

Nuts About Green: A Community Tu B' Shevat

On February 8, Temple Israel and the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton are teaming up to present "Nuts about Green: A Community Tu B'Shevat Celebration." This celebration will include a Tu B'Shevat seder and farm-to-table style luncheon, educational programs and activities for all ages, and interactive displays by "green" vendors and organizations. Planning efforts are led by Temple's Greening the Synagogue, Greening the World Committee and the Young Adult Division of the Federation.

The afternoon is sure to be fun for everyone! For the knowledge seekers, educational offerings include a session on Biblical texts and the environment, and a second on innovative ways that Israel is making



**Tu B' Shevat
Sunday, February 8
11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

an impact on repairing the world through technological advances and other best practices. For the young (or young at heart), age-appropriate hands-on activities and crafts will instill the values of the Jewish holiday and caring for our earth. For those seeking ways to be more earth-friendly in their daily lives, vendors and exhibitors will have a range of products and

information at the event. There is no charge for the educational and activity sessions, but the cost is \$5 for the seder and luncheon. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Temple by January 30.

This event has been made possible through funding provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton Innovation Grant.

Temple Students Travel To Washington, D.C.



Shown above: Skyler Miller, Aaron Dickstein, Meredith Mollenhauer, Molly Buchanan, Sara Pierce, Abby Dickstein, Jack Nicholaisen, Gabby Frost and Rabbi Bodney-Halasz

Temple Israel students traveled to Washington, D.C. to talk to representatives in Congress and lobby them about issues that were important to them. Read more on page 4 and hear them speak at services on Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Hanukkah Happening Was A Huge Success!

More than 100 people turned out for the Hanukkah Happening on December 14. The fun- (and food-) filled day was a celebration of Hanukkah. Students took the stage for singing, dancing and holiday-related presentations. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event, especially the Religious School Committee. We couldn't have done it without you.

Shown is the religious school third grade class, teacher and madrichim.





A Message From... Rabbi David M. Sofian

Every Rabbi has his themes, her interests, points of focus. By now all of you know one of mine is that extraordinary project known as the State of Israel. Of late, Israelis have been debating the nature of the Jewishness of Israel: namely what makes it a Jewish state and should that Jewishness be the only descriptor that matters. The recent Keneset debate over the so-called Jewish State Law was fierce enough to have been a major factor in bringing about new elections scheduled for this coming March. Anything having to do with the substance of Israel fascinates me so I've been thinking a lot about it lately. Truth be told, that is not the only reason I've been thinking about it. I'll say more about that in a minute.

But first, I think there should be two equally important adjectives used when conceiving Israel's core and they are: Jewish and democratic. By democratic I don't simply mean that there are elections. Many autocratic regimes have "elections." Democracy to me entails a society with **all** the necessary pieces that make democracies work. For example, elections in a place where there isn't a free press engendering enthusiastic debate are not meaningful elections. Real democracy requires not only free

elections, but free speech, a free press, a democratic attitude, and an educational system that supports it all.

For me the word Jewish in the phrase Jewish State has to be construed broadly to include the points of view of all the modern streams of religious Judaism, not just Orthodoxy and Ultra-Orthodoxy. As I'm sure you know our movement has fought diligently to make this a reality in Israel through its Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) funded significantly through ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America). Space prohibits a listing of all our accomplishments. However, there is still a long way to go. Suffice it to say here that we have made great strides forward.

Currently Israel is among the most vigorous of democracies and it is important that this aspect of Israeli life not be undermined, especially by those with a narrow, restricted vision of Judaism who are willing to sacrifice the key ingredients of democracy for the sake of realizing their vision of Jewishness in the Jewish State.

Above I indicated that I would have been thinking about all this even if a Jewish State law had not become a major issue. That is because we now have an opportunity to meaningfully

express our pluralistic point of view regarding the essence of Israel by voting in the current elections for delegates to the upcoming World Zionist Congress. If we (the Reform Movement through the agency of ARZA) win these elections we will control the dominant faction of the American delegation to the Congress, thereby exerting great influence during the Congress itself. That translates into maintaining the funding our Israeli movement gets via the Congress and maybe even increasing it. This is the funding that is used to further our pluralistic perspective in Israeli society. By the way, we are talking about serious funding of about **four million dollars** a year. You can help make that happen by voting for the ARZA slate in the World Zionist Congress elections currently going on.

How do you do that? To vote, you have to identify as Jewish, be a member of a Zionist Organization, and you have to be eighteen by June 2015. Of course, I am hoping that the Zionist organization that you belong to is ARZA. The voting is being done in these elections via computer to make it easy for you to vote from home or office. Just go to www.reformjews4israel.org. For the less "tech savvy" we here at Temple Israel would be happy to walk you through the process. You could even vote from one of Temple's computers.

Clearly, I believe these are crucial elections. I hope you do as well. Please vote. It matters.

Remembering Ritter

Join us on Friday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. for a special service in memory of our friend and colleague, Ritter Werner. The Shabbat service will feature some of his favorite Jewish liturgical musical settings and will include a small memorial plaque dedication. Special guests will be participating in this musical experience and all are welcome to attend.



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New On The Shelf

Generous donations to Temple's Buy-A-Book Fund helped to buy these new books for our library:

Judaism's Ten Best Ideas: A Brief
Guide for Seekers
by Dr. Arthur Green

Plenty More: Vibrant Vegetable
Cooking from London's Ottolenghi
by Yotam Ottolenghi

From Generation to Generation
by Jane Larkin

American Jews and America's Game
by Larry Ruttman

How the Bible Became Holy
by Michael L. Satlow

The Garden of Letters
by Alyson Richman

Asylum City: A Novel
by Liad Shoham

A Service of Healing and Hope

All are invited to participate in a service of healing and hope with Rabbi Bodney-Halasz on Friday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. This service is intended for those who are living with illness, caregivers, those who are grieving, or those who are seeking wholeness on any level. It is also for those who would like to provide support and compassion for fellow congregants and neighbors during trying times. At this contemplative service, we will draw strength from traditional liturgy, music, and personal stories. Temple's regular service will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, please contact Rabbi Bodney-Halasz at 496-0050 or kbodney-halasz@tidayton.org.

Save the Date Retirement Dinner

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19 at 6:00pm for a special dinner event celebrating Rabbi Sofian's retirement. You don't want to miss it! More details will follow in the March Tablet.

Ryterband Lecture Series 2015

February 1 Dr. Donna Schlagheck,

Wright State University
Israel and Regional Turmoil: How Will the U.S. Respond?

February 22 Dan Mecoli and Dr. Kathy Mecoli,

Hillel Academy
Project-Based Instruction: Connecting Torah to 21st
Century Learning

March 1 Vicki Kemmerer,

Hadassah
Henrietta Szold and Her Influence on the Modern State of Israel

March 8 Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz

Rabbi Educator, Temple Israel

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. brunch 10:15 a.m. presentation
\$50 for the series or \$5 per lecture
Sponsored by Temple Israel Brotherhood



Rabbi Karen N. Bodney-Halasz

Jerome Epstein Family Director of Education

Temple's confirmation class joined more than 250 Jewish teenagers from across the United States in Washington, D.C., in early December. During this intensive four-day seminar offered by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, students focused on Jewish ethical values, current legislative issues related to social justice, and raising their voices to advocate for their beliefs and convictions. The weekend concluded with students lobbying the staff of Senators Brown and Portman, and Representative Turner on issues they found important. Below are some excerpts from their speeches:

As part of the Reform Jewish movement, we believe that life is sacred and that a woman's life comes before the unborn child. Banning potentially life-saving medical procedures and interfering with a doctor's decision-making run very contrary to the Jewish commandment to protect life. One of our Jewish texts, Mishnah Ohalot, teaches us to value a woman's *existing* life over the *potential* life of her fetus. In addition, Maimonides, a revered Jewish scholar, teaches: "Women are commanded to care for the health and well-being of their bodies above all else." In a general sense, Reform Judaism speaks for the majority of people all across America who believe that abortion is a deeply personal issue to a woman. We believe that women are capable of making moral decisions; no other being or government should decide what she can or cannot do with her body.

Aaron Dickstein with Emma Pickard and Danielle de la Cruz (Temple Beth Or)

The issues that ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act S. 815) addresses are extremely relevant and of great importance to Reform Jews. We, specifically, are able to empathize with LGBT communities because of the many forms of discrimination we have undergone as a Jewish people. Jewish teachings work towards encouraging us to hold the value of remembrance so that we may never underestimate others and degrade people based on their status and identity. Judaism also teaches us that all individuals are created in the divine image of God, or *b'tzelelm Elohim*. This value comes from the Torah. Because all people are believed to be a reflection of a part of God, we must love our neighbor as ourselves, and treat others how we would like to be treated. Because of these various implemented values, we believe in a Judaism that does not condemn homosexuality in the slightest way. The Judaism we cherish teaches and affirms an egalitarianism viewpoint in terms of a person's right to love. *Abigail Dickstein and Rachel Taylor (Temple Beth Or)*

The Torah says, "You shall not insult the deaf, nor place a stumbling block before the blind." This not only means that it is unacceptable to hurt or harm the disabled in any way, but also that it is our duty to move aside any stumbling blocks, or barriers, to the disabled. While many people would agree that it is unethical to put something in front of a blind person when they will clearly trip on it, some are still hesitant to consider it their duty to remove these social and political barriers. It is our duty, as Jews, to help people who are disabled

be treated in the same ways and with the same opportunities as others who are able, since they are all the creations of God. Judaism encourages assisting and representing the disabled in all of their struggles, including political and social issues. A Jewish proverb states: "Speak up for those who cannot speak." While the disabled can speak for themselves, helping their voices be heard is important to us, both religiously and personally.

Skyler Miller and Sara Pierce

Comprehensive sexuality education in the United States equips young adults with the information they need to avoid any unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and other health problems. It also provides a model for healthy adult relationships. It teaches students about abstinence as well as "safe sex" and how to reduce some of the risks through contraceptives, such as condoms and birth control pills. When you provide an abstinence-only program you leave young adults unaware of the physical and emotional risks of sex. It often provides misleading and medically inaccurate information about contraception. Abstinence-only programs do not prevent teenagers from having sex; it only prevents them from having "safe sex."

In Judaism, life is considered sacred. The Talmud says: "One who saves one life, it is accounted as if a world is saved." Preventing men and women from accessing the comprehensive sexuality education that can save their lives and keep them healthy is contrary to what the Jewish commandment says about saving lives.

Gabby Frost and Molly Buchanan

Our tradition teaches us that human life is sacred because all of humanity is created in the image of God. The Torah makes clear that we have an obligation to preserve the sanctity of

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life by speaking out in response to oppression and brutality in the world. We are also taught that because humanity is created in the image of God, we must not harm the body or someone else's body. A very inspiring quote from Rabbi Hillel is: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?" The quote means: "If I do not stand for others, who will stand for me if they are gone?" If we do not stand for the abused, will they stand for us? If they are not there, who will stand for us? If we do not stand for the abused now, will we ever stand for them? Jewish tradition states that no harm shall be done to the body and that any harm done to the body is the same as murder. Judaism agrees that abuse is a horrendous act upon another person.

Meredith Mollenhauer and Jack Nicholaisen

Purim is coming!

On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, TIDY and the Religious School will be paying tribute to the decade in which Rabbi Sofian was ordained. This year's Purim theme will be a celebration of the 70s! Come dressed as your favorite character from the Book of Esther or bring out your best bellbottoms.

Chocolate bars will be given out to anyone in costume and a special prize will be awarded to the winner of the Rabbi Sofian look-alike contest.

Dinner will be pasta and meatballs, breadsticks, salad, and hamantaschen. Price is \$6/adult, \$3/child age 4-12. Tickets for games are separate. RSVP online through TIDBits or Chailights by March 2.



Courtney Cummings as the target, Rabbi Bodney-Halasz as the stone and Rabbi Sofian as the broom: portraying the elements of a curling team in 2014

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Celebration of Rabbi Sofian
- 7:00 p.m. Megillah reading
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. TIDY Carnival

KIBBITZ CAFÉ

Fresh-brewed coffee, hot chocolate, juice, bagels and a schmear.

PLUS Simple convenient lunches, including fresh-from-the-oven *pizza* once a month!

All proceeds benefit our religious school!



Remember These Dates

February 1

R.S. Committee Meeting 11:45 a.m.
9th and 10th grade make lunches for Daybreak.

February 8

Religious School 10:00-2:00 p.m.
Grades K-8

Nuts About Green, RSVP by Jan. 30 11:30 a.m.
(see details on page 1)
No school for 9th and 10th grades

February 13-17

National NFTY Convention

February 15

No Religious School

February 22

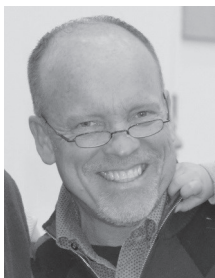
Half of 4/5 grade makes lunch for Daybreak

March 1

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March 4

Dinner and Celebration of Rabbi Sofian 6:00 p.m.
Megillah reading 7:00 p.m.
TIDY Carnival 7:30 p.m.



Mr. Bush

Child Care at Temple

Did you know that child care is provided at Temple? Bring your baby or youngster for services on Friday evening and child care is available free in the room across from the Sanctuary. On Sundays during Religious School, child care is provided during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. as long as the parents are at Temple.



Mr. Black

You can be sure your children will be in good hands. Mr. Donald Bush has been caring for Temple's children for over twenty years, and Mr. Troy Black has been a part of the program for fourteen years.

Child care can be arranged for special events for a fee.

6 Jewish Cultural Festival is Expanding and Growing!

Temple's fifth annual **Jewish Cultural Festival** is set for **Sunday, June 7**. Several of your favorite features from past years will be included but there are many exciting new offerings!

NEW 5k race: Start the day off with a beautiful, chip-timed run that begins at Temple Israel, winds through a portion of Island Metro Park to a section of the bike path along the river and back to Temple. Those looking to set a personal best will have a fast, flat loop, and those looking to take in the scenery will have the beauty of the park and the river to gaze upon.

EDUCATION: The lively and interactive education topics will center around specific aspects of Jewish culture, including food and cooking, the heritage and history of Jewish music, struggles through the Holocaust, and the significance of storytelling.

ENTERTAINMENT: Non-stop entertainment, headlined by The Cincinnati Klezmer Project featuring Jewish

music, humor and story. Previous years have also included music from the big band era, Broadway standards and new favorites, and rock and roll.

FOOD: A menu that highlights the flavors and varieties of Jewish foods. The 2015 Festival menu will showcase the foods of the Jewish diaspora - the foods of Jewish communities worldwide. This year's restaurants include Pasha Grill, El Meson, Smokin' Bar-B-Que, Bernstein's Catering and Graeter's.

MITZVAH ALLEY: This year the focus will be on outreach and interfaith relationships, with an emphasis on hoping to change the odds for marrow donors in other racial and ethnic groups through the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation by partnering with black churches and historically black colleges.

We need everyone's help to make this wonderful event a success, so please mark your calendars, invite your friends and call Temple today to volunteer!

JCF 2015 Committee Chairs

Bakery and Soft Drinks	Amy Margolin Lois Goldberg	Logistics & Security	Dan Young Rob Brenner
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Education & Greeters	Pam Feldman Linda Novak	Publicity Raffle	Walter Ohlmann Shirlee Gilbert Julie Bloom
Entertainment	Shelley Dickstein Beth Adelman	Sponsorship	Courtney Cummings Stacy Emoff
Food	Mary Anne Robinson Aaron Burke	Vendors	Helene Blumenthal Linda Albert
Greening	Rachel Magdalene Cherish Cronmiller	5k Race	Connie Bank Jeff Noble Dene Berman
Hospitality	Marsha Pfeiffer Lonnie Carpenter		

Couch-To-5k Program Designed To Transform Couch Potatoes Into Runners In Just Twelve Weeks!

To embolden anyone to run our new *Oy Vey 5k* race (3.1 miles), a trained coach from the Up and Running store in Centerville will meet participants twice a week at Temple for evening group runs beginning on March 9, as well as lay out an easy-to-follow schedule to achieve their goal. Everyone in the program will receive free entry into the Jewish Cultural Festival's *Oy Vey 5k* race on June 7. Call Courtney for more information and to register.



Board Meeting Summary October 22, 2014

Members Present: Linda Albert, Lonnie Carpenter, Mitchell Faust, Sara Faust, Pam Feldman, Carol Finley, Jon Freeman, Carol Graff, Bill Gronefeld, Judy Heller, Franklin Lewis, Amy Margolin, Lisa Pierce, Fran Rickenbach, Mary Anne Robinson, Jeff Stoller, Julie Wagner, Bart Weprin, Teresa Wyman, Shirlee Gilbert. **Members Absent:** Sean Frost, Elaine Gaglione, Rick Goldberg, Cathy Lieberman, Dan Young. **Staff Present:** Rabbi David Sofian, Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz, Courtney Cummings.

President Lisa Pierce opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Judy Heller and Courtney Cummings gave a High Holiday review/critique. The cello and the new choir members were a nice addition. Suggestions on seating congregants Yom Kippur afternoon were discussed. Sukkahs in the City was a great success involving almost 200 people. It achieved our goals that programs should include four aspects: Education, Social Interaction, Religious Significance and have a Cultural Component.

Mitchell Faust encouraged all Board members to attend the URJ Community Shabbaton, November 8, 2014 at HUC-JIR campus in Cincinnati.

Lisa Pierce reviewed the issue of the need to consider roof sealing or reroofing of the twenty-year-old, end-of-life, rubber roof. After discussion of options, the Board approved replacement of the roof with the sealant provided by E-Green and requesting the funds for the roof replacement from Temple Foundation.

Lisa Pierce reported that tall grasses have been planted in the rear of the building, protecting the building and improving the appearance; the sign at the front of the building is being repaired, the front gates may undergo some repairs and the HVAC system needs repairs. All these are within budgeted amounts. Repairs will be an ongoing concern as the building ages. She reported that Suzanne Shaw negotiated only a 5% increase in Health Care premium for the next year – very favorable for TI.

Committee Reports:

Education – Bill Gronefeld reported that the Ryterband Brunch Series for 2014-2015 has started.

Cemetery - Jeff Stoller reported that many trees have been removed as well as trimmed at Riverview. Stump grinding, turf repair and reseeding has been done. Foundation work on over 76 gravestones has been done to address issues on the hillside.

Interim Rabbi - Jeff Stoller reported that many resumes have been received with more arriving. Each resume is under review and phone interviews have started. The search is ahead of schedule.

Festival – Jon Freeman reported that most committees have chair persons, still needed chairs for the Children's Area and co-Chair for Food. The first steering committee organization meeting will be in early November.

Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz reported that there will be a 4-5-6 grade retreat with Valley Temple at GUCI November 7-9. The Confirmation trip to L'taken Social Justice Seminar of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will be December 5-8. Safety Training of the religious school faculty and madrichim was on October 5. There was a two-hour workshop on Emergency Preparedness led by Dr. Annette Nathan. The session covered First Aid, Hands-only CPR, choking and use of AED. There was a fire drill on October 12. The humanitarian mission to Cuba will consist of 21 participants. The TIDY group has been very active working on the NFTY-OV regional convention November 14-16 at Temple Israel. TIDY elected new officers: President Craig Fishbein, Programming VP Isaac Faust, Social Action VP Abby Dickstein, Religious and Culture VP Phillip Fishbein, Membership VP Hannah Stickel and Financial and Communication VP Lake Miller.

Worship and Music Committee – Judy Heller reported that a concern of her committee is how many volunteers will it take to replace Simone Sofian, who organizes and does a great deal of the food preparation for the Simchat Torah Dinner, the Second Seder, and Share Shabbat each month.

Rabbi Sofian related that the most successful programs are those that have a Jewish component, are social events and have food. He encouraged all to attend the Adult B'nai Mitzvah on November 1; three members of the Board are in this class – Carol Finley, Lisa Pierce and Fran Rickenbach. He emphasized that Board members are the most important sales team to the community for Temple Israel.

Shirlee Gilbert expressed her opinions regarding the permanent rabbi search.

Fran Rickenbach reported on the October Strategic Planning Session. The process being used is to start with the strengths of the congregation and build on them. A highlight from the session is the importance to congregants of meaningful adult education and the importance of person-to-person communication.

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The **Alvin and Henrietta Block Social Action Fund** supports the work of Temple's Social Action Committee.

The **Building Endowment Fund** helps maintain the Temple building.

The **Buy-a-Book Fund** purchases books for Temple's library.

The **Carole Field Fund** helps kids participate in Youth Group activities.

The **Cemetery Operating Fund** helps maintain Riverview Cemetery.

The **Donenfeld Greenspace Fund** helps beautify Temple's cemetery and grounds

The **Greene Memorial Break-the-Fast Fund** supports break-the-fast at the end of Yom Kippur Services.

The **Greenspace Endowment Fund** supports beautification

of the area surrounding the Temple building.

The **Jeanette Maimon Fund** helps maintain Riverview Cemetery.

The **Jon Schwartzman Children's Fund** underwrites children's programming.

The **Ohlmann Fund** supports Temple in the current year.

The **Patterson Campership Fund** helps Temple Israel families send their children to Goldman Union Camp Institute.

The **Past Presidents Fund** recognizes Temple's past presidents.

The **Prayerbook Fund** is used to repair and purchase prayerbooks.

The **Rabbi Stephen Levinson Fund** helps develop youth group leadership.

The **Witt Memorial Library Fund** supports Temple's library.

The **Schatz Religious School Fund** supports the religious school.

The **Pookie & Chuck Weprin Legacy Fund** supports entertainment for the Jewish Cultural Festival.

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We Mourn These Recent Deaths

Ruthe Stein

Mother of Lynn Goldenberg

Betty Jo Janeway

Bert Lieberman

Father of Marilyn Klaben
Husband of Jean

Eleanor Benjamin

Herman Levitt

Husband of Shirlee Levitt

Sylvia Cohen

Wife of Herbert Cohen

James Gwaltney

Uncle to Harry Rich

David Blumenthal

Father of Gary Blumenthal

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Tablet publishes birthdays every five years starting at age 35 and annually for those 85 and older; we publish anniversaries every five years. If you prefer not to be listed, please call Ellen at 496-0050. If you were not included in our list, please call Ellen, and we will publish your name in the next Temple Tablet.

March Birthdays

- 4 Bob Posner
- 9 Henny Lubow
- 12 Charlie Knoll
- 13 Shelley Dickstein
- 14 Linda Sacher
- 15 Phil Office
- 15 Bernice Carson
- 24 Mort Levine

- 24 Selma Schwartz
- 26 Lawrence Tomchin
- 27 Reuben Wasserman
- 28 Mark Weitz
- 28 Sydelle Balas
- 29 Carol Cohn

March Anniversaries

- 20 Nat and Sondra Lobsenz
celebrating 55 years

Mazal Tov!

...to **Adam Sobol**, whose team at Indiana University won a competition called StartUp Weekend Bloomington. They are in the process of developing their product called CareBand, which is an innovative patent-pending wander management solution for individuals with Dementia. The team is now competing in a global competition.

...to **Donald Bush**, Temple's Child Care Director, who was nominated in the Dayton Daily News as an Unsung Hero.

We Remember

These names are inscribed on the Memorial Tablets in our Sanctuary and, together with others whose Yahrzeit occurs during these weeks, will be read during Shabbat services before Kaddish and published weekly in TIDBits.

February 6 and 7

Mary Berg, Howard M. Bernstein, Geraldine Blum, Julius D. Boxer, Mose Cohen, Siegmund Engel, Minnie Engilman, Myrtle Winters Feinberg, Milton Feldman, Albert Fox, Bertha Frank, Frieda Garfunkel, Roy Harlan, Sylvia Isaacson, Belle Huber Jacobs, Dorothy F. Kelman, Ida Kohn, Lester M. Kusworm, Allen Menachof, Robert Nathan, Selma Ohlmann, Sarah Patterson, Sol Rosenthal, Helen Sajovitz, Amelia F. Stern, Muriel J. Thal, Anna M. Tuck, Burt Ungar, Norman Weisman, Ann Weissman, Jake Zappin

February 13 and 14

Rose S. Beller, Gustav Blumer, Etta Collins, Carol Bachrach Finke, Ralph Gross, Rebecca Hackel, Doris M. Herman, Jerry A. Levine, Norman Lippard, Harry Melet, Pearl Rockoff, Frances Lampke Ross, Louis Sapinsley, Esther Weisman, Abram R. Weprin, Estella J. Wyse, Sarah Zalk

February 20 and 21

Esther Adler, Mark L. Barrar, Helen E. Bramson, Maralyn Eisenstodt, Jerome Epstein Sr., Maxwell F. Ettlinger, Jack Goldberg, Rose Asher Goldzweig, Marie Gross, Daniel Hertzberg, Flora Israel, Herman Israel, Bernard H. Lehman, Benjamin N. Levy, Esther M. Littman, Henrietta Lotney, David A. Maybrook, Ethel Jaffe Polcsa, Louis J. Potasky, Nathan Rheinheimer, Charles H. Rosenthal, Joseph Rosenthal, Louis Rosichan, Blanche Semmel Rosichan, Jules M. Sapinsley, Anna Schulman, Benjamin J. Shaman

February 27 and 28

Salomon Baier, Lillian M. Brown, Anna B. Cushman, Gladys Finkelman, Glenna M. Frank, Jerome Friedman, Herman M. Gershow, Bruce Stephen Helfert, Herman Lehman, Sadelle H. Lewis, Jennie Liebermann, Lois Lowry, Daniel J. Maimon, Jeane Phillips, Rose Lambie Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Norman P. Ross, Anna Semmelman, Frieda Semmelman, Rose H. Shaman, Charles P. Shaman, Irene Wolf Srere, Corinne P. Stern, Rita Goldman Straus, Abraham Weinberg, Reuben Zalk, Jeannette Zehring

FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>EVERY SUNDAY When religious school is in session, unless otherwise indicated 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>Religious School Grades K-10 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Tanakh w/Rabbi Sofian 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Hebrew School Grades 3-7</p>	JAN 26	JAN 27	<p>EVERY WEDNESDAY unless otherwise indicated on the calendar</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Lattes & Legends at Dorothy Lane Market Far Hills north of Whippon</p> <p>Noon Talmud Study</p>	JAN 29	<p>JAN 30</p> <p>Shabbat Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16 Judges 4:4-5:31</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Service Honoring Ritter</p>	Jan 31
<p>1</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Ryterband Lecture Dr. Donna Schlagheck</p> <p>12:00 p.m. R.S. Committee Meeting</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Serve Meal At St. Vincent de Paul</p>	2	3	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>Shabbat Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23 Isaiah- 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Share Shabbat</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FOR GRADES 9 and 10</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Nuts About Green</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner Hebrew</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg.</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Shabbat Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18 II Kings 12:5-16</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Service</p>	14
15	16	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>Shabbat Terumah Exodus 25:1-27:19 I Kings 5:26-6:13</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Healing Service</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Service</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Ryterband Lecture Dan Mecoli and Dr. Kathy Mecoli</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Cuba Informational Meeting</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Final Payment Due For Cuba Trip</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Advanced Beginner Hebrew</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg.</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>Shabbat Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20-30:10 I Samuel 15:2-15:34</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Service</p>	28

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RSVP for the following Temple events **ONLINE** at www.tidayton.org.

It's quick, easy and available 24/7! You can even pay for the event at the same time you make your reservation via our secure link, using PayPal. If you don't have internet access, please call Temple at 496-0050 to RSVP.

Share Shabbat

Our monthly camp-style service begins at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by a potluck dinner. Join us and bring your friends! Temple provides broasted chicken, fresh-baked challah and wine for kiddush. Congregants bring side dishes. Please bring enough to feed 10 hungry people. No pork or shellfish, please! Cost is \$5/adult; \$3/child 4-12; free for kids 3 and under.

February 6, RSVP by February 4

If your last name begins with letters A to F, bring a salad; G to K, bring a vegetable; L to Q, bring a starch; R to Z, bring a dessert.

March 6, RSVP by March 4

If your last name begins with letters A to F, bring a dessert; G to K, bring a salad; L to Q, bring a vegetable; R to Z, bring a starch.

A \$2 surcharge per adult will be assessed for reservations received after the deadline.