

Virtual Purim Carnival *by Grant Halasz*

PURIM PURIM PURIM!!! We finally made it to 2021, but we are going to party like it's 2020! You heard that right, this year's Purim theme is "2020."

We will convene on Zoom on **Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.** to hear the Purim

story and then have some fun afterwards with a Scavenger Hunt created by your TIDY members. Costumes are encouraged on our Zoom call and prizes will be given for those who come in costume! The costume can be anything that represents the year of 2020 to you. It could be a roll of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, a zoom box, etc. Get creative!

Our Scavenger Hunt will involve using your head and your quick feet to find items around the house related to the holiday of Purim. We'll give you the clues and then it will be your job to find something that best matches the description. It could be something that is shaped like a triangle to represent Hayman's (cue the boos and groggers) hat, or it could be something that we may find queen Esther wearing. Also, to make it as fair a game as possible - as there will be prizes on the line - we will be splitting up the children participating into groups based on their age. All prizes won



Virtual Purim Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.

The photo above was taken last year pre-COVID.

Please wear a mask and be safe.

during the game will be available to take home at the next Religious School materials pick-up in March.

Why just have fun on one night? In the days leading up to Purim, we will send out some activities and crafts related to Purim, and even

some directions on how to make your own carnival games at home. (Plinko or toilet paper roll bowling, anyone?) Information will be sent via email and will be posted on our Facebook page. It will be a great way to take a break, enjoy some family time, and celebrate the upcoming holiday!

Our last special surprise for Purim is an interactive online game. We will send out instructions for children to play Club Penguin, a child-friendly game where you create your own penguin and explore the games on an island with other penguins playing along as well. Earn coins by playing the games and win additional prizes to go in your Temple Israel bag. There is so much to explore with the game itself, so have fun discovering it!

We can't wait to see everyone dressed up in 2020 costumes on February 25!

Virtual Israel Tour

Mark your calendars for an amazing exploration of Israel, all from the comfort of your couch! Join Muki Jankelowitz, our Israel tour guide, on **March 8-11 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** as he takes us on a journey through Israel. A suggested donation of \$36 per person will go to our camp scholarship fund and help offset the cost of this program.



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Rabbi Tina Sobo
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As many of you know, I grew up in a very interfaith family. My sister used to joke that her house was probably one of few where you could decorate eggs to celebrate Holi, hide (and find) them for Easter, and then eat those same eggs on matzah for Passover. I'm no stranger to noticing the similar themes between some holidays. Surrounding Purim we find holidays from several different cultures that are similar in some respects to Purim: St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, and Holi come to mind. These holidays are notable as being "fun" holidays – colorful dress, adult beverages, etc. I have wondered why at this time of year did these holidays develop such traditions. I believe it has something to do with the time of year. Purim falls in Israel's rainy season, and in the Northern Hemisphere, all of these holidays fall deep in the winter, generally late February or March. At that time of year, spring is *coming*, but not yet *here*. It's almost as if these days are meant to be like "mental health days" – to boost morale to get through the end of winter and the rebirth of spring that's celebrated with all those eggs.

As we prepare to celebrate Purim, I can't help but recall that our 2020 Purim Carnival was the last large

gathering at Temple before the pandemic and its health precautions fully reached the Miami Valley and we went virtual. The topsy-turvy nature of Purim became a reality as the Stay-at-Home order was issued. At the time, I never imagined that we would remain socially distanced and/or virtual until this Purim. Yet, as we enter into Purim, marking in a way the one-year anniversary of the pandemic in the Miami Valley, with vaccines approved for emergency use, it appears there is a light at the end of the tunnel – a glimmer that our "new normal" is coming, even though we recognize reaching herd immunity will take months.

This year, instead of putting away our Purim masks and finding PPE masks, we are doing the opposite – from the safety of Zoom, we will take a break from PPE face masks and put back on those whimsical Purim costume masks. We've come through a long "winter," we are looking for the glimmer of "spring" ahead, and can use Purim as a boost to get us there. "Pandemic fatigue" is real, and perhaps our Purim celebration can be a tiny piece of the antidote to it.

I hope you will join us in our Purim celebrations on February 25!

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TIDY Purim Carnival Meeting

Join us on **Thursday, February 11 8:00 p.m.** as we put some finishing touches on the Purim Carnival! We should also have some time to have a mini carnival of our own and play some games against one another online!

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Year End Appeal. Your support means so much, especially as we navigate through these changing times.

Coffee with the Clergy

Join Rabbi Bodney-Halaszy or Rabbi Sobo for coffee and conversation on Mondays at noon in February. Zoom, meeting ID: 854 4885 4049 Password: 032499

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Tablet publishes birthdays every five years starting at age 35 and annually for those 85 and older; we publish anniversaries every five years and every year after 60. If you prefer not to be listed, please call Ellen at 496-0050. If you were not included in our list, please call Ellen, and we will publish your name in the next Temple Tablet.

March Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Jim Hochman | 17 Joe Tuss |
| 6 Herbert Cohen | 22 Marc Prigozen |
| 6 Marshall Ruchman | 24 Esther Green |
| 7 Loretta Weber | 24 Richard Donenfeld |
| 8 Barbara Broomhall | 24 Mort Levine |
| 9 Henny Lubow | 27 Stephen Harlan |
| 12 Charlie Knoll | 28 Janice Davies-May |
| 14 Ralph Heyman | |

March Anniversaries

- 27 Charlie and Joan Knoll celebrating 68 years

Religious School Reminders

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|-------------|---|
| February 7 | Regular religious school, preschool read along MATERIAL PICK UP |
| February 8 | Religious school committee meeting 6-7 p.m. on Zoom |
| February 14 | NO SCHOOL (President's Day) |
| February 21 | Regular religious school, preschool meets |
| February 28 | Regular religious school, preschool read along |

Hanukkah Lights Up the Night! Photos by Tom Gilliam for Dayton.com



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...to new grandmother **Debbie Cohen-Robertson**. Nicola "Nico" Alexander DiSalvo was born on November 12 weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces and 18-1/2" long. Proud parents are Andrew and Elizabeth DiSalvo.

...to **Cicely Nathan** on the November 20 marriage of granddaughter Kendall Nathan to Jonathon Miller. Parents of the newlyweds are Pat and Jarrett Nathan and Ruth and Steve Miller.

...to **Michael and Karen Weprin** on the birth of their grandson, Isaac Samuel Rosenberg, born to Allie and Eric Rosenberg of Columbus, Ohio. Izzy was born on November 8, weighing 5 lbs, 5 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches long.

...to great grandma **Frieda Blum**. Drs. Beth and Michael Bowen welcomed 7 lb, 12 oz Amelia Jane to their family on November 30.

...to **Addison Caruso** who has been chosen for an externship with the Environmental Protection Agency. Beginning in January, he will be focusing on water safety and sustainability with the EPA while finishing up law school at Duke.

...to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newsock** on the marriage of their daughter Amy Brooke Newsock to Adam Oakley on October 24, 2020. Adam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oakley of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Amy is the granddaughter of (the late) Mr. and Mrs. Boris Sokol.

...to **Carol Graff** who was honored by the Wright State Alumni Association with its annual Alumni Achievement Award, recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of Wright State University alumni.

We Mourn These Recent Deaths

Judith Hecht

Sandra Brecher
sister to Ron Footer

Harold Prigozen
father to Richard Prigozen
father to Marc Prigozen

Carol Levitan

Michael Belcher
brother-in-law to Jim Hochman
brother-in-law to Robert Hochman

Chaz Goldberg
cousin to Rick Goldberg
nephew to Lois Goldberg
nephew to Barb Goldberg

Audrey Margolis
mother to Jane Miller
grandmother to Tim Miller

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 and published weekly in TIDBits.

February 5 and 6

Mary Berg, Howard M. Bernstein, Geraldine Blum, Julius D. Boxer, Louis Broock, Carolynne Cline, Mose Cohen, Siegmund Engel, Minnie Engilman, Myrtle Winters Feinberg, Milton Feldman, Celia Gershow, Sylvia Isaacson, Belle Huber Jacobs, Dorothy F. Kelman, Emilie Kohlhagen, Lester M. Kusworm, Allen Menachof, Robert Nathan, Selma Ohlmann, Sarah Patterson, Sol Rosenthal, Helen Sajovitz, Amelia F. Stern, Muriel J. Thal, Anna M. Tuck, Burt Ungar, Norman Weisman, Jake Zappin

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February 19 and 20

Esther Adler, Salomon Baier, Mark L. Barrar, Helen E. Bramson, Maralyn Eisenstodt, Maxwell F. Ettlinger, Rose Asher Goldzwig, Marie Gross, Rebecca Hackel, Daniel Hertzberg, Herman Israel, Flora Israel, Bernard H. Lehman, Jerry A. Levine, Benjamin N. Levy, Norman Lippard, Esther M. Littman, Henrietta Lotney, David A. Maybrook, Ethel Jaffe Polcsa, Louis J. Potasky, Nathan Rheinheimer, Joseph Rosenthal, Charles H. Rosenthal,

Louis Rosichan, Blanche Semmelman Rosichan, Jules M. Sapinsley, Anna Schulman, Benjamin J. Shaman, Douglas Thomsen, Sarah Zalk

February 26 and 27

Lillian M. Brown, Anna B. Cushman, Jerome Epstein Sr., Gladys Finkelman, Glenna M. Frank, Jerome Friedman, Herman M. Gershow, Jennie G. Greenberg, Bruce Stephen Helfert, Herman Lehman, Sadelle H. Lewis, Jennie Liebermann, Lois Lowry, Daniel J. Maimon, Jeane Phillips, Herbert Mark Reiser, Rose Lambie Rosenthal, Norman P. Ross, Frieda Semmelman, Charles P. Shaman, Irene Wolf Sreer, Corinne P. Stern, Rita Goldman Straus, Abraham Weinberg, Reuben Zalk

FEBRUARY 2021

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EVERY SUNDAY <i>Unless otherwise indicated</i> 8:45 a.m. Religious School Grades K-10 11:30 a.m. Hebrew School Grades 3-7	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>All Events are Virtual</i> Noon Coffee with the Clergy				Shabbat Yitro <i>Exodus 18:1-20:23</i> <i>Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6</i> 6:00 p.m. Service 6:45 p.m. Potluck	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45 a.m. Religious School Material Pick Up	Noon Coffee with the Clergy 6:00 p.m. Religious School Committee Mtg.		5:30 p.m. Executive Committee	8:00 p.m. TIDY Purim Mtg.	Shabbat Mishpatim <i>Exodus 21:1-24:18</i> <i>II Kings 12:5-8; Isaiah 66:1, 23</i> 6:30 p.m. Service	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>No Religious School</i>	Noon Coffee with the Clergy				Shabbat T'rumah <i>Exodus 25:1-27:19</i> <i>I Kings 5:26-6:13</i> 6:30 p.m. Service	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45 a.m. Religious School	Noon Coffee with the Clergy		6:00 p.m. Board Mtg.	6:00 p.m. Megillah Reading 6:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt	Shabbat T'tzaveh <i>Exodus 27:20-30:10</i> <i>Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17</i> <i>I Samuel 15:2-34</i> 6:30 p.m. Service	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
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