

A Message from Rabbi Marc Philippe

The Hebrew month of Av started in the month of July, gloriously celebrated on a Wednesday morning with a beautiful minyan at Temple Israel.

The energy of this month is particular as it contains the commemoration of Tisha b'Av, the most somber day in the Jewish calendar. It is for this reason that our Sages have instructed that our joy should diminish in the month of Av. Remember, they don't instruct us to eliminate joy entirely, only to decrease it out of respect for the memory of the destruction of the two holy Temples in Jerusalem. Aligning with the energy, the mood of the month of Av should be an incentive to be determined to bring Light to our world.

There are many ways to bring Light. Performing random acts of lovingkindness wherever we are is a beautiful way to do so. What happens internally, in our heart, is also extremely important and determines how we will treat others. Psalm 89, verse 30, says that "The world is built by lovingkindness". If we cultivate love in our hearts for all creatures, our actions will reflect this, and the world will evolve in the most beautiful way.

Remember, our Sages teach that the second holy Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because of "Sinat Chinam," random hatred. The only way to rebuild a holy Temple that emanates peace, abundance, and healing, is through crazy acts of love. For everyone. Indiscriminately.

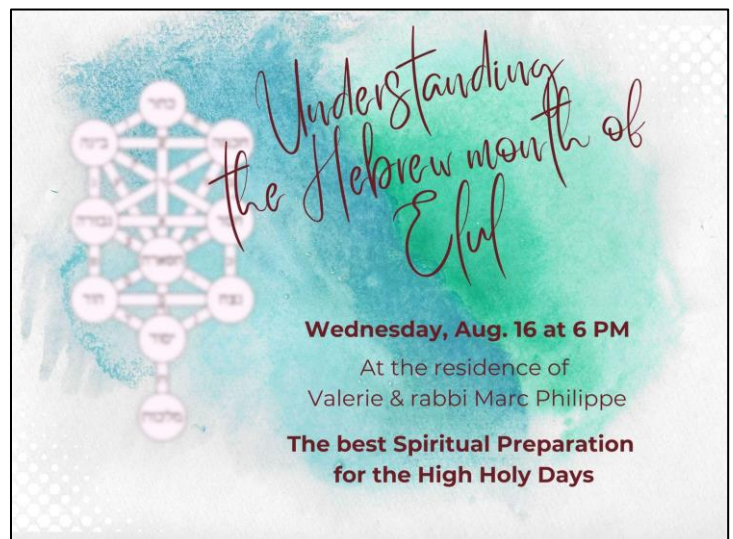
A few years ago, I was in Jerusalem for a wedding, and I was staying at my old Yeshiva, right next to Zion Gate. On my back from the reception, the taxi had left me at Jaffa Gate, the main entrance of the Old City. From there, it was only a 15–20-minute pleasant walk. It was late and few cars were passing by. There was a problem, however, an intifada was going on at that time, with terrorists randomly stabbing Jews on the streets. I suddenly realized that I was an open target, terrorists could either ram their car into me or jump out with a knife.

I am never scared in Israel, but that time I was concerned. Suddenly a car stopped next to me, I must admit that my heart skipped a beat. The driver said to me: "Holy Brother, jump in my car, I will take you where you need to go, we never know these days." I said to him that I was only going to Zion Gate, which was very close. He insisted on safely taking me where I was going, even if it was out of his way. That night, my heart was full of gratitude and love, "Mi k'amcha Israel," "Who is like Your Nation Israel!." It was a simple act of lovingkindness for this man, but this act changed my life. We never know how even a smile can change someone's day. Please, let's build a Temple together. This Temple is our world, and like the Psalm says, it is built out of love.

Speaking of love, don't forget to RSVP for the Tu b'Av White Party, the Jewish holiday of LOVE!



The month of July brings us also Rosh Chodesh Elul, it is the Hebrew month that precedes the High Holy Days, a special and holy time. I invite you on August 16 to our house for an informal learning session on how to tap the extraordinary energy of this month as preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



With blessings,
Rabbi Marc Philippe



- Liz and Larry Eckman for our kitchen and bathroom supplies
- Our Temple Board for meaningful service options and activities
- Jeff Klein for taking care of the myriad building issues
- Stephen Singer and Jeff Klein for organizing Wednesday morning minyans
- David Winthrop for being our Gabbai for so many years.
- Ken Cohn and Josh Nathan for help with the yahrzeit boards
- John Weber and Leigh Musicof for their work on our security grant
- Carol Sternberg Chairperson of the Kitchen Krew and Gift Shop
- Kiddush Krew –David Winthrop, Ken Cohn, Monique Shaffer and Carol Sternberg
- Ruth Chevion for her stories about her family's escape from the Holocaust to America
- Temple Israel Book Club Leaders - Ken Cohn, Aida Koocher and Benay Birch
- Rick Notkin for his safety & security initiative
- Steve Saulten for taking care of our security services

Tzedaka

Hinda Groom in memory of Sadie & Hyman Falk
 Debbie Manning in memory of Harry Goldberg
 Jacob Silberberg in memory of Jack Silberberg
 Isadora Zlotowicz in memory of Roselyn Gronowski

Debbie Manning in memory of Sara Goldberg Hirsch
 David & Michele Plotkin in memory of Samuel Plotkin
 Isadora Zlotowicz in memory of Pearl & Seymour Ehrlich
 Isadora Zlotowicz in memory of Edward Koocher

Other

Rabbi Gary & Iris Atkins in honor of David Winthrop
 Liz & Larry Eckman for cemetery maintenance
 Elizabeth & Alan Gaby for the Rabbi Salary Fund
 Isadora Zlotowicz in honor of Myra Orkin
 Isadora Zlotowicz in honor of Carol & Bob Sternberg
 Isadora Zlotowicz in honor of John Langan

Rabbi Gary & Iris Atkins in memory of Jack Vogel
 Elizabeth & Alan Gaby for the Welcome Brunch and July BBQ
 Daphne & David Sydney for cemetery maintenance
 Isadora Zlotowicz in honor of David Lamb
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The Post Office by Ruth Chevion

Four gestapo agents came to arrest my mother where she worked in a post office in Krakow. But she got away. This was on March 11, 1943.

I know the date specifically because Mom's mother Susha and her brother Ossie were taken the day before. I'll tell you more about that another time, dear reader.

As soon as she came in the door of the post office, her co-worker, a German man, told her that there had been a phone call to say she was not to leave. "Fine," my mother said. "No problem." She took off her coat and hat.

The co-worker did not know what was going on, but he had to follow orders. He was the supervisor. So, he watched her as she took off her coat and hat and prepared to get to work. My mother had nothing bad to say about this man. Maybe she liked him. I feel she sort of liked him. She described him as Volksdeutsche. Just a simple German. A German civil servant, not a Nazi. My mother did not confuse Germans and Nazis.

As they stood there, my mother said to him, somewhat casually, "Shouldn't you be answering your phone?"

"What phone?"

"Your phone is ringing. You better answer it."

"I don't hear anything."

"Are you deaf? It doesn't stop ringing. I hope you don't get in trouble."

As he turned to go into his office to see about the phone, Mom ran out and into the street. She didn't stop to take her coat. She ran as fast as she could. But as she turned around to look, she saw four gestapo agents going into the post office.

She ran to Aunt Fela, who with the help of Ala Moskalska, found her a temporary hiding place in a different city.

Notice, dear reader, the Nazi fervor to catch every possible Jew is at a high point in 1943. The ghettos were being liquidated. Tarnow ghetto, Byalistok ghetto, Minsk ghetto, Lvov ghetto, all "liquidated" in 1943. The Warsaw ghetto and the Treblinka revolt were all in 1943.

I remember my mother talking about the day she ran away from the post office. It was the story she often told when asked to describe some of her survivor experiences. The story was short enough, dramatic, and somewhat humorous at the same time. Because obviously the phone was not ringing at all.

What interested Mom about the story, what she never got over, was the fact that they detailed four men to track her down. That zeal, that fervor, that attention to detail. "Imagine," she would say, "they sent four men in uniform to catch one eighteen-year-old girl."



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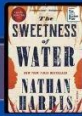


My mother, Herta, at 23



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Temple Israel
Manchester Book Club



The Sweetness
of Water
by Nathan Harris

Sept 6th @ 4:30 pm via Zoom
RSVP to Ken Cohn
Newbegin04@yahoo.com

A note from Ken Cohn, Aida Koocher and Benay Birch

Temple Israel's book club will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at 4:30 pm, by Zoom to discuss the book *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. Those interested in participating are asked to email Ken Cohn at Newbegin04@yahoo.com so that you can receive a Zoom link. The book is a historical novel, beginning at the end of the Civil War in a town in Georgia. It is a beautifully written book that reveals each character's values and their intersecting relationships. *The Sweetness of Water* shows us that it is difficult to forget a disturbing past but that we can move on. The book club committee, Ken, Aida, and Benay, looks forward to having you join us and sharing in our good time.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss



Our 2023 Shem Tov Nominee

Temple Israel has nominated Rachel Spierer for the 2023 Shem Tov award in honor of her exceptional character and unwavering dedication to Temple Israel.

Despite her own, recent challenging battle with cancer, Rachel consistently participated in the many meetings of the Rabbi Search Committee this year to help us find the perfect spiritual leader. Her commitment to Temple Israel is evidenced by her active involvement in leading services. She directed our choir during its active years and taught many of us in the congregation to sing the traditional melodies of old, while sharing new ones. Rachel contributes to special services and holiday events. She warmly shares her love of Temple Israel and her knowledge of Judaism with us all, as well as with her lovely daughter, Cantor Sarra, her son Jonathan, and her devoted husband, Mel.

Rachel's resilience, strength and unwavering support of Temple Israel have touched the lives of countless individuals within our community. Her tireless efforts even in the face of personal adversity serve as an inspiration to us all. She is deserving of this esteemed recognition as her selflessness and dedication epitomize the values of the Shem Tov Award.

Welcome Rabbi Marc & Valerie!



Temple Israel's formal welcoming brunch for Rabbi Marc Philippe took place on Sunday July 9 in the Klein Social Hall. The event was attended by over 60 people who enjoyed meeting and greeting Rabbi Marc, his wife, Valerie De Roca, and their two sons, Noam and Itai.

Temple President Josh Nathan gave a toast as he welcomed the Rabbi to our community. The Rabbi expressed thanks and appreciation, stating that he already feels so warmly welcomed into our community.

- Submitted by Aida Koocher
- Photo by Iris Atkins



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Aug 24 - Margery Harrison

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Aug 25 - Jeff Klein

Aug 26 - Harry Shepler

Aug 27 - David Fineblit

Aug 27 - Michelle Rosenthal

Aug 30 - Arabella Cohen

Happy Anniversary!

Aug 3 - Ruth & Jay Zax - 54 years

Aug 7 - Arielle & Michael Welch - 17 years

Aug 9 - Lindsay & Amichai Kilchevsky - 9 years

Aug 23 - Emily & Alexander Verbun - 14 years

Aug 26 - Rebecca & Jeffrey Singer - 44 years

Aug 29 - Barbara & Harry Shepler - 53 years

Upcoming August Services & Events

Morning Minyan Every Wednesday Contact jlklein@comcast.net

Aug 2 - 6:00pm - The White Party at the home of Rabbi Marc & Valerie. Please RSVP.

Aug 12- 9:45am - Shabbat Service

Aug 16 - Understanding the Month of Elul. Please RSVP.

Aug 18 - 6:00pm- Family Shabbat & BBQ on the patio

Aug 26 - 9:45am - Shabbat Service



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