



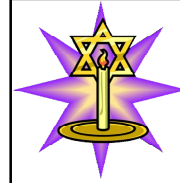
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 Iyar/Sivan 5777

Calendar of Events— June

Thursday, June 1	Shavuot Morning Services9: 00 am Yizkor Prayers recited
Friday, June 2	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Carol & Jay Kitterman, Gloria & Michael Schwartz and Lisa & Stephen Stone
Saturday, June 3	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Naso Numbers 4:21—5:10
Friday, June 9	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Doranne & Jerry Jacobson and Anne Morgan & Saul Morse
Saturday, June 10	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Beha'alotcha Numbers 8:1—9:14
Friday, June 16	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jody & Joe Wallace and Rae Lipsky
Saturday, June 17	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Sh'lach Numbers 13:1—14:7
Friday, June 23	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Marvin Gubin, Betsy & Scott Gubin and Shaela Dunn & Brad Gubin
Saturday, June 24	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Korach Numbers 16:1—17:15
Friday, June 30	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz and Elissa & Jonathan GoldbergBelle
Saturday, July 1	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Chukat Numbers 19:1—20:13



**June
Candle
Lighting
Times**

June 2	8:04 pm
June 9	8:08 pm
June 16	8:11 pm
June 23	8:13 pm
June 30	8:13 pm

B'rit Yisrael News

Please remember to drop off your gently used shoes in the box set up in the lobby of the Temple.



Other Events In June

- Thursday, June 1
Board Meeting7:30pm
- Tuesday, June 13
Sisterhood Bookclub.....1:00 pm
A Reunion of Ghosts
Judith Claire Mitchell
- Sunday, June 25
Century Brunch.....11:00 am
(see Flyer for additional details)



Rabbi's ReMarks



During the spring and summer of the year, it is customary on Shabbat afternoon to study *The Ethics of the Fathers*, a tractate of the Mishnah that consists of wise sayings and maxims of the Rabbis, many of them quite familiar to all of us from sermons we've heard and classes we've attended over the years (e.g., "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am for myself alone, what am I?"). *Pirkei Avot*, as this work is known in Hebrew, is indeed a source of wisdom that still has much to teach us.

One of the first sayings quoted in *Avot*, attributed to Simon the Just, who served as High Priest in the early third century BCE, instructs us that the world stands on three things – on Torah, on worship and on deeds of lovingkindness. As our working committees endeavor to iron out details and arrive at recommendations for the proposed consolidation of Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom, defining the mission of the congregation is a crucial item on their agenda. Simon the Just's saying, to my mind, highlights the elements that have traditionally been fundamental to the mission of the synagogue through the ages and offers us a yardstick by which to measure how we function as a congregation.

Our congregation strives to honor all three of these pillars that sustain the world. I am writing this in mid-May, during the week preceding the Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry event. I am pleased that Temple Israel and Temple Israel Sisterhood have joined other Jewish organizations in the community in contributing funds, and that Temple members will be volunteering their time. Temple members over the years have also participated in the Compass program, which serves children at risk at our neighbor, DuBois School. I commend those who have been involved and urge us to strengthen and bolster such efforts, which conventionally fall under the rubric of Social Action but are considered by our tradition as *gemilut chasadim*, deeds of kindness.

Worship is known in our tradition as *avodah*, service (of God). I enjoy leading our Shabbat eve and Shabbat morning prayers and am pleased that attendance seems to be more stable and regular in recent months and that congregational singing is spirited and enthusiastic. My goal is to make worship even more participatory and more lively and to enhance *kavvanah*, the quality of focus, inwardness and concentration that enables us to banish distracting thoughts and experience a sense of transcendence during our time of prayer.

I am particularly pleased with the devotion to Torah and to adult Jewish learning I've seen on the part of congregants from both Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom. We have concluded for this year our sessions on Ethics in Jewish Life and look forward to continuing them during 2017-2018. I will soon be taking a summer recess from my Monday noon Talmud class. I have to express my amazement at our participants and their ability to offer insights and find discussion points of relevance even when we are studying some of the more esoteric arguments and rulings of ancient Jewish law. I am mulling the possibility of taking a break next year from Talmud and delving into other strands from within our tradition – the philosophical and the mystical.

It has been a busy and active year. I look forward to working with a new Board and new committee chairs. As summer approaches, I wish you a happy and healthy season of travel, relaxation and enjoyment of the sunlight and warmth.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

Mazel Tov

To **Dr. Richard Bass** on his special birthday
 To **Dr Mary Saunders** on her special birthday
 To **Stephen Seitz** on his special birthday



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President's Message

With the summer months, we begin the process of planning for the next year. Our year, of course, begins as Jews with the High Holy Days, which come this year in October. Temple also begins its fiscal year on October 1.

We had a wonderful annual meeting toward the end of April at which three new members were elected to our Board. We have already had our first meeting of the newly constituted Board and things seem to be moving along quite well. I am working on Committee assignments for the coming year. If any congregant is interested and/or willing to serve on or even chair a committee, please let me know. Many congregations function in different ways. Temple Israel operates by our family of volunteers stepping up to actively work on behalf of all of us. These volunteers who have staffed our committees have maintained our building, prepared our congregational dinners, provided for our burial society, and done many other things. It is a wonderful tradition of supporting each other which we hope to maintain. In the meantime, as we work on issues like officers, committees, a budget, and the like, I hope you have a very enjoyable late spring and early summer and that we will see each other at Temple.

Saul J Morse

JOIN THE GROWING GROUP OF LIFE & LEGACY DONORS

The first year of Temple Israel's LIFE & LEGACY™ program was successful as 18 donors made commitments to participate. As a result, our temple will receive \$5,000 from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF). If we secure another 18 donors by March 1 of next year, Temple Israel will receive an additional \$5,000.

A letter of intent is a simple one-page document which enables you to identify Temple Israel as a beneficiary of your estate. (The form allows one to identify the Federation and Temple B'rith Sholom as well.) The LIFE & LEGACY program also enables you to make a legacy gift right now, knowing that the funds will be invested and support our Temple and Jewish community both now and in the future.

We are grateful to the following individuals who have signed letters of intent as of April 18:

Anonymous Donors (4)	Linda Lingle	Juliette E. Seidman
Rhoda Augustine	Rabbi Barry Marks & Nancy Sage	Stuart & Merle Shiffman
Robert S. Cohen	Linda J. Morrison	Lisa W. Stone
Elissa GoldbergBelle	Saul J. Morse & Anne B. Morgan	Stephen Stone
Eli Gottlieb Goodman	Adam Porter	Joseph & Jody Wallace
Rick Griminger	Cantor Sam Radwine	Mark Wancket
Leonard Lieberman	Erin Sabath	Sari Miller Wancket

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 and express your interest. 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.

Yahrzeits—May

3	Barney Rovin
4	Esther Hurvitz
4	Donna K. Kaiserman
5	Isadore Feuer
5	Sarah Freda Moscové
5	Sarah Shapiro
5	Ann Gralnick Vangrov
7	Reuben Roberts
9	Eva Lerman
9	Isadore Prastein
11	Edward Strum
14	Harry Hurvitz
15	Goldie Kohn Morse
15	Esther Weisman
15	Harold Sampson
16	Claire Weiss
17	Morton LeBlang
17	Ida Rubin
18	Helene Muhr
18	Edith Myers
20	Henry Friedman
20	Ned Goldman
21	Herman Louis Goldstein
21	Ben Pearlman
22	Ida Sarah Billings
22	Eva B. Schonbrun
23	Bernard Seidman
23	Harry Weiner
24	Marilyn Miller
24	Harry Sherman
25	Devorah Kleinman
25	Minnie Oberman
25	Harry Perlmutter
26	Sarah E. Herman
26	Ernest Kohn
26	Joseph R. Seigel
27	Anne Faingold
27	Isadore H. Sherman
28	Lyman Oberman
28	Rosa Strum
29	Goldie Barnett
29	Annette Smith

Tributes

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Judith Dwortz Becker by Joyce Becker Lee

Richard Lee by Joyce Becker Lee

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Michael Goldstein by Barbara & Barry Seidman

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In Honor Of:

Linda Lingle by Barbara & Barry Seidman

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Paul Lawent by Beryl & Howard Feldman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of:

Staci GoldbergBelle and John Hamman

by Linda Lingle

Marc Goldman by Carol & Jay Kittermna

Staci GoldbergBelle and John Hamman

by Sharon & Mark Snyder

FEUER-BROZGOLD FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Max Pell by Fran Feuer

Hyman A Feuer by Fran Feuer

Max Pell by Florene Pell



Community News

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

Hope everyone had a lovely Mother's Day and a most delicious Taste n' Tell. So sorry I missed it! I want to thank Barbara Seidman for hosting and opening up her beautiful home. I also want to thank Elissa GoldbergBelle for conducting the business meeting in my absence. And of course, all the wonderful, creative cooks!!

Welcome Summer! Our annual Donor is scheduled for Sunday, June 11 at 11am at American Harvest. Hoping that we have a big crowd. Donor is Sisterhood's only fundraiser so please try to attend. It promises to be a fun morning/afternoon with yummy food. Erin Sabath is in charge of arrangements. An invitation with all the detailed information is in the mail!!

Presently, we do not have anything scheduled for July except for our monthly Book Club. Our club is open to all who enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of books. On July 11 Joan Rosen will moderate. Her selection is *Last Train to Istanbul* by Ayse Kulin. It is historical fiction about rescuing Turkish Jews from occupied France during WWII. We meet at Temple in the social hall at 1pm.

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 25. There will be a Sisterhood Shira (singing and music) Shabbat dinner. It will be the Opening/Membership meeting. Plans are "still in the works!" One month later on Saturday, September 30 Sisterhood will provide the traditional "Break the Fast." Naturally, we will once again request your help!

Looking ahead to 2018 Sharon Snyder has outlined a plan for a Women's Seder, including women from Temple Israel, Temple B'rith Sholom, First Congregational Church, and the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield. The Executive committee has had some discussion on this exciting proposal. More information will be disseminated as the plan evolves. It has great possibilities for community involvement

Our Bylaws and membership directory will be updated this summer. See you at Donor!!!

Sandy Weiss

4th Annual JEWISH FILM SERIES

Four Thursdays in June 2017 (June 8, 15, 22, 29) at 7:00 pm

Theatre Room at Capital City Bar & Grill
3149 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL 62703

TICKETS: \$7 Per Film OR \$25 series pass (\$5 per film with Student ID)

Contact: 787-7223 x18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org for series passes

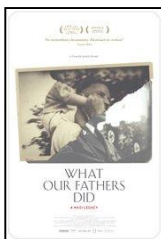
AWARD WINNING FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Thursday, JUNE 8
The Last Laugh (2017)



Thursday, JUNE 15
The Kind Words (2015)



Thursday, JUNE 22
What Our Fathers Did (2014)



Thursday, JUNE 29
The Women's Balcony (2016)

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