



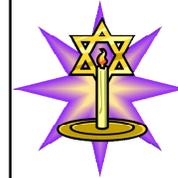
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 Nisan/Iyar 5777

Calendar of Events– April

Friday, March 31	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Wende & Harry Stern and Mary Saunders & Spencer White
Saturday, April 1	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vayikra Leviticus 1:1—2:16
Friday, April 7	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rita Victor and Barb Wolfson
Saturday, April 8	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Tzav Leviticus 6:1—7:10
Tuesday April 11	First day of Passover Morning Services9:00 am
Friday, April 14	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm (Pesach) Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sari & Mark Wancket and Sara Lieber
Saturday, April 15	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Chol Hamoed
Wednesday, April 18	Eighth day of Passover Morning Services and Yizkor 9:00 am
Friday, April 21	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rita Salemne and Suzanne Schriar & Loren Iglarsh
Saturday, April 22	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Shemini Leviticus 9:1—10:11
Friday, April 28	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pam & Ted LeBlang and Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz
Saturday, April 29	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Tazria-Metzora Leviticus 12:1—13:39



**April
 Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

March 31	7:04pm
April 7	7:11 pm
April 14	7:18 pm
April 21	7:25 pm
April 28	7:32 pm

Please join us for Shabbat services the morning of April 1 and fellowship following as we say Aloha to Linda Lingle. Linda leaves our community a few days later. We will miss her and her participation at Temple Israel and wish her well on her continuing journey.

Other Events In April

Monday, April 3, 24	Talmud Class12:00 pm
Thursday , April 13	Adult Ed7:00pm <i>Ethics in Jewish Life</i>
Wednesday, April 19	Board Meeting7:30pm



Rabbi's ReMarks



From year to year, winter becomes more and more of a challenge. I'm not complaining, mind you. This past winter season was one of the mildest in my recollection. I am, however, delighted that spring has finally arrived and that we are currently experiencing sunny days and temperatures that are in that mid-range of "not too hot, not too cold." A late March snowstorm and a return to chilly temperatures are still a possibility, but we have definitely turned a corner.

Spring, of course, is Passover time. The timing of the festival may be merely coincidental, but the symbolism of a holiday commemorating our liberation as a people occurring at this season is strikingly appropriate. Nature has awakened from its slumbers. New leaves and buds are appearing. Dormant lawns are slowly turning green again and will soon need to be mowed. When the Israelites were freed from slavery and left Egypt, the winter of their oppression came to an end. Despair gave way to hope. The collective life of the people was renewed, and a new sense of national identity was forged, marked by the shared experience of enslavement and liberation and cemented by the Covenant at Sinai.

Tradition recognizes the link between Passover and the spring season. In many synagogues the Song of Songs, which contains a famous passage celebrating the advent of spring, is read during Passover. Parsley or some other green vegetable symbolic of spring greenery is displayed on the *seder* plate.

The liberation from bondage and the start of the Israelites' trek toward the Promised Land marked a new beginning, just as spring is the beginning of a new cycle of growth and productivity in nature. Rabbinic Judaism shifted the observance of the New Year to the month in which the autumn harvest and ingathering are celebrated, but in the Torah the spring month of liberation is considered the beginning of the new year. The Torah's listings of the festivals of the year always begin with Passover.

Our journey as a people began with the first Passover, but it has continued over the centuries and will continue into the future. The liberation commemorated by Passover was not the final and ultimate redemption. For our people and for humankind as a whole periods of peace, freedom and prosperity alternated with times of violence, conflict and oppression. The meaning of the festival is not that it brought freedom and redemption once and for all time, but that it imparted a sense of hope that injustice and oppression are not humankind's eternal destiny and that the spirit of freedom cannot be crushed forever. No matter how difficult the circumstances under which our mothers and fathers lived, the words of the Haggadah – "this year we are slaves, next year may we be free people" and "next year in Jerusalem" – were a source of hope and encouragement.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and meaningful Passover.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks



Mazel Tov

To **Sandy & Barry Weiss** on the engagement of their son, Daniel Weiss to Lizelle Obana

To **Selma & Caleb Melamed** on their 25th Anniversary

President's Message

I wanted to update the Congregation on two issues. First, I wanted to let you know that two highly valued members of your Board of Directors will be leaving the Board. While you will receive notification of this along with the proposed nominee or nominees to replace them at the April 23rd Annual Meeting, I did want to take a second to discuss them.

Linda Lingle has, in the past year, been a valued and important member of our Board. She has brought a fresh perspective to our discussions and will indeed be missed. As many of you know, at the end of March Linda will be leaving the Springfield area to return to her adopted home state of Hawaii. She will be sorely missed. While he is not leaving the Congregation, Cary Israel has had an increase in business, community and family obligations which has caused him to resign from the Board. While he will continue to be in the community and the Congregation, his varied and valued business and governmental experiences always added to the quality of our deliberations. His heartfelt commitment to his Jewish roots and observance, while continuing to be felt within the Congregation, will be missed by the Board.

The other matter that I wanted to update you on are the discussions about the future of the Springfield Jewish community. All of you received the Final Report from our Joint Committee on which we and our friends at Temple B'rith Shalom have been working for almost one year. That report, among other things, called for the establishment of working committees to delve more deeply into issues of importance to our community. Within this Temple bulletin you will find a list of the individuals serving on each committee along with a list of the charge for each committee.

Now, in addition to the six members of the Joint Committee, the Boards of both Temples, both Rabbis, we will add 30 people, admittedly some of whom are also on a Board, to these discussions. It is our hope that the diversity of experience and opinion of these individuals will broaden both the base of our discussion and the involvement in our ongoing process.

In making these appointments I had to choose people willing to serve and make the commitment to the process. Some of you had expressed an interest and willingness to participate and, for many reasons, were not appointed to the committee of their choice. As I've indicated to you individually, this was a difficult decision and was not made based on any lack of confidence in either your interest or ability. Others were unable to make the time commitment to serve. To you also, I appreciate your thoughts and interest in our Congregation.

If any of you have any questions about either this process, the appointments, or next steps in this ongoing effort, please let me know. Our intent is for each of these committees to explore the issues of which they are charged and report and share their thoughts by the end of August. Those reports will then be compiled by the Joint Committee and shared with the entire community. Approximately six weeks later, in mid-October, we currently anticipate congregational meetings to discuss and potentially vote on this most important issue.

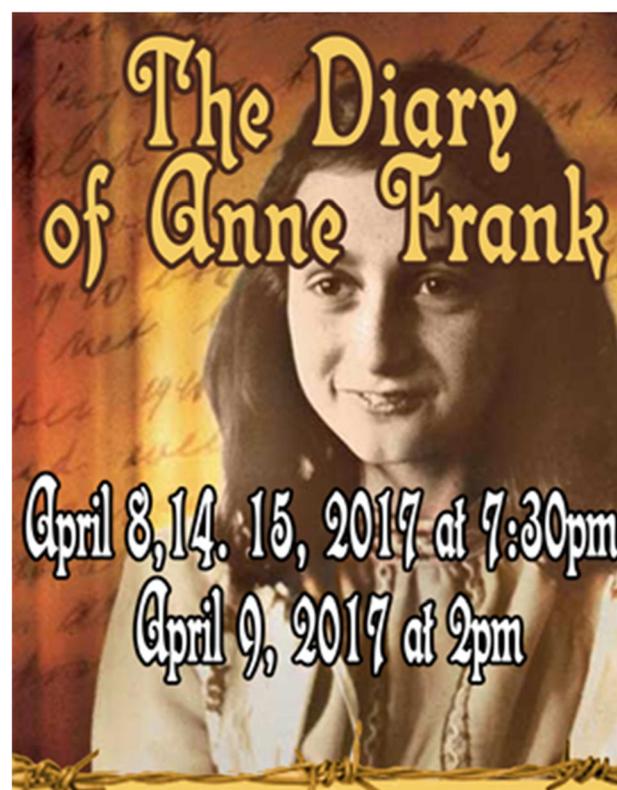
If any of these working committees reach out to any of you for your thoughts and participation in some way, I would urge you to give of your time and your effort so that whatever resolution we have it will be best for our entire community.

Saul J. Morse

Yahrzeits–April

1 Vivian Clyman
 1 David Epstein
 1 Dorothy Kaiserman
 1 Sol Weinberg
 2 Edward Levin
 2 John Pollack
 2 Bloomie Stein
 3 C. Sidney Stone
 4 Charles Faingold
 5 Jacob Oberman
 5 Mayme Vinik
 6 Sam Nagorsky
 7 Sara Grebler
 8 Nathan Cohn
 8 Bella Prastein
 9 Frank Oppleman
 9 Mollie Perlmutter
 9 Sol H. Sabath
 9 Hilda Spiegel
 10 Mary Fink
 10 Lee Wolfson
 12 Sarah Feldman
 12 Ida Fineman
 12 Amy E. Smith
 13 Jacob K. Gingold
 13 Steve Levine
 14 Anna Feltenstein
 14 Morris Feuer
 14 Merle Hornstein
 14 Stanley Perlmutter
 15 Judith Dwortz Becker
 15 Michael Goldstein
 15 Louis Sherman
 15 Max Sherman
 17 Julia Jacobson
 17 Samuel Albert Riseman
 17 Jeanette Solomon
 18 Louis A. Bass
 18 Bessie S. Routman
 19 Carol Faingold
 20 Evelyn Charney
 20 Jerome Fein
 20 Jason Reynolds
 21 Joseph Weisman
 22 Pearl Kellner

22 Lena Oppleman
 22 Herman Ritter
 22 Charles Weiss
 23 Henry R. Grebler
 23 Sylvia A. Stone
 24 Abe Abramovitch
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 26 Sidney Sorkin
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Irwin Weiner by Monika Weiner-Robert

In Honor Of:

Selma & Caleb Melamed by Sari & Mark

Wancket

Annette & Jerry Schwartz by Beryl & Howard

Feldman

In Memory Of:

Sam Carl by Beryl & Howard Feldman

Sam Carl by Laurie & David Farrell

Jack Victor by Phil & Paula Cohn

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Yahrzeit Of:

Joseph I Cohn by Sara Cohn Brown

Erma Cohn by Sara Cohn Brown

Julius Schwartz by Gloria & Mike Schwartz

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Yahrzeit Of:

Arnold Pell by Frances Feuer

Joseph Feuer by Frances Feuer

Buddy Pell by Florene Pell

MUSIC FUND

In Memory Of:

Sam Carl by Jackie & Norman Perlmutter

In Appreciation Of:

Temple Israel Choir for the Wonderful Show

by Erin Sabath & Stephen Setiz

Sisterhood Tributes

In Memory Of

Sam Carl

Paula & Jerold Gruebel

Grace & Peter Wenz

Lois & David Rakov

In Honor Of

Dylan & Robin Afeld, on the birth of June Addison

Jody & Joe Wallace

Get Well

Rose Turner

Carol & Jay Kitterman

Community News

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiell

On Thursday, March 16 the women from Temple Israel Sisterhood and the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield enjoyed a fabulous "sisters" night out at the Mimosa restaurant. Approximately 30 women laughed, hugged, took pictures, and ate together! Everyone agreed that it was a special evening and that we will get together again. Ozma Rahman, Jackie Perlmutter, and I will definitely work on another gathering. Thank you Jackie for making the arrangements at Mimosa!

We will not meet in April. I previously (February bulletin) wrote that our sisterhood and TBS sisterhood would have a joint meeting on gardening in April. After some discussion with people from Sisterhood board and Cherrie Worker, president of TBS sisterhood, it was decided to postpone the event. Everyone felt that too many of us would be busy preparing for Passover or be out of town.

Taste n' Tell is on the calendar for Thursday, May 18. Presently, we do not have a hostess/house. If anyone would like to volunteer to "open" her home, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call me at 529-9255 or 494-9447.

"Save the Date" for Donor. We will have a delicious brunch at American Harvest on Sunday, June 11, 2017. Mark your calendars!

Wishing everyone a "zeesin" Pesach!

Sandy Weiss

PURIM DINNER

Elvis has left the building, but his spirit was kept alive by the Elvis Megillah Purim Schpiel. Thank you choir members for a great show! Thanks to everyone who helped with the dinner before from cooks to set up to hamantaschen bakers: Mark Deluhury, Sandy Weiss, Grace Wenz, Pam LeBlang, Annette Schwartz, Gloria Schwartz, Sara Lieber, Anne Morgan, Anita Myers, Gina Cihlar, Gracie, me (Beryl Feldman), and whoever wandered into the kitchen to lend a hand. I am also glad I was able to tell everyone at the dinner about my family's connection to Elvis Presley. He was my uncle's Shabbos Goy in Memphis. Once again, in the words of Elvis: "Thank you, thank you very much."

Beryl Feldman

Community News

JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

On May 20, 2017, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), with the participation of both temples and other local Jewish organizations, will be sponsoring our third annual mobile food pantry in the parking lot of Temple B'rith Sholom. The event will be between the hours of 8 a.m. and approximately 12:30, including set up, welcoming patrons, preparing the food for give away, food distribution and clean up.

So what three things have we learned in the three years we have been sponsoring these events?

- There is a real problem with food insufficiency in our community, more than most of us imagine.
- We can make a real difference in people's lives by participating in events such as this and contributing to the Central Illinois Food Bank.
- The patrons who come to the event are gracious, thankful and our neighbors.

In order to make this event possible we need your help. First of all, we need volunteers. Not all volunteer shifts will require you to be there the entire time and if you attend services on Saturday morning, we welcome your help. Please contact Jordan Litvak at jjlitvak@gmail.com to let him know you are willing to help and if you have any physical limitations or time preferences.

Last year we included in the event a distribution of toiletries. These are supplies that are always needed by our patrons and are often difficult for them to obtain because of the cost. We are asking for contributions of FULL SIZE, NEW AND UNOPENED shampoo, conditioner, bar/liquid soap, sunscreen, body lotion/hand cream, deodorant, and tooth brushes/toothpaste. Collection boxes will be available at both synagogues or you can contact Marybeth Cohen at marybeth.cohen@comcast.com.

Finally, if any of you wish to help on the planning committee please contact Ralph Loewenstein at rlh@lhoslaw.com. We welcome everyone's participation.

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 20. I guarantee you will go away being glad you volunteered.

Ralph Loewenstein

THE JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
At Temple B'rith Sholom

We are collecting toiletries to be given out that day.

Please contribute new, full-sized items such as:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Bar/Liquid Soap
Sunscreen
Body lotion/Hand Cream
Deodorant
Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Temple Israel, Temple B'rith Sholom and the Federation office have boxes where you may deposit your toiletries or you may call Mary Beth Cohen at 546-3784 for pick up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Sangamon County Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Jewish Community Relations Council, Temple B'rith Sholom, Congregation Temple Israel, TBS Sisterhood, TI Sisterhood, Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, B'nai Brith

Community News



Dear Everyone:

Please join us at the third annual Jewish Community Seder
for wonderful food and camaraderie with each other

Our Main Dinner menu will include:

Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls
Bar-bi-cue Beef Brisket
Mashed Potatoes
Carrot Tzimmes
Assorted Desserts

Along with Wine and all the Accoutrements that go along with a Traditional Seder

A Vegetarian Meal will be provided upon request

Catered by Michael Higgins, Maldaner's restaurant

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Temple B'rith Shalom

Adults: 36.00 (Ages: 13+) Pre-Adults: \$15.00 (Ages: 4-12)

Children: Free (Ages: 0-3)

If you have not done so, please do not forget to RSVP by check or by phone
by Wednesday, April 5th

Temple Office: 525-1360 Extension #4

Checks made payable to: Temple B'rith Shalom

Debbie Weiner
Dinner Coordinator

Community News- Consolidation Planning

Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel Consolidation Planning Charges to Working Committees and Joint Committee

How will the work of the committees be used?

Consistent with the mandate of the Joint Committee, the working committees being established this spring will be making recommendations, not decisions, about the functioning of the consolidated congregation. It will be the responsibility of the board of the consolidated congregation to make decisions based on the recommendations of the working committees.

What will the Temples vote on in the fall?

The Temple memberships will vote on consolidation and on the proposed constitution.

Working Committee Charges

Mission and Culture – develop and carry out a consultative process leading to drafting of a mission statement. The committee will consider ways to integrate the cultures of the two congregations.

Review URJ document *Hear, O Israel: Creating Meaningful Congregational Mission Statements*.

Review congregational mission statements collected in Fall 2016.

Identify what is important to the culture of each congregation and suggest ways in which those valued elements can be preserved.

Develop a process for creating a mission statement for the consolidated congregation.

Recommend a name for the consolidated congregation.

Worship – make recommendations on how worship will function in the consolidated congregation, including types of services.

Identify important tenets of Reform and Conservative traditions.

Identify similarities and differences in worship practices between Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel.

Discuss burial policies and practices of both congregations and make recommendations on any needed adjustments.

Identify what is important to the worship practices of each congregation and how those valued elements can be preserved.

In consultation with the Budget Committee, evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of continuing the Temple Israel Kol Nidre appeal in the new, consolidated congregation and consider alternative approaches to raising operating revenue in addition to dues.

Facility Planning and Property – review cost projections in Joint Committee Final Report; explore options for financing a new facility.

Review cost projections in Joint Committee report for all facility options.

Recommend approximate contributions toward the total cost of a facility from each of the four funding sources identified in the Joint Committee report (capital campaign, endowment, mortgage, proceeds of sales of current buildings) and review those recommendations with the Budget Policy Committee.

Develop timetable for move to new facility.

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Constitution, Legal Issues and Governance Transition – develop a new constitution, make recommendations on addressing legal issues, plan for transition to new (interim) board

Review constitution and by-laws of each congregation.

Draft a new constitution and by-laws for the consolidated congregation.

Plan the governance transition to the new (interim) board.

Consider the status other property owned by the two congregations and address any legal issues in transferring this property to the new congregation.

Identify legal issues that will need to be addressed in moving to a consolidated congregation, including those pertaining to bequests in wills and trusts

Budget Policy – make recommendations on key budget policies for consolidated congregation, including recommendations on dues structure and rates, personnel, and policies related to use of endowments.

Make recommendations on the dues structure and rates of the consolidated congregation

In consultation with the Worship Committee, evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of continuing the Temple Israel Kol Nidre appeal in the new, consolidated congregation and consider alternative approaches to raising operating revenue in addition to dues.

Review recommendations from the Facility Planning and Property Committee on approximate contributions toward the total cost of a facility from each of the four funding sources identified in the Joint Committee report (capital campaign, endowment, mortgage, proceeds of sales of current buildings).

Review current policies related to endowments in Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel and recommend endowment policies for the new congregation.

Joint Committee – during Phase II of planning for consolidation, the Joint Committee will provide advice to the working committees and serve as an information clearinghouse on the committees' work. Continuing the practice established in Phase I planning, the Joint Committee will meet periodically with the Temple Presidents. The Joint Committee will integrate working committee reports into a Phase II report.

Advise working committees on approaches to addressing their charges.

Ensure that the activities of the working committees are appropriately coordinated.

Discuss capital campaign planning with Temple Board presidents

Manage a central repository for working committee documents.

Communicate with Temple Presidents.

Prepare Progress Reports.

Integrate working committee reports into a Phase II Final Report.

Community News- Consolidation Planning

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