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Very few people reading this know that I was born in Naples, Italy. I am the son of a Navy Seabee and a Mom who was willing to travel the world. I was raised in Maryland with two sisters, and we still stay in touch through regularly scheduled Sunday night Zoom sessions. I studied engineering at Virginia Tech and received my master's degree from, of all places, Catholic University of America. I took a job transfer to Michigan where I met my beautiful and caring wife, Michelle. We moved to Manchester, NH, for another job change, in spring 2000.

Although my parents were both raised as Conservative Jews, they loved the Rabbi at our hometown's Reform congregation. We did not keep kosher, but went to Shul Kol Nidre through YK Havdalah, observed two days of Rosh Hashanah, and celebrated two seders at Pesach. Michelle was raised Conservative and when we married, I of course became Conservative, with a kosher kitchen and all. With our families living in Maryland and Michigan, we used the Holidays to travel and spend time with them. As a result, we visited local shuls but didn't commit until 2017 when Michelle's

father passed, and we wanted to say Kaddish. As they say, the rest is history.

We were exceedingly grateful for the TI Morning Minyan, and we joined Temple Israel. I continue to support and promote the Morning Minyan because I enjoy the community and reflection that it provides. I also believe it is an important piece of community outreach with Temple Adath Yeshurun, the source of half of the attendees on any given Wednesday. Of course, the comfort it offers to others saying Kaddish is certainly not lost on me.

When we joined Temple Israel, Norri O. reached out because I wrote on my member application that I enjoyed home repair and improvement. She asked me to be the TI House Chairman and Board Member. Michelle tells me my love language is "acts of service", and I do love helping TI to take care of the big and little things that always need to be addressed. Similarly, when no one stepped forward after former President Josh Nathan's two terms in office, I cautiously considered how I could be of help. No doubt influenced by my parents of blessed memory, both Presidents of my childhood temple, I raised my hand.

I am excited about the future at Temple Israel, and I love the congregants who make this place home for Michelle and me. Thank you to everyone and Happy Chanukah. (And come to Morning Minyan!)



This month, the Care Committee at TI orchestrated a volunteer carpool to help one of our congregants get to and from critical medical appointments with precise timing. While this effort required more coordination than usual, it was truly remarkable to see how swiftly and seamlessly our volunteers sprang into action. Within just an hour of the request—on a holiday weekend—five generous members of the committee offered their time, mileage, and goodwill for this important request. In less than a day, all the details were organized, and the plan was set in motion.

Over the course of two weeks, volunteers provided rides to our fellow congregant, filling the time with lively conversations and shared laughs, turning an ordinary task into a meaningful, joyful experience. The gratitude expressed by the congregant and spouse, as well as the positive feedback from our volunteers, was nothing short of heartwarming.

This endeavor was a powerful reminder that even the smallest acts of service can make a big difference. They can ease unseen burdens, give caregivers a much-needed break, and—perhaps most importantly—put more kindness back into the world, in the spirit of *tikkun olam*. We're incredibly grateful for the generosity that defines our community and makes moments like these possible.

Are you in need of assistance? We understand that asking for help can be incredibly difficult but know that you are never alone. The Care Committee at Temple Israel is here for you, ready to offer support and care when you need it most. If you find yourself in need, please reach out to Linda Kropp Sinkow at lindasinkow@gmail.com or call/text her at 508-561-3740.

How can I help? Your participation, regardless of how you are able to assist, can make all the difference to someone in our community. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jeff Klein or Linda Kropp Sinkow.

The Manchester Hebrew Cemetery by Mitchell Weinberg

As many of you likely know, Temple Israel (TI) shares ownership and management of the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery with our friends at Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY), splitting the costs for upkeep of the cemetery and sharing the space for our respective members, as well as occasional other Jewish decedents in the area. This short article is meant to ensure that TI members are aware of current costs and procedures relating to the cemetery.

Current costs for a burial plot are \$2500 for current TI members (or long-term former members, defined as having been a member in good standing for 10 years or more) and \$4000 for nonmembers. This cost covers only the plot and does not include any memorial stone the family may purchase, upkeep of the gravestone, or any costs relating to the funeral. Generally, families tend to purchase a plot when the need arises after a death; however, some people may wish to reserve a specific plot prior to the person's passing. This may be done by paying 50% of the cost upfront, and then paying the remainder when the plot comes into use.

You may view a schematic of the plot locations and availability on our website. The cemetery is always open.

The sale of plots on the TI side of the cemetery is handled by Christine Dame in the TI office. Please contact Mitchell Weinberg (TI Board Cemetery Liaison) or Christine with any questions on this topic.



Community Updates

WELCOME
to our community!

Please join us in welcoming new member



Helen Arnold



*We are so glad that you
have found your spiritual home
at Temple Israel*



On Dec. 16, former TI member Michael Bornstein passed away. His final days were peaceful and surrounded by loved ones.

Michael was born on 6/13/1948 in Portsmouth, NH to Benjamin and Bertha Bornstein. Michael grew up in Lewiston/Auburn Maine, and graduated from Edward Little High School and the University of Maine. Michael worked as a CPA, primarily doing private and corporate taxes.

Michael's life was a blessing to many, and he cared for everyone in his world very deeply. His volunteer work was extensive and included Temple Israel of Manchester, the Jewish Federation of NH, Manchester Rotary, and various other professional organizations.

Michael leaves behind his wife Rikki Bornstein, his son and daughter-in-law, Jamie and Carrie Bornstein, and his daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Eric Pound. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Eliana, Dov, and Jonah Bornstein and Elias Pound.

Chava goes to School – Nazis be Damned! by Ruth Chevion

Within twelve days of the invasion of Poland, German tanks entered Tarnów. The invader quickly took command of the city.

Almost immediately, the Germans promulgated laws. The idea of using law as a weapon of war was not invented by the Germans, but they utilized it against the Jews to a level of effectiveness not previously seen in the world. They continually posted new and more stringent rules as to what Jews could and could not do, always on penalty of death.

Jews could not legally keep more than 400 zloty at home under penalty of death. All Jewish schooling was forbidden under penalty of death; Jews must display the Star of David on their coats or death; Jews must observe curfew on penalty of death; Jews may not walk on the same sidewalk as a German on penalty of death; Jews may not walk on certain streets or death. Eventually it became illegal for Jewish men to wear a beard.

Of course, obeying the rules provided no guarantee of safety. Many Jews were shot peremptorily without breaking a rule. (Allow me to remind you, dear reader, that long before speed killing was implemented in Auschwitz and other killing factories, Jews were simply shot one at a time or in groups. In the first two years of the Holocaust almost two million Jews were killed with bullets, most of which I might add, were supplied to the Germans by Swiss manufacturers.)

In general, my Grandmother Miriam avoided breaking rules. But there was one rule Miriam declared affirmatively she must break, even at risk of death. Her daughter Chava would study. Chava was the youngest in the Fessel family, a bright 12 years old in 1939 when the Nazis took over. Grandmother Miriam cast about for a professional teacher for her.

Miriam did find a teacher for Chava, but this teacher was expert only in classical languages - Greek and Latin. Miriam said it didn't matter. "All learning is good," she said. "Chava must study."

Once a week, Miriam and Chava hid Chava's books under some straw in the back of a horse drawn wagon, and drove to the teacher's house. This house was outside the area where Jews were permitted to be, so the death penalty was certain if they were caught. Luckily, they never were. In this way, Chava studied Greek and Latin for the first two years of the war from 1939 until 1941, at which point the Germans locked the remaining Jews in a ghetto and Chava's studies came to an end.

Even late in her life, as we sat together in her home in Israel, when Aunt Chava told me all this, she pulled her shoulders back, lifted her chin with obvious pride, and said, "I still know quite a bit of Greek and Latin."

Here is a photo of a Nazi poster that hangs today in the Jewish Museum in Tarnów. *Bekanntmachung* means "Notification." *Obwieszenie* is the translation into Polish. The first paragraph of this poster lists the streets on which Jews may not walk by order of the Commissar of the city of Tarnów.



Miriam and Chava were not unique in risking life for the sake of education. You find subversive studying in other Holocaust survivor memoirs too, notably in the Warsaw ghetto. Study was an essential form of rebellion against the Nazis because learning is at the core of who we Jews are. As it was our culture that the Nazis intended to shame and debase, not merely our physical bodies, studying under penalty of death, as my Aunt Chava did, can be counted a rebellion as powerful as any armed uprising.

Whether you study torah, or astrophysics doesn't matter. As Grandmother Miriam said, "All learning is good."



Temple Israel's Jewish Book club will reconvene on Wednesday February 19th at 4:30pm via ZOOM. Our book selection will be revealed in an upcoming email in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Cohn at newbegin04@yahoo.com.

January Yahrzeits

1 Spillberg, Anna
 2 Feldman, Heath Andler
 2 Grodman, Emanuel
 3 Bronstein, Dorothy
 3 Cohen, Lazar
 3 Gilbert, Ethel Slovak
 4 Beitz, Bernice
 4 Cutler, Edward
 4 Resnick, Eileen
 4 Wolfe, Hattie
 5 Mazer, Lillian
 6 Alter, Levi
 6 Rosen, Ida
 6 Rubin, Shirley
 7 Beitz, Alfred
 7 Cohen, Max
 7 Landow, Nathan
 7 Notelowitz, Beryl
 7 Notelowitz, Julius
 8 Benjamin, Elsie
 8 Druker, Morris
 8 Golder, Richard
 9 Beitz, Tillie
 9 Korn, Mae
 9 Zlotowicz-Bulion, Clara
 10 Braverman, Gladys
 10 Gravitch, Celia
 10 Jacobs, Eric
 10 Krupp, Cecile
 10 Rosenstein, Selma
 10 Rosenthal, Celia Mushlin
 11 Fisher, Steven
 12 Benjamin, Leon
 12 Myerson, Alfrede
 12 Perlman, Sadie
 12 Winthrop, Harriet
 13 Firestone, Lewis

13 Grevoir, Edith Holzhammer
 13 Holicker, Ida
 13 Krivitsky, Evelyn
 13 Rovner, Barney
 13 Weisberg, Esther
 14 Berger, Lillian
 14 Levine, Jacob
 14 Tillman, Herbert
 15 Horwitz, Abraham Meyer
 16 Camann, Stephen
 16 Heifetz Kavesh, Miriam
 16 Kavesh, Miriam
 17 Alterman, Allen
 17 Krensky, Sarah
 17 Winneg, Eugene
 17 Zazula, Anna
 18 DeSzabas, Carlotta
 18 Eskowitz, Rebecca
 18 Heschel, Rabbi Abraham Joshua
 18 Richmond, Samuel
 18 Schadick, Annette
 19 Ehrlich, Pearl
 19 Fleischman, Jacob
 20 Cohen, Dora
 20 Koach, Bess
 20 Korn, Bernard
 20 Levine, Beaulia
 20 Roth, Norman
 21 Kruger, Etta
 21 Mallin, Beatrice
 21 Mallin, Benjamin
 21 Waldman, David
 22 Citron, Hilda
 22 Glichouse, Sarah
 22 Rovner, Hyman
 22 Silver, Sadie

23 Cutler, Eli
 23 Ekman, Sheldon
 23 Friedland, Joseph
 23 Smulian, Nathan
 24 Charron, Samuel
 24 Dorner, Sybil
 24 Mayers, Samuel
 25 Diamond, William
 25 Rudnick, Ida
 26 Cavall, Ida
 26 Golod, Abraham
 26 Less, Shirley
 26 Scharf, Murray L.
 26 Tatelman, Rose
 27 Berger, Max
 27 Haller, Philip
 27 Klein (Weiner), Sami
 27 Richmond, Rhoda
 27 Sultan, Ilan
 27 Sydney, Stanley
 28 Bresnick, Martin
 28 Holicker, Abraham
 28 Levine, Frederica
 28 Levine, Joseph
 28 Potter, Gretta
 28 Reuben, Sophia
 29 Kane, Sarah (Borash)
 29 Krensky, Carl
 29 Musicof, Shirley
 29 Sanel, Alfred
 29 Tevelov, Abraham Joseph
 30 Fineblit, (baby)
 30 Nadler, Carolyn
 30 Silberberg, Steven
 31 Rosen, Fannie
 31 Rudnick, Isaac



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JLE has been busy preparing for Chanukah in December! Between practicing all the blessings, making different Menorahs, dreidles, and learning how to make sufganyot, it's always a fun time of the year. After winter break, students will continue learning the Torah Portions, different blessings, and Jewish values. Happy New Year to all!

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Tevet 1
to
Shevat 2

*No anniversaries
this month*

Jan 2 - Philip Borenstein
Jan 2 - Seth Guttman
Jan 6 - Paula Fredriksen
Jan 7 - Paula Winer-Veale
Jan 9 - Aida Koocher
Jan 10 - Golan Kilchevsky
Jan 11 - Rani Paltrow-McCole
Jan 12 - Debbie Manning
Jan 19 - Renee Brenner



Jan 19 - Jacob Fain
Jan 19 - Jonah Fain
Jan 19 - Peter Hallock
Jan 19 - Mitchell Weinberg
Jan 23 - Ruth Chevion
Jan 24 - Rachel Spierer
Jan 25 - Michael Welch
Jan 28 - Joy Sydney



Morning Minyans
Every Wednesday at 7:00am

Torah Study via ZOOM
Every Weds - 7:30pm



CANDLE TIMES & TORAH PORTIONS

Fri, Jan 3	4:06 PM	Vayigash
Fri, Jan 10	4:13 PM	Vayechi
Fri, Jan 17	4:21 PM	Shemot
Fri, Jan 24	4:29 PM	Vaera
Fri, Jan 31	4:39 PM	Bo

JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY - office closed
Jan 11: 9:45am - Shabbat Service w/Kiddush sponsored by Aida Koocher in honor of her 70th birthday.
Jan 17: 6:00pm - Kabbalat Shabbat w/complimentary dinner. Please RSVP by Jan 6.
Jan 20: Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - office closed
Jan 25: 9:45am - Shabbat Service w/Kiddush sponsored by Jeff Klein in honor of his mother, Sami Klein
Jan 25: 5:45pm - Stuffies & Spice Havdalah Night - a PJ Library Event!

USEFUL LINKS

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