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*Pictured: Speaker Mark
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at a Ryterband Lecture.
Photo credit: Mitchell Faust*

GET READY TO LAUGH, CLAP AND SHIMMY!

JCF CELEBRATES LOCAL PERFORMERS

By: Robin Kent, JCF Entertainment Chair

One of the things people look forward to most at the Jewish Cultural Festival each year is the energy of the entertainment stage (and, let's be honest, the irresistible baked goods). This year's lineup brings some of the Dayton area's most talented artists together for a full day of music, laughter, and dance. Throughout the day, festival guests can relax, tap their toes, laugh a little, and maybe even get up and join the fun as a variety of local performers bring the stage to life.

Comedian Karen Jaffe will take the stage with her quick wit and relatable humor. Karen has performed in comedy clubs and independent shows across the country, but she always enjoys coming back to share her comedy with a hometown audience! Her material touches on everything from reinvention and family expectations to the small traumas of everyday customer service. As Karen likes to say, laughter is cheaper than therapy—though both are extremely important.



Adding color and movement to the day are **The Shimmy Cats**, whose vibrant dance performances bring rhythm, sparkle, and fun to the stage. Their energy is infectious and their performances always draw a crowd.

Festival-goers can also enjoy rising local talent from **Price Music Studio**, led by **Angelé Price**. These young musicians will share their skills and enthusiasm with festival guests, showcasing a selection of songs from Jewish artists.



From comedy to klezmer, harmony to dance, this year's entertainment lineup reflects the creativity and spirit of our community. Whether you stop by for one act or spend the afternoon by the stage, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Our festival is about bringing people together, celebrating Jewish culture, and sharing a joyful day with the wider community—and great live entertainment is a big part of that experience.

Join us on **Sunday, May 31**, and be part of the celebration!



Festival favorite **The Flying Klezmerians** return with the lively sounds of traditional klezmer music. Their spirited melodies capture the joyful energy of Eastern European Jewish

musical traditions and are guaranteed to get hands clapping and feet moving.

We're also delighted to welcome **Mary, Marc, and Steve**, a trio known locally for their rich harmonies and easygoing style. Their set blends familiar favorites with heartfelt performances that create the perfect laid-back festival atmosphere.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

NEARING THE FINISH LINE

By: Fran Rickenbach, Immed. Past President



Change is in the air at Temple Israel, and we are thrilled to share that our search for a new Executive Director is entering its final, exciting stages. After months of careful work, the Search Committee is confident that we are on the verge of welcoming the right leader to guide our congregation into its next chapter.

THE SEARCH BY THE NUMBERS

Our call for candidates drew widespread attention, reflecting both the vibrancy of our community and the appeal of Temple Israel as a place to lead. Here's a snapshot of the search so far:

65 applications received—a truly overwhelming response.

12 candidates advanced to the initial screening phase.

6 Zoom interviews conducted in early February.

4 candidates invited for extensive, in-person interviews.

Each step of the process allowed us to meet talented professionals and learn about the qualities that make them potential fits for our congregation.

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

The caliber of candidates throughout this search has been remarkable, making our deliberations both challenging and inspiring. After careful consideration, the field was narrowed to two exceptional finalists. Each participated in a series of thoughtful and rigorous meetings designed to help determine the best fit for Temple Israel's unique culture. These sessions included interviews with:

Rabbi Bodney-Haslasz and Rabbi Sobo

Our dedicated office staff

The Executive Committee

WHAT'S NEXT

By the end of March, the committee had moved to the final stage of the selection process. Once contract negotiations are complete, we look forward to officially introducing our new Executive Director to the entire congregation. This milestone represents not just the arrival of a new leader, but an opportunity to embrace fresh ideas, renewed energy, and continued growth as a community.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported this process and to all the talented candidates who expressed interest in joining Temple Israel. Stay tuned as we take this exciting step into our future together!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

This process required an immense amount of time and discernment. Please join me in thanking my fellow search committee members for their unwavering commitment to this process and Temple Israel's future.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Wendy Gray, Treasurer; **Marsha Pfeiffer**, Board of Directors; **Bernie Sweigart**, Board of Directors; **Mitchell Faust**, Temple Israel Foundation Trustee and **Carol Finley**, JCF Chair.

CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS OF THE CLASS OF 2026!



Is someone in your family finishing high school this year? Let us know so we can celebrate them at Share Shabbat on Friday, May 1!

We'll honor our graduating seniors AND show some appreciation for our amazing religious school teachers!

Submit your senior's name via email at: info@tidayton.org by April 13.

SHARING OUR SANCTUARY, SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

OPENING OUR DOORS TO BETH ABRAHAM

When Beth Abraham Synagogue recently experienced a flood that damaged their worship space, our Jewish community came together in a beautiful and meaningful way. Temple Israel is proud to share our sanctuary for their Saturday services, and Beth Abraham has gratefully accepted this offer. This arrangement allows them to continue their regular worship while repairs are underway, allowing their members to be together and feel supported by our community.

Because Temple Israel holds Saturday services only once a month, our regular Saturday worship will temporarily be held in the chapel. This schedule allows us to continue our own traditions while providing space for our neighbors to conduct their services.

Acts like these remind us that being a community means more than simply worshipping side by side—it's about supporting one another, sharing resources, and lifting each other up in times of need. We are grateful for the opportunity to help Beth Abraham, celebrate our shared values, and strengthen the bonds that unite our congregations.



NEW CLASS

GAIN INSIGHT IN SERVICE LEADING AND JEWISH LITURGY



**Service Leading and Liturgy:
A Two-part Workshop**
Sundays, April 26 & May 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Interested in leading a lay-led service—or simply want to deepen your understanding of Jewish prayer?

Rabbi Bodney-Halasz will guide both sessions on the flow and meaning of the liturgy, offering insights and practical tools for those who wish to participate more fully in worship.

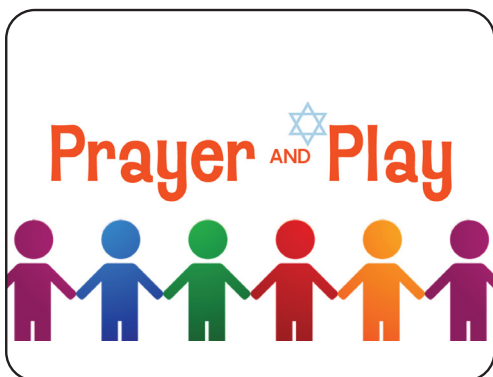
WORSHIP AT TEMPLE

CELEBRATING AND SHARING TOGETHER



Shabbat Service and Yizkor
Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.
No Dinner

Join us for Shabbat worship led by Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz. This meaningful service will include Yizkor prayers, offering an opportunity to remember and honor our loved ones.



Prayer and Play
Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m.
Kiddush Lunch begins at Noon

Prayer and Play is a fun chance to gather our youngest community members, infant through second grade and their families, for a Jewish worship experience, snack, themed activity and free play. Come as you are! Everyone is encouraged to stay for the Kiddush lunch.

RSVP to Rabbi Sobo at educator@tidayton.org preferred.



Shabbat Morning Services and Kiddush Lunch
Saturday, April 11
Services begin at 10:30 a.m.
Kiddush Lunch begins at Noon

Shabbat Morning worship led by Rabbi Bodney-Halasz. Following services, enjoy a Kiddush lunch where we'll celebrate Shabbat with plenty of post-Passover carbs!



Shabbat Services with Oneg Sponsored by the JWV Post 587
Friday, April 24
Schmooze and Nosh begins at 6:10 p.m.
Services begin at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat services led by Rabbi Bodney-Halasz and Rabbi Sobo.

All services are streamed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@TempleIsraelDaytonOhio/live>

RYTERBAND LECTURE SERIES

CLOSING THE SERIES WITH RABBI SOBO AND RABBI BODNEY-HALASZ

Join us for the Dorothee and Lewis Ryterband Lecture Series, where engaging speakers explore a wide range of topics related to Judaism and Jewish life. Everyone is welcome—members, non-members, and the simply curious alike. No prior knowledge is required! Enjoy a delicious brunch while listening to thought-provoking presentations, followed by an in-depth Q&A.

Brunch Time: 9:45 a.m. **Lecture:** 10:15 a.m. **Cost:** \$10/session



April 12, 2026
Rabbi Tina Sobo,
Rabbi Educator, Temple Israel

Topic: *From Parchment to Pixels:
Midrash in a Visual and Digital Age*



April 26, 2026
Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz,
Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel

Topic: *From My Side of the Bimah*

MAZEL TOV!

CELEBRATING TEMPLE ISRAEL'S CONGREGANTS



Birthdays

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

May

1 Larry Katz
6 Bonnie Gewertz
9 Martin Holzinger
9 Gary Pacernick
11 Jeffrey Lubow
11 Susan Gruenberg

11 Liam MacDonald

15 Pat Shapiro

17 Jeffrey Shulman

19 Linda Beaman

23 Pamela Schwartz

24 Evelyn Goldstein

26 Rick Ross

27 Joan Holzinger

30 Thomas Bainbridge

30 David Marcus

31 Jacob Myers

31 Zerla Stayman

31 Andrew Evans

Anniversaries

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

May

19 Mike and Karen Weprin
celebrating 30 years

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

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

Top Row (L to R): Rachel Sobo and Silas Hatch, Ryterband Lecture Series, MLK Pulpit Exchange at Temple Israel. Middle Row (L to R): MLK Pulpit Exchange at Omega Baptist Church, Hands on Challah with Robin Kent, Elaine Gaglione, Rabbi Sobo, Massada Warner, Claire Gaglione and Megan Bullard, Challah from Hands on Challah. Bottom Row (L to R): Scenes from Purim: Rabbi Sobo and Rabbi Bodney-Halasz, Josie Buchanan holding baby Frannie Randall and Ellie Davis and Talia Davis in Little Shushan.



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 3 and 4

Betty Jane Abrahams, Benjamin Cohen, Phyllis Jacobs Elias, Robert (Bob) Eloff, Fannie Fisher, Morris Gewertz, Joseph Gross, Robert Kahn, Eleanor Katchman, Michelle Rae Lazar, Fred Levitt, Gordon Frank Matthews, Miriam Rosenthal, Frances Stotter Sangor, Louis Schwartz, BettyAnn Simon, Fan Weisman

April 10 and 11

Mildred Block Barrar, Max Bloch, Charlotte Ross Bloom, Anna Cohen, Hannah Gewertz Epstein, Rosella (Raye) Feldman, Harry A. Gilman, Fannie Glasser, Barney Helfert, Helen B. Kusworm, Norma Lipton, Ray W. Metzger, Leo Pollack, Adeline Pollock, Sheila D. Rosensweet, Richard Serbin, Anna Shleier, Annie Simon, Isaac Stern, Adelaide Stern, Sigmund Wilson, Isaac Yassenoff

April 17 and 18

Nathan Appel, Hyman Barrar, Regine Leeds Bicknell, Jacob Colp, Eva Dubro, Theodore J. Fahrer, Jack W. Feigelson, Matthew Carl Finke, Sr., Mandel Frankel, Esther I. Garfinkel, Jeanne Goldzwig, Jacob Greenbaum, Julia Jacobs, Jesse J. Jacobs, Henrietta Jenevsky, Cora F. Lehman, Caroline Feinberg Levitt, Sam Moss, Pauline S. Rothenberg, Minnie Y. Schatzley, Max D. Sussman, Louise Joan Vaughn

April 24 and 25

Rose D. Bloch, Mose Bramson, Leopold Brown, Joseph T. Cline, Marvin Cutler, Harry Jacobs Daniels, Henry Euphrat, Neil B. Frank, Joseph J. Freemas, Claudine (Sis) Friedman, Jesse H. Jacobs, Katie B. Kahn, Marvin A. Levine, Nancy F. Samuels, Jeanette Sternberger, Samuel I. Tourkow, Louis Traxler, Jr., Saul Witheiler

May 1 and 2

Chester Childs Adler, Irma E. Asher, Francine Carla Belcher, Jerome P. Bloom, Goldie R. Cohen, Janice Davies-May, Melvin W. Denny, Iris Goldflies, Beatrice Levine Greene, Barbara Michaelson Holt, Ida F. Jacobs, Leah Marie Karp, Rita Kohlhagen, Max Kohnop, Leona Leeds, Miriam B. Lessner, Brina Rose Levenson, Carl H. Lipton, Gerald Marvin Mayer, Wendy Ritter, Miles Rosen, Sue Rosenberg, Celina Rosenthal, Shirley Semmelman, Michael R. Shane, Rebecca Y. Solgan, Sophie Tourkow, Louis Traxler, Fred Weber, Rosa Wise

**TEMPLE ISRAEL MOURNS WITH THE FAMILY OF
SANDY INGBERG WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 4**



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 10:00 AM Multi Access Torah Study Women's Torah Commentary	2 Office Closed 6:00 PM Second Seder	3 6:00 PM Shabbat Service with Yizkor	4 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Chol HaMo-eid Pesach <i>Exodus 33:12-34:26</i>
5 No Religious School	6 6:00 PM Hybrid Adult B'nai Mitzvah	7 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	8 Office Closed	9	10 11:00 AM Living With Loss No Friday Services	9:15 AM Multi Access Torah Study 10:00 AM Prayer and Play 10:30 AM Shabbat Services Noon Kiddush Lunch Sh'mini <i>Leviticus 9:1-II:47</i>
12 8:45 AM Religious School Maccabiah Day 9:45 AM Ryterband Lecture Series	13 3:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Hybrid Adult B'nai Mitzvah	14 11:00 AM Sacred Stitching Group Noon Hybrid Talmud Study 6:00 PM JCF Meeting	15 10:00 AM Multi Access Torah Study Women's Torah Commentary 6:00 PM Past Presidents' Dinner	16 3:30 PM Living With Ambiguous Loss	17 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	18 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Tazria - M'tzora <i>Leviticus 12:1-15:33</i>
19 8:45 AM Religious School 3:00 PM Yom Hashoah Program	20 6:00 PM Hybrid Adult B'nai Mitzvah	21 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	22 8:30 AM Garden Clean Up 10:00 AM Multi Access Torah Study Women's Torah Commentary 6:00 PM In-Person Board Meeting	23	24 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh Sponsored by Jewish War Vets Post 587 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	25 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Acharei Mot - K'doshim <i>Leviticus 16:1-20:27</i>
26 8:45 AM Religious School 9:45 AM Ryterband Lecture Series 11:30 AM Service Leading and Liturgy Class	27 3:00 PM Worship and Music Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Hybrid Adult B'nai Mitzvah	28 11:00 AM Sacred Stitching Group Noon Hybrid Talmud Study	29 10:00 AM Multi Access Torah Study Women's Torah Commentary	30	SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS: May 1: Teacher Appreciation and Senior Send-off Share Shabbat May 3: Religious School Closing Luncheon May 21: Shavuot Service and Confirmation May 31: Jewish Cultural Festival	



Something delicious is coming...



**SMOKED
ON CHAI**
Barbecue



Graeter's



flavors to savor at the festival:

- ★ smoked on chai
kosher bbq & sides
- ★ graeter's ice cream
- ★ mouthwatering
baked goods from the
temple bakery
- ★ doctor brown's soda
- ★ hot dogs



**free
entry**

**sunday, may 31
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.**



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