

March 2026/Adar 5786 Newsletter



Hello TCJRC Friends,

You have likely heard the Purim story many times. It is a gleeful holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people by Queen Esther. I for one have focused on the joy of it, the hamantaschen, the costumes, the graggers. We were saved and life went on as usual.

With the ICE Surge we are not certain who will be allowed to continue to live normal lives. Our immigrant friends and family, our neighbors of color, or really anyone who looks the wrong way is being arrested without any assurance of returning home.

Many of you were the Esthers' this year leading, protesting, protecting, hiding, gathering food and rent money for those in need. It is a different modern Purim story when the outcome is still unknown.

Our Purim joy changed this year. We realize we are One people no matter how much pigment is in our skin, no matter if we need to leave our birthplace because of violence to seek refuge elsewhere, no matter our sexual orientation or religion.

True joy and freedom is our birthright and stems from within. No one can take that from us. As we continue to support each other in Minnesota and across the nation, may our oppressors begin to see other options to become tolerant of everyone and One with us.

May we start with sending Shelach Manot gifts as tokens of friendship and love to those who need to receive them.

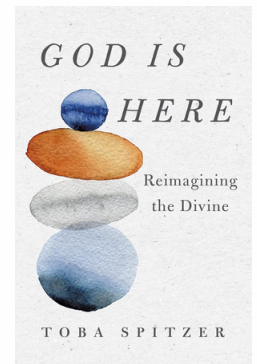
B'shalom,
Sherry

**NEW Monday Springtime Night to Meet
TCJRC Jewish Spiritual Book Meeting
God is Here: Reimagining the Divine
Monday, March 8 from 7-8:30 PM CT on Zoom**

We will complete the book by discussing chapter 9 and 10, God is here Reimagining the Divine by Toba Spitzer. We will also choose a new book to read.

New participants are always welcome!

Please RSVP with your name and email to TCJewishRenewal@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



**Adat Ha'araphel: Congregation of the Cloud Shabbat Services
Second and Fourth Shabbat mornings of the month
Gather at 9:15 AM CT and begins 9:30 AM**

Join us in the cloud for a spiritually infused, musical service. Please contact Sherry at tcjewishrenewal@gmail.com for Zoom details. All are welcome to attend. Service leaders include Rabbi Marc Labowitz from Temple Adath Or in So. Florida, Rabbi/Chaplain Leon Olenick, Jackie Olenick, and a host of other talented Jewish Renewal leaders such as our own TCJRC member, Chaiya Isenberg.

TCJRC Membership and Donations

We hope you decide to join us or renew as a TCJRC/ALEPH Member!

Your \$72 membership includes immediate family members and enrolls you in both TCJRC and ALEPH (our national organization). We are able to bring in talented national leaders and grow with your support. Plus, you get a discount on many of our events and activities while helping us offer even more.

Now is the time to embrace that personal connection to God by reaching beyond religious boundaries and institutional structures. We offer a contemporary egalitarian approach, which includes Jewish mystical/Chasidic traditions and social transformation. Come immerse yourself in a different, joyful way of experiencing Judaism.

Various opportunities include designated ALEPH courses, free community webinars, resource sharing, Shabbaton with Renewal leaders, network community open houses, Rosh Chodesh participation, our national biennial Kallah conference and scholarships through grants.

Local Mitzvah Request

Kathilyn Solomon is receiving medical treatment dissolving cancer in the bone marrow. If you are willing to make a Friday Shabbat meal for her, please contact Jeanne of the Chesed Committee of Mayim Rabim; Text/Phone (612 267-1981 or email (jhoff3@gmail.com)). She is handling the overall calendar and food preferences and can possibly arrange for pickup and delivery to Kathilyn in St. Louis Park if needed.

Koleinu Evening Song Circle

Wednesday, March 4 from 7 - 8 PM

Join Koleinu for a nourishing song circle with instrumental accompaniment, filled with niggunim (Jewish-style wordless melodies) and songs for the heart. Envision it: lights are pared down, twinkle lights around, and we are gathered in concentric circles. The quiet and closeness of the evening promises to elevate our listening and singing.

Koleinu—our voice—is most beautiful when we're together.

\$10 Registration is required. Minneapolis location will be shared with accepted participants closer to the date.

Jewish Community Action (JCA) 24th Annual Freedom Seder

Sunday, March 22nd from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Brookview Golden Valley

Donations Appreciated.



At this year's Freedom Seder, we'll lift up the many ways Minnesotans have joined together to "welcome the stranger among their midst."

Connect with your neighbors and conclude with a full meal. [Register Here](#)

Engage! Annual Gathering of Jewish Learning, Contemplation, and Creativity

Arevut: Interconnectedness and Mutual/Shared Responsibility

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Minnesota JCC – Capp Center, St. Paul

Now presented by Jewfolk, Inc's FolkLab, TTSP Hineni's annual keystone event invites Jews of all Jewish affiliations, denominations, backgrounds, and ages to an in-person afternoon of Jewish study, contemplation, and creative expression centered around the theme of Arevut: Interconnectedness and Mutual/Shared Responsibility. Customize your experience by registering for individual sessions facilitated by a diverse roster of Jewish educators, clergy, artists, and changemakers, or sign up for a full-day intensive program to take a deeper dive into spiritual practices and shared learning. **\$42 Advanced Registration**

JFCS Hag Sameach Passover Needs

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Minnesota (JFCS MN) will provide ritual items and foods before the first Seder begins at sundown on Wednesday, April 1. Their Hag Sameach (Happy Holidays) Passover program will service recipients in need on both sides of the river. **Register Here by March 2**

Volunteers and monetary donations are needed to purchase, package and deliver Passover items.

TC Jewfolk's Holiday Matchmaking is live to help you find a Passover Seder in your area or to let you invite guests to your holiday meal. [Registration](#) Closes March 13

From our friend Rabbi Miryam-Margo Wolfson:

- **ESSENTIAL KABBALAH** - with R. Miryam and RC Leon Olenick
Mondays 7:00 PM Eastern beginning March 23
- **BASIC HEBREW** - Fun and spiritual with zero embarrassment. Learn to read and write. Learn about Hebrew word roots. Sundays 11:30am



To Register, please reach out to Rabbi Miryam miryam@shaareisimchah.org, or Subscribe at www.Shaareisimchah.org

Silence is Praise

Weekly on Wednesdays, Time: 10:30 am-11:30 pm CT

Presenter: Rabbi Anne Brener

Registration Cost: Pay-what-you-can

Join Rabbi Anne Brener for a chanting and meditation service, using the structure of the morning service, to calm our bodies and connect our souls. There will be time for some check-in afterward.

Friday Healing Circle

Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30am CT

with Rabbi Diane Elliot

The Friday Healing Circle, led online by R. Diane Elliot and friends, offers a weekly space to connect, to feel, to praise, to learn, to grieve and to love. Join us each Friday at 10:30am CT for an hour of song and movement, Torah, poetry and healing prayers to expand your spirit and lead you into Shabbat. Gatherings are recorded and a link sent to all on our mailing list, so you can partake at your convenience. The Circle is freely offered; contributions are appreciated. To sign up for the mailing list and receive the Zoom link email rabbi.diane18@gmail.com

Nechamah Minyan Every Evening (not Friday) at 8 PM CT

Led by Rabbi Geela Rayzel Raphael and friends. Please email ALEPH's Spiritual Arts Director (r-rayzel@shechinah.com) for zoom room link. Providing nechamah (comfort) beyond time and space. Serving to connect people across denominational lines; people who need a place to pray; to heal; to grieve; to experiment with different forms and modalities of prayer. Please bring your prayers and songs for peace.

