



Temple Israel Bulletin

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*"Temple Israel is a welcoming and vibrant center of Jewish life for our region,
l'dor vador... from generation to generation"*

Weekly Schedule

Join us for Torah Study Saturdays @
9:15am; Shabbat Services Fridays @
6:00pm & Saturdays @ 10:00am.
Simulcast on Zoom.

Requests for the recurring Zoom links can
be directed to the Temple Israel Office
admin@jewishduluth.org

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Office Hours

8:30am - 12:00pm
Tuesday – Friday

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Chag same'ach! I hope everyone is having a joyous Passover and finding yourselves not overly taxed by keeping your homes and yourselves leaven-free. This year, the impact of the events of October 7th and the growing antisemitism globally pushed me deeper into the idea that Passover truly is our master story. The narrative of the exodus from Egypt essentially is the starting point of the history of our people. After all, every year in our preparation and every year in our Sedarim we retell the story so we and especially the next generations never forget. Every Jew in the world knows what day it was, who our leader was and what our people ate. In our own congregation we celebrated the 2nd night with a community Seder at temple. A special thanks to a few folks who made it, by all accounts, a truly memorable event: to Nicole and Marko for the planning, prep and execution – to Neil, Danny and Erin for planning and leading the great service – to Susan and Peter for the long hours in the kitchen – to Dan, Allyz, Jack and all others who volunteered – and to our community who chose to spend the evening together and make it special! My Passover hope is that we all take a moment to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy and commit ourselves to the value of Tikun Olam.

In a couple of weeks we welcome Rabbi David back. I will admit that the months leading up to his sabbatical were a bit nerve wracking. Beyond current events and the health and safety of our pastoral leader, I fretted about our community, our services and activities at Temple Israel. Would we stagger along, would we require Zoom for services with other congregations, etc. In the end, as many of you have told me over the years, our membership steps up when asked. We should be proud, grateful and thankful for the efforts, time and energy of our lay leaders. And we should be proud that we supported those volunteers with attendance and admiration of their prep, knowledge and willingness to share of themselves. When you see them, please join me in thanking them!

See you soon in Temple –
Bart

Hi! YOU would be a great USHER!

And, as these temple members say...**USHERING
CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GREAT!**

"When I usher I enjoy the opportunity to greet each person and have a moment for personal re-connection. It is heartwarming." ~ Theresa Neo

"It's really rewarding to welcome people I don't know to the Temple and make them feel comfortable. I have gotten to meet so many new interesting people." ~ Jill Cornwell

"Connecting the children with their parents has been nice for me." ~ Pam Griggs

"It felt that I was doing something important." ~ Marat Bakpayev

Click on the link below to sign up for a date or 2!
Sign-up open through June 2024.

[Sign up to USHER HERE](#)

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

Rabbi is on sabbatical. Watch for his return to the Bima the end of May.

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS & HEBREW SCHOOLS

What is our obligation to be here for one another? And what is the value?

The answer to both those questions is Jewish community.

I rank Jewish community as one of the greatest factors to whether our school is a success, to whether our synagogue is a success, to whether we feel validated as Jews living in the Northland.

During my second year of teaching here, the Temple Israel Board closed the synagogue building on Sundays and Mondays in order to save money on heating and other operational costs.

The school -- which until that time had been holding Hebrew classes on Mondays and Wednesdays and religious studies classes on Sundays -- moved all classes to Wednesdays and Saturdays. The school was under Don Ross' leadership then. I was the kindergarten teacher and uninvolved in the decision.

I remember most families being supportive of the idea or adopting a "we'll see how this works" attitude. The change meant fewer trips schlepping different aged kids to different

programs, especially for those who also had B'nai Mitzvah students needing to complete Shabbat service attendance requirements.

The initial decision was made to save money. But there are other very tangible benefits that both Rabbi David and I have witnessed and come to value greatly.

That first year of teaching, I brought my toddler son into an eerily empty building. Beyond the kids and teachers in other classrooms, there was nobody else here. The social hall was empty and cold; the sanctuary was silent, its doors closed and locked; the kitchen was clean and sterile.

My second year of teaching, it was as if our building had come alive. Adults upstairs were participating in Torah study, singing in services, enjoying lunch in the social hall. Tantalizing smells emanated from the kitchen, and kids had the hope of scoring a cookie from Marjean or Marko. Instead of dropping kids off at the door, some parents stayed for conversation and coffee in the library or joined services.

All our students were blessed with the opportunity to observe and participate in parts of Shabbat morning services. Families were able to stay for Kiddush and lunch, rather than rush home to feed hungry kids. Congregants got to see and meet the children. Those children could envision the people who were enjoying their sukkah decorations or receiving the boxes they had painted and stuffed with hamantashen for Purim.

The need for greater security has arisen and grown mightily since I started working here. Over the years I've called upon adults upstairs to help escort questionable people out the door. Similarly, an adult asked one of our teachers, a professional nurse, to sit with her while she awaited emergency medical assistance to arrive. Having Jewish community to call upon and to share time with -- is priceless.

At the end of services this last Saturday in April, music teacher Danny Frank and our students sang "Ten Plagues in Egyptland" to the congregation then learned a new song taught by

that day's service leader Elyse Carter-Vosen. It was a beautiful, moving moment of Jewish community for all who witnessed.

Coming up in May: Teacher appreciation/recognition will happen during and after Shabbat morning services on Saturday, May 11; last day of Hebrew studies is Wednesday, May 15; the school closing picnic is 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18.



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Please join us for a Yom Hashoah Service.

**Monday, May 6th, 2024 at
6:00pm**

led by Deborah Peterson-Perlman

Goodbye Matzah for Another Year

Goodbye matzah for another year.
Goodbye to your frail, cracking, and yeast less skin.
For eight days, we tried to smother your barren being with butter, honey, cream cheese.
And yet, beneath each bite, the sandy desert of our hurried escape.

Goodbye matzah for another year.
You're a Frisbie that won't fly, a kite with no strings, a flag of our impoverished disposition.
You remind me of my father's pale legs, a widow's blank face, the empty pages of a bank book.

Goodbye matzah for another year.
We find your crumbs everywhere, in shirt pockets, in woven carpet, underneath tables.
You're an embarrassment like dandruff.

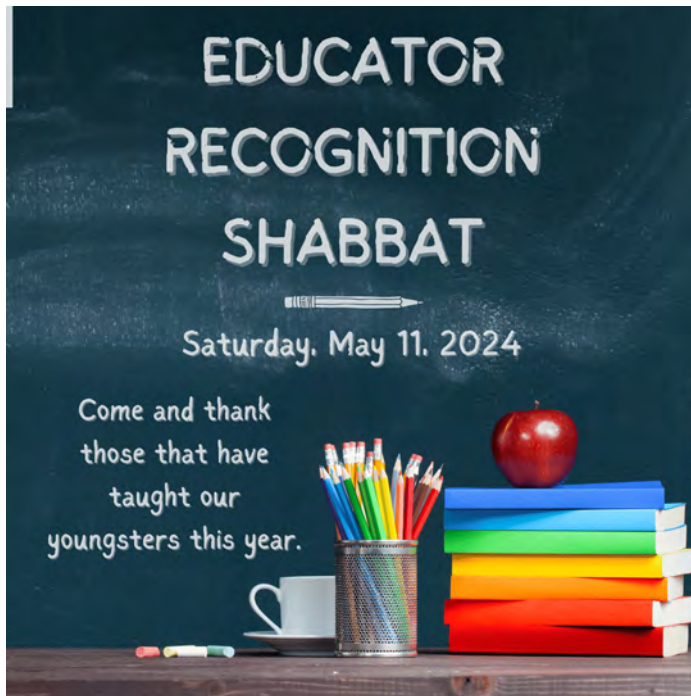
Go away matzah, good riddance, for another year.
I can't bear to eat or see you.
Stay away.

We'll miss you until we see you again.

--Jim Perlman

Security Update

As the world around us is in conflict, Temple Israel is doing it's best to keep our congregation safe and secure. With that being said, I want to reiterate that we do not open the door or let anyone in that isn't known or on the list. When talking to unfamiliar people, please do it through the intercom system. Once you open the door the potential for an issue raises drastically. If you are taking responsibility to open the door please look over the usher folder for instructions. If there is any question about the person(s) belonging there, have them contact the office to talk to Rabbi and get on the list. We need to make sure that people are properly vetted. We did have an issue this past Saturday that worked out but any issue can go wrong. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED TO OPEN THE DOOR!!!** If proper procedures are followed we will be as safe as possible. I am not trying to put fear in anyone, just trying to let people know that the Security Committee is doing it's best but we need everyone to be aware. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me 218-348-3670.
Josh Widdes
Security Director



AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

"Song, Community and Creation: Avodat Lev (Service of the Heart)"



Thursday, May 9, 2024

11:30am Gather

12:00pm Lunch

12:30pm Program

Questions and Answers will follow the program. Elyse Carter Vosen, ethnomusicologist and faculty member in Global Sustainability and Justice at St. Scholastica, explores the sounds, spiritual purposes, and social force of Avodat Lev ("service of the heart"), an intimate, imaginative, and contemplative prayer service made up of song, chant, meditation and poetry, as an outgrowth of the Jewish farming movement.

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"Holocaust and Genocide Scholars Discuss their Work"

Thursday, May 30, 2024

11:30am Gather

12:00pm Lunch

12:30pm Program

Questions and Answers will follow the program.

Natalie Belsky of the UMD History Department will speak on her research regarding how the history of evacuation and displacement fits into the historical narrative of the Holocaust.

Sheer Ganor of the TC History Department will speak on her research regarding German-Jewish displacement and forced migration as well as her contributions to Memory Diaspora Studies.

Gideon Mailer of the UMD History Department will speak on his latest book, *Remembering Histories of Trauma. North American Genocide and the Holocaust in Public Memory.*

Alexis Pogorelskin, formerly of the UMD History Department will speak on her forthcoming book (in August): *Hollywood and the Nazis on the Eve of War. The Case of The Mortal Storm.*



Dear Temple Israel Students, Parents and Teachers,

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH US!

HS/RS Closing Picnic

When: 10-noon Saturday, May 18

Where: Endion Park behind synagogue or classrooms in the event of rain

What to Bring: outdoor games/activities students will want to play if the weather is good; indoor games/activities if not

Contribute to the Potluck: Veggie/dairy picnic style foods and drinks



RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY

Building a Community of Resilience

Compassionate Communication Workshop

In this free introductory workshop offered by Duluth Thrives, you'll learn the basics of the internationally known communication model Nonviolent Compassionate Communication (NVC).

You'll learn that unmet needs/values are at the core of every conflict. And you'll learn constructive approaches for dealing with conflict and stressful situations. Authentic communication is at the core of this model. You'll learn how to identify needs/values (yours and others) in a way that inspires a certain quality of connection and understanding.

This communication model was founded by psychologist Marshall Rosenberg, a Jewish immigrant who experienced antisemitism as a child, which ultimately led him to create the NVC model to help promote world peace.

To register, email: duluthaces@gmail.com

Workshop Date: Thursday, May 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: 1402 East 2nd Street, Duluth - First Witness Child Advocacy Center Community Room

Instructor: Ann Harrington: M.A., Training and Consulting

For more information contact Linda Glaser.

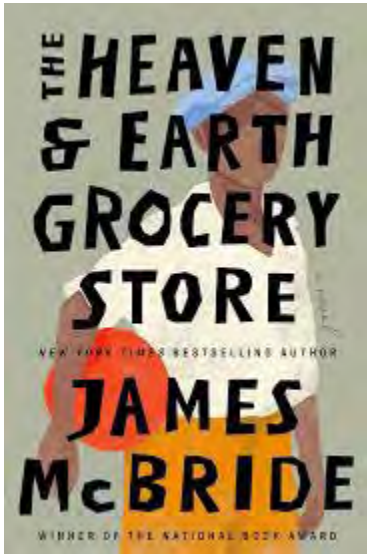
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Remember those in care facilities

Carol Cohen, The Pines Three
Paul King, St Ann's
Rochelle Rubin, Benedictine Health Center
Aaron Glazman, Edgewood Vista
Harriet Pearlman, Viewcrest Health Center
Isabell Tusin - Superior Rehabilitation Center
Nelson Smith - Hilltop Healthcare

ZOOM Shabbat Services

If you need the link or experience difficulties with Zoom, please contact the [Temple Israel Office](#).



Book Club

The Temple Book Club will discuss THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE by James McBride on Sunday, June 2 at 11:00 am CST. We will meet at the home of Tom and Pam Griggs. Please RSVP through the Temple Directory. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

Todah Rabbah

- To everyone who's stepped up to cover for Rabbi during his sabbatical - leading services, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, conducting funerals
- To Michelle B & Elyse C-V for subbing in the office while Nicole was on vacation.

Mazel Tov

- To those graduating, both College and High School, this spring

Please send your submissions to the Mazel Tov or Todah Rabbah sections to admin@jewishduluth.org



📣 Calling Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help place flags on graves in the 3 cemeteries for Memorial Day. We provide the flags and a list of names.

Schedule of Shabbat Services and Torah Portions

May 3 & 4 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Achrei Mot (Leviticus 16:1-18:30)	May 10 & 11 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Kedoshim (Leviticus 19:1-20:27)	May 17 & 18 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)	May 24 & 25 - 6:00pm & 10:00am in-person & simulcast via Zoom - Behar (Leviticus 25:1-26:2)
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April

BIRTHDAYS

4 Maya Alexander
10 Doug Finke
12 Charlotte Haas
14 Jules Roazen
16 Isaiah Roazen
17 Hillary Davidson
17 Ingrid Johnson
17 Joseph Wallace
18 Andy Goldfine
18 Mark Weitz
20 Jay Seiler
21 Ethan Kayes
22 Melissa Baddin
22 Robert Drayton
22 Janet Rosen
23 Ilsa Johnson
23 Lillian Johnson
25 Arno Kahn
25 Dale Taran
30 Susan Ginsburg

ANNIVERSARIES

8 John and Donde Goldfine
17 Gerald and Devyn Wallace
30 Michael Grossman and Holly Church



Donations

03/30/24 – 04/30/24

Beautification Fund

Jack & Cindy Seiler

Benton/Goldfine Library Fund

Anonymous

Cemetery Fund

Arlen Shanblott

Dianne & Dick Gould In memory of Reine Freimuth

Anne Scherer In memory of Steven Scherer

Anne Scherer In memory of Ester Livenstein

Dick & Dianne Gould In memory of Jennie Hart Block

Chris Crockett Music Fund

Kathy Levine In memory of Shirley Levine

Kathy Levine In memory of Pamela Polacsek

General Fund

Tom & Pam Griggs In memory of John Eddins

Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of

Annie Grossman

Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Lyle Bergal

Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Bea Levey

Anonymous

Steve & Janet Rosen In honor of Mike Grossman

Steve & Janet Rosen In honor of Chris King

Steve & Janet Rosen In honor of Sheryl Grana

Steve & Janet Rosen In honor of Linda Eason

Steve & Janet Rosen In memory of Evelyn Hornick

Steve & Janet Rosen In memory of Irwin Hornick

Steve & Janet Rosen In memory of Joseph Schlapin

Joan & Lee Sacks In memory of Beatrice Lewenstein

Anonymous

Sharon Kaner In memory of Sherwin Levine

Lynn Bergal In memory of Lyle Bergal

Shirley Witkin In memory of Barney Rich

Shirley Witkin In memory of Louiss Witkin

Anonymous

Mike & Michelle Baddin In memory of Jane Baddin

David & Kate Siegler In memory of Paula Sleeth

Sharon & Toby Marcovich In memory of Ethel Kossoff

David & Kate Siegler In memory of Jerome Siegler

Charles & Caitlin Zatroch

Harry Glazman Kiddush Fund

Bruce Lurye In memory of Byron Lurye

Bruce Lurye In memory of Eleanor Lurye

Bruce Lurye In memory of Edward Lurye

Bruce Lurye In memory of Tina Lurye

Bruce Lurye In memory of Sam Ginsberg

Bruce Lurye In memory of Eva Ginsberg

Bruce Lurye In memory of Masson Ginsberg

Hebrew School

Lynn Bergal In memory of Lyle Bergal

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Llyod Orensten

Lloyd Orensten In memory of Cynthia Orensten

Robert & Carrie Greenberg In memory of David Greenberg

Religious School

Lynn Bergal In honor of Chris King

Lynn Bergal In memory of Lyle Bergal

Lloyd Orensten In memory of Cynthia Orensten

Social Action Fund

John & Toby Sillanpa In memory of Aino Sillanpa

Youth Fund

Mike Grossman & Holly Church In memory of Ruthie Bergal

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Marko Vacation 4/23/24 - 6/20/24
Rabbi David Sabbatical 2/2024 - 5/2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>5 27 nisan</p>	<p>6 28 nisan 6:00pm Yom Hashoah Service-DPerلمان</p>	<p>7 29 nisan</p>	<p>8 30 nisan 9:00am Group 5:30-7:30pm Hebrew School</p>	<p>9 1 yiar Rosh Chodesh</p>	<p>10 2 yiar 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service-HChurch</p>	<p>11 3 yiar 9:00am HS 9:15 Torah Study 10:00am Shabbat Morning service Educator App. - Linda 10:00am RS 12:45pm Adt/Beg Hebrew</p>
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<p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>YOM HAZIKARON</p>	<p>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</p>	<p>22 14 yiar 9:00am Group</p>	<p>23 15 yiar</p>	<p>24 16 yiar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service</p>	<p>25 17 yiar 10:00am Shabbat Morning service <i>Behar</i></p>
<p>19 11 yiar</p>	<p>20 12 yiar Rabbi returns</p>	<p>21 13 yiar</p>	<p>22 14 yiar 9:00am Group</p>	<p>23 15 yiar</p>	<p>24 16 yiar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service</p>	<p>25 17 yiar 10:00am Shabbat Morning service <i>Behar</i></p>
<p>26 18 yiar</p>	<p>27 19 yiar 10:45am Memorial Day Service @ Shaari Tzedek Cemetery</p>	<p>28 20 yiar **Bulletin Deadline**</p>	<p>29 21 yiar 9:00am Group</p>	<p>30 22 yiar 11:30am Learners' Lunch</p>	<p>31 23 yiar 12:00 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Shabbat evening service</p>	<p>LAG BA'OMER</p>
<p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>					