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May 2018
Iyar/ Sivan 5778

Calendar of Events— May

Friday, May 4	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Nancy & Adam Porter and John Morse
Saturday, May 5	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Emor Leviticus 22:17—23:22
Friday, May 11	Shabbat Eve Services5:30 pm Joint Services at Temple B'rith Sholom Oneg Shabbat hosted by Hilary Frooman & John Lee, Jane Treadwell & Victor Ginsberg and hosts from TBS
Saturday, May 12	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Behar– Bechokotai Leviticus 25:39—26:9
Friday, May 18	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Richard Bass and Mary Saunders & Spencer White
Saturday, May 19	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Bamidar Numbers 2:11—3:13
Monday, May 21	Shavuot Morning Services9: 00 am Yizkor Prayers recited
Friday, May 25	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jon Mann
Saturday, May 26	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Naso Numbers 17:8—5:11—6:27



**May
Candle
Lighting
Times**

May 4	7:38 pm
May 11	7:45 pm
May 18	7:51 pm
May 25	7:58 pm



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Other Events

Thursday, May 3	Board Meeting7:30 pm
Monday, May 7, 14	Talmud Class12:00 noon
Tuesday, May 8	Sisterhood Book Club1:00 pm

My Jewish Year: 18 holidays, 1 wondering Jew
Abigail Pogrebin
Temple Israel



Rabbi's ReMarks



Jewish ritual is especially attuned to the cycles of time in our lives. We note the passage of times and seasons within the year through the recurring cycle of holidays, and we have special rituals to mark the various stages in the cycle of individual and family life. Without our rituals and without our sensitivity to the potential for meaning that such special occasions hold, one day would seem pretty much like every other day. Through prayers, home ritual and rest, Shabbat, for example, becomes not just another day, but an affirmation of God's sovereignty over creation and an opportunity to experience an extra measure of spirituality.

One such special occasion for me was the celebration of my 75th birthday on Saturday evening, April 21st. I was overwhelmed by the effort that went into the planning of this special night, by the outpouring of love that I experienced, and by the joy and fellowship that marked the event. What a night! It was truly a first-class affair. The food was delicious, and the music and dancing were great. It was wonderful seeing how much of a good time everyone was having. I was especially touched by the dedication of a special fund in my honor to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding and cannot think of a better tribute to what I have tried to advocate and represent over the years. Best of all was the presence of family and friends from in town and from afar.

To Erin Sabath and Merle Shiffman who co-chaired this wonderful celebration, I am most grateful. I cannot express how much I appreciate your efforts. To their many helpers, to our officers and Board, to the businesses and individuals who sponsored and supported the event, to all who attended and to those who had other commitments but expressed their good wishes to me personally, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Beyond the usual thoughts about how quickly time passes and how much we need to cherish every day, I have no profound wisdom to offer regarding my attainment of this milestone. This celebration makes me realize all the more how fortunate I am to have a loving family and to serve a congregation that has been, as I said at the celebration, both my spiritual home and my extended family. I wish for all of you what I felt at this wonderful event; may you have abundant joy and fulfillment in your lives and many *simchas* to celebrate with your friends and loved ones.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks



Thank you to all who helped to make Rabbi Marks' 75th birthday celebration a huge success. Good food, great conversation with music and dancing by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band made for a magical evening.

Thanks also to those who helped set tables, Elissa GoldbergBelle for donating the linens and the centerpieces, Sandy Weiss for arranging for the beautiful and delicious cakes and Mark Wancket for all-around building and technical support. Also thanks to Gracie Tierney for great photos, Corkscrew Wine Emporium for letting us borrow glassware, Maldaner's for their patience with the daily additions to our ever growing number of guests and Gina Cihlar for all that she does.

We're especially proud of creating the Rabbi Barry Marks Fund for Interfaith Cooperation and Understanding. In the coming years this will serve as a continuing gift established for our community.

Thanks again, Erin Sabath and Merle Shiffman

President's Message

This will be my final President's Page in the Bulletin. We have completed our annual meeting which includes the election of new members of the Board of Directors. I congratulate Vera Herst and Michael Stern on their election to the Board. I want to thank and extend my best wishes to now former Board members, Pamela Cohen and Sari Wancket. It has been a pleasure to serve with them as it has been to serve with the other members of the Board.

It has indeed been an interesting experience to serve as your President during these last two years. I have been reassured by the vitality and heartened by the viability of our congregation because of your involvement. Our congregational dinners seem to be both better and bring out more of you each year. Attendance at services has been steady although, for those of you who wonder, I want to assure you there is space for you to join us.

While it is a struggle, we have been able to have revenues which have slightly exceeded our expenses. Finances are an ongoing issue as has been described in prior letters to all of you and discussions at our meetings. However, for the moment, we are indeed able to maintain our programs, staff, and facilities without needing to use funds from our savings. No one can know whether this can continue.

At the next Board meeting my term will end and Loren Iglarsh will become our President. I am excited at the prospect of the plans he has shared with me for all of us. I urge you to continue your participation and support his actions and those of the Board. I will move into the role of past president on the Board with wonderful memories of my term of service. I will tell you that ending with the type of annual meeting which we had April 15th is terribly reassuring. Almost 50 of you attended with an honest, candid, respectful discussion of the possibility of a consolidation of congregations and our path forward. I have no doubt that the concerns and thoughts raised by so many of you were not simply heard but will be included in the actions and activities of your Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served in this position.

Saul J. Morse

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

What a fabulous 75th birthday celebration for Rabbi Marks on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Kudos to our "sisters" Erin Sabath and Merle Shiffman; co-chairs of the event. The dynamic duo, along with Elissa GoldbergBelle's stunning and artistic décor, created a spectacular evening for a record breaking crowd of 160+ guests. Thanks to Gina Cihlar, Beryl Feldman, Paula Gruebel, Vera Herst, Carol Kitterman, Linda Morrison, Ozma Rahman, Erin Sabath, Gloria Schwartz, Merle Shiffman, Jody Wallace, and Sandy Weiss for their help with setting the tables, moving furniture, etc.!!! Thanks to Merle and Sandy for making the candy. A special thank you to Nancy Sage for bringing a most delicious lunch to our hard working ladies. "It takes a village..."

I attended Temple Israel's annual meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2018. My report detailed our events and activities dating from the last annual meeting in 2017 to the present. I also included a financial report.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 is Sisterhood Book Club at 1pm in Temple's social hall. "My Jewish Year" by Abigail Pogrebin will be discussed. Merle Shiffman is the leader. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday May 17, 2018 is Taste n' Tell. See enclosed flyer for the details!

The date for Donor has been changed from June 10, 2018 to Sunday, JUNE 3, 2018. The reason for the change is to avoid any conflict with "A Road Trip To Arkansas." I encourage everyone, if you can, to join Barry and me on this weekend getaway sponsored by the Adult Education Committees of Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel. More detailed information on Sisterhood Donor will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars.

Happy Mother's Day!!

Sandy Weiss

Community News

JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY –MAY 19

On May 19, 2018 the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation (JCRC), in conjunction with Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, both temple sisterhoods, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith will be sponsoring our fourth annual mobile food pantry. The event will be held in the parking lot at Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 South Fourth Street) between the approximate hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. depending on volunteer assignments. Food distribution will begin at 11 a.m. to accommodate those volunteers who may wish to attend Saturday morning services.

* So why do all of these organizations and all of our volunteers participate year after year? We do so because there is a serious issue of food insecurity in our greater Springfield community.

* Who comes to receive the food, and do they really have a need? Those who show up to receive the food are all races, the elderly, women with small children and families. They are a cross section of our community at-large, and they are our neighbors. As to whether they actually need the food, no one would wait up to two hours to stand in line to get food if they didn't need it. And, yes, they are grateful and appreciative.

* Do we really solve the problem of food insufficiency by having one event one time a year? No, but we do help at least in some small way. More importantly, we hope that we increase awareness within our Jewish community of the problem of hunger and motivate people to advocate on this issue and support initiatives of the Central Illinois Food Bank and other organizations that deal with it on a daily basis.

This event does not happen without our hardworking mitzvah mobile food pantry committee, our partners who make this event possible – Bank of Springfield (for financial support), Schnucks (for lending us shopping carts), McQuinn Auto Body (for supplying a flatbed to pick up and drop off the shopping carts) and Siciliano, Inc. (for supplying a fork lift and fork lift operator to off load the food), and of course, our volunteers.

So, how can you help? We still need volunteers. Rick Griminger is our volunteer coordinator and if you are available, please contact him at rgriminger@att.net so he can put you on his list. If you have any physical or time limitations, he will accommodate your needs.

Mary Beth Cohen is once again organizing a toiletry collection. She is soliciting **new, full sized** shampoo, conditioner, soap, sunscreen, body lotion/hand cream, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes. Items can be dropped off at both TBS and TI and will be distributed to patrons on the day of the event. For questions on the toiletry collection, please contact Marybeth at marybeth.cohen@comcast.com.

Thank you once again for your support, and we are looking forward to another successful event.

Yahrzeits—May

1	Sarah Cohen
1	Edith Goldstein
1	Samuel Stern
2	Richard Lee
3	Abraham Barnholtz
3	Lena Fishman
3	Simon Wasser
4	Michael Victor
5	Helen Ash
5	George Goldstein
5	Bernice Israel
5	William S. Rosenberg
5	Rona Seigel
5	Isidore Sokolow
7	Janice Dunas
7	Hyman A. Feuer
7	Max Gingold
8	Leo D. Cohn
8	Shim Schwartz
10	Larry M. Wolfson
12	Donald M. Judd
12	Max Pell
13	Abraham Cohen
13	Jacob Gralnick
13	Dr. J.S. Kruger
13	Isadore Paris
14	Ethel Snyder Herman
14	Cecile Goldstein Schwartz
14	Philip Wright
16	Sarah Garber Oberman
16	Sue Wolfson
17	Sidney Rappaport
18	Ralph Snyder
19	Frank Dorman
19	Joseph S. Goldman
19	Feige Pearl Kaiserman
20	Miriam Barker Diamond
20	Anna Denn Goldstein
23	Barney Rovin
24	Esther Hurvitz
24	Donna K. Kaiserman
25	Isadore Feuer
25	Sarah Freda Moscové
25	Sarah Shapiro
25	Ann Gralnick Vangrov
27	Reuben Roberts
29	Eva Lerman
29	Isadore Prastein
30	Stanley Stern
31	Edward Strum

Tributes

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Eugene & Vivian Clyman by Selma & Caleb
Melamed

FEUER-BROZGOLD FUND

In Honor Of:

Sara Feuer's 100th Birthday by Charles Pell
& Nancy Katherine Peterson

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory Of:

Lester Marks by Wende & Bob Martin
Marjorie Clavey by Wende & Bob Martin

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks by Arlene & Bob Barewin
Rabbi Marks by The Westbrook Family
Rabbi Marks by Richard Damashek
Rabbi Marks by Harvey Chimoff
Rabbi Marks by Betty & Ralph Hurwitz
Rabbi Marks by Annette & Jeff Chesky

MUSIC FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Richard C. Lee by Joyce Becker Lee
Judith Dwortz Becker by Joyce Becker Lee
Sol Sabath by Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz



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& 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

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Kingdom; Sete, France; Provence, France;
Portofino, Italy; Florence/Pisa, Italy

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