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Stepping Down, Looking Forward by President Josh Nathan



It was nearly 4 years ago when Steve and Pam Saulten approached me inquiring if I would be interested in succeeding Steve as president of Temple Israel. At the time we were only months into the pandemic and the synagogue was closed to any services or social gatherings. Turbulent times. It had been 14 years since Steve took the position exemplifying his dedication to the shul – which still continues! It seemed he was well deserving of a break. Four years later it is time for me to pass the baton. Reflecting on these years, it was rough out of the gate. Working to keep Temple Israel relevant in the lives of a membership that could not physically assemble was challenging, but we managed to make living online for a time interesting and meaningful.

When we physically came back together, we were in search of a new rabbi – incredibly fortunate to have Rabbi Gary as our interim in that first critical year recovering

from the pandemic. Together we filled each other's spiritual buckets and through a collective effort hit our stride, working to ensure the continued well-being of the hub of our small but strong and growing community.

These are exciting times at Temple Israel. With Jeff Klein graciously volunteering to be our next president, a growing and dedicated Board of Directors, and rabbi Marc Philippe at the helm, the future is bright. I will remain on the Board as the Education committee chair and serve on the ritual committee. Thank you all for your support, kindness, and friendship. It buoyed me in stressful times and otherwise gave me wings! Through your generosity and willingness to volunteer your time, you make Temple Israel a welcoming and *hemish* place for everyone. A very special thank you as well to Christine Dame who kept me organized and on my toes with all my responsibilities!

Shabbat Poetry

G'd made Shabbat holy
As we are asked to make it holy.
A partnership, a fellowship in kingship.
Source of all Powers, you open the door to
deep holiness
As I open the door of my soul's loneliness
And find you there,
The answer to my prayer.
The Shabbos flame
I proclaim, reclaim
Attaching my name
While my soul is aflame
To G'd's name.



Shamor v'zachor
Keep and remember forever more
G'd's blessing
Always healing and caring.

Rabbi Marc Philippe



Please Join us for Passover!
April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm

Temple members – \$45/adult, \$15/child aged 6-12, under 6 no charge

Nonmember guests - \$55/adult, \$20/child aged 6-12, under 6 no charge

Guests attending the service only – no charge but please rsvp

Reservations close at noon April 15. Payment must be received by April 22.



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- Liz and Larry Eckman for our kitchen and bathroom supplies
- Stephen Singer & Jeff Klein for organizing Wednesday morning minyans
- Ken Cohn, Jeff Klein, and Josh Nathan for help with the yahrzeit boards
- John Weber and Leigh Musicof for their work on our security grant
- Michael Sydney for overseeing our cemetery
- Carol Sternberg Chairperson of the Gift Shop & Kiddush Krew
- Kiddush Krew - Merle Paltrow, Ken Cohn, Carol Pressman & Roberta Pavol
- Ruth Chevion for her stories of family's escape from the Holocaust
- Temple Israel Book Club - Ken Cohn, Aida Koocher and Benay Birch
- Rick Notkin for his safety & security initiative
- Steve Saulten for taking care of our security services

Special Mentions:

Aida Koocher

Josh Nathan

Talia Oranburg

***Thank you for packing the
Mishloach Manot!***

Tzedaka

Phyllis Levin in memory of Jayson Levine
Carol & Bob Sternberg in memory of Herbert Kaplan
Joy & Michael Sydney in memory of Irving Singer
Joy & Michael Sydney in memory of Stanley Sydney
Joy & Michael Sydney in memory of John Siegel
Joy & Michael Sydney in memory of Sheldon Krensky
Irving Taube in memory of Saul Taube

Other

Anonymous to support our community dinners
Iris & Rabbi Gary Atkins in honor of Pam & Steve Saulten
Iris & Rabbi Gary Atkins in honor of Barbara & Harry Shepler
Iris & Rabbi Gary Atkins in honor of Jenn Beard & Jeff Salloway
Iris & Rabbi Gary Atkins in honor of David Winthrop
Ruth Chevion for Kiddushes
Ken Cohn & Maureen DeLeasa in honor of Rachel Spierer
Alan & Elizabeth Gaby for March 8 Shabbat & Dinner

PESACH

POST OCTOBER 7

by
Rabbi Marc Philippe

A colleague, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, edited a book that recently came out: “**Seder Interrupted**” (If interested, you may purchase the book on Amazon). It is a haggadah supplement with reflections from different authors on the theme of post October 7. I would like, with his permission, to quote his preface:

“I am at the Seder, but my heart is in October.

Centuries ago, the Spanish Jewish poet Yehuda Halevi expressed both his sense of distance from, and connection to, the land of his ancestors: “Lev bemizrach veanochi besof maarav”, “My heart is in the East, and I am in the furthestmost West”. Many of us feel similarly today, in terms of both space and time. Months have passed, but for many Jews around the world, the traumatic events of October 7 feel ever present - and in Israel this sense is even more acute. Many of us in the diaspora feel the emotional connection to Israel, as well as the physical distance, as much as ever. We are here, but our hearts are still in “Shiv’ah be-October” - which can mean both “the 7th of October” and “the shiva [mourning period] of October”.

The time leading to Pesach is all about preparing for freedom and rejoicing in this freedom while celebrating with family and friends. How can I prepare for freedom when part of my heart is sitting in captivity with the hostages? Celebrating with friends and family is always beautiful, but so many of our sisters and brothers are missing family



members and friends in the Holy Land... When we break the matzah, we might reflect on the part in our heart that is broken. When dipping karpas in salt water, we might remember our tears that we have shed (and still do for many) and when eating maror, reflect on the collective trauma. We know the narrative of the haggadah: we are eventually freed and we sing Hallel, giving thanks for the wondrous miracles. The most meaningful part, however, happens at the end when we eat the Afikomen. This is when we take the piece of matzah that was broken at the beginning and we put it back together. The brokenness is healed.





This is the message of Pesach.

At the beginning of the Seder, we sing the song “Vehi sheamda”, we sing that in every generation, enemies will rise up to destroy us, but the Holy One Blessed be He delivers us from their hands. We are living this painfully right now, and just as the first part of the song is true, we must have the certainty that the second part is true as well. The observance itself of Passover is a manifestation of G'd's Providence. So yes, participate in joyous Seders with family and friends. Enjoy, laugh and eat matza-pizza for example! Our enemies want us to keep mourning and live in fear. We mourned, and now we fearlessly bring ecstatic life to the world. This Pesach should not only be an expression of hope, but a manifestation of the victory of Light over darkness.

A Zissen Pesach
Chag Pesach Sameach
A Happy Pesach

Rabbi Marc Philippe

an afternoon of wellness

Sunday, April 7
4 pm - 6 pm

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April Jahrzeits



Apr 2	Mulman, Joseph
Apr 3	Freedman, Isidore
Apr 3	Kniager, David
Apr 4	Bresnahan, Frances
Apr 4	Hyman, Sydney
Apr 5	Perlman, Harry Jacob
Apr 6	Sesen, Michael
Apr 8	Peterman, Philip
Apr 9	Gilman, George
Apr 9	Hoffman, Rose
Apr 9	Saber, Rose
Apr 10	Richmond, Lillian
Apr 10	Sesen, Ety
Apr 10	Wallin, Gary
Apr 11	Israel, Samuel
Apr 11	Rovner, Harry Phillip
Apr 11	Rovner, Joseph
Apr 11	Straton, Frieda
Apr 12	Israel, Max
Apr 12	Mandell, Hyman
Apr 13	Cohen, Morris
Apr 13	Eckman, Natalie
Apr 13	Freedman, Muriel
Apr 13	Gottsegen, Max
Apr 13	Hania, Georges
Apr 13	Levine, Nathan
Apr 13	Madnick, George
Apr 13	Ritter, Maurice
Apr 13	Rudnick, Joseph
Apr 13	Sussman, Jeanette
Apr 13	Weisberg, Joseph
Apr 14	Berger, Joseph


Apr 14	Eckman, Leon
Apr 14	Eluto, Jennie
Apr 14	Penchansky, Albert
Apr 15	Berger, Harry
Apr 15	Feldman, Moses
Apr 15	Kaplan, Herbert
Apr 15	Kniager, Bertha
Apr 15	Mushlin, Dr. Harry
Apr 15	Wolfe, Samuel
Apr 16	Baitman, Roslyn
Apr 17	Chitister, Michael
Apr 17	Feldman, Celia
Apr 17	Pockat, Rose
Apr 18	Firestone, Samuel
Apr 18	Zax, Louis
Apr 19	Levine, Danny
Apr 19	Levine, Ida
Apr 19	Nalibow, Samuel
Apr 19	Ross, Dr. Louis
Apr 19	Wexler, Morris
Apr 20	Bradbard, Jacob
Apr 20	Gilman, Mary
Apr 20	Gronowski, Rosalyn
Apr 20	Kniager, Sadie
Apr 20	Novak, Milton
Apr 21	Crockett, Lillian
Apr 21	Levine, Ann Weiss
Apr 21	Levine, Betty
Apr 21	Wexler, Mitchell
Apr 23	Klein, Jenö
Apr 23	Koocher, Nathan
Apr 23	Poster, Henry

Apr 23	Schaffer, Waldemar
Apr 24	Levin, Sidney
Apr 24	Lipinsky, Benjamin
Apr 24	Scharf, Eve
Apr 25	Ashworth, Jennie
Apr 25	Bradbard, Sarah
Apr 25	Silberberg, Bernice
Apr 26	Caras, Ida
Apr 26	Friedman, Alfred
Apr 26	Hirsch, Herbert
Apr 26	Sanel, Hessel
Apr 26	Singer, Morris
Apr 27	Alterman, Etta
Apr 27	Birch, Arthur
Apr 27	Bronstein, Max
Apr 27	Cohen, Emma
Apr 27	Fineblit, Jacob
Apr 27	Gagnon, Adrienne
Apr 27	Goody, Harriet Mary
Apr 27	Kaplan, Michael
Apr 27	Kope, Edward
Apr 27	Sidman, Samuel
Apr 27	Specter, Ester Rifke
Apr 27	Steinberg, Morton
Apr 28	Baum, Isidor
Apr 28	Kaufman, Rachel
Apr 28	Mandell, Maurice
Apr 29	Caplan, Libby
Apr 29	Gross, Faye
Apr 29	Kaufman, Abraham
Apr 29	Silverberg, Eli Barnet
Apr 30	Ishenberg, Ida

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Thanks to Pim the Brave in 1993 by Ruth Chevion

After the Warsaw Uprising (also known as the August Uprising) by *Armja Krajowa*, (**Arm**-ya kra-**Yoh**-vah), i.e., the military arm of the Polish government in exile, the Nazis destroyed Warsaw in reprisal. They reduced the city to rubble.

At the time this occurred, my Aunt Chava and my Grandmother Miriam were in hiding in an apartment house in Warsaw. In the bombing and razing of Warsaw, the building they were living in was destroyed, and they had to evacuate. In fact, the entire population of Warsaw was evacuated. People in small and large groups were walking in the roads heading out of the city, my aunt, and my grandmother among them.

Still maintaining their Polish identities, Miriam and Chava made their way south toward Tarnow, their home city, in the hope of reconnecting with family members who might have survived. The war was starting to end. They worried about Pelek, my father, as they had no news as to his whereabouts. He had fought in the Uprising, so there were grounds to worry. The two women had no money left, and only a few pieces of jewelry that possibly could be sold, but no food, and no warm clothes.

In one sense this was a very hard time. At the same time, it was clear to everyone that the war was beginning to end. If they could make it through the next few months...

As they walked, Chava and Miriam attached themselves to a small group of Poles walking south. Of course, they did not reveal their Jewish identities. Too early for that. Chava did all the talking in her flawless natural sounding Polish,

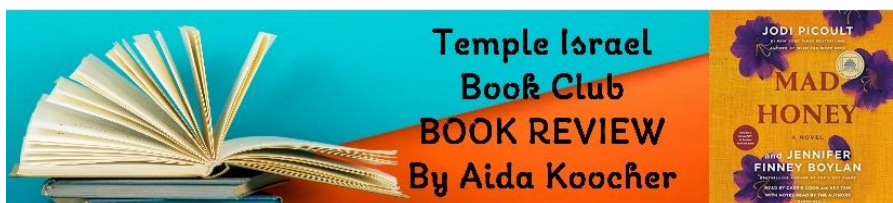
while Grandmother, whose otherwise fluent Polish was tinged with Yiddish overtones, kept silent.

In this group, besides Chava and Miriam, there were six people and a dog. The dog was a male dachshund, a small sausage shaped brown dog with a pointy nose, beady black eyes, and short legs. This dog took a special liking to Chava. As they walked, he walked by her side, and when the group bedded down for the night in whatever shelter, the dog slept near Chava. The dog's name was Pim.

Apparently, the dachshund by breed, is a natural hunter, and Pim was true to breed, because one day he disappeared for several hours, then returned with a live chicken in his mouth and presented it to his human friends. This chicken fed the hungry travelers, including the dog himself, also including Chava and Miriam, for several days. The dog did this again on two more occasions as they trekked. Somehow, along the way, Pim was able to detect where farmers secreted their precious chickens, and he was able to get himself into their coops and out again undetected and carry the chickens back whole to his grateful human family. These chickens, supplemented by some potatoes they were able to glean on the edges of farmers' fields kept them going.



Three cheers to Pim, the brave, the clever, the loyal and unselfish dog, upon whom we hereby bestow the medal of canine honor. 🏅



Temple Israel's book club met by Zoom on March 13, 2024, to discuss *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Ken Cohn did a fabulous job moderating the discussion with 18 attendees, which included many members of both TI and TAY, and friends of the TI Book Club facilitators. The discussion was wide ranging, lively, and provocative. Participants left comments in the chat such as:

- "Enjoyed the discussion" (Mark Belich)
- "Look forward to our next meeting very much" (Monica Lajoie)
- "This was excellent. I truly enjoyed it." (Sheri Horowitz)

- "Stimulating and enjoyable conversation." (Beth Fraum)
- "Thank you for a good discussion." (Pat Kalik)
- "Thank you to all for your sharing and insights. I greatly enjoy the meetings. Ken you are a terrific moderator." (Louise Zeuli)

Ken Cohn, Aida Koocher and Benay Birch look forward to seeing book lovers at our next meeting on June 5th. The book we will be discussing is still to be determined.

"There is no book that contains absolutely nothing bad, and there is no book that contains absolutely nothing good." - JEWISH PROVERB

Kibbitz and Cooking – the making of Hamantaschen

by Aida Koocher.

On a sunny Sunday morning, March 17, 2024, seventeen women with eager hands and joyful hearts, gathered in Temple Israel's kitchen to embark on a culinary adventure guided by the esteemed Hamantaschen baker, Roberta Pavoll.

Roberta, who is a Hamantaschen baker extraordinaire, generously donated all the ingredients for this delightful Purim treat.

As the flour flew and the dough was expertly kneaded, the kitchen buzzed with lively chatter and the clinking of utensils. The camaraderie among the women was palpable, creating an atmosphere of warmth and togetherness.

However, amidst the merriment, a moment of chaos ensued when one of the folding tables unexpectedly collapsed. Yet in a stroke of serendipity, the dough, bowls, and flour miraculously remained unscathed, allowing the festivities to continue without interruption – a true Purim miracle indeed!

Undeterred by the minor hiccup, the women persevered, meticulously crafting their hamantaschen with dollops of prune, poppyseed, apricot and strawberry fillings. Each delicate triangular-shaped cookie was carefully placed on disposable baking trays, destined to grace the ovens of respective homes.

As the event came to a close, hearts were full, and hands were adorned with traces of flour – a testament to the bonds formed and the memories created. With anticipation bubbling, each participant eagerly awaited the moment they could savor the fruits of their labor, freshly baked hamantaschen, baked from their own ovens.

In the spirit of gratitude, a heartfelt thank you was extended to all who contributed to the success of the Hamantaschen making event – a celebration of tradition, community, and the joy of coming together.



Passover Schedule

April 21 ~ 13 of Nissan at night: Search the chametz

April 22 ~ 14 of Nissan:

By 10:30 am, stop eating chametz!

By 11:45 am, burn your chametz

Light holiday candles at 7:19 pm.

There are TWO blessings: "Ner shel Yom Tov" and "Shehecheyanu".

FIRST SEDER

April 23 ~ 15 of Nissan

First day of Passover.

Services at Temple Israel at 9:45 am

SECOND SEDER at Temple Israel: 6 pm

Candle lighting after 8:24 pm (from a pre-existing flame). The same TWO blessings

April 24 ~ 16 of Nissan

Second day of Yom Tov

Yom Tov ends at 8:25 pm

April 25 to April 28: Chol HaMoed

April 27 ~ 19 of Nissan: Shabbat Service at 9:45 am

On the 28th, candle lighting at 7:26 pm. ONE blessing: "Ner shel Yom Tov"

April 29 ~ 21 of Nissan: Seventh day of Pesach.

At night, candle lighting at 8:32 pm (from a pre-existing flame)

April 30 ~ 22 of Nissan: Eighth day of Passover

Yom Tov Services with YIZKOR at 9:45 am

End of Passover: 8:33 pm

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April 2024 – Adar II-22 to Adar II-21



Apr 1 - Neil Guttman
Apr 1 - Mirabel Welch
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Apr 5 - Roberta Silberberg

Apr 8 - John Weber
Apr 9 - Sherry Keizman
Apr 10 - Niza Preis
Apr 13 - Lea Themea

Apr 14 - Lindsay Kilchevsky
Apr 16 - Carol Pressman
Apr 19 - Shayden Oberlander

Apr 12
Debbie & Peter Manning
38 years



Apr 27
Sedra Michaelson & Ron Deter
38 years

April Calendar at a Glance

- April 5 – 6:00pm – Shabbat Service and Dinner. Please [click here to RSVP](#) by noon on March 28.
- April 13 – 9:45am – Shabbat Service and Kiddush. No RSVP needed.
- April 23 – 9:45am – Passover Service. No RSVP needed.
- April 23 – 6:00pm – Passover Service & seder. Please [click here to RSVP](#) by noon on April 12.
- April 27 – 9:45am – Shabbat Service. No RSVP needed.
- April 30 – 9:45am – Yom Tov Service with Yizkor. No RSVP needed.

In Judaism, we don't concern ourselves with going to heaven as much as bringing heaven down to earth.

RABBI MARC PHILIPPE