

WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE? BY RABBI GARY ATKINS

Yes, it is almost time for my interim year to be completed. I stepped into the position, a second time, last June 15. We were all in the midst of COVID; you might remember that the placement commission was not even allowing in-person interviews the spring of 2021... and so much was uncertain. There was a mutual agreement for me to be with Temple Israel to help them at a difficult time... it was Iris' and my congregation... and so we started the year at a Temple BBQ the beginning of the summer.

It has been a difficult year in many ways. COVID is still with us to a good degree. Some congregants are still reluctant to attend in-person services or events. The fragile bonds of community, so essential for a dynamic community, have been frayed... and it will be a difficult task to rebuild them.... Your next rabbi will be facing the challenge!

Iris and I will still be, of course, members of the congregation. We have made many close friends. The sanctuary and chapel are our spiritual homes, as precious as our Newmarket abode. And we will continue to pray, celebrate, and learn with you.

Iris and I celebrated our 25th anniversary earlier this year. I often look at the ketubah that hangs in our bedroom and think back to the day that two close clergy friends officiated at our wedding. One was Cantor Larry Eschler, many of whose songs I love to sing.

There is one song most appropriate for a rabbi saying l'hitraot." It is called "Seeds," and I append the text below. I look forward to having you sing it with me at my final services in June.

Rabbi Gary Atkins

Seeds

Cantor Larry Eschler

Come listen to my tale
About a man you know very well
That with a hope and a dream came to plant his seeds
Of Torah the Law that would guide us

So we listened to all his directions
On how to make them grow
And through his teaching we started to learn
How to nurture a grove of our own

To each was given a seed to plant and care for its needs
And tis was all he could do
Because deep down he knew that if the spirit was there
It would come through

And he travels from town to town and never stays long
And touches all of those who come near
And sows his seeds of love in the Holy One
But will he see what he has sown when the harvest comes in

As the winds began to blow
Scattering seeds that had been sown
Some drifted away but others took hold
And with that he knew he could leave us

To every place there is a season
And given time all will grow
Just remember that even in the darkest of storms
At the end there will be a rainbow

Now with words of Torah to guide you
Go and care for each tiny seed
So that when winds come again
The trees are able to bend
And when they do you will know that His spirit's within



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Honoring D-Day By Ruth Chevion

June 6th marks one of the most important events in modern history. In 1944, on June 6, the allies landed in Normandy to begin the liberation of Europe.

On a personal scale, the day has particular significance in my family because June 6th is also my mother's birthday.

In 1944, my mother had been in hiding in an apartment in Krakow Poland for over a year. The woman who was risking her life to hide her, and others as well, was Alicia Moskalska, a young Polish woman who took no money, but did it out of altruism and Polish patriotism. She was doing her part in the war against the Nazis.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Alicia said to my mother, "I'm going out to go out to the black market to see if I can find something for your birthday, maybe an orange."

She returned empty handed, and said to my mother, "I didn't find an orange, but I have the best birthday present for you...The allies have landed in France!"

To celebrate June 6, we always get together and of course have a nice dinner, and then we watch the movie "The Longest Day." My mother loved the part in the movie when Eisenhower risks launching the invasion despite bad weather. We always remember Alicia with gratitude, and we honor and thank the many soldiers who died in that invasion.



Alicia Moskalska, the Polish woman who hid my mother for the last 2 years of the war.

Rethinking the Swastika presentation by Jeff Kelman

Jeff Kelman (Temple Israel member) holds a M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from Gratz College.

Kelman recently presented a talk called, *Rethinking the Swastika: A symbol divided between East and West*. In Kelman's talk, he outlined the history of the swastika from its ancient and broad global, yet mysterious origins, to its common use as a charm of luck and good fortune up to the 1920's, through to its use as a 'weaponized' symbol of hate under the Nazis, and lastly closed by speaking about the Swastika today in its duality of understanding across countries in both the West and the East.

Kelman also introduced the word preference of *Hakenkreuz* (translated as "Hooked-Cross") for the Nazi variation of the swastika and explained that this symbol ought rightfully be understood as a fundamentally separate and distinct symbol from the swastika, rather than as a variant at all. The hakenkreuz (hooked cross) is the word that Hitler and the Nazis actually used to describe the symbol, and the symbol is still referred to as a hakenkreuz in modern day Germany as well. Furthermore, not using this word to describe the hated symbol used by Hitler against the Jews, actually serves to lose the connection that the Nazis desired to have, of a symbol with Christian and "Cross" based derivative powers.

Millions of Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains, use the *swastika* symbol today as a holy and sacred symbol of good luck and auspiciousness, as part of weddings, and all kinds of important life events. Kelman cautioned that the hakenkreuz ought to be rightfully condemned of course, and that nothing on that level should change, but that to be inclusive of other cultures, the Jewish community may wish to serve as a leading force in redeeming the swastika in the West.

Kelman spoke of Holocaust survivors that he has interacted with that similarly felt that this is a worthwhile cause, and that the swastika and hakenkreuz are indeed best thought of as two separate and distinct symbols. If sufficient interest warrants a follow up or repeat talk on the matter, Kelman is open to speaking on the swastika and hakenkreuz again, or in bringing Hindu or Buddhist participants into the discussion.

THE STATE OF BEING JEWISH – OUR NEW WEBSITE PAGE by cjdamé



I am happy to announce that our website has a new page – "The State of being Jewish." On this page you will find several resources, such as second-generation shares (written by TI congregants whose parents were Holocaust survivors who immigrated to the United States), information on Chevra Kadisha, photo albums, videos of our services and events, and other relevant resources.

If you are a Temple Israel member who survived the Holocaust, or are the child, grandchild, spouse, other relative or friend of a survivor, and have a story to share, please contact me in the office at 603.622.6171 or office@templeisraelmht.org. Not confident about putting the story on paper? No problem, our ghost writer can help you organize your thoughts. Have a recording? We can work with those, too, depending on the format.



Sivan 1 to Tammuz 1



June 1 - Rochelle Lindner
 June 5 - Tal Hagbi
 June 9 - Michael Fedder
 June 13 - Jeff Oxman
 June 18 - Bob Hutter
 June 20 - Andraya Oberlander
 June 24 - Allan Swartz
 June 26 - Ian Weinberg

June 2 - Daniel Gaby
 June 6 - Iris Atkins
 June 9 - Kerry Holmes-Zack
 June 16 - Staci Felder
 June 18 - Carol Sternberg
 June 22 - Sharon-Ann Burnston
 June 24 - Alfred Tauber

June 3 - Kim Musicof
 June 6 - Cindi Singer
 June 10 - Hilda Landsman
 June 18 - Sharon Borač
 June 18 - David Winthrop
 June 23 - Maelee Lillian Russell
 June 25 - Arielle Welch



June 8 - Rochelle & Gary Lindner - 48 years
 June 12 - Elana Bannerman & Allan Lew - 8 years
 June 24 - Carol & Robert Sternberg - 49 years

June 10 - Janice & Judson Belmont - 50 years
 June 18 - Alfred Tauber & Paula Fredriksen - 22 years
 June 29 - Staci & Ian Felder - 15 years

June Events at a Glance

June 3 - 6:00pm
 Musical Family Shabbat & Dinner
 RSVP by May 27

June 11 - 10:00am
 Rabbi Gary's Last Shabbat Service
 RSVP by June 3

June 5 - 10:00am
 Shavuot First Day Service w/ Yizkor
 No RSVP Needed

June 15 - 7:00pm
 Joint Jewish Book Club ZOOM Meeting
 Contact Ken Cohn at newbegin04@icloud.com for info

Religious Services at a Glance

Morning Minyans - every Wednesday at 7:00am

Fri, June 3 - 6:00pm Musical Shabbat & Dinner
 Sat, June 11 - Rabbi Gary's Last Shabbat Service
 Sat, June 25 - Shabbat service at 10:00am

Sun, June 5 - Day 1 Shavuot w/yizkor at 10:00am
 Fri, June 17 - Shabbat service at 6:30pm



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