



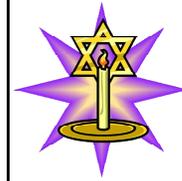
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July/August 2018
 Tammuz/Av/Elul 5778

Calendar of Events— July

Friday, July 6	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sharon & Mark Snyder and Steve & Lisa Stone
Saturday, July 7	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Pinchas Numbers 26:52—28:15
Friday, July 13	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Harriet & Alan Josephson and Anne Morgan & Saul Morse
Saturday, July 14	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Matot-Masei Numbers 32:1—33:49
Friday, July 20	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Cassandra Claman and Vera Herst
Saturday, July 21	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Devarim Deuteronomy 2:2—30
Friday, July 27	Shira Shabbat Services & Dinner6:00 pm (see flyer for additional details) Oneg Shabbat hosted by Carol & Jay Kitterman and Gloria & Michael Schwartz
Saturday, July 28	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vaetchanan Deuteronomy 5:1—6:25



**July
 Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

July 6	8:12 pm
July 13	8:09 pm
July 20	8:05 pm
July 27	7:59 pm



**New
 Contact
 info?**

We are in the process of updating our membership directory so please let us know of any changes to your address, phone number or email by calling us at 546-2841 or emailing us at ozma.rahman@sbcglobal.net

Thank you

Other Events

Tuesday, July 10	TI Sisterhood Book Club1:00 pm <i>And After the Fire</i> Lauren Belfour Temple Israel
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Calendar of Events– August

Friday, August 3	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Gayle & Charlie Rabins and Jori & George Sisk
Saturday, August 4	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am E'kev Deuteronomy 9:4—10:11
Friday, August 10	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Adrienne & Marc Daniels and Lindy & Bill Seltzer
Saturday, August 11	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Re'eh Deuteronomy 12:29—14:29
Friday, August 17	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jody & Joe Wallace and Carl Faingold
Saturday, August 18	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Shoftim Deuteronomy 18:6—19:13
Friday, August 24	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Hilary Frooman & John Lee, Len Lieberman and Miriam Lieberman
Saturday, August 25	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Ki Tetzei Deuteronomy 23:8—24:13
Friday, August 31	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sari & Mark Wancket
Saturday, September 1	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:12—28:6



**August
Candle
Lighting
Times**

August 3	7:52 pm
August 10	7:43 pm
August 17	7:34 pm
August 24	7:24 pm
August 31	7:13 pm

Other Events

Thursday, August 2	Board Meeting7:30pm
Tuesday, August 14	TI Sisterhood Book Club1:00 pm <i>The Mathematician's Shiva</i> Stuart Rojstaczer Temple Israel



Rabbi's ReMarks



Earlier this year the Boards of Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom decided to pursue the possibility of a joint project to repair and restore some of our congregations' Torah scrolls.

Temple Israel's history relating to Torah restoration goes back some twenty plus years. In 1995 one of our scrolls (actually the one we use every Shabbat morning) was repaired by Rabbi Yochanan Nathan, a *sofer* (scribe) who has practiced his craft in Chicago now for forty years. In 2002, two of our other scrolls were repaired by the Klein Brothers Jewish Bookstore in New York.

Rabbi Nathan, over the course of subsequent years, became very well known to the young people in our Religious School, because the annual ninth grade weekend trip to Chicago always included a visit to his home or workshop. He was a most gracious host, who was happy to demonstrate his craft and teach our students about the laws pertaining to the writing of a *sefer Torah*. When the Torah scroll on which he worked was ready to be returned to us, he came down to Springfield and officiated at a *siyum* (completion) ceremony. The last few verses of Deuteronomy needed to be filled in, and members of the congregation had the opportunity to purchase a letter and to stand at Rabbi Nathan's side while he wrote it in. Those who contributed were given a turkey feather quill as a souvenir of the occasion. I recall how touched I was by the love and devotion I saw on Rabbi Nathan's face, as he placed the scroll in the Ark at the conclusion of the ceremony.

On June 19th, Rabbi Nathan was in Springfield to inspect six of our scrolls and four scrolls belonging to Temple B'rith Sholom and to provide estimates of how much it would cost to restore each of them. For each scroll he will provide an appraisal of its current value, an estimate of the repair cost and of the value of the scroll after repair, and a recommendation of how much we should insure the scroll for. Unfortunately, the writing in a Torah scroll does fade over time and letters or segments thereof do break off from the parchment, and this is what has happened to lesser or greater extent to our scrolls. We do have some funds that were set aside for Torah restoration that can be used for this project, but more will be needed, depending on how many scrolls we wish to repair. Rabbi Nathan jotted down some figures on paper, but we are waiting for him to submit a typewritten appraisal before making any decisions.

Most interesting to me was the educational segment of Rabbi Nathan's visit. He spoke for an hour about the process of producing a scroll, using props that he brought along to talk about the animal skin, the ink, and the quill, the way lines and margins are drawn, and the book that he uses from which he copies the text onto the scroll. An audience of twenty people from both congregations were charmed by Rabbi Nathan and greatly enjoyed his presentation. I learned some interesting numbers as well: the scrolls owned by our congregations range from about eighty to one hundred and fifty years old; Torah scrolls usually have 245 columns of some forty-two lines each; and a skilled scribe will need about three hours to write a column. He is not allowed to write from memory but must look at the book and then pronounce each word aloud before he writes it. Also, at almost every step along the way he must recite the words "*l'shem kedushat sefer Torah*", "for the sake of the holiness of the Torah scroll."

Our scrolls are indeed the most sacred objects in our community's possession, handled with reverence and love during our worship. They represent a heritage, whose ways are ways of pleasantness and whose paths are peace. In these times, when religion is so often abused or perverted to justify repression, intolerance and violence, it is well to remember that the "heart of Torah", as Rabbi Shai Held teaches us, is compassion and lovingkindness.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

President's Message

Soon after I was elected President of the Temple in May, I spent some time looking at the plaques in the social hall listing former Temple Presidents and Kiddush cup recipients. Having known many of these individuals, I realized I was going to have to work very hard to prove myself worthy of joining them on the plaques. These individuals did not accept the Temple Presidency to build up their resumes. Rather, they have set a high standard on how to lead our Temple.

I had already been thinking about Jewish history since we had recently visited my parents' graves at the Old Jewish Waldheim cemetery in Chicago's western suburbs. The trip to this old cemetery, founded in 1870 and now containing around 150,000 graves, reminded me of the Chicago Jewish community as it existed 100 years ago. Each section represented one of the many synagogues and mutual aid societies formed by Jewish immigrants to Chicago to provide aid, comfort and fellowship as they adjusted to life in the new world.

I then reread the 1982 Commemorative History of Congregation Temple Israel. Our Congregation has a rich Jewish history beginning soon after Springfield's settlement. Both Temple Israel and Temple Brith Sholom can trace their origins back to the formation of the Springfield Hebrew Congregation in 1858. During its early years our community was particularly honored to be birth place of Julius Rosenwald, one of America's great philanthropists and arguably the most important person born in Springfield. The Springfield Jewish community split over religious matters in 1876 when the larger portion of the community joined the reform movement and founded Temple Brith Sholom. Those who continued to follow the Orthodox tradition later founded Congregation B'nai Avraham (1895) which is the predecessor to Temple Israel.

So why do I consider it important to look back at Temple Israel history as we move forward? Simply put, our knowledge of history shapes the way we view the present, guiding us with the wisdom needed to make informed decisions that address our current challenges. Throughout the history of Springfield's Jewish community, the congregations flourished by focusing on serving their members as they shared happy occasions and provided solace and support for families and individuals in need. The congregations would not have survived if preserving their edifices took priority over sustaining an inclusive and interdependent Jewish community. As American Jews, we have successfully integrated into American society and are very different from the immigrant Jews who arrived in this country during the 1800's. Nevertheless, I believe that our community can only thrive through our connection to one another and the foundation of support that Temple Israel provides. So my job as President will be to strengthen Temple Israel both as a synagogue and as a community.

Finally, I would like to thank Kim Knuuti and Zvi Pisman and the members of their family for taking the initiative in establishing a Temple Israel garden plot in the garden area behind our neighbors at Douglas Methodist. Kim, Sam, Hannah, and Nate planted zucchini and tomatoes from starts and gourds, basil, and carnations from seed. Zvi has been weeding and watering. The gourds can be used for Sukkot decorations, the carnations can be used for the sanctuary. Any leftover vegetables will be donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank. There are two plots that are cooperative and everyone is welcome to contribute work towards these plots. Contact Douglas Ave UMC for more details.

Loren Iglarsh

Yahrzeits— July

1 Albert J. Cross
 1 Abe H. Greenberg
 1 Adele Papermaster
 2 Fred Cahnmann
 2 Max Fink
 2 Isaac Potish
 2 Sol Schwartz
 3 Fannie Brown
 3 Michael Brown
 3 Herman Cohen
 3 Nathan Strum
 3 Henry Prastein
 4 Dolores Griminger
 6 Abraham Feuer
 6 Esther Pochter
 6 Edith Wald
 7 Irving Fruchter
 7 Louis Spiegel
 8 David Nathanson
 8 Ethel Rovin
 9 Frank Garber
 9 Eva Cohen Marks
 9 Ben Spiegel
 9 Phillip Stein
 11 Josephine Sage
 12 Rose Tucker Cohn
 12 Ethel Mae Rossoff
 13 Ruby Smith
 14 Mary Ethel Barker
 14 Bruce Feldman
 15 Emanuel Baskin
 15 Florence Betty Cohn
 15 Joseph Cohn
 15 Annette Feuer
 15 Joseph Rubinsky
 15 Leah Weisman
 16 Robert Seidman
 18 Anna Weiner
 19 Harry Stern
 21 Mitchell Brown
 22 Philip Glauberman
 23 Morris Ichkowsky
 23 Leon W. Morse
 24 Meyer Seigel
 26 Daniel Rubin
 26 Jack Weisman
 27 Carlos Reynolds
 27 Lyle Lamont Burdick
 29 Arthur Brown
 29 Fannie Cohen
 30 Charles Barker
 30 Sam Snyder
 31 Perritz Denn
 31 Ann Jean Fishman
 31 Jack Koffman

Yahrzeits— August

1 Sherry Spiegel
 2 Sara Feuer
 2 Leizer Pianko
 2 Maxine Weiner
 4 Julius Feuer
 4 Faye Greenberg
 4 Rachael C. Marks
 5 Sander Lewine
 5 Sophie Rubin
 6 Lillian Sanders Smith
 8 Vincent Occhipinti
 8 Herman Post
 8 Sadie Seidman
 9 Jakob Feder
 9 Nissan Feuer
 9 Joseph Werner
 10 Benjamin Rovin
 10 Anna Werner
 10 Dr. M. Byron Weisbaum
 11 Sarah Greenberg Hutner
 12 Sarah Tobiah Denn
 12 Dora Egherman
 12 Morris Gudder
 12 Golde Mogerman
 13 Tshiril Goldman
 14 Dorothy Schriar
 15 Jennie Cooperman
 15 Anna Guralnik
 16 Ben Fineman
 16 Molly Nightingale
 17 Jerome Routman
 17 Jack Victor
 18 S.J. Oberman
 20 Rosa Hart
 22 Florence Levin
 22 Esther Rose Rosenberg
 23 Rubye Abramovitch
 23 Leroy Goldman
 23 Sylvia Nagorsky
 24 Frank Hornstein
 24 Bertha Liberman
 25 Sadie Stern Goldman
 26 Yetta Feuer
 26 Leah Goldstein
 27 Simon Cohn
 27 Joseph Fishman
 27 Rae Lieberman
 28 Ronald Levine
 28 Isidore Moses
 29 Lillian Robinson
 30 Albert Gubin
 31 Joseph Barnett
 31 Rose Fishman

B'rit Yisrael School News

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation. We at the Springfield Board of Education are busy making plans for the upcoming school year.

In 2018-2019 we will not have any new kindergartners beginning. We will have two larger classes however. Sharon Star is planning to return to teach the 1st/2nd graders and we add Chuck Faingold to our teacher roster, teaching grades 3-6. Chuck has recently returned from living in Israel and is excited to add his experiences to ours. Each of the two Rabbis will be assigned one of the two classes.

We are hoping to have some of our high school students teach 1st grade Hebrew (Aleph) and 2nd grade Hebrew (Bet). Sharon Snyder will be back teaching 3rd grade Hebrew (Gimmel) which moves to 2 times a week, Wednesday at 4:45-5:45 and on Sunday at 9:30 to 10:15. We will offer both a 4 grade Hebrew class and a 5th/6th grade Hebrew class as well with our Rabbis as instructors.

Sharon Star and Elissa GoldbergBelle are attending the NewCaje program in Hartford Connecticut late July. This is a program for Jewish Educators to meet with other Jewish educators to learn about content and teaching methodologies requisite for a modern and engaging Hebrew and Religious School program.

School will begin on Sunday September 8th at 10:00am. That day is Erev Rosh Hashanah, so we will start right in with learning about the Jewish New Year. We will continue to meet at Temple Israel for both Hebrew and Religious School. Subsequent Sundays will start at 9:30am with Hebrew and continue with Religious School at 10:15.

We will continue to pursue our project-based curriculum. Each class will have an age appropriate introduction to the topic and then we will bring everyone together to share a craft, music, cooking, or other project. We find that it has a positive outcome on group cohesion and is helpful to keep students engaged. We will continue to introduce Hebrew words to each lesson and prayers whenever we can.

We are very excited to tell you that Michelle Citrin, will be here for a Sukkot artist in residence weekend. She will bring her joy of Judaism to our Jewish Community the weekend of Sukkot, Friday September 28-Sunday September 30th. SBJE voted to give generously to this anticipated weekend from our special activity funds and consequently, the children of the Religious School program will have a tutorial with Michelle up close and personal on Sunday September 30th. You won't want to miss this!

Michelle is a guitar musician and comes highly recommended by Barbara Seidman and Terri Benson. Barbara is our very own musician in residence who generously shares her repertoire of music with our children as often as she can.

Lastly, and this is something of a change from the last two years, we are going to ask the parents of the religious school to volunteer on a rotational basis weekly. In the past, parents had to sit security and bring snacks on a rotational schedule. In the past two years, we provided all the snacks and because of the smaller building we did not require as much security. However, we do need a couple of extra hands weekly to help with the crafts, putting snack out, in the kitchen when we are doing a cooking project etc. When the school calendar goes out, we will also send out a volunteer schedule as well as a holiday party calendar you can sign up to help with those events. We are grateful for your help.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at either 217 698 9727 or 414 9727. (cell) Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to seeing how your children have grown over the summer.

Elissa GoldbergBelle
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Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

Donor luncheon was held at American Harvest restaurant on Sunday, June 10, 2018. A big thank you to Erin Sabath who made all the arrangements; including party favors!...a very handy and useful memo pad and pen for each of the ladies in attendance. Merle Shiffman announced that a new printer was purchased for the office. Ozma was most pleased and thankful! It was the 2017 Donor Sisterhood project. The project for 2018 is to replace several Social Hall tables (round and rectangular) that are not in usable condition with new ones. We are putting our dollars to good use!!

Our next major event is Sisterhood Shira Shabbat on Friday, July 27, 2018. Please see enclosed flyer for all the details. It promises to be a lovely evening. Temple Israel choir and Barbara Seidman will musically enhance our service. This is our opening meeting and installation of the 2018-2019 officers. Mark your calendars and make your reservations!!

In the spirit of "community togetherness," Connie Sims, garage sale coordinator for Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church (our across the parking lot neighbor) spoke to the Sisterhood Executive Board on June 12, 2018 about their annual (42nd year) Garage Sale and Bake Sale scheduled for Friday, July 13 (8am-2pm and 4:30-8pm) and Saturday, July 14 (8am-12pm). Since the sale is so soon, it was decided to try and coordinate a joint effort for next summer (2019). If you would personally like to donate items to DAUMC, they must be made by June 22. In addition the next Wooden It Be Lovely sale will be held on July 21 at 9am at the church.

Mark your calendars for the last weekend in September (28,29, and 30)! Michelle Citrin will be performing for the Jewish community. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Linda Morrison, Sisterhood Membership Chair, is asking everyone to pay their dues (only \$36!!) by Sisterhood Shira Shabbat so that she will be able to get the Sisterhood directory updated and printed by the High Holidays. Thank you Linda!

Jody Wallace is willing and able to continue sending out tributes for Sisterhood. Please remember Sisterhood when you want to recognize others with a tribute.

Book Club for July 10, 2018 is *And After the Fire* by Lauren Balfour. Joan Rosen is the discussion leader. Our August selection is *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. The discussion leader is Anne Morgan. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Temple Israel's social hall at 1:00 pm. Light refreshments are served. Please join us!

Happy Summer...Stay cool!!
Sandy Weiss

WITH SADNESS

We mourn the passing of our beloved member

BETTY FLORIAN
May 29, 2018

We extend heartfelt condolences to her husband, Tony and her sons, Jonathan and David.
May her memory endure as a blessing

Tributes

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Gertrude Pudick by Gloria & Michael Schwartz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Stanley Stern by Mindy (Stern) Meiering

Stanley Stern by Michael Stern

Marvin Gubin by Brad Gubin & Shaela Dunne

FAMILY FUND

In Memory Of:

Dorothy Wilson by Carol & Jay Kitterman

MUSIC FUND

In Memory Of:

Dorothy Wilson by Carol & Jay Kitterman

Sisterhood Tributes

In Honor Of

**The Marriage of Aaron Morrison and
Laura Terry**

Sandy & Barry Weiss

Elliot Cohen, Good Wishes for Healing

Jody & Joe Wallace

In Memory Of

Elizabeth Gresham

Sandy & Barry Weiss

Community News

On September 2, Temple Israel is having a Mitzvah Day cleaning up our part of the cemetery. Annette and I have been doing it the last 3 years and it is too much for the two of us. So we need your help. We will start at 8:00AM with coffee and goodies. It should take just a couple hours if we get 10 or more to help. What we need you to bring are rags, spray bottles, brooms, weed trimers, gloves and your drinking water. We have cleaner for the monuments and we will bring water for cleaning and what ever else is needed. Please let Ozma know if you will be able to help. Rain day will be Sept 3rd.

Thanks for your help ahead of time.

Annette and Jerry Schwartz

Condolences

To Doranne and Jerry Jacobson, on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Wilson



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