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Do you appreciate the beauty and tradition of Share Shabbat? Helpers are needed for food preparation and setup and to welcome guests.

SECOND SEDER - TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Second Seder catered by Bernstein's Fine Catering.



Share Shabbat and Potluck Dinner Friday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5/Adult, \$3/Child ages 4 - 12

We celebrate the first Friday each month with a one-hour, intergenerational, family-friendly musical service for all ages at 6:00 pm, followed by a communal Shabbat potluck dinner. Services led by Rabbi Bodney-Halas, Rabbi Sobo, and Cyle Ginsberg. We'll provide the chicken, challah, and Kiddish wine.

What to bring by last name:

A - G: Starch
H - L: Dessert
M - R: Salad
S - Z: Vegetable



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RABBI'S MESSAGE

RETURNING HOME

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo



In January, I had the opportunity to attend the first Alumni Study Retreat at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Cincinnati.

Rabbi Bodney-Halas and I both received our ordinations from HUC in Cincinnati, and so, of course, the three days on campus brought back a lot of memories. We were reminded of Isaac

Mayer Wise, essentially the father of American Reform Judaism's legacy. Having seen division in the Jewish community with the rise of Reform in Europe, Wise had a dream to less radically reform Jewish practice and understanding in order to create an American Judaism (and in his vision, he hoped this Judaism would overtake Christianity as the dominate religion in America within 50 years). Although his dream did not come to fruition - within his lifetime, Reform, Orthodox, and Conservative denominations formed on our side of the Atlantic too - his dream and his actions helped shape Jewish history in powerful ways.

As you may be aware, about two years ago, HUC made the painful decision to sunset the rabbinical program in Cincinnati (while continuing it in New York and Los Angeles — so we are still training Rabbis!), and later to pause applications to the graduate program as well. There are currently twelve students remaining on campus, the last

of whom will be ordained in 2026. I wish I could report further progress on making campus an academic research center or a low-residency rabbinical program; both of which were part of the national administration of HUC's vision when making the decision to close the residential programs in Cincinnati.

The hallway discussions during the retreat often included a new vision for HUC — the next chapter for campus, and by virtue of proximity, Midwestern Reform Judaism. Even if campus remains open for a low-residential program, retreats, and other programs, not having residential students will drastically change the role and function of the campus. Over the years, the presence of both the professors and students has impacted and influenced Jewish life in the Ohio Valley. Even from 50 miles up I-75, we have benefited from students who served as rabbinic interns, and from professors facilitating Ryterband sessions, participating in both Rabbi Bodney-Halas's and my own installation services, and more.

Between the study retreat and MLK weekend that followed, I feel compelled to imagine what the new dream and vision for campus can be. I participated in the discussions with alumni during the decision-making process and hope to continue to be part of the discussions moving forward and know that part of my vision is the continuation of vibrant Reform Jewish life in the Midwest.

NEW ON THE LIBRARY SHELF

Cashing Out: The Flight of Nazi Treasure 1945-1948
Neill Lochery

Teachers: The Ones I Can't Forget
Martin Fletcher

Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships
Nina Totenberg

The Winter Orphans
Kristin Beck

The Rye Bread Marriage: How I Found Happiness with a Partner I'll Never Understand
Michaele Weissman

Loving Our Own Bones: Disability Wisdom and the Spiritual Subversiveness of Knowing Ourselves Whole
Julia Watts Belser

How the Talmud Can Change Your Life: Surprisingly Modern Advice from a Very Old Book
Liel Leibovitz

Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome's Jewish Kitchen
Leah Koenig

Amos Oz: Writer, Activist, Icon
Robert Ater



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CREATING A COMMUNITY

By: Fran Rickenbach



I had the awesome opportunity to attend the URJ 150th anniversary celebration in Washington DC this past December. The worship experiences were amazing and most satisfying. I was surprised to be given the honor of an Aliyah on Saturday morning — along with four other representatives of

the original members of the UAHC (now URJ) and seven representatives of the newest members of the URJ. It was truly an honor to represent Temple Israel in that way. The theme of this celebration was how each member of URJ can create a community rooted in:

INCLUSIVITY: How can our congregation be the community of the future by bringing in new voices who are heard, respected, and valued?

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT: How can our community deepen its conversation and education around events in Israel, even in these most challenging times?

RACIAL EQUITY: How can our community focus on racial equity and truly create a diverse community of engaged participants who are invested, feel noticed, are known, and believe they are needed?

UNITY IN DIVERSITY: How can our community take areas of difference and use them as an opportunity to see the holiness within each of us?

EQUITABLE SPACE: How can our community be a safe, equitable place for everyone who enters our door?

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: How can our community engage families and youth in a different way, making space for them to co-create their Jewish experience *with* us, rather than have their experience created for them?

These are challenging and interesting questions. We are addressing many of these “roots” already, but I ask each of you to reflect how **YOU** can:

Hear, respect, and value new voices in our community.

Welcome the diversity coming to our congregation by helping them feel noticed, known (if you don’t know someone’s name, please ask them — and encourage them to either wear or request a name badge), and ask them to be involved — on a committee or project, or just listen to their ideas and concerns.

Share with us your ideas about how we can further engage all of our members in more meaningful Jewish experiences.

I have already heard from many of you about how you are committed to enhancing our community. I hope that these suggestions help each of us to consciously think about making our community as welcoming as possible.

SANDRA ELIZABETH LEE – BAT MITZVAH

Sandra Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Billy and Tammie Lee, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:30 a.m. She is the sister of Aidan Lee, and granddaughter of Sandra Barnett of Sidney, Ohio and Brenda Lee of Grundy, Virginia.

Sandy is a 7th grader at Holy Angels School in Sidney, Ohio where she is a member of the Marching Band, Jr. High Choir, JH Softball team and various other clubs. She plays Volleyball for the Kingdom Lions and is the Senior Patrol Leader for BSA Troop 5097. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and traveling.

Sandy’s Bat Mitzvah project was collecting hats, gloves and scarves for the local homeless shelter in Shelby county and Compassionate Care of Shelby County, a clinic that provides healthcare to those who do not have health insurance. She is still collecting extra hats and gloves to give both programs enough to last through the winter.



LEARNING

at Temple Israel

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COMPLICATED HISTORY: ZIONISM, ANTISEMITISM AND THE MIDDLE EAST featuring Muki Jankelowitz

This three part series begins **Sunday, February 4 at 4 p.m.** (additional dates February 11 and February 18) via Zoom. There is no cost for this event.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear from **Muki Jankelowitz**, Temple Israel's tour guide on previous trips to Israel, and gain a deeper understanding of three complicated topics affecting Israel: Zionism, Antisemitism and the Middle East.

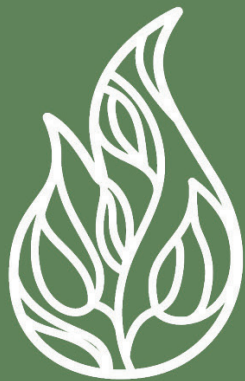
Muki Jankelowitz is an educator and guide. A licensed Tour Guide since 1993, Muki now works as a freelance guide and educator and has worked with a wide range of youth and student programs, family groups, and other organizations.

Muki holds a BA in Sociology and History from Wits University in Johannesburg, an Honors degree in Biblical Archaeology from the University of South Africa and an MA in Jewish Studies from the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.

Originally from South Africa, he made Aliya in 1987. He has lived on Kibbutz Tuval, served as a combat medic and today lives in Modi'in with his wife, Mandy, and sons Shaked and Niv.



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LIVING WITH AMBIGUOUS LOSS

Thursday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m.

In the 1970s, Dr. Pauline Boss coined the term "ambiguous loss." It refers to an unclear loss, one without official verification or immediate resolution. Today, families often experience this type of loss when a loved one suffers from dementia. The goal of this support group is to lift one another up by helping each other to recognize our losses and infuse them with new meaning.

RSVP to the Temple office at 937.496.0050. Walk-ins welcome!

LIVING WITH LOSS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Friday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Are you dealing with the loss of a loved one? Come join us for the LivingWith Loss bereavement group as we come together and provide comfort, kindness, and hope as we process our grief.

RSVP to the Temple office at 937.496.0050. Walk-ins welcome!



SO, A RABBI WALKS INTO A BAR

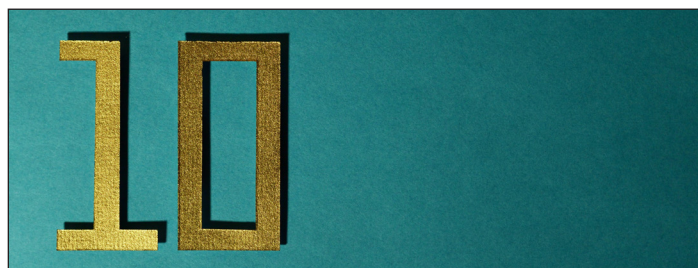
Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m.

*Location: Carillon Brewing Company
(1000 Carillon Blvd. Dayton 45402)*

Join Rabbi Bodney-Halasza for some drinks and discussion about topics relevant to modern Jewish living. You've got the questions, we've got the rabbi, so be ready to bring it on. First round is on us!

Future dates:

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse



ASERET, THE BIG 10

Sundays, February 25 thru May 21 at Noon

Cost: \$36 Printed Source Book, \$18 Digital Packet (Cannot be printed)

What would it look like to live the Ten Commandments (Aseret HaDibrot) as Core Values? Join Rabbi Bodney-Halasza to delve into ways each commandment provides us with beliefs, principles, and standards of behavior. This class extends over ten weeks and its curriculum is a collaboration of Project Aseret and Chai Mitzvah. Participation will be in-person, except for April 28, which will be on Zoom.

RSVP to the Temple office and indicate whether you want printed or digital source materials.

RYTERBAND SERIES CONTINUES

The Dorothee and Louis Ryterband Lecture Series continues this month and next with a great line-up of speakers from the community. A light breakfast of bagels, a schmear, coffee, and tea begins at 9:45 a.m. and the speakers start their presentations at 10:15 a.m.

Cost is \$7 per person for the nosh and talk.



February 4
Mark Verman

Abigail and the Book of Ruth

Until a century ago it was generally assumed that all of the books of the Tanakh were written by men, primarily for men. Initially, we will note some of the important scholars, female and male, who have considered the possibility that a few biblical works were composed by women. One of the principal texts that they have highlighted is the Book of Ruth. Although candidates for its authorship have seldom been suggested, through a systematic study of 1 Samuel 25 we will offer significant evidence that Abigail is worthy of consideration as the originator of the story of the Book of Ruth.



February 25
Marshall Weiss

Cecil B. DeMille's The Ten Commandments, the First Biblical Epic Movie

This year marks the centennial of the movie and its run across the U.S. This presentation will include local reactions to the movie, which was shown here in November 1924 at the Victory Theatre. Marshall will also show part of the movie, display some artifacts, and share stories of his research into the topic.



March 3
Cantor Yvon Shore

Fighters, Healers, Survivors: How Music Built a Jewish Nation

Why does Judaism value music? How did music play a role in the development of modern Israel? When was the last time you listened to current Israeli music? Can you name more than three Israeli singers? From the Yishuv to Iron Shield, Cantor Yvon Shore will examine the vital contributions music has brought and continues to bring to the Israeli and overall Jewish spirit.

We look forward to learning with these fabulous speakers!

MAZEL TOV!



Birthdays

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

March:

- 1 Audrey Tuck
- 6 Marshall Ruchman
- 7 Loretta Weber
- 9 Henny Lubow
- 13 Nikka Katchman
- 14 Ralph Heyman
- 15 Philip Office
- 19 Linda Sable
- 24 Joel Guggenheimer
- 24 Mort Levine

Anniversaries

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

There are no anniversaries this month

Special Member News:

Mazel Tov to Adrianna and Nathan Randall on the birth of their son **Charles**.

Mazel Tov to Danielle Rastetter on her engagement to **Andy Richter**.

Mazel Tov to Samuel Caruso

who received the Dean's Medallion at graduation in recognition of his various avenues of civic engagement while a student at the University of Michigan

Please call Temple if you do not wish to be listed or if you were omitted from the list.



MITZVAH MEALS

Did you know that Temple Israel offers Mitzvah Meals for life's joys like the arrival of a newborn or challenges such as surgery or illness?

Thanks to a core group of dedicated volunteers and wonderful cooks, each delicious Mitzvah Meal contains chicken, challah, noodle kugel, a vegetable, homemade applesauce and a brownie. Yum!

To request a Mitzvah Meal or volunteer to help with this amazing program, please contact us at Temple's office 937.496.0050.

Let's cherish and support one another - that's what community is all about!

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.

February 2 and 3

Mary Berg, Julius D. Boxer, Louis Broock, Carolynne H. Cline, Mose Cohen, Siegmund Engel, Emma V. Field, Celia Gershow, Mary Golden, Sylvia Isaacson, Dorothy F. Kelman, Emilie Kohlhagen, Arthur Lotney, Robert Nathan, Selma Ohlmann, Sarah Patterson, Sara B. Philips, Wilma Rakieten, Cora Sachs, Helen Sajovitz, William T. Schultz, Ruth Michel Seewald, Muriel J. Thal, Norman "Bud" Weisman, Jake Zappin

February 9 and 10

Rose S. Beller, Howard M. Bernstein, Geraldine Blum, Gustav Blumer, Minnie B. Engilman, Lenora S. Fahrer, Myrtle Winters Feinberg, Milton Feldman, Albert Fox, Bertha Frank, Roy Harlan, Belle Huber Jacobs, Ida Kohn, Lester M. Kusworm, Melvin Mayerson, Harry Melet, Allen Menachof, Sol Rosenthal, Amelia F. Stern, Anna M. Tuck, Burt Ungar, Esther Weisman, Dr. Abram R. Weprin

February 16 and 17

Esther Selker Adler, Salomon Baier, Helen E. Bramson, Etta Collins, Maxwell F. Ettlinger, Carol Bachrach Finke, Rose Asher Goldzwig, Ralph Gross, Marie Bleier Gross, Rebecca Hackel, Doris M. Herman, Herman Israel, Flora Israel, Bernard H. Lehman, Jerry A. Levine, Benjamin N. Levy, Norman Lippard, Louis J. Potasky, Nathan Rheinheimer, Pearl Rockoff, Louis Rosichan, Frances Lampke Ross, Louis Sapinsley, Jules M. Sapinsley, Anna Schulman, Benjamin J. Shaman, Douglas M. Thomsen, Barton Weprin, Estella J. Wyse, Sarah P. Zalk

February 23 and 24

Mark L. Barrar, Lillian M. Brown, Maralyn Levinson Eisenstodt, Jerome Epstein Sr., Gladys Finkelman, Jerome Friedman, Jennie G. Greenberg, Daniel Hertzberg, Herman Lehman, Jennie Liebermann, Esther M. Littman, Henrietta Lotney, Lois Ann Lowry, Daniel J. Maimon, David A. Maybrook, Jeane Phillips, Ethel Jaffe Polcsa, Herbert Mark Reiser, Charles H. Rosenthal, Joseph Rosenthal, Rose Lambie Rosenthal, Blanche Semmelman Rosichan, Frieda Semmelman, Charles P. Shaman

Temple Israel mourns with the family of Donald Klass who passed away on December 22, 2023.
May his memory always be for a blessing.

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THERE WERE LOTS OF SMILES AT THESE GREAT EVENTS!



Top Row (L to R) Joseph and Andy Evans at the Hanukkah Happening event, Rich Cohen attends So, A Rabbi Walks Into A Bar, Gabe, Steve and Nika Katchman enjoyed the Hanukkah Happening event, Bottom Row (L to R) Ann Becker studying at Torah Queeries, Omega Baptist Church MLK Pulpit Exchange, Caitlin, Brianna, and Alexis Becker sing at the Debbie Friedman Share Shabbat.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 9:15 AM Hybrid Torah Study 10:30 AM Sandy Lee Bat Mitzvah Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6
8:45 AM Religious School 9:45 AM Ryterband Lecture Series NOON Israel 4 HQ Class 4:00 PM Complicated History via Zoom	5 6:00 PM Virtual Adult Hebrew 6:30 PM JCF Committee Meeting	6 NOON Hybrid Talmud Study	7 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker	8 3:30 PM Living with Ambiguous Loss	9 11:00 AM Living With Loss 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	10 9:15 AM Hybrid Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service NOON Kiddush Lunch Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18 Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26
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