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WISHING YOU A
HAPPY PASSOVER FILLED
WITH LOVE, LAUGHTER AND
CHERISHED MOMENTS



Temple Israel's Second Seder

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$36/Adults, \$20/Children ages 3 - 12

RSVP By: April 15 at Noon

Temple Israel's Second Seder promises an evening of connection, reflection, and the celebration of freedom. Join us as we embrace the warmth of community, the richness of tradition, and the joy of sharing a special meal with your fellow congregants.

Looking to lend a hand? We're seeking volunteers the day of the Seder. Tasks include setting tables, arranging Seder plates, and clearing tables. Reach out to the Temple office at 937.496.0050 to sign up!

We appreciate your willingness to assist and make this special event a success for everyone in attendance.

RSVP's can be made by scanning the QR code or calling the Temple office.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

HIDDEN GEM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo



Talmud? How can I take a class on something I know almost nothing about? Answer: By coming! Here's what one of our more recent participants, Jennifer Holman, has to say: "Talmud never fails to fascinate and frustrate me. And I love it! Tuesday's Talmud study is filled with great discussions that

challenge and strengthen my thinking skills, and we have a lot of laughs along the way!"

"Lots of laughs you say?" Well, a few weeks ago, our text involved the ancient rabbis' attempts to figure out what constitutes the prohibited labor of trapping animals on Shabbat, otherwise known as one of those areas that does not seem to directly apply as I have never personally been tempted to trap a wild animal on Shabbat, or any other day of the week, for the sake of making use of the animal.

However, the discussion led us to topics around what size enclosures the rabbis saw as "free range" versus "trapped," and to what extent we can "trap" animals to prevent danger or

discomfort to ourselves. The Talmud also brought the case of an animal mostly, or entirely trapping itself: what if a deer walks into your house, can you close your front door to trap it in until after Shabbat? Well, we asked our resident outdoor person, aka Temple Israel's bookkeeper, Jessica, if a deer would *really* wander into someone's home or if this case was more hypothetical. According to Jessica it does happen. Fun fact: in Lakewood, NJ, a community that is nearly two-thirds Jewish, a deer walked into a house and helped itself to the owner's pantry; albeit, not on Shabbat, but solid proof that it can happen!

So, I could introduce our Tuesday Talmud study in the more typical, rabbinic way: come join us to study ancient wisdom, written in a mix of Talmudic Hebrew and Aramaic, often on topics that do not directly apply to modern life, for the sake of studying this layer of Jewish history and text. But that description would not do justice to the tangents, the laughs, the ridiculous hypotheticals, and the good company that you'd experience joining us on Tuesdays at noon as we bring new life to the ancient Jewish legal debate. No background is needed in Talmud study, as we study from an English translation.

Bring your lunch, join us at Temple or online, and enjoy our niche little group for Talmud, one of the hidden gems of Temple.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TEMPLE'S SECOND SEDER: THE WARMTH OF COMMUNITY

By: Fran Rickenbach



Passover stands as the pinnacle among Jewish holidays, cherished for the sense of community that blossoms around the Seder table.

For those fortunate enough to be surrounded by family, it becomes a cherished occasion, offering a once-a-year opportunity to reunite

with seldom seen relatives. Besides seeing the almost adults who enjoyed sitting at the kids table, one of my favorite Seder memories took place at Cousin Milt and Minnie's house using the "gray" Haggadah — and arriving at the serving of the dinner with Minnie's question, "But I have this big bowl of sliced hard-boiled eggs in salt water — when are we supposed to eat them?" We quickly assured her that we were glad to eat them now when we had finally come to the food part of the Seder.

When I moved to the Dayton area, I was so thankful to be included in other families' Seders. This inclusion in the Temple Israel community confirmed my choice of Temple as my new synagogue.

Since settling into my own home, I have hosted Seder for up to 30 of my friends from Yellow Springs and beyond, which is astonishing as there are less than six Jews that live in Yellow Springs. People have told me that the Seder was the only "religious event" they attended each year, and they valued the message of freedom, as well as the food.

As you start planning your Seder, look around and invite people you think might enjoy the community around your table. Think of members of our Newish to Jewish group, people who are thinking of joining Temple Israel, or the widow or widower on your block. After all, as I learned when I hosted my first Seder for just four people — you are making enough food for ten people anyway!

Everyone is welcome to Temple Israel's second Seder on **Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.** Reservations should be made by **April 15** by visiting tidayton.org or calling the Temple office at 937-496-0050.

Looking to give back? Volunteers are needed to make this community event an enjoyable one for all. Please call the office to sign up.

TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES NEW BOOKKEEPER JESSICA RAGNO

Join us in extending a heartfelt welcome to Jessica Ragno, the newest member of the Temple Israel family! Jessica's background is in IT training at New Horizons, where she was a member of the billing department, handling various responsibilities such as site management, assisting students, negotiating contracts for military training events, and finalizing the billing process.

During tax season, Jessica also works part-time for H & R Block as a tax preparer, gaining valuable accounting experience alongside Temple Israel's own Rick Goldberg.

In her free time, Jessica cherishes time spent outdoors with her husband Joe and their two Doodle dogs. When indoors, you'll often find Jessica honing her homesteading skills canning the bounties from her vegetable garden or enjoying quality time with family.

If you have questions about your account, please contact Jessica at jessica@tidayton.org or call her at 937-496-0050, extension 227.



LENDING A HELPING HAND

CELEBRATING TEMPLE ISRAEL'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT: VOLUNTEER AT THE JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL



There are lots of ways that you can help support our Jewish Cultural Festival. If you are looking to donate your time, we would love to find the right place for you to help! Love to bake? Contact JCF Bakery Chair Martin Toher at mtoherster@gmail.com to sign up to help make our delicious baked goods. This year we will be offering challah, rugelach, honey cake and matzah crack. Yum!!

Keen to lend a hand on June 9 during our event? We've got roles suited for everyone, regardless of age or skills.

tickets, assist in the children's area, provide a warm welcome at the information desk, lead tours of the building, and support our logistics team in event setup and teardown, and more! Email Mariah Strickland, our Volunteer Chair at mariahkholt@gmail.com to find out where you can help. Thank you!

We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets, handle food and drink



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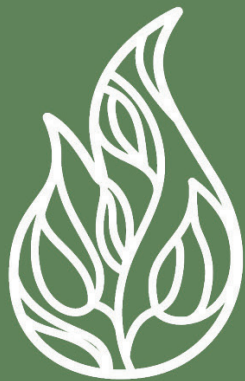
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Honey cake is \$5/loaf.
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Matzah Crack is \$4/bag.

Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3, \$20 for 7, or \$40 for 14. Our deluxe prize packages include gift cards, wine, and experiences from local businesses, restaurants, and shops.

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ORDERS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**





LEARNING *at Temple Israel*

GROW • EVOLVE • CONNECT



LIVING WITH LOSS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Friday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Are you dealing with the loss of a loved one? Come join us for the Living With 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!

LIVING WITH AMBIGUOUS LOSS

Thursday, April 25 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!



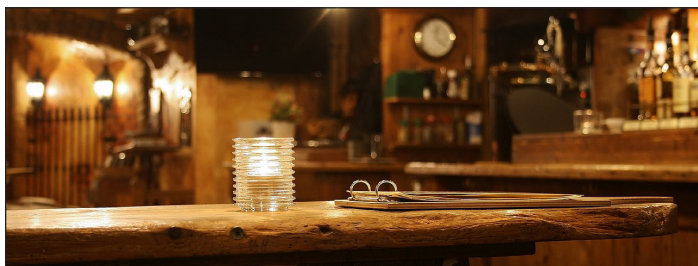
NEWISH TO JEWISH

Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: The home of Marcia Cox

Join our Newish to Jewish group as we discuss sacred time, learn Shabbat blessings and rituals, and explore how to bring light and joy to our personal observances. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Fox (Kit) Brewer at intern@tidayton.org or 937-496-0050. Can't make it this time? Let us know that you are interested and we will keep you posted on the next event. We look forward to many more programs like this in the months to come!

Newish to Jewish is open to all who seek to learn more about Jewish customs and traditions.



SO, A RABBI WALKS INTO A BAR

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

*Location: BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
(2715 Farified Commons, Beaver Creek 45434)*

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!

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.



April 7
Rabbinic Intern Fox (Kit) Brewer
God Shopping

Join intern Fox (Kit) Brewer on a journey to identify your concept of God through an exploration in personal theology. We will explore a variety of Jewish takes on God using the God Shopping program formulated by Rabbis Bill Dreskin and Mark Shapiro, and Cantor Ellen Dreskin.



April 14
Rabbi Tina Sobo
Questions of Intent

Is the path to heaven lined with good intentions or is that a different destination? We will use a few selections from Talmud to explore the role of intention and expectation behind our behavior in Jewish legal thought. Are we rewarded for an ill-thought action that ended up doing good in the world? Are we liable for an unintentional consequence? Come and find out what the Talmud has to say and how these questions and answers might guide our decision-making today.



May 12
Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halas
*Creation, Revelation and Redemption:
Finding Meaning in the Prayerbook*

Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halas will explore the way our liturgy reflects foundational concepts in Jewish theology. Through the lens of Creation, Revelation, and Redemption, we will look at how Jewish liturgy invites worshipers to find meaning in their connection to God, their sacred history, and their ultimate destiny.

We are excited to engage and learn from our Bima Team!

MAZEL TOV!



Mazel Tov to Lauren and Charlie Newsome on the birth of their daughter **Eleanor Mae** who was born on February 15. Proud grandparents are **Tim and Robin Moore**.

Mazel Tov to the Ohlmann Group on their **75th Anniversary**.

Anniversaries

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

May

12 David and Jennifer Mollenhauer celebrating 30 years

17 Rabbi Tina and Matt Sobo celebrating 10 years
21 Joel and Judi Guggenheimer celebrating 35 years

Birthdays

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

May

1 Larry Katz
5 Sheri Alpert
5 Tiffany Lobertini
6 Saul Caplan
6 Bonnie Gewertz
8 Stevie Schriber
9 Martin Holzinger

10 Jonathan Horwitz
12 Vicki Kemmerer
14 Pam Feldman
17 Jeffrey Shulman
20 Faith Tuss
22 Eleanor Must
24 Stuart Weprin
24 Evelyn Goldstein
27 Joan Holzinger
30 David Marcus
30 Harvey Tuck
30 Beatrice Ballas
31 Zerla Stayman
31 Jack Myers

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled to announce the newest additions to our Temple Israel family:

Jeff and Wendy Horowitz
Michael and Mitra Margolis

Join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to these families as they become valued members of our congregation.

Mazel Tov!



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.

April 5 and 6

Betty Jane Abrahams, Max Bloch, Benjamin Cohen, Robert (Bob) Eloff, Hannah Gewertz Epstein, Fannie Fisher, Harry A. Gilman, Joseph Gross, Barney Helfert, Eleanor Katchman, Helen B. Kusworm, Michelle Rae Lazar, Fred Levitt, Ray W. Metzger, Adeline Pollock, Miriam Rosenthal, Frances Stotter Sangor, Louis Schwartz, Annie Simon, Isaac Stern, Fan Weisman, Isaac Yassenoff

April 12 and 13

Mildred Block Barrar, Charlotte Ross Bloom, Anna Cohen, Jacob Colp, Rosella (Raye) Feldman, Matthew Carl Finke, Sr., Mandel Frankel, Fannie Glasser, Norma Lipton, Sam Moss, Leo Pollack, Sheila D. Rosensweet, Pauline S. Rothenberg, Minnie Y. Schatzley, Dr. Richard Serbin, Anna Shleier, Adelaide Stern, Sigmund Wilson

April 19 and 20

Nathan Appel, Hyman Barrar, Regine Leeds Bicknell, Marvin Cutler, Harry Jacobs Daniels, Eva Dubro, Jack W. Feigelson, Joseph J. Freemas, Esther I. Garfinkel, Jeanne Goldzwig, Samuel Gordon, Jacob Greenbaum, Jesse J. Jacobs, Julia Jacobs, Henrietta Jenefsky, Cora F. Lehman, Caroline Feinberg Levitt, Max D. Sussman, Louis Traxler, Jr., Louise Joan Vaughn, Saul Witheiler

April 26 and 27

Chester Childs Adler, Irma E. Asher, Rose D. Bloch, Jerome P. Bloom, Mose Bramson, Leopold Brown, Joseph T. Cline, Henry Euphrat, Neil B. Frank, Claudine (Sis) Friedman, Barbara Michaelson Holt, Jesse H. Jacobs, Katie B. Kahn, Leona Leeds, Brina Rose Levenson, Marvin A. Levine, Gerald Marvin Mayer, Wendy Ritter, Sue Rosenberg, Nancy F. Samuels, Rebecca Y. Solgan, Jeanette Sternberger, Samuel I. Tourkow

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS ENJOYED BY THE TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY



Top Row (L TO R) So, A Rabbi Walks Into A Bar Attendees, Torah Queeries class with Linda Novak, Mariah Strickland and Alexandria King, Ryterband Lecture Series with Marshall Weiss. Middle Row(L TO R) Rabbi Sobo and Bat Mitzvah Sandy Lee, Jacob Evans, Share Shabbat (looking at the camera) Sarah and Lonnie Carpenter. Bottom Row (L TO R) Andy, Rachel and Joseph Evans, Georgeann Godsey and Carol Graff, Stephanie Sobo.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 3:00 PM Adult Education	2 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	3 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker	4 	5 11:00 AM Living With Loss 6:00 PM Share Shabbat & Potluck Dinner	6 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Sh'mini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25
7 8:45 AM Religious School 9:45 AM Ryterband Lecture Series Noon Aseret, The Big 10	8 3:00 PM Adult Education	9 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	10 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker 5:30 PM Executive Committee	11 7:00 pM Newish to Jewish @ the home of Marcia Cox	12 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:15 AM Hybrid Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service Noon Kiddush Lunch Tazria Leviticus 12:1-13:59 Haftarah: II Kings 4:42-5:19
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21 8:45 AM Religious School Noon Aseret, The Big 10	22 3:00 PM Worship and Music Committee	23 Office Closed No Hybrid Talmud Study 6:00 PM Second Seder	24 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker 6:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom	25 3:30 PM Living With Ambiguous Loss	26 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Chol HaMo-eid Pesach Holidays Exodus 33:12-34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Song of Songs is read
28 No Religious School Noon Aseret, The Big 10 via Zoom	29 Office Closed Last Day of Passover	30 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study				

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