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RABBI'S MESSAGE

PICKLEBALL, PICNIC, AND A NEW YEAR OF POSSIBILITY — NOT FOR KIDS ONLY!

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo

Religious School Picnic, Pickleball and Meet the Teacher



As the summer sun begins to fade and school supplies start appearing in ads and shopping carts, it can mean only one thing: The start of the school year, and Religious School is just around the corner!

Whether your summer was a time of rest, adventure,

challenge, or growth (or, let's be honest, all of the above), we're excited to welcome our whole congregation back as school and the Fall holidays approach; to catch up and join together for another year of learning, connection, and community.

We're kicking off the year with our Second Annual Pickleball Picnic on Saturday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m., and we hope to see you there! This end of summer celebration is open to the entire congregation – not just Religious School families. It's a chance to reconnect with old friends, meet new faces, and ease into the school year with joy and some healthy competition.

We'll have pickleball courts set up for all ages and comfort levels – including a half-size court ideal for younger kids or those who prefer a slower pace. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious what all the pickleball buzz is about, there's a spot for you. For those less inclined to hit the courts, we'll have our brand new Mah Jongg set out, and hopefully some experienced players or new players who just learned the game at Share Shabbat. We'll have other games and activities for all ages and abilities as well, and of course, plenty of good company! A picnic-style lunch with gluten-free and vegetarian options will be prepared by our Religious School Committee and volunteers.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WITH THANKS AND COMMITMENT: MY HOPES FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

By: Steve Katchman



In May 2025, I succeeded Fran Rickenbach as president at Temple Israel.

As I look forward to the challenges and opportunities to serve this outstanding synagogue, I want to first thank all the past presidents who came before me for

their fine work. In particular, because I served as her vice president, I want to acknowledge Fran. Working with Fran over the past two years, I found an individual deeply committed to Temple Israel and one who served Temple Israel with great interest, concern, and skill. Thank you, Fran.

In the months ahead, the board at Temple Israel will grapple with many issues that confront our congregation, not unlike prior terms. However, I have great confidence in the board and its members and believe the affairs of Temple Israel will be handled credibly and competently.

This synagogue is fortunate to have an experienced and knowledgeable executive director in Suzanne Shaw. Suzanne is dedicated to your synagogue and is invested in its success. The administrative staff that support Suzanne: Ellen, Annette, Jodi, Jess, and Scott; are to be recognized as well for all their hard work and effort put forth every day at Temple Israel.

The rabbinic leadership is of course to be mentioned here as well. Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halas as senior rabbi offers thoughtful sermons and empathy for those in need. Rabbi Tina Sobo's work with the religious school has been an unquestioned success.

All said, we, collectively as a congregation, have a strong synagogue. My goal, as a result, with the help of the board and the past presidents, is to

make Temple Israel stronger. I want to see our membership grow and with that an increase in membership funds. Naturally, the more funds and resources, the more Temple Israel can offer its congregants. Financial health and stability are important.

Also important to the success of Temple Israel is member and congregant participation. Temple Israel is better when its members are involved: This can be in the form of joining a committee, volunteering at services, or helping with the Jewish Cultural Festival.

There was a time when my involvement with Temple Israel was quite limited. But over the past eight years or so, since joining the board, my involvement has increased significantly. And I found it to be valuable because the success and vitality of the synagogue are so important.



I close with the Jewish Cultural Festival as an example. Last month, the festival was a success, but next year's could be even better. The committee and its members that put this event on every year are to be commended for all their hard work and service. An increase in member support next year would be welcomed and appreciated. Please consider volunteering at the festival, or making a financial contribution, or whatever would be meaningful to you.

I'm excited to serve the Temple Israel community and welcome your feedback - good or bad - on how Temple can best meet your needs.

JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

By: Carol Finley, 2025 Jewish Cultural Festival Chair



One of the things I value most about the Jewish Cultural Festival is the remarkable dedication of our Temple members. As our only annual fundraiser, the Festival's success depends entirely on the energy, time, and heart that our volunteers pour into it.

To each of you who gave your time - whether for a single shift or many - thank you. Your efforts truly made a difference. To our incredible committee chairs, please accept Temple's - and my - deepest appreciation for your leadership and hard work. And of course, to our generous corporate and individual sponsors: your continued support is essential and deeply appreciated. Every act of support, big or small, helps make the Festival what it is. We couldn't do it without you!

Pictured: 2025 JCF Co-chairs, Carol Finley and Cathy Lieberman with Living Dayton host Grace Hewitt.

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL MOMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The 2025 Jewish Cultural Festival has wrapped up, and what a spectacular day it was!

Special thanks to this year's committee chairs: Beth Adelman, Jeff Blumer, Josie Buchanan, Sarah Carpenter, Marcia Cox, Stacy Emoff, Rachel Evans, Mitchell Faust, Sara Faust, Carol Finley, Rick Goldberg, Jennifer Holman, Robin Kent, Alexandria King, Cathy Lieberman, Robin Moore, Adrianna Randall, Fran Rickenbach, Rita Dushman Rich, Sam Tobias, and Dan Young.



MAZEL TOV!

CELEBRATING TEMPLE ISRAEL'S CONGREGANTS



Mazel Tov to

Joel and Judi Guggenheimer on the birth of their granddaughter, **Joanna Jane**, who was born on July 7.

Molly Buchanan on her wedding on July 8 to **Asaf Ravona** in Tel Aviv. Proud family members are **parents Bonni and Dennis Buchanan**, **sister Josie** and **grandparents Mel and Jan Berman**.

Anniversaries

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

September

4 Steve and Nika Katchman celebrating 20 years

16 Marsha and Terry Pfeiffer celebrating 30 years

24 Mort and Phyllis Levine celebrating 75 years! **WOW!**

Birthdays

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

September

6 Paul Cooper

8 Alice Saidel

12 Daniel Sweeny

12 Sydney Gross

14 Larry Glickler

14 Michael Adler

15 Bob Archer

19 Jeffrey Kantor

23 Eliza Minde-Berman

24 Jon Holt

30 Harry Israel III

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

Consultation on Conscience

RAC's Consultation of Conscience Conference

December 12 – 15 in Washington, DC

Cost: Varies, Early Bird Registration ends December 31

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's (RAC) flagship social justice conference, the Consultation on Conscience has returned! This four day immersive event will be held December 12–15, 2025, just outside of Washington, DC.

Participants will engage in learning, leadership development, and dialogue around urgent issues with policy experts, thought leaders, and fellow activists. The conference will culminate with a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill, during which we will advocate for our Reform Jewish values. And for the first time ever at a Consultation, participants will have the opportunity to experience a justice-focused Shabbat experience.

Spaces are limited! Scan the QR code to register.



HAPPENINGS AT TEMPLE

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS



Share Shabbat and Mah Jongg Game Night
Friday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 Adults, \$5 Children, Children 3 & under are free

RSVP: Scan the QR Code to RSVP by July 29

Join Rabbi Sobo and Sam Cogen for a special Share Shabbat — a casual, musical, and family-friendly service that brings our community together in joy and song. This month, we're celebrating National Mah Jongg Day, honoring the game's cherished place in Jewish culture and tradition.

Following the service, stay for a potluck dinner and a fun evening of learning and playing Mah Jongg! Whether you're a seasoned player or curious beginner, we'll have friendly teachers ready to introduce you to the tiles, traditions, and table talk that make this game so beloved.

Bring a dish to share, bring your family, and bring your curiosity - it's going to be a night of connection, community, and maybe a few bams and cracks!



SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, August 8

Schmooze and Nosh begins at 6:10 p.m.

Services begin at 6:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Bodney-Halas and Rabbi Sobo with guitarist Sam Cogen for an outdoor musical Shabbat service in the courtyard.



Dog Days of Summer Shabbat, Hot Dog Kiddush Lunch and Mitzvah Project

Saturday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free Scan the QR Code to RSVP

Join us for a tail wagging good time starting with our Dog Days of Summer Shabbat service, then dig into a hot-diggity-dog Kiddush lunch, and cap it off by crafting DIY dog toys from recycled t-shirts to donate to a local shelter.



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.

August 1 and 2

Lesser Asher, Gloria Brackman, Stanley Ray Donenfeld, Morris Epstein, Theodore E. Goldenberg, Herbert M. Harris, Harry Israel, Lillian Israel, Harry L. Lawner, Blanche W. Lebensburger, Arthur K. Margolis, Shirley Miller, Anna K. Osness, Benjamin M. Patterson, Muriel Robins Rafal, Elizabeth C. Rothenberg, Jennie Green Saul, Jacob Schwartz, Carrie D. Semmelman, Bertha H. Silverman, Mark Joel Weitz, James H. Wyse

August 8 and 9

Isadore Bloom, Stanley J. Brown, Mae S. Goldman Chudde, Joseph Cohen, Samuel Fahrer, Jane Fisher, Leon B. Frank, Max Friedman, A. M. Friend, Clara R. Gradsky, Charles M. Leon, Mildred B. Margolis, Maxwell Nathan, Freda H. Patterson, Lawrence S. Patterson, Edward Rauh, Benjamin R. Shaman

August 15 and 16

Emil A. Asher, Johannah Asher, Bernard M. Frank, Louise Jean Friedman, Ruth E. Froelich, Mildred Gilman, Henry I. Gleiwitzer, Oscar L. Goldfarb, Louis Green, Ben M. Harlan, Jean Kamin, Syd Kaplan, Rachel Levenson, A. Joe Levy, Joseph E. Potasky, Rebecca Weil Rauh, William A. Schimmelman, David Schuman, Jon Steven Schwartzman, Jack D. Shleier, Chelsea Smith, Ruth R. Steinberg, J. Edward Wasserman

August 22 and 23

Rosa Dora Diamond, Jay Dinhofer, Otto Farnbacher, Lillian E. Finn, Minnie Fischman, Marjorie L. Flagel, Harry Friedman, David L. Herman, Nancy May Hollander, Emma Holz Lebensburger, Fannie K. Margolis, Esther B. Meadow, Leon R. Office, Walter Ohlmann, Ida Rosenthal, Harry Mark Schrager, Boris Franklin Sokol, Benjamin C. Stein, Robert Martin Stern, Mollie Ungar, David J. Weinberg

August 29 and 30

Milton Bennett, William Caplan, Aubrey Devay, Lena Glas Feinberg, Sophia Frank, Rhea K. Israel, Bena Jacobs, Isaac M. Lebensburger, Louis E. Levenson, Marvin Adam Levine, Ruth Liebermann, Lotte F. Liebermann, Norman Miller, Fannie Retske, Jack Schwartz, Dr. Berkeley Slutzker, Kathryn Konowitch Sokol

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 6:00 PM Share Shabbat & Mah Jongg Night	2 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study D'varim <i>Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27</i>
3 12:00 PM Serving at St. Vincent de Paul	4	5 10:00 AM Gardening Group 11:00 AM Sacred Stitching Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	6 10:00 AM Hybrid Heart of Torah	7	8 11:00 AM Living With Loss 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Under the Stars	9 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study 11:00 AM RS Teacher Training Retreat Va-et'chanan <i>Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26</i>
10 8:00 AM RS Teacher Training Retreat 11:30 AM Religious School Welcome Back Picnic and Pickleball	11 3:00 PM Adult Education	12 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	13 10:00 AM Hybrid Heart of Torah 5:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting	14 3:30 PM Living With Ambiguous Loss	15 No Evening Shabbat Service	9:15 AM Multi Access Torah Study 10:30 AM Dog Days of Summer Shabbat Noon Kiddush Lunch with dog toy making Eikev <i>Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3</i>
17 8:45 AM Religious School	18	19 11:00 AM Sacred Stitching Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	20 10:00 AM Hybrid Heart of Torah	21	22 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Lay-Led Shabbat Services	23 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study R'eih <i>Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5</i> <i>[historic: I Samuel 20:18-20:42]</i>
24 8:45 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Rolling Into the High Holidays	25 3:00 PM Worship and Music	26 10:00 AM Gardening Group Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	27 10:00 AM Hybrid Heart of Torah 6:00 pm Board Meeting	28	29 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	30 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Shof'tim <i>Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12</i>
31 No Religious School	HIGH holidays 9/22 at 8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 9/23 at 9:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service 9/23 at 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service					

Gathering This Elul: Four Great Events Await!



ROLLING INTO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS Sunday, August 24 10:00 a.m.

Discover the traditions of repentance and renewal as you knead, shape, and bake your own challah (gluten-free dough available). Open to all with space limited to 15 participants.

RSVP by August 19



ELUL SHARE SHABBAT

Friday, September 5
6:00 p.m.

Join us for an informal musical Shabbat service welcoming in the month of Elul followed by a potluck dinner.

RSVP by September 2.

COST: \$8 Adults,
\$5 Children, Free for
children 3 and under.



KEVER AVOT SERVICE Sunday, September 7 10:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Karen Bodney – Halasz in the meaningful tradition of Kever Avot as we honor our loved ones at the New Year.

May their memories always be for a blessing.

APPLE PICKING at MONNIN'S FARM (8201 Frederick Pike) Sunday, September 7 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly afternoon of apple picking to get a sweet start to the New Year.

RSVP by September 2



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