, February 13th. See the enclosed flyer in this newsletter for details. His visit to Springfield is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom. Those who have heard Avraham speak have found the experience unforgettable. He has no specific recommendations or partisan agenda but simply aspires to help Jews find purpose and meaning in a life of Jewish commitment. He recognizes the principle of diversity within Jewish life and acknowledges that each individual must find his or her own path to Judaism. Avraham speaks with passion and eloquence and stresses the importance of Jewish unity and Jewish peoplehood, a timely and relevant message for our community.

One of the initiatives endorsed by the joint meeting of Temple Boards this past November was the holding of joint Shabbat services over a two-month period. The purpose is to expose members of both synagogues to the worship practices of the other congregation and to have us become knowledgeable about the variety, range and diversity of Jewish worship styles. The planning committee appointed by the Boards has decided on a schedule of rotating locations, prayer books and service leaders. This two-month experiment is meant to be educational and to have us function for this interval of time as a single worshiping congregation. It is not meant to set or determine the manner that worship will be practiced in the consolidated congregation that our Joint Committee and Working Committees have been endeavoring to establish.

We will be beginning these joint services on the Shabbat of February 16th and 17th. Schedules and locations for services during this two-month period will be announced. I earnestly ask that all of our members support this initiative. Whether you are a Friday night or a Shabbat morning regular, I urge that you continue your attendance at the weekly service of your choice, regardless of the venue where it will take place or the prayer book that will be used. I would also ask that our members who do not regularly attend Shabbat services join us for some of these services, if they are able. In the grand scheme of things, our differences are small. Shabbat is Shabbat, whether on 4th Street or Governor Street, and our God remains the great, mighty and exalted One, worthy of praise and thanksgiving, whether they are expressed in the words of *Siddur Sim Shalom* or *Mishkan Tefillah*. Your participation and support are very important to me.

Change is difficult and giving up what is familiar to us is uncomfortable. We all have our preferences, but it is important to recognize that we can advocate for them and that we can endeavor to preserve our congregational legacy without negativity and without disrespecting others or their preferences. We here are a small community comprising less than 1% of the local population, which makes it all the more imperative that our deliberations be conducted with respect.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

President's Message

We all know that the only constant is change. We also know that change is extremely difficult.

As the time since we began considering consolidation of the two Temples seems to expand there has been an understandable concern for what this effort might mean. The longer the process has gone on the more difficult it has become as everyone wonders what is happening. Try as we might, absent daily emails or calls, it would be difficult if not impossible to keep everyone as fully informed as they properly want to be. Rest assured that no definitive action can happen until there has been a congregational meeting and then a vote. Any vote to change the status of Temple Israel would require a 2/3 vote of the members. You will all have a chance to speak and, if there is a need, to vote.

After the two Temple Boards met in November, we stated our position that for negotiations to continue each congregation had to be willing to have every issue open and subject to discussion. I guess the only absolutes were that a surviving congregation or congregations would continue to provide Jewish worship in the manner desired by its members. For us at Temple Israel this has always included maintenance of things like our Saturday morning Torah service and our adherence to the rules of our Chevra Kadish Committee.

I am certain that those at Temple B'rith Sholom have issues of worship and tradition to which they will want to adhere. I believe that reasonable people can accommodate all of those wishes.

Everything else with respect to facilities, programming, staffing and the like needs to be considered and discussed.

Several people, including myself, have grown increasingly concerned that the level of discourse within the community has seemed more divisive and perhaps even vituperative than it ought to be. There is worry that we are pulling apart. I share that concern but suspect that long term concerns and views which were previously not spoken, because it didn't seem appropriate, may now be coming out. This does not surprise me as it is something I have observed in my professional career on a regular basis. We all, myself included, refrain from expressing certain views because doing so might be hurtful, negative, or just simply unnecessary. The concerns that have been expressed have played a major role in an effort to bring an outstanding speaker, Avraham Infeld to the community. Those who have heard him speak of Jewish unity and acceptance of divergent opinions as well as methods of observation speak glowingly. He is a Past President of Hillel and one of the leaders in establishing the Birthright program. While I have not heard him I did go on the internet to both read about him and see some short videos. I am very impressed and do wish that everyone will make the effort, when the details are secured, to hear him speak. He will be here February 13 and his presentation will likely be at 7:00 P. M. We may decide not to consolidate or we may take that plunge. Regardless, we all have more in common than we perhaps realize and we all need to be united as Jews.

Over the last few months I have shared with you some of the work that your Board is doing not just in relation to the effort towards consolidation but also at activities and programming to make Temple Israel better. Loren Iglarsh's memo which was shared with you in the past raising several new ideas is an exciting part of that effort. I hope you will express your views and interest and perhaps even a proposal or two for our future. Regardless of what happens the one thing that is absolutely clear is that Temple Israel will change. And that is a good thing.

Saul J Morse

Community News

An important message about upcoming Shabbat services

In January, Lisa Stone and Saul Morse appointed a joint Temple Shabbat Worship Planning Committee consisting of six members, three members from each congregation. The goal of the committee was NOT to make major changes to the services that regular attendees are used to, but rather to provide congregants of both Temples a sample of the variety of worship experiences that would be possible in a consolidated congregation.

These combined services will take place from mid-February to mid-April. A detailed schedule with the location of services will be distributed to both congregations via email, in the newsletters, and at Shabbat services. During these months, both Friday night and Saturday morning services will take place in the same building so that only one sanctuary will be in use each week. Ideally, if you make the effort to attend several Shabbat services during these two months, you will experience worship in both buildings, with both Rabbis, using both prayer books, and hearing both choirs.

All Friday evening services will begin at 5:45 p.m.; Saturday morning services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Onegs will be hosted by the families already assigned to these dates by their respective congregations. On Fridays, please bring your food items to the building being utilized on the Shabbat you are assigned. Any leftovers will be served after services on the following morning.

The location of services will NOT strictly alternate. Please check which Temple is being used each week; e-mail reminders will be used to hopefully minimize any confusion.

This is an important opportunity to experience aspects of worship from both the Reform and Conservative traditions. It is also a good time for attendees to reflect on what aspects of a religious service are important to them. We hope everyone will come to these services with open minds and open hearts. You may be attending with curiosity; you may be attending with confusion; you may be attending with caring. Whatever your current position on consolidation is, please do make an effort to participate in these services at both locations so that you can make an informed decision when the question of consolidation finally comes to a vote. Any feedback on these services will be welcomed.

Anne Morgan and Andrew Boyer
Committee co-chairs

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



Yahrzeits—February

2 Rupert Cohen
 2 Fred I. Schwartz
 2 Sylvia Gubin
 3 Esther Malka Cohn
 3 Jacob Oppleman
 4 Mary Cohen
 4 Samuel N. Hutner
 4 Sheldon Moshinsky
 5 Tauba Glietzenhaus
 6 Harry Ichkowsky
 6 Isadore Ichkowsky
 6 Ben Yaffe
 7 Ruth Feldman
 7 Rose Pell
 8 Essie Holtzman
 9 Ida M. Cohen
 9 Chulem Derbander
 10 Julius S. Behrens
 10 Lillian Perlmutter
 11 Alice Daniels
 11 Nathan Feldman
 11 Mildred Sokolow
 12 Shirley Cohen
 12 Irvin Potish
 12 Isaac Winakor
 13 Hannah Epstein
 14 Zelig Oppleman
 14 Selma Victor
 15 J. Isaac Cohn
 16 Abraham E. Routman
 16 Dr. Alex Sorkin
 17 Gilbert Barnholtz
 17 Harry Eisen
 18 Simon Barad
 20 Samuel Nathan Cohen
 20 Goldie Nagorsky
 20 Bessie Silverman
 20 Jerome Werner
 21 Leonard B. Cohn
 22 Arona Goodman
 22 Leonard Miller
 22 Ida Robinson
 22 Minnie Spiegel
 22 Jacob Werner
 23 Marshall Greenberg

24 Irwin Weiner
 25 Jeanette Schwartz
 25 Julius Schwartz
 25 Ralph G. Simpson
 25 Samuel B. Smith
 25 Sophia D. Weiner
 26 Rebecca G. Erenske
 26 Fannie Greenberg
 27 Bertha Iglarsh
 27 Evelyne L. Marks
 28 Reva Dorman
 28 Sylvia Feldman
 28 Ben Wainer

Mazel Tov

To Miriam Lieberman and Matt
Lacey on their engagement



To Saul Morse on his special birthday

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:

Mary Frooman by Hilary Frooman & John Lee

Joseph Pudick by Gloria & Michael Schwartz

Cece Stern by Michael Stern

In Memory Of:

Francis Weiss by Beryl & Towfig Arjmand

Eugene Chodash by Beryl & Towfig Arjmand

Frances Weiss by The Holley Family

Frances Weiss by Paula & Jerry Gruebel

Frances Weiss by Delores & Harvey Rothschild

Eugene Chodash by Delores & Harvey Rothschild

Frances Weiss by Anna & Joe Hurwitz

Marvin Gubin by Devra & Avi Weiss

FEUER-BROZGOLD FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Maurice Pell by Florene Pell

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory Of:

Frances Weiss by Deborah & Harry Berman

Eugene Chodash by Deborah & Harry Berman

Sisterhood Tributes

In Memory of

Frances Weiss

Pam & Ted LeBlang

Jody & Joe Wallace

Grace & Peter Wenz

Eugene Chodash

Jody & Joe Wallace

In Honor of

Jody Wallace

Grace & Peter Wenz

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

A big thank you to Lisa GoldbergBelle for arranging the Wooden It Be Lovely event on January 18, 2018 at Douglas United Methodist Church. Everyone who attended had a terrific time. Margaret Ann, associate pastor, and Meghan who works for the project both explained how the social enterprise project started. Meghan also told her personal story. After the discussion everyone had an opportunity to prime a piece of furniture with chalk paint. A fun and interesting evening!

Warm your chilly bones at the Village Tea Room and Gift Shoppes. On Friday, February 16 sisterhood is doing LUNCH! Instead of venturing out for dinner when it's cold and dark, why not enjoy a lovely lunch and do some shopping during the daylight hours! Thank you Jackie Perlmutter for making the arrangements. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

HOLD THE DATE!! On Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Temple Israel Sisterhood and the women from the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield will join together for dinner. Last year's event was a big hit, so we decided to do it again! Time and place yet to be determined. A flyer will be sent via email and snail mail with all the details. So, please save the date for March 6th!!!

FYI...Jody Wallace is back sending out Sisterhood tributes. Please don't forget to send your tributes to Jody!

Stay warm and let's have a good turnout for lunch on February 16!!!

Sandy Weiss

Joint Temple Events

The day after Purim is called Shushan Purim. That is the day when walled cities-Jerusalem, e.g. celebrate the defeat of Haman. With the goal of breaking down walls, TI and TBS have invited each other to their celebrations—Rabbi Datz

Shushan Purim Celebration

Temple B'rith Shalom
Thursday, March 1
6:30 pm

“ And Ahashuerus Reigned
from India to Ethiopia”

A dinner catered by Maldaners
sampling Indian, Persian & Ethiopian cuisines

A Megillah Reading

A Special Entertainment Surprise

\$25 per person
BYOB

Please RSVP by February 26th to
TBS (525-1360 ext 4)



Sharing Shabbat Together

On Friday, February 16, 2018 we will offer our monthly Shabbat dinner. Services will begin at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following. **Reservations are a must as soon as possible.** If you make a reservation and find that you cannot come, please let me know. Michael Higgins, Maldaner's Restaurant will provide our meal in February. **NOTICE THE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME ONLY FOR FEB.!**

**TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION, R.S.V.P. to
DEBBIE WEINER
217-546-7117 or drweiner@sbcglobal.net**

BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE POLICY CHANGE:
FOR RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER THE
MONDAY BEFORE, THERE WILL BE A \$2.00/
PER PERSON LATE FEE**

Our Menu will include:
Mixed Green Salad with a Choice of Three Dressings
Bar-bi-cue Beef Brisket
Chef's Choice of Starch
Chef's Choice of Hot Vegetable
Bread and Butter
Sharri and David Bloomberg
Andrew Boyer
Eli Goodman
Paula and Jerry Gruebel
will provide dessert.
A Vegetarian Meal will be provided upon request

Please feel welcome to bring your own bottle(s) of wine to accompany your meal or to share.

NOTE:

Cost: is \$18.00 for adults, 14 years and older,
\$ 6.00 for children under 14 years.

There will be no charge for children under 3 years old.

I look forward to seeing you!
B'te avon,
Debbie Weiner,
Shabbat Dinner Coordinator

Community News

SBJE

On Wednesday, January 24th, B'rit Yisrael hosted the Children of Abraham at Temple Israel. About 65 children attended and probably close to 30 parents and grandparents. Participating were the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Westminster Presbyterian, and Grace United Methodist Church.

First, I want to thank the children of B'rit Yisrael who participated in the play about Honi and the Carob Tree. Our cast included Elliott Sisk as the narrator, Jack Sabin as Honi, Myla Shannon as the Old Woman, and Emily Yacup as the Young Woman. Thank you to Jori Sisk, Sarah Yacup, Dixie Gottstein, Denise Arjmand, Samantha Roth, Phillip Garret and Molly Stern for helping at the various tables. I'm glad Eden Sisk, Aiden Walsh, Peyton and Reese Yacup could attend and I hope they enjoyed getting to know some of the children from the other congregations.

In addition, there are a tremendous number of people to thank for helping with the program and I hope I don't leave anyone out: Sharon Star for making the lovely cut-out trees and leaves; Beryl Feldman, Merle Shiffman, Linda Morrison and Marlene Schultz for the fabulous grilled cheese sandwiches made for a crowd; Pam LeBlang, Sari Wancket and Mark Wancket for help with registration and sound/stage concerns. Gina Cihlar also deserves appreciation for setting up and taking down the event. A thank you goes to both our Rabbis, Rabbi Marks and Rabbi Datz for their participation. As well as, the various family and clergy from the other participating congregations. We couldn't have done it without their help.

Tu B'Shevat is January 31st, so our theme for the event was a New Year for the Trees. All our activities concerned flowers and trees. We want to give a big **Thank You** to George Preckwinkle owner of Ace Hardware for donating the peat pots, peat pellets and flower seeds. Everyone really enjoyed the planting activity.

The next Children of Abraham event is going to be at Grace United Methodist. The final project, scheduled for April, is going to focus on creating and donating Disaster Relief kits. I will keep you posted.

Earlier this month, on Martin Luther King's birthday weekend, B'rit Yisrael attended the African-American History Museum. There Kathryn Harris read to us a book about quilts and how they were used to communicate with other slaves. We colored our own squares to be joined later by Sharon Star into a quilt we can hang in our classrooms.

Elissa GoldbergBelle

HELP SUPPORT THE LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM

There is still time to participate in the initial phase of Temple Israel's LIFE & LEGACY™ program which concludes on February 28. (Purim begins on the same day.)

Temple Israel's LIFE & LEGACY team hopes you will consider making a legacy commitment. If you are interested in participating, please call the Temple office. A team member will be happy to share detailed information about this effort to secure future support for our Temple and the Springfield Jewish community.

If you have already made a provision for Temple Israel in your estate plan, please let us know.

The Temple Israel LIFE & LEGACY team:

Rick Griminger, Len Lieberman, Erin Sabath, Mark Wancket, Rabbi Marks

LIFE & LEGACY is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Springfield and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to assist Springfield synagogues and the Federation increase their endowments through after-life giving and special endowments. Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom work with the Federation on this key project.

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