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 Sivan/Tammuz 5778

**Calendar of Events— June**

Friday, June 1	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....5:45 pm <b>Joint Life &amp; Legacy Service</b> Honoring Our Community’s Legacy Donors <b>Please note earlier time</b> Shabbat Dinner to follow Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pam & Ted LeBlang and Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz
Saturday, June 2	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Beha’alotcha Numbers 9:15—10:34
Friday, June 8	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Annette & Jerry Schwartz and Brian Schwartz
Saturday, June 9	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Sh’lach Numbers 14:8—15:7
Friday, June 15	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jerry & Doranne Jacobson and Suzanne Schriar & Loren Iglarsh
Saturday, June 16	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Korach Numbers 16:20—17:24
Friday, June 22	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Wende & Harry Stern and Michael Stern
Saturday, June 23	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Chukat Numbers 20:1—21:10
Friday, June 29	<b>Shabbat Eve Services</b> .....6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jackie & Norman Perlmutter and Lisa & Jonathan GoldbergBelle
Saturday, June 30	<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b> .....9:00 am Balak Numbers 22:39—23:26



**June  
 Candle  
 Lighting  
 Times**

<b>June 1</b>	<b>8:03 pm</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>8:07 pm</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>8:11 pm</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>8:13 pm</b>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>8:13 pm</b>



**Other Events**

Tuesday, June 5	<b>Board Meeting</b> .....7:30 pm
Tuesday, June 12	<b>Sisterhood Book Club</b> .....1:00 pm <i>A Guide for the Perplexed</i> Dara Horn Temple Israel
Sunday, June 24	<b>Century Brunch</b> .....11:00 am (see flyer for details)



## Rabbi's *Re*Marks



After a winter that seemed to hang on forever, we are now enjoying what I consider the most beautiful time of the year. Temperatures are for the most part moderate, and lawns are still green and lush after the spring rains. Colleges have held their graduation ceremonies, and public schools have but a few days remaining in the semester before summer recess.

In addition to vacation travel and the other enjoyable activities we associate with the season, summer also provides a break from our busy round of activity during which organizations can plan ahead for the coming year. The High Holidays will be upon us before we know it, and our choir has already begun looking at new music for the Days of Awe. Our SBJE Religious School Board has likewise started planning for the coming school year. And as always, I welcome your suggestions as to what we can do to bring additional vitality and spirit to our congregation and to serve your spiritual needs.

More than forty years ago, after I had come from Baltimore (Jewish population 80,000) and New York to Danville, Illinois (with a Jewish community of 65 families in 1969), from there to Urbana, and finally to Springfield, I wrote an article for *Shema* magazine about the challenges of being Jewish and living a Jewish life in a small town. If anything, those challenges have intensified over the intervening years. We've seen our membership numbers dwindle and our local Jewish community age. Many of our young people move away following their college years, seeking career opportunities and an active social life with their peers in larger cities. Moreover, finding the magic key to engaging members of the next generation in the synagogue and in Jewish communal life is an elusive quest, rendered all the more difficult for us in Springfield by our small numbers and by the heterogeneous make-up of the group in terms of age cohort and family situation (single or married; with children or without). Last but not least, the dominant trend in our society to prioritizing our private and individual lives over long-term communal commitments adds to the magnitude of the challenge.

Despite the challenges, I do believe in what the sociologist Egon Mayer called "the tenacity of Jewishness." Non-Orthodox Judaism will survive in America, albeit with smaller numbers than at the peak of Jewish involvement on the part of the baby boomer generation. I can not predict what Jewish communal and synagogue life will look like twenty years from now, but I am sure it will be vastly different from what we are familiar with. Judaism will persist, because it is, as Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote, an answer to the human condition – to our search for meaning and purpose, to our need for community, to our awareness of suffering and of the brevity of life, and to our experience of awe, wonder, and mystery. But we who share a commitment to Judaism and to Jewish life will need to plan not only, as we typically do each summer, for the coming year but also to provide our next generation with the resources for a Judaism that will have depth, meaning and cogency.

May you enjoy a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

### Mazel tov...

**Genie Melamed** has graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign and has been awarded a fellowship to study German there next year, She was also inducted in to the geography and political science honoraries there.

**Raya Seidman** has graduated Indiana University

**Drew Duffy** has graduated Arizona State University

**Molly Stern** has graduated Springfield High School

Congratulations to our wonderful young people and their families

## President's Message

I am very honored to have been elected Temple President by the Temple Israel Board of Directors. I hope my performance as President proves worthy of the trust the Board members have placed in me.

As a 35 year member of Temple Israel, I am very much invested in our Temple's traditions and maintaining it as a linchpin of the Springfield Jewish community. I associate our Temple with many rites of passage and key events in my family's history. When I enter the Temple, I remember the aufrufin held as Suzanne and I prepared for our wedding, which was performed by Rabbi Marks, our son's bris, his pidyon haben and bar mitzvah. I am moved each time I enter the building and glance at our parents' memorial plaques opposite the main entrance.

I believe that at its best, membership in a Jewish congregation enriches an individual and a family's life by including them in a caring and joyful community with a rich and fascinating 3000 year old tradition. If my Presidency is successful, the Temple Israel community will continue to thrive over the next two years.

Two key issues will dominate the twenty two President's letters I will author. The interests of our members and potential members are rapidly evolving. Lifestyles are changing with many new distractions arising that provide alternatives to participating in traditional religious activities. An older generation raised with grandparents from the old country and traditional services is leaving the scene and is being replaced by a new generation that never had those experiences. The Board and I want to maintain the traditional activities that many of our members have come to expect from TI, but also incorporate new programs that can employ our members many skills and interests to find additional and more inclusive ways to express religiosity within the Jewish tradition. For example, over the years Temple Israel has participated in a variety of activities with our neighbors at Douglas Methodist church. The Board has begun discussions with Douglas Methodist's leaders to explore additional programs where both congregations can cooperate.

Finally regarding the issue of Temple consolidation, the Joint Committee study has shown that the current Springfield Jewish community configuration does not appear to be sustainable. The Temples and their members collaborate regularly with many great friendships between members of each congregation and a growing number of joint Temple activities. Of course the details of consolidation remain challenging and problematic; hopefully more of these details will be resolved over the next two years. Ideally, the Temple Israel community will continue as part of new consolidated congregation. If consolidation does not appear to be feasible, the Temple Board will do what is necessary to ensure the continuation of our congregation.

Modifying President Kennedy's appeal to our country that I remember from my youth, I feel we should ask both what our synagogue can do for us and what can we do for our synagogue. So if you would like to offer any assistance to our synagogue or address issues of spiritual expression, or if you just want to make general comments, please feel free to email me with your ideas and concerns at [l.iglarsh@comcast.net](mailto:l.iglarsh@comcast.net).

Loren Iglarsh

## *Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!*

A big thank you to Suzanne Schriar (and Loren Iglarsh!!) for hosting Taste and Tell on May 17 in their beautiful home. I was told (I was in LA) that everyone enjoyed a most delicious dinner. Thanks to all for providing the food and drink!

Our next event is Donor on Sunday, June 3 at American Harvest. Erin Sabath did an outstanding job in creating a gorgeous invitation. So you know, the brunch will be wonderful too! Hopefully, many of you will attend our annual FUNraiser. We will also be voting on the 2018 - 2019 slate of officers that was prepared by the Nominating committee. Please RSVP in a timely manner.

By now you should have received the Temple Israel Sisterhood membership drive letter (thank you Linda Morrison). As the letter states Sisterhood "plays an important role in encouraging a fuller sense of community within our congregation." I also encourage you to become a "player" and join the wonderful group of Sisterhood women.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 27, 2018 for the Sisterhood Shira Shabbat and Dinner.. Presently, we are in the planning stages. More information will be in the July bulletin.

Sisterhood Book Club is Tuesday, June 12 at 1 PM at Temple Israel Social Hall. Linda Morrison will lead the discussion on Dara Horn's novel, "A Guide for the Perplexed." Refreshments will be served.

See you at Donor!!

Sandy Weiss

## Yahrzeits—June

3	Harry Hurvitz
4	Goldie Kohn Morse
4	Esther Weisman
4	Harold Sampson
5	Claire Weiss
6	Morton LeBlang
6	Ida Rubin
7	Helene Muhr
7	Edith Myers
9	Henry Friedman
9	Ned Goldman
10	Herman Louis Goldstein
10	Ben Pearlman
11	Ida Sarah Billings
11	Eva B. Schonbrun
12	Bernard Seidman
12	Harry Weiner
13	Marilyn Miller
13	Harry Sherman
14	Devorah Kleinman
14	Minnie Oberman
14	Harry Perlmutter
15	Sarah E. Herman
15	Ernest Kohn
15	Joseph R. Seigel
16	Anne Faingold
16	Isadore H. Sherman
17	Lyman Oberman
17	Rosa Strum
18	Goldie Barnett
18	Annette Smith
20	Della Hirschbein
20	Phyllis Holtzman Nitzkin
20	Jacob Wexler
22	Sylvia Cohn Applebaum
22	William Knopping
22	Nathaniel S. Yaseen
23	Yaffa Draznin
23	Molly Gubin
24	Gertrude Pudick
25	Carol Glauberman
26	David Ash
26	Jojene Sabath
27	Edna Saunders
27	Sadie Spiegel
27	Ida Strum
27	Esther K. Wolfson
28	Louis Fishman
29	Albert B. Cohen
29	Bertha Feuer
30	Donald Brasloff
30	Harriet Cahnman
30	Walter Griminger
30	Sarah Oppleman
30	Mary Victor

## Tributes

### GENERAL FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

**Stanley & Cece Stern** by Leslie Addadi

**Norman Linder** by Linder Siblings

**Jerome Fein** by Gina & Ken Kaeser

**Bessie Routman** by Margaret Schoenfeld

#### In Honor Of:

**Dr John Lee** by Linda & Paul Weichsel

### FEUER-BROZGOLD FUND

#### Yahrzeit Of:

**Hyman A Feuer** by Fran Feuer

**Isadore Feuer** by Fran Feuer

**Max Pell** by Fran Feuer

**Max Pell** by Florene Pell

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### In Memory Of:

**Elizabeth Eastep Gresham** by Les Eastep

#### In Honor Of:

**Rabbi Marks** by Carol & Jay Kitterman

**Rabbi Marks** by Deborah Rubenstein, Alan Bass  
and Marla McGinnis

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#### In Honor Of:

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