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BECOMMING A BAR MITZVAH

Aidan William Lee, son of Billy and Tammie Lee, will be called to the Torah as Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, August 12 at 10:30 AM** at Temple Israel.

He is the brother of Sandy Lee and grandson to Sandra Barnett and Brenda Lee. Aidan is an incoming Freshman at Lehman High School in Sidney, where he is a member of the Marching Band and other clubs.

He is the Senior Patrol Leader and a Life Scout with BSA Troop 95, likes going hiking, camping and high adventure treks. Aidan's Bar Mitzvah project was building a Little Free Children's Library for Compassionate Care of Shelby County, a clinic that provides healthcare to those who do not have healthcare insurance. He maintains the library and collects new or gently used children's books to keep it fully stocked.



FESTIVAL APPRECIATION SHARE SHABBAT

Festival Appreciation Share Shabbat
Friday, August 4 at 6:00PM

Join us! As a thank you to everyone involved with the Jewish Cultural Festival and to the members of the congregation, we will host a special **FREE** Festival Appreciation Share Shabbat Service and Dinner on Friday, August 4, at 6 p.m. Temple members and Festival volunteers are welcome to attend to celebrate with us.

Reservation is required by August 1.

See photos and our special thanks to those involved in the event on pages 5-7



LIVING WITH AMBIGUOUS LOSS

By: Rabbi Karen Bodney Halasz



In Jewish tradition, there is a great deal of emphasis on caring for the elderly and the infirmed. It is understood as a communal obligation. Our community is expected to support one another by shouldering the weight. Otherwise, it is an enormous burden

for a single person to carry out by himself. Caring for the bereaved is also understood this way. It is a deed without measure.

Over the past few months, the Living with Loss bereavement group seems to provide our congregation with a structure that helps sustain and lift each other up. It offers a meaningful space for congregants to share their feelings, experiences, and support of one another. Furthermore, it has brought people together to explore new friendships and circles of care.

As delighted as I have been with the success of this new endeavor, I recognize that it will not meet the needs of many other grieving congregants.

In the 1970s, Dr. Pauline Boss coined the term "ambiguous loss." It refers to an unclear loss, one without official verification or immediate resolution. For example, when Jacob grieves the death of his son Joseph, left not with a corpse but only a bloodied cloak to bury. There was never a sense of closure. Today, families often experience this type of loss when a loved one suffers from dementia.

Grief over an ambiguous loss is very complex and can be very lonely. Resolution is incomplete. There are no rituals or customs for these situations. There is no liturgy to mourn the loss of a loved one who may still be breathing. So how do we find closure when a disease is progressive, when it changes over time and spans many years, through diagnosis, progression, end of life, and beyond?

Boss argues that traditional grief therapy is ineffective for ambiguous loss. The pain and grief that accompanies caring for a loved one with dementia takes a different path than it would for one who experiences loss from a traditional death. In many ways, it can be even harder. In addition to feeling the loss, it also involves letting go of what one knows, giving with little return or affirmation, and not having one's grief be recognized by others. Living with ambiguous loss requires building resilience and learning to live with uncertainty.

Recognizing the difference between grieving a death and grieving an ambiguous loss has helped me realize that there is another opportunity here for us. I would like us to create a second support group, specifically for those caring for a loved one with dementia. In this group, Living with Ambiguous Loss, our goal will be to lift one another up by helping each other to recognize our losses and infuse them with new meaning. If this sounds like a program you would be interested in, please email me at rabbi@tidayton.org and provide me with the best days and times to meet. Our meetings will be scheduled based on the responses I receive. Please pass on this information to any other congregants who you think it may benefit.

Wishing us all strength as we navigate challenging times in our lives.

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 18

6:30 PM: Shabbat Under the Stars

Join us for rabbi-led Shabbat services in the great outdoors followed by campfire fun with s'mores.
(Please dress appropriately for the weather.)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are two lessons I have learned from my journey through Temple: first, an understanding that relationships come one at a time. Second, Temple needs to be more than a sum of its members and leaders.

We are well on our way to building a caring community where all members, no matter their age or length of membership, are supportive of each other. But, we have more work to do.

Some of this work is easy enough for each one of us to do: Say hello to people you see when you're in this building. If you don't recognize them, introduce yourself. If you do recognize them, take a moment to share a conversation with them.

Our congregation is solid, and just the right size. We can accomplish much by working together.

If each of our Temple family member units would come to Temple at least once a month — for a service, an event or activity — and to meet two

By: Fran Rickenbach

new people each time they're here, together we can build an even stronger community.

We have an amazing array of activities: worship, social, and community; which can grow stronger and better with just a little more help. And, we are open to new ideas.

Do you have an idea for an event or activity that you think others might also like? Come talk to me or our senior staff — we can support you as you organize it. My goal is to have a strong Temple community that both prospective and current members will want to belong to.

I look forward to my presidential term, and to interacting with our congregants and the greater Dayton community. I am honored to serve as your president.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 27

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo

After a summer of quiet in the religious school wing, I cannot wait to welcome back our students and fill the whole building with their voices and enthusiasm. As always, we welcome those age 3 through grade 10 to join me in learning about Jewish life, living, and culture among friends at Temple.

Join us on **August 27, at 11 AM** as we kick off the year by participating in an ecologically friendly planting program.

If you have a Jewish child who is not yet registered (or know one who could be) – If not now, when?

Questions? Contact Educator@tidayton.org. We look forward to your children joining us this year!



PRAYER & PLAY AUGUST 25

Prayer & Play is a fun chance to gather our youngest community members, infant thru grade 2. **Join us on August 25, at 5:30 PM** for a family dinner and brief activity. Temple will provide a dairy entree, we ask families to bring a vegetarian/dairy side, dessert or beverage to share. Then, we'll sit as a group up front for wiggle-room for as much of the service as possible and then move to the childcare room for free play.



OUR ADVENTURE AT THE D.C. DAY OF ACTION: 2023 CAMPAIGN FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

By: Nancy & Rich Cohen

So God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, to till it and tend it. (Genesis 2:15)

Smoke-filled air. Water quality so bad that communities are forced to drink bottled water. Extreme weather events which decimate communities, so frequent they seem to occur daily.

In June, people in large parts of the US once again donned masks, due to very poor air quality from the massive Canadian wildfires. Though the air quality has improved, experts tell us that the smoky air was a glimpse of the future. What can we, as Reform Jews, do to reverse these devastating trends?

RAC (the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism) created Power for Purpose, the Campaign for Climate Action in partnership with the Climate Action Campaign. Their solutions for Pollution initiative has identified actions that can be taken to cut pollution in half by 2030. The campaign urges the Biden administration to adopt strong standards limiting pollutants to advance environmental justice, since climate change disproportionately affects communities of color. If we don't act now, continued pollution will threaten people's health, and rising temperatures will increase floods, droughts, fires, and more, until the world fundamentally changes.

We were excited to join over 200 other Reform Jews in Washington, D.C. in May as a part of the RAC's D.C. Day of Action. We met other committed Reform Jews from across the US, engaged in Torah study, and listened to inspiring speakers including LaTosha Brown, from Black Voters Matter; Ben Jealous from the Sierra Club; & other legislators.

We (we were the entire "Ohio delegation"!)) had two meetings on Capitol Hill with staff members of our representatives. Though the focus of our "asks" is the adoption of stricter environmental standards by the Biden administration, Congress has the power to make or break the rules we need the White House to enact. Congress also sets funding levels for the EPA, affecting its ability



Nancy & Rich visited Washington D.C. May 10 - 11

to create & enforce rules.

We were nervous about meeting with the Congressional staffers about technical topics in which neither of us is well-versed. But we felt well-supported as staffers from the RAC provided details that we used in our presentations. We emphasized that our Jewish values propel us to advocate for climate action & environmental justice, especially given that 5% of the world's population is in the U.S., but the U.S. is responsible for 1/3 of greenhouse gas emissions.

What can you do to join in advocating to cut pollution in half by 2030?

The White House is collecting comments through August 8th on rules to limit carbon pollution from power plants. RAC has a goal of at least 3600 comments, & they have made it easy for us to comment. Navigate to [RAC.org/P4Paction](https://rac.org/P4Paction). There you will see background information & the comments they are collecting. Once you enter your identifying information, you will see an optional pre-written message to be sent to your Senators and Member of Congress. You can add a personal note to the "canned" message, so that every message is not the same.

Our representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives need to hear from us! They need to know about tikkun olam & the Jewish tradition of stewardship & partnership in the ongoing work of repairing the world. We took a couple of days to travel to Washington D.C. to deliver our message in person. You can take a couple of minutes to deliver the message by contacting your representatives & help the reform movement reach their goal.

Please join us to stave off climate change's devastation!

MAZEL TOV!



Special Member News:

Mazel Tov to Joel and Judi Guggenheimer on the June 10 marriage of their son Sam to Frances Wallman.

Mazel Tov to Alan and Julie Halpern on the engagement of their son, Zack, to Skylar Visnak.

Mazel Tov to Judy Gossett on the May 27 marriage of her daughter Rachel to Matthew Eres.

Mazel Tov to Todd and Jody Sobol on the birth of their granddaughter Becca Gabriel Koenig who was born on June 30.

Mazel Tov to Halle and Scott Miller on the birth of their son Simon who was born on July 5. Proud grandparents are **Jane and Dan Miller**.

Mazel Tov to Debbie Cohen-Robertson on the birth of her grandson Andrew Lewis DiSalvo Junior (AJ for short) who was born on July 6.

Birthdays

Temple recognizes member birthdays beginning at age 35 every 5 years, and annually starting at age 85.

September:

6 Bob Schriber
6 Neil Katz
8 Alice Saidel
10 Scott MacDonald
12 Syd Gross
14 Mike Adler
15 Bob Archer
26 Robin Moore
30 Harry Israel III
30 Joy Schwartz
30 Bob Kahn celebrating 100 years young!

Anniversaries

Temple recognizes member wedding anniversaries every 5 years and every year after 60.

September:

1 Lake and Allison Miller celebrating 5 years
1 David and Simone Sofian celebrating 50 years
2 Gary and Helene Blumenthal celebrating 50 years
24 Daniel and Janis Cohn celebrating 62 years
24 Mort and Phyllis Levine celebrating 73 years
26 Aaron and Karen Knoll celebrating 30 years
Please call Temple if you do not wish to be listed or if you were omitted from the list.

Mazel tov to the 2023 Jewish Cultural Festival Steering Committee:

Carol Finley & Sara Faust (Event Co-Chairs), Amy Margolin & Sara Faust (Bakery), Kevin Shatzkin & John Gaglione (Beer & Drinks), Melissa Sweeny (Children's Activities), Rita Dushman Rich & Juli Bainbridge (Education & Greeters), Robin Kent (Entertainment), Marcia Cox & Georgeann Godsey (Food Vendors), Teresa Wyman & Robin Moore (Volunteers & Hospitality), Dan Young (Logistics & Security), Vicky Minor & Beth Adelman (Mitzvah Alley), Sarah Mabe (Publicity & Outreach), Rick Goldberg & Nick Schmall (Parking), Ann Becker & Jennifer Holman (Raffle), Stacy Emoff (Sponsors), Sam Tobias (Trash & Recycling), Rachel Evans & Sarah Carpenter (Vendors)

Mazel tov to our amazing volunteer bakers who created

2808 Rugelach, 2423 Hamentashen, 1008 Almond Passover Cookies, 162 Challah, 106 Honey Cake:
Sara Faust & Amy Margolin (Bakery Chairs), Juli & Tom Bainbridge, Kit Brewer, Nancy & Rich Cohen, Anne Connelly, Marcia Cox, Laura Davidson, Carla Eisenstein, Bill Evans, Pam Feldman, Carol Finley, Aaron & Sandy Forsythe, Elaine & John Gaglione, Sharon Gitman, Lois Goldberg, Lynn Goldenberg, Carol Graff, Wendy Gray, Mindy Greene, Judi Guggenheimer, Carey Harpp, Karin Henhapel, Karin Hirschkat, Jennifer Holman, Gillian Izor, Robin Kent, Jerry Kuhr, Cathy Lieberman, Saunie & Shela Mendelson, Linda Novak, Alice Saidel, Stuart Shapiro, Sarah Shatzkin.

Special thanks to Ghostlight Bakery for providing space and going above and beyond to assist our bakers.

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The Jewish Cultural Festival serves as our only major fundraiser of the year. Without the support of our sponsors and partners, we wouldn't be able to put on the Festival or provide essential programs and services for our members and the Greater Dayton community at large. We thank them for their generosity.



Our sponsors do so much beyond giving - they drive golf carts, make THE BEST rugelach, and even stop to see the animals!

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JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL SUCCESS!

By Carol Finley, JCF Chair

Despite the rain, the 2023 Jewish Cultural Festival met Temple Israel's fundraising goal and by all accounts was a success! As chair, my job is easy, but I must recognize and thank all of the members and non-members who donated their time to make the Jewish Cultural Festival a special event. We celebrated our culture, we indulged in great food and drink, and we made new friends along the way. Special thanks to Courtney Cummings for all her hard work – this was Courtney's last festival and we appreciate all her guidance and vision helping the festival grow and evolve over the years.

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Temple gratefully acknowledges the following gifts received in May and June. We list donations in the *Tablet* of \$10 or more and mail a notification for donations of \$18 or more. Donations of \$100 or more are described as generous. A complete list and descriptions of funds is available at tidayton.org.

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August 4 and 5

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We mourn these recent deaths:

Natalie Barrar

Anthony Char

Judy Ruslander

Mel Caplan

Richard "Ric" Blum

SOCIAL JUSTICE TORAH COMMENTARY

RESUMES AUGUST 9

Rabbi Bodney-Halaszy will guide us through the Torah portion of the week through a social justice lens. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cathy Lieberman.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

**2023
SPECIAL
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AUGUST 8, 2023**

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					6:00PM JCF Appreciation Shabbat Service & Dinner Shabbat Eikev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3	9:15AM Torah Study on Zoom
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6	7	NOON Talmud: Rabbi Sobo	10:00 AM Social Justice Commentary 5:30PM Executive Committee Mtg. on Zoom		6:10PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Lay Led Shabbat Service Shabbat R'eih Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5	9:15AM Torah Study on Zoom 10:30 AM Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Lee
		8	9	10	11	12
13	14	NOON Talmud: Rabbi Sobo	10:00 AM Social Justice Commentary	6:00 PM So a Rabbi Walks into a Bar Dayton Beer Company	6:30PM Shabbat Under the Stars & Nosh Shabbat Shof'tim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12	9:15AM Torah Study on Zoom
		15	16	17	18	19
9:00AM Religious School Teacher Training		NOON Talmud: Rabbi Sobo	10:00AM Social Justice Commentary 6:00PM Board Meeting on Zoom		5:30 PM Prayer & Play 6:10PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Service Shabbat Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10	9:15AM Torah Study on Zoom
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:00AM Religious School Opening Session & Lunch	3:00 PM Worship & Music	NOON Talmud: Rabbi Sobo	10:00 AM Social Justice Commentary 5:30 PM Foundation Board Meeting on Zoom			
27	28	29	30	31		

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