

*Temple Israel*

July Bulletin 2016

“Temple Israel is a welcoming and vibrant center of Jewish life for our region,

l’dor vador ... from generation to generation”



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| **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** |

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| What a month it has been.  Within three weeks of issuing a challenge to raise $10,000 to match a $15,000 gift by an anonymous donor, our goal was met. I will confess I was teary-eyed and so appreciative of all those who rose to the challenge. Within days, I called Mark Udd of Northland Consulting Engineers. Josh and I met with him and heard wonderful news. In their current configuration, the joists were able to withstand 100 psf and all we would need to do was to reinforce the other. We realized we could do far more than we supposed. Rachel Wagner was contacted to finalize the drawings the contractor will need to get the building permit, and we asked for three bids for the sanctuary. (I’m writing this article on June 15th so don’t how much further we will have gone before you are reading this.) We are doing the project in phases as we can afford them. Today it appears we will be able to raise the floor and put in the ramps. Dealing with the area that juts out of the sanctuary, the welding of the beams, and the purchase of chairs will need to wait in line as we watch our dollars.  Jay Thompson and Lake City Towing cleared our back hill where we wished to have a Monarch Butterfly Station in two hours under Josh’s direction. Several of us labored close to 20 hours to clear a very small space by hand and much appreciated the work done. Theresa and Theresa and I added a small walkway across our very steep hill. After the preparation on the hill was completed, I went over to Andrea Gelb’s to dig several milkweed plants and Echinacea she was donating to the hill. She had suggested we go to Rice Lake Gardens (on Rice Lake Road) to see what other plants we could find. Boyd Maranell, the owner, gave us over 80 plants for the garden. Now with well over 100 plants our garden work for year one will soon come to a close when we finish planting. We will mulch and scatter wild flower seeds in the remaining spaces until we add on to what we plant next year. By the time you read this, our work should be completed for the year … minus watering and weeding, and weeding and watering … okay, maybe not done.  Hopefully you were able to attend at least a part of Larry Bush’s presentation during the Scholar in Residence weekend brought to us so generously by Steve Goldfine in memory of Ilene Levin. And even if you didn’t enjoy it (there were mixed results) I hope it brought you a clearer picture of who you are and what you believe … that’s what good teachers do.    This month we’ve celebrated Shirley’s 90th birthday, said goodbye to Muriel, perhaps risen at sunrise to celebrate Shavuot on Park Point and breakfasted with the Griggs, *kvelled* at confirmation, and celebrated *Shabbat* on the South Shore.  We’ll be saying goodbye to Barb Kritzman this summer as she moves with her family to the state of Virginia. By the time you receive this you will have been contacted to help with our fundraiser, selling popcorn, when the Tall Ships (and the big rubber ducky) sail into town on August 17 – 21. Perhaps you’ll join us in Virginia in July or in Grand Marais in September or in Billings Park for a congregational picnic on August 5th. Rachel Levy will be back in August to let us know what’s new in the world with Federation. She will have recently returned from Israel with a group of people from other small congregations. The next time you’ll hear from me it will be in regards to the High Holidays sometime in August.  Have a wonderful summer … I’ll see you in *shul!*  Chris King | |
| **FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY** |

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| **Rabbi’s Bulletin Article for July-August 2016/ Sivan-Tammuz-Elul 5776**  I write these words late in the evening of June 16th. The week started bright and early last Sunday morning June 12th with a wonderful “Soon-After-Sunrise” Shavuot morning service on the beach at Park Point.  We often sing on Shabbat mornings at Temple Israel the words from the *Nishmat Kol Chai* prayer that declare that we could not possibly enumerate all of life’s blessings even “were our mouths like oceans of song, our tongues alive with exultation like the waters’ waves.”  As we sang those words in Hebrew on Shavuot morning, it really felt to me as if the wind and the waves were indeed lifting up our words towards God. And as we circled up on the beach to share the priestly blessing with one another, it really felt to me as if we were indeed tapping into God’s blessings and protection, light and favor, and peace.  I’m so grateful for the spiritual nourishment of our time together early Shavuot morning since the rest of this week has not been an easy one for me, for our Temple Israel community, and, indeed for our nation.  Even as we davened on the beach, news of the killing and injuring of scores of people at the gay nightclub “Pulse” in Orlando was spreading around the world. I didn’t yet realize (and I don’t think anyone else on the beach that morning yet realized) the extent of the bloodshed that had taken place just hours before. But as Shavuot day progressed, it became clearer to all of us what the folks in Orlando already knew --- This was the worst mass shooting on American soil in decades.  The Orlando mass shooting raises a cluster of socially divisive issues: Islamist terrorism – and Islamophobia; hatred against gay people (including the internalized variety); the proliferation of guns in the hands of those who should not have them; the scourge of domestic violence…. to name a few.  The ISIS-identifying murderer singled out the LGBT community as his targets. We take solace in the clear and unflinching condemnations of his actions conveyed by mainstream Muslim organizations as well as by the various denominations of Judaism (and not just the liberal ones).  As I write these words, police investigations into the incident, and into the motivations of the killer are ongoing.  Our national soul searching must be ongoing as well.  And so we mourn the dead, comfort the survivors, and brace ourselves for the hard work ahead of healing our world -- even as we bitterly argue over just how to do so.  L’shalom,  Rabbi David Steinberg  [rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org](mailto:rabbidavid@jewishduluth.org) | |
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| **NEWS FROM THE HEBREW AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS** |

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| I had the privilege last month of addressing Maren Shamblott, Ben Wallerstein and Zach Kaplan immediately following their Confirmation speeches. To these three young Jewish adults gathered around me on the bimah, I hoped to offer a few words of wisdom they could carry with them through life. Following is a synopsis of what I said.  “As you travel through life, experiencing and participating in things wonderful and not so wonderful… As you become immersed in higher studies, careers, family… I hope that you will remember and honor your Jewish roots.  And I hope that at many moments in your life, you will reflect on the Jewish ethics and values you learned and ask the question – Is this the Jewish person who I want to be?”  Is this the Jewish person who I want to be? I believe that’s a good question for all of us to ask ourselves from time to time, especially in moments when we are interacting with others – the people we love and care about (family and friends), the people we are directly responsible for in some way (employees, customers, students), the community in which we live (neighborhood, city, state, country, world).  Who would that Jewish person be? Would we spend less time on Facebook and more time having face-to-face conversations? Would we provide any or better health insurance and retirement benefits, give over-the-top service, earnestly respond to children’s questions or be a role model for them? Would we help a neighbor, volunteer in a local organization, donate money for a cause, carry on a respectful dialogue with someone who disagrees with us politically? Would we work to end hunger and war? Would we make sacrifices in our own lifestyles to stop climate change or mend economic disparity?  Think about it. Are you being the Jewish person you want to be?  School News:   * The 2016-2017 school calendar is set. The first day of religious studies is Saturday, Sept. 10. The first day of Hebrew studies is Wednesday, Sept. 14. * Parents, if you haven’t yet taken the 2015-2016 Religious and Hebrew School Parents’ Survey, there is still time to do so. Your input matters to me. * Registration and student information forms for the 2016-2017 school year will be mailed out in mid-July.   I hope you all are enjoying summer.  Andrea Novel Buck  Youth Education Director |
| **Annual Editing Of Yahrzeit List**  It is the longtime custom of Temple Israel to announce the yahrzeits of the deceased as long as anyone in the Congregation continues to have ties to them; or in perpetuity with respect to those with memorial plaques. The following list includes the names of deceased individuals for whom we do not currently have any record of their having any living relatives or friends who observe their yahrtzeits (and for whom no memorial plaque has been purchased).  If you wish to observe or already are observing the yahrtzeit of anyone on the list, please contact the Temple ofﬁce to let us know. Upon receiving such notice from you, we will retain the name of the deceased on the yahrtzeit list and contact you each year to remind you of when the yahrtzeit is approaching  Absent any such request, we will no longer include these names in the yahrtzeit lists in future years.  As it is written:  “A generation passes away, and another generation comes; and the earth abides forever.”  (Ecclesiastes 1:4).   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Ida | Adelson | 11/28/1960 | | Bessie | Bongart | 12/12/1968 | | Ida | Borken | 4/13/1973 | | Gabe | Borken | 4/21/2003 | | Sarah | Brickman | 5/26/1980 | | Joseph | Bubli | 2/7/1961 | | Connie | Grossman | 3/26/2009 | | Sam | Lavine | 12/1/1988 | | Selda | Lichterman | 3/14/1930 | | Sylvia | Lichterman | 4/11/2003 | | Leon | Mosler | 2/1/1979 | | Rose | Mosler | 12/3/1972 | | Martin | Schwartz | 4/6/2000 | | Jules | Slepian | Tevet 6 | |

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| **NOTES FROM THE BOARD** |

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| Question: What do Muriel Abram and Tall Ships have in common?  Answer(s):  1) Both have helped in key ways to move Temple Israel forward.  2) Both are setting sail this summer.  3) Both thrive from volunteer involvement.  4) All of the above.  Of course, you all know that the answer is “all of the above.” Before I elaborate, though, let’s talk first about Muriel. On behalf of the entire board and Temple Israel community, we want to thank Muriel for all she has done as a lifelong member of the Twin Ports Jewish community. In addition to her terms on our board, she has been involved in a leadership role in numerous other local organizations, including Temple Emanuel, Hadassah, Sisterhood, and too many committees to mention. In two simple words, she is the consummate volunteer.  Now this is where the comparison to Tall Ships comes in. We need each of you to volunteer to help sell popcorn at Tall Ships 2016. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and it provides us with a great opportunity to earn some much-needed money for Temple Israel while hanging out together. It’s fun, it’s profitable, and it’s a great community-building experience. The only “catch” is that we need 100% participation to make this work.  Hopefully you have already received a call and have agreed to work one or more mornings or afternoons during Tall Ships (August 18-21). If we were unable to reach you, though, or if you are willing to take on additional shifts, please email John Sillanpa ([johns@fisalter.com](mailto:johns@fisalter.com)) or Janet Rosen ([roadrunner1836@gmail.com](mailto:roadrunner1836@gmail.com)) by July 6 to let us know which date(s) work best for you.  As Muriel sets sail for new experiences, let’s all follow her lead and help Temple Israel thrive through volunteerism. Thank you!  Janet Rosen |

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| **FROM THE COMMUNITY** |

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| **"Take me out to the ballgame, ..."**  Hopefully you’ll get a chance to see the Huskies play this summer …  Purchase a Duluth Huskies card which will entitle you to four general admission tickets and, food discounts on four hot dogs and four small pops!  This would normally cost you $46.00 but you still have a chance to purchase this for $25.00 and help the temple's fundraising efforts.  Games will be here July 4-9, 12-13, 16-17, 24, and the 26- 29th.  Huskies Cards Available in Temple office. | |
| A donation has been made to the 'oneg fund'  to thank  everyone for their  warm wishes  for our 40th Wedding Anniversary.  Andy Niemyer & Lisa Abrahams | |
| Thank you to everyone for the kind wishes for our 35th wedding anniversary.  We feel so fortunate to have you all in our circle of friends  Linda Glaser & John Herold | |
| Mazel Tov to Sam Rosenzweig who recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a degree in Sports Management | |
| **FUTURE EVENTS** |

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| “Shabbat evening service July 8th with special musical guest composer-singer-conductor Allan Friedman.”  Allan Friedman (Fred’s son) who is a singer, composer, conductor, etc. in Durham, North Carolina, will be in town and will be joining Rabbi David on the bima for our Friday evening July 8th Shabbat service. |
| “*Viva la Justicia”* - Witness for Peace summer fundraiser, July 28th  Our annual Witness for Peace fundraiser will be held this year on Thursday evening, July 28th, at the Red Herring Lounge, 208 E. First St., Duluth. From 6:30 – 8:30 pm there will be light refreshments and a cash bar available, along with music, presentations about Witness for Peace with a focus on our work in Honduras, a display of art produced by local artists inspired by the movement for eco-justice and indigenous land rights in Honduras, and a silent auction. Donations to support WFP’s work with our partners in Latin America are gratefully appreciated.  After 8:30 pm, there will be a concert performance by the popular local music group “Chase Down Blue,” with a cover charge for those coming only for the concert. Please come and support the work of Witness for Peace as we celebrate the struggle for justice and human rights in the Americas. |
| **No July Elders and Retirees luncheon** |
| The [Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra](http://www.lakesuperiorchamberorchestra.org/) launches its 30th season on July 14th at Mitchell Auditorium of the College of St. Scholastica. LSCO is committed to performing both masterworks and new compositions and to working with local performers.    When the Nazis murdered six million European Jews, they also attempted to silence the voices of many brilliant composers. The LSCO will present four newly published works this summer. Dutch composer **Leo Smit**, who perished at Sobibor in 1943, wrote his scintillating **Concerto for Piano and Winds** in 1937, and we believe this may be the premiere (or one of the first performances) of this work in America. **Erwin Schulhoff**'s 1921 **Suite for Chamber Orchestra** is one of the first to bring American jazz to the orchestral concert hall, preceding Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue by three years. Schulhoff died in the Wülzburg concentration camp in 1943. **Gideon Klein** and **Pavel Haas** composed **Partita for Strings** and **Study for Strings**,respectively, while imprisoned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. One of Hitler's most cynical projects, Theresienstadt was created as a "model community" to dupe the Red Cross and others. In this transit camp were housed the elite of European Jewry, and the main intent seems to have been to produce a propaganda film, [The Führer Gives a City to the Jews](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9gSzo0x4ak). Weeks after the film was shot, both Klein and Haas were deported to Auschwitz. "We believe that in performing these four timeless works, the souls of these artists may live again in some small way, in defiance of brutality and tragedy," says artistic director and conductor Warren Friesen. "We'd be honored by the attendance and support of the Temple Israel community." |
| Bring yourselves, family, friends, a dairy dish to share, and outdoor games to the August family service at Billings Park in Superior, WI **5:30 Friday Aug 5**. Temple will provide drinks and vegetarian options for the grill. Perhaps master chefs Scott and David will be available. Billings Park will be showing a movie after dusk. We had a wonderful time last year. Hope you will make it. The park is very accessible. |
| Please join our family for services followed by Kiddush lunch on  **Saturday, Aug. 6th**, as we celebrate the  January 24th marriage of our son Josh Baddin to Becky Morin.  Michelle and Mike Baddin |

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| **REMEMBER THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES** |

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| Shirley Goldberg - St. Anne's  Bea Lewenstein - Lakeshore  Dorothy Slonim - Benedictine Health Center |
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| **CONDOLENCES** |

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| Our condolences go out to the family and friends of  Donald Freimuth on his passing |
| Our condolences go out to Barb Seamans and her family  on the passing of her husband Sherman Seamans |

**To those in mourning, we offer the words of the traditional blessing:**

***Hamakom yinachem etkhem b'tokh she'ar aveley tziyon virushalayim*/May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.**

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| **BIRTHDAYS** |

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| 3 - Howard Krenzen  4- Deb Carroll  5 - Marilyn Blunt  6 - Kathy Stinnet  7 - Jack Krenzen  10 - Mark Abeles-Allison  11 - Elizabeth Abeles-Allison  14 - Cindy Glazman  Michaela Shamblott  16 - Deborah Petersen-Perlman  Doug Kaplan  18 - Muriel Abram  20 – Carrie Halvorson  Kinley Halvorson | 21 Charity Gurovitsch  22 - Douglas Hoffman  Albert Weiner  25 - Carrie Kayes  26 - Abbott Apter  David Steinberg  27 - Steven Bloom  Hannah Wodrich  30 - Mark Pogorelskin  Zachary Kaplan  31 - Dan King  Navah Swoverland |

**If we have missed your birthday, please contact the Temple office**

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| **ANNIVERSARIES** |

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| 1 - Bonney and Peter Austin  3 - Marsha and Richard Eisenberg  4 - Terri and Steven Seiler  8 - David and Deb Carroll  11 - Toby and Sharon Marcovich  15 - Gary & Janice Latz  16 - Gerald and Judith Cohen  19 - Danny and Angie Frank |

**If we have missed your anniversary, please contact the Temple office!**

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| **DONATIONS** |

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| **Benton/Goldfine Library Fund**  Mark & Carol Weitz in honor of Steve Goldfine  **Cemetery Fund**  Mike Grossman & Holly Church in memory of Rosalind Grossman  Mike Grossman & Holly Church in memory of Max Grossman  Mike Grossman & Holly Church in memory of Anne Barnett  **CHUM/Food Shelf**  Toby & Sharon Marcovich in memory of Susie Marcovich Goldstein  **Endowment Fund**  Jack & Cindy Seiler in memory of Bessie Hyman  Shirley Witkin in honor of Jack & Cindy Seiler  **General Fund**  Marvin Novogrodski in memory of Sterling Devine  Mark & Carol Weitz in honor of Muriel Abram  Steve Davis & Terese Tomanek in memory of Sherm Seamans  Steve Davis & Terese Tomanek in memory of Abraham Prober  Paul Fleming  **Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund**  Jack Shapiro in memory of Marcia Levison  Shirley Goldberg in memory of Charles Goldberg  Chuck & Tracy Goman in memory of Charles Goldberg  **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**  Lillian Goldfine in memory of Abe Goldfine  Stephanie Devine & Stephanie Jones in memory of Sterling Devine  Jan & Jay Aldrich in memory of Ruth Love  Sandra Roth Sadoff in honor of Rabbi David Steinberg  Hillary & Dennis Davidson in memory of Alexander Davidson  **Sally Krovitz Children's Fund**  Marilyn Krovitz Blunt in memory of Sally & Abe Krovitz  **Social Action Fund**  Carol Cohen in memory of Gary Gordon  **Youth Fund**  Peter & Bonney Austin in memory of Irma Austin  Peter & Bonney Austin in memory of Stella Austerlitz  Fran Gurovitsch in Memory of Benjie Gurovitsch |

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| *"People often avoid making decisions out of fear of making a mistake. Actually the failure to make decisions is one of life's biggest mistakes." –* Rabbi Noah Weinberg |



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