

# Temple Israel Doorpost

April 2020

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## From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

How quickly the world can change! Just a few short weeks ago, we were looking forward to the beginning of spring, and with it, warmer weather, neighborhood barbecues, family celebrations and the beginning of another baseball season. Instead, we are confronted with physical isolation to help contain the spread of the novel coronavirus, Covid-19. The phrase "flatten the curve" has become almost a mantra of conversation, the new goal in everyone's life.

Likely written during the Babylonian Exile during which the Jewish people were forced to leave their

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**A note from the office about events:** as I prepare this edition of the *Doorpost* in late March, we're not sure when the temple building will reopen for regular services and special events. Please be aware that many events will go "virtual," and be hosted on the Zoom platform or other streaming service.

**Current information and links to virtual events can be found on the temple website.** Click the blue "Live Stream Options" button on the home page for event details.

Whether I'm working from the office or home, I miss seeing you all! Please feel free to call or email with your questions or concerns.

— Heather Tomlinson

## Upcoming Events

### **Davenology 101 Class, Rabbi Korinow**

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, Virtual meeting

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Virtual meeting

### **TIP Book Club**

1:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, Virtual meeting

*The View from Penthouse B* by Elinor Lipman

### **Consuming Government Discussion Group**

Monday, April 6, 8:00 p.m. Virtual meeting

Subsequent meeting dates TBA

### **\*\* Virtual \*\*Community Passover Seder**

**Led by Cantor Naomi Hirsch**

6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9 - Please see article on page 15 and link to register on the temple website

### **The Temple Office will be CLOSED**

Wednesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 15, in observance of Pesach

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, Virtual Meeting

### **Education Committee Meeting**

2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 19, Virtual Meeting

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, Virtual Meeting

### **Immigrant Detention in NH: How Can We Help?**

10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 26, Social Hall

**(this event will go virtual or be rescheduled)**

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**Current information and links to virtual events and services can be found on the temple website.**



# Rabbi's Message

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homeland for an unfamiliar destination, the words of the psalmist express our anxiety as well: "How long O God will you forget me? How long will you hide Your face from me?... Behold and answer me, my God!" (Psalm 13) We feel frustrated and afraid; many of us are literally staying alone in our homes, hoping that if we follow the suggestions of our medical professionals and political leaders, then the end of this nightmare might actually come sooner.

April is the first full month of spring and this year, as most often, the festival of Passover occurs during it. On Wednesday, April 8, we should be gathering with loved ones coming from far and near to our homes, or we to theirs, for our annual re-enactment of our ancestors leaving Egypt. We all know the Passover story very well but this year it will be different. Like our ancestors in Egypt, we, too, are in bondage. The chains of slavery may not confine us, but the concern of spreading the pandemic is keeping us hunkered down in our homes until the "all clear" might be sounded.

At the time of my writing this message, it is unclear how long the current situation will last. Most medical professionals feel that the peak of the pandemic and the flattening of the curve is not yet in sight. But certainly, know that Temple Israel is always here to help you through these difficult days. Our Chesed (caring) and Social Action Committees are there to help you with an errand to run, a trip to the pharmacy or just a phone call to check in. I will continue to lead our Tuesday afternoon minyan at 5:30 p.m. and Kabbalat Shabbat evening service each Friday at 6:15 p.m., both on the Zoom webinar



platform. I will also announce a community "check-in" via Zoom from time to time. A community Seder is being planned for the second night of Passover, also on Zoom. Check your email and the Temple Israel website ([templeisraelnh.org](http://templeisraelnh.org)) for instructions on how to connect to any of our Zoom sessions.

Something interesting has been happening each time we are on Zoom together. There is a strong feeling of connection and community. Seeing one another's faces, knowing that we are all going through this difficult time, provides an inexplicable source of strength. It is sometimes like a virtual support group! When the service or the session is over, many find it hard to disconnect. Our virtual time together has become a harbinger of hope and a realization that sometime soon we will once again be able not only to see one another on the screen of our computer or tablet, but we will be able to give one another a hug or a kiss as we wish each other Shabbat Shalom or Chag Sameach - Gut Yontif!

The other night at our Shabbat evening service on Zoom, I told the story about how King Solomon once sent his servant out to find a gift for someone who was getting too haughty when things are going well or too depressed when things are going poorly. The servant brought back a bracelet with the Hebrew words written on it, "*gam zeh ya-avor,*" meaning "this too shall pass." And so we can say the same of the Covid-19 pandemic, "*gam zeh ya-avor,* this too shall pass."

In the meantime, as we navigate our lives during these challenging days, let the words attributed to the Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr in "The Serenity Prayer" be our guide: "May God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

L'shalom, Rabbi Ira Korinow

## Moving Outside of our Comfort Zones

The horse and I locked eyes. I placed my hand on her shiny coat. “Do you want to spend the day with me?” I asked, hoping for a sign that the answer would be yes. My goal was to form a connection with this horse such that she would follow me in a circle around the corral without my leading her. We were in La Fortuna, Costa Rica on a full day horseback riding excursion. Those who know me know that I am not the biggest animal person, and this activity was a huge personal stretch. I had to give in to this horse, and find a way to forge a personal bond. Amazingly, after some time and help from our guide, the horse did eventually follow me, a required first step before my family and I embarked on an intense day of horseback riding, down steep, muddy trails to a waterfall and back. This experience, followed by others including ziplining face first above the cloud forest and surfing lessons, all pushed me to accept nature in a new way, and to give in to what I could not control.

That vacation was only a month ago, but it feels a world away. I had no idea then that I'd be living outside of my comfort zone on a daily basis here at home. We are adjusting to a new normal, and while it has been hard to navigate, I think we need each other and our Jewish community more than ever.

Since moving to New Hampshire almost ten years ago, I have considered Temple Israel my Jewish home on the Seacoast. It has been the place where I could be myself, where I could live Jewishly and be understood by others in that unique way. So how do we continue to live Jewish lives with our “home” out of reach? How do we connect when we are told to distance? Here are some suggestions:

- There is no time like the present to start a new family Shabbat tradition. No one is going out,

restaurants are closed, plans cancelled, so why not start lighting the candles and celebrating Shabbat in a more meaningful way?

- Add challah to your list of baking projects (outside of the Passover window, of course). For some reason, on our first Friday home, with our weekend plans cancelled, I felt compelled to bake challah with my girls for the first time. Laura Sher had previously sent me her recipe, but I hadn't ever followed through. There was something so grounding in baking this ritual bread. Though it didn't come out as good as Laura's does, we are going to keep doing it.
- Reach out to your friends and neighbors by phone or social media, and encourage your kids to do so also. Facetime, Zoom and others are all wonderful tools for staying in touch.
- Take part in our virtual Passover seder, or have your own virtual seder with friends and family.

What other ideas do you have? Please reach out and let us know. This is a new experience for everyone, and we would love to know suggestions from you about how we can not only keep our community alive, but also keep it thriving.

L'shalom,

Amy Hyett





# Ritual Committee

Children and adults alike are familiar with the *Mah Nishtanah* – the Four Questions of the Passover Seder. Many of us are less familiar with the answer to those questions. The answer begins with the paragraph, *Avadim hayinu*, “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. And the Holy One freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. And even if we were all wise, all people of understanding, all old and learned in the Torah, we are obligated to tell the story of *Yetziat Mitzrayim* – the Exodus from Egypt. And the more we retell it, the more praiseworthy we are.”

The word, Haggadah, means “the telling.” The Haggadah provides a script for the Seder evening. While the structure of the acts and scenes is set, we have the freedom to add and elucidate. There are many ways we can tell the story. We can read and sing the Haggadah word for word. We can enact parts of the story, share poems, scholarly commentaries, or excerpts from contemporary literature to help us reflect on the journey from slavery to freedom.

Later in the Seder, we encounter the paragraph, *B'chol dor vador* – In every generation. This text instructs us to look at ourselves “*k'ilu*, as though” we each had personally experienced slavery and made the journey out of Egypt, from bondage to freedom. We might consider how we would have reacted to being told to pack our belongings and flee in the middle of the night with what we could carry on our backs. Would we have plunged like Nachshon into the waters of the Sea of Reeds? Would we have felt awe or terror as we walked between the parted waters? Reaching the other side, would we have picked up a tambourine and danced with joy or hung back and watched, too shy, scared, or unsettled to celebrate?

*Mitzrayim* is the Hebrew word for Egypt; it can also be translated as “from the straits” or the place of narrowness. You may be familiar with the Yiddish form of the word: *tzuris*. Physically leaving the constriction of Egypt to journey to the expanse of the Promised Land corresponds to psychologically and spiritually moving from slavery to freedom. We might consider the ways in

which we feel enslaved in our own contemporary lives – by habits or pounds we’d rather shed, by complicated relationships we wish we could improve, by despair or inaction.

Pesach invites us to let go. We clean our homes of chametz, that which is old or stale, that for which we no longer have use. We prepare to leave winter behind and embrace the freshness of spring. Spring is revitalizing, but also unpredictable. Our ancestors lived with the uncertainty of how weather and nature would affect their crops. We will count the weeks of the Omer as they counted the weeks living with the uncertainty of whether the crops they planted at Pesach would result in a plentiful harvest by Shavuot.

This year, perhaps as none other in our lives, we face uncertainty and fear about our very survival: our own and our loved ones’ physical survival, the communal survival of our economy, our culture, our very way of life. As we prepare for our seders, we face another challenge of “*k'ilu*, as though.” How will we celebrate with our families and friends as though we are together in person, even though we can only connect virtually?

Rabbi Sue Fendrick, a friend of mine, shared a piece of writing that speaks to the emotions many of us may be feeling as we contemplate having seders unlike any we have ever experienced. With her permission, I offer excerpts.

*It is so easy in these times to feel like we are not achieving Pandemic Perfection. Am I being productive? Am I decluttering? Am I running cool activities for my kids? Am I keeping up my workout routine? ...Are I and my spouse holding down two full-time jobs while supervising three young children in their online learning for multiple hours a day?*

*You are living through an international pandemic. For all of the support you have, for all of the jokes people are making, ...you are experiencing a collective trauma as an individual, within ...delimited space of your own home and your own life. You may be managing others’*

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## Candle Lighting

April	3	6:54 p.m.
April	10	7:02 p.m.
April	17	7:11 p.m.
April	24	7:19 p.m.



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*experience of that trauma. You are dealing with challenges you have never faced before. You may feel scared, angry, depressed, or lost.*

*You do not need to make up for the seder you are not having, or the seder you wish you could have...Do this year's seder(s) however that works for you this year. Do your best to keep yourself and your family healthy. Connect to the themes of Passover—getting out of narrow places, celebrating life, gratitude, remembering our obligations to each other and to all others.*

*Dayeinu. That is more than enough.*

L'shalom, Deborah Hirsch Mayer, VP Ritual

## **Siddur Lev Shalem Prayerbooks**

Regretfully, the prayerbook dedication service for the congregation has been postponed. However, *Siddur Lev Shalem* publisher The Rabbinical Assembly has kindly made free PDF selections available to us for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic response. Links may be found on the temple website, "Live Stream Options" page, under Rabbi Ira Korinow's "Davenology 101" class listings.

## Service Times

Tuesday virtual service 5:30 p.m.

Friday night 6:15 p.m.

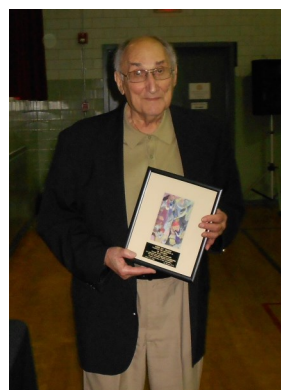
\* Virtual services at 6:15 p.m. for duration of the building closure

Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.

followed by kiddush luncheon

\* No Shabbat morning services while the building is closed

## **April 18, 2020 Kiddush: Remembering Al Spaien**



You're invited to join Al's daughters Eve and Gail in celebrating Al's life and legacy of service, after Shabbat services, from noonish to 2:00 p.m.

**\*\*Rescheduled to September 26, 2020**



# Hebrew School

**Shalom everyone, and happy April**, which coincides with the Hebrew month of Nisan.

Like most of you, I am at home, practicing physical distancing (thank you for the suggestion, Rabbi Ira; it sounds so much better than “social” distancing), and coming to terms with the idea of starting spring, and soon, celebrating Pesach, mostly indoors, and with only immediate family. Thank G-d for Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, Facebook, and, separate rooms for much-needed breaks from each other!

The month of March (coinciding with the usually very happy month of Adar) started with “Breakfast with the Rabbi” for the seventh graders, much anticipation of our Purim Carnival, and lots of practicing for our Whole School Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service.

And then, everything got canceled due to the coronavirus.

The Purim Carnival was all ready to go, thanks to the help of Madricha Hannah Leonard, seventh grader Miles Borne, and second-grade teacher Marge Gruzen. Instead, we packed up the games and prizes, which will be ready and waiting for us next year.

The practicing for the Kabbalat Shabbat was also not in vain. We will reschedule! Maybe in the fall. No learning is ever wasted!

As I write this article on March 23, some of our students and all the teachers have already enjoyed seeing each other during a “Zoom Conversation with the Rabbi.” We are still figuring out how to best help our students keep up Jewishly until we can meet again in our beautiful temple.

Here is a blessing that we can all practice while we diligently wash our hands (our *yadayim*) for twenty seconds:

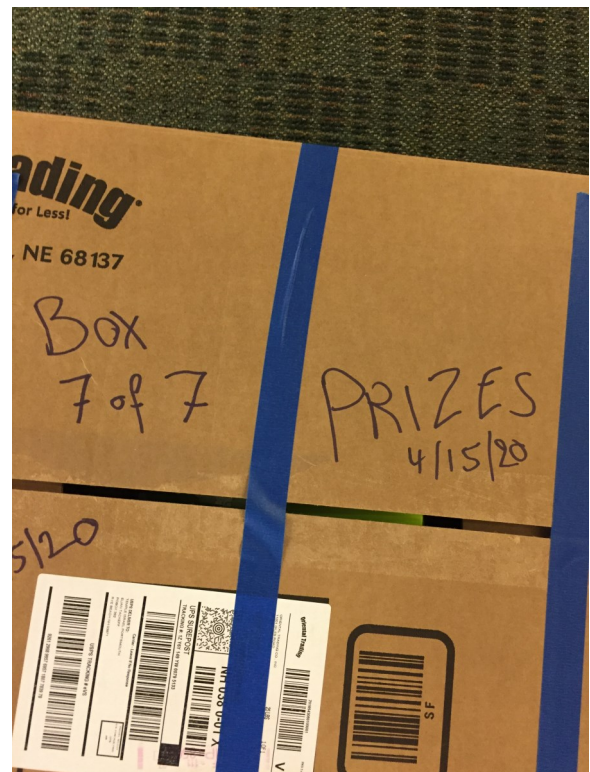
*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, vetzivanu al netilat yadayim.*

Blessed are you, Infinite One, who makes us holy through the commandment to wash our hands.

As always, please feel free to call at 603-969-2984 or email me at [egt9@aol.com](mailto:egt9@aol.com), with questions, suggestions, or even just some friendly conversation.

L'shalom,

Eliau Tackeff, Head of School



**The Purim carnival prizes are all packed away. A big thank you to Hannah, Miles, and Marge. Your work this year will save so many hours next time!**



**Tammy Labonté**  
Director, ELC

Before coronavirus prevention efforts led to “social distancing” and shuttered classrooms, Early Learning Center students enjoyed our Purim Family Celebration. Our celebration included a play of the Purim story with each child playing a part. When parents arrived, they were given masks to wear and groggers to shake.

They did a very good job drowning out Haman’s name each time it was said during the performance. We then sat down with our families to eat our lunch and some yummy hamantaschen that Ellen McQueeney had previously helped us bake.



Moving into “remote learning” mode with other New Hampshire school programs, the Early Learning Center is conducting virtual preschool with our students each day for 30 to 40 minutes. I am sending weekly curriculum-related instruction to parents, along with age-appropriate online resources to use when we cannot be together in person.

Wash your hands and stay healthy.

Shalom,

Tammy

## **\*\* Special appeal for outreach \*\***

### **Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program**

In this unprecedented time of social distancing, it is impossible for me to get out into the community and showcase the Early Learning Center to prospective new families as usual for this time of year. I’m asking *Doorpost* readers for help.

**Could you consider reaching out to friends, colleagues, and neighbors with preschool-age children (2.9 months to 6 years old) to see if they attend a preschool program?** While keeping your physical distance, perhaps you could

- make a phone call
- send an email, or
- post about our school on your social network. If you use Facebook, please “like” the Early Learning Center’s page and share it with your friends. If you have an Instagram account, follow us at the [earlylearningcenternh](https://www.instagram.com/earlylearningcenternh) (yes, all one word).

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website: [www.templeisraelnh.org](http://www.templeisraelnh.org), or by calling Tammy Labonté at 603-380-5589 or emailing me at [preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org).

*The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.*

— Thank you!



# Committee Reports

## **Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for 2020 Election to Board of Directors**

The election of board members will take place at the annual meeting on May 11, 2020.

### **The open positions are:**

- ◇ **President-elect (officer position)**
- ◇ **At-large director (4 positions open; 3 incumbents are seeking reelection)**

Officers serve two-year terms (2020 - 2022) and directors serve three-year terms (2020 - 2023). The duties of each position are set forth in the TIP bylaws. (To obtain a copy, please contact the temple office.) The bylaws require that candidates for officer positions must have been a member in good standing of TIP for at least one year prior to assuming office.

Names can be submitted either by interested candidates themselves or by members wanting to nominate someone. The names of eligible candidates will be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting.

Names of all nominees, as well as any questions, should be sent to either Steve Sacks ([stevensacks@gmail.com](mailto:stevensacks@gmail.com)) or Marc Hiller ([marc.hiller@unh.edu](mailto:marc.hiller@unh.edu)) of the Nominating Committee.

## **Help Make Temple Israel Green!**

A group is forming to improve environmental sustainability practices at Temple Israel. To join or learn more, please contact congregant Christine Caputo at [christine.a.caputo@gmail.com](mailto:christine.a.caputo@gmail.com).

All ages welcome!

## **Tzedakah Committee**

The Tzedakah Committee is available to provide you with limited short-term support during difficult times.

Please notify Rabbi Korinow if you need assistance for food, medicine, or help with a bill. He will forward your request in confidence to the Tzedakah Committee.

## **Art Review Team: Call for Family Photos and Artwork**

In preparation for our next exhibit, "Honoring Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust Era," the Art Review Team is accepting photos encompassing joy and sadness: photos of family members and friends who perished during the Holocaust as well as wedding photos from the 1920s to present. Temple Israel members are encouraged to contribute photos (copies are fine) of their own weddings, or of family members (parents, grandparents, etc.). If you do not have an available wall frame, we have twenty frames kindly donated by Elissa Kaplan Senter (most are 8" x 10," can be matted or un-matted). Photos can be posted to the private Temple Israel Chaverim Facebook group and printed in the office.

Please contact Heather in the office if you would like to participate.

There will be a separate exhibit of large-format prints of historical wedding images from the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv, affirming Jewish survival and joy during and after times of crisis.



# Donations

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## **CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Dana & Shaula Levenson in memory of Shura Simon Levenson. Selma Freedman at time of Yahrzeits. Elaine Dolph.

## **DINNERMAN/ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Betty & David Effron in memory of Betty's father, Herman Slass, and David's father, Alvin Effron. Jennie & Peter Dinnerman in memory of Charlie West.

## **DUES ABATEMENT FUND**

Michelle Baer in memory of her father, David Davison. Julie Serrano in memory of her nephew, Kevin Greenauer.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL FUND**

Mark Berch in honor of granddaughter Kira Berch. Paul Rothman & Emily McEntee. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her mother, Bessie Partoll.

## **INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND**

Gloria & Harold Moldoff in memory of Harold's mother, Sarah Moldoff, and Gloria's father, Albert Woolfson. Stuart & Paula Boxer in memory of Stuart's father, Louis Boxer, and Paula's father, David Rosengard. Alan Cronheim. Gloria Turner in memory of her mother, Pauline Applebaum. David Forman in honor of his father, Louis Forman.

## **KIDDUSH FUND**

Michael Glick in memory of his father, Henry B. Glick. Leonard Baer and family in memory of his mother, Gertrude Baer, and his father, Louis Baer.

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Joan Hankin in memory of her father, Ben Gersh. Marsha Brann & family in memory of her son, Jonathan Brann.

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Mikhail Klarov. Kerry Hansen. Marilyn Gorman in memory of her mother, Lena Gorman. Barbara Gutin.

## **TZEDAKAH FUND**

Fred & Rhoda Feldman in memory of Fred's father, Mendel Feldman. Stanley & Rita Robbins in memory of

Rita's parents, Bessie & Murray Marcus. Anonymous contributor. Agnes Cabot in memory of her father, Alexander Vero. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt, wishing "Comfort and blessings to my dear friend Margaret Aleles on the passing of her mother. May her memory always be for a blessing." Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of her father, Jerry Cherry. Claudia Leblanc. Cynthia Freedman and the Blacker family in memory of Doris Freedman.

## **PRAYERBOOK FUND DONATIONS**

**Many thanks to the following donors for their generous response to the request for prayerbook contributions.**

Myrna Weisner Promer and family in memory of Howard J. Promer, loving husband, father, and grandfather. The Temple Israel Sisterhood. David Cline. Brian & Richelle Helman. Rick Robbins & Sally Cohen. The Wizwer family in honor of the forward movement of the temple. Leslie & Matthew Allen. The Borne family in memory of Lawrence Goldstein, Gerald Borne, and Judy Borne. Judith Rubenstein. Paula and Karl Singer in honor of their parents, Harold & Mary McCrensky, and Anne & David Singer. Laura Spelke in memory of Sherwood Spelke. Roberta Issokson in loving memory of Michele Issokson Sbrega. Jennifer Katz-Borin in memory of Harry Katz. Marjorie Levy Beck in memory of Samuel & Helen Levy. Zina Talis & Jonathan Young in memory of Alexander Talis, and in honor of Remi Young's Bar Mitzvah. Amy & Brian Hyett in honor of Kayla Hyett's Bat Mitzvah. Monika & David Olken in memory of David Dann, Frank Olken, Barbara & Hans Roeder, and Charlotte & Harry Olken. Claudia Leblanc. Cynthia Freedman and the Blacker family in loving memory of the Sussman family: Perry, Alice, and Aaron (Ron). Allison Rubin in memory of Marsha Cohen.



# Yahrzeits

## April Yahrzeits

1. Annie Cantor, Joseph Schwartz, Kevin Greenauer
2. Allen Scheff, Herbert Fox, Belle Windt
3. Barnet Freedman, Rose Richman, Abraham Grossman, Irving Sternberg, Esther Issokson, Albert Spaian
4. Goldie Selden, Max (Manny) Weisner, Ronald Brass, Evelyn Berman, Harry Pastor, Harold McCrensky, Gil Victor Ornelas, Benjamin Green
5. Rose Cohen
6. Rose Handler, Morris Silverman, Haskel Kram, Millicent Goodstein, Irving Diamond, Tillie Shapiro, David Goldstein, Bella Taube
7. Aaron Stanhope, Barney Freedman, Aaron Warach, Frederick Gersh, Jean Willens, Christine L. Kennon, Annie Yoffee, Gertrude Grant
8. Miriam Ackerman, Otto Salzman, Robert Lasky, Ruth Rome, Alexander Gottesman
9. Lee Harrison, Sylvia Portman, Bertha Fox
10. Sarah Black, Esther Shulman, Rosalie Katz, Ruth Dennis, Rose B. Kates
11. (no congregational observance)
12. Lawrence Friedman, Davida Roberts, Jerome Fishbein
13. John Rosenbloom, Katie Lampert, Bertha Zall, Reuben Weinstein, Irving Oshman

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14. Rudolph Goodman, Sarah Levine, Robert Brann, Pauline Bailey, Sidney Goren, Sam Ollar, Morris A. Fox, Herman Blank
15. Samuel Kolikof, Leonard Levy, Israel Mirsky, Barbara Cherry, Richard F. Morse, Eric Goulston
16. Max Rosenfield, Sarah Borwick, Sarah Mendelovtitz, Marcia J. Feinberg
17. Maurice Lightung, Rae Pearl, Sarah Beatrice Friedman
18. Tillie Fein, Bess Issokson, Ruth L. Issokson, Lillian Lane, Lena Rosen
19. Samuel Kline, Judith Kramer, Ursula Cherry, Sylvia Allen, Samuel Abeles
20. Joseph Cohen, Milton Roberts, Ida Silverman, Roberta Berman, Brina Lampert, Louis Emmer, Sterra Tackeff, Frieda Osman
21. Louis Bradbard, Rae Scheckter, Mollie Wolf, Glenyce Kaplan
22. Gladys Goodman, Max Freedman, Ernie Kessler, Sarah Polimar, Gertrude Borden, Morris Rotman
23. Julius Zeidman, Danielle Harman, Sol Lesser, Laura Share, Samuel Share, Mildred Friedman, Robert Segil, Francis Brown, Dorothy Pearlstein, George James White, Morris S. Rosen, Leah Osman, Annie Freaman
24. Blume Lepoff, Dora Taube, Sadye Schwartz
25. Rose Esther Weinstein
26. Edward Segel, Sarah Bratter, Jay Schwartz,

When you are observing a family member's *yahrzeit*, you are welcome to say kaddish at Shabbat services Friday night or Saturday morning, at Tuesday minyan (5:30 p.m.), and when Hebrew School is in session, on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., or Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Samuel Lisagor, Sadie Goldstein Byer

27. Rev. Jacob Meyerson, Anna Siegel,  
Lillie Sorkin, Morris Siegel, Jules Philips,  
Louis Baumstein, Massie Winer,  
Lucille Silverman

28. Jeanette Kaufman, Lee Gunst, Bessie Kemler,  
Ruth Kram

29. Pamela Shulman

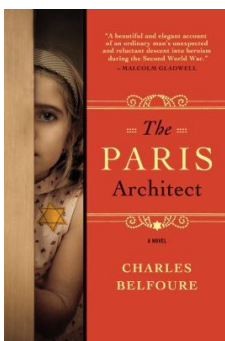
30. Moses Haritonov, Ethel Pierce

**Saying Kaddish during a time of physical isolation:** If you would like to join a “virtual” minyan to say Kaddish, you can find the schedule for live-streamed services on the temple website. Click the “Live Stream Options” button on the home page. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish is also available, listed in the “Additional Resources” section.

## Temple Israel Book Club - May

*The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m.** for



the next meeting of a new book club. We usually meet in the Shmooze on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss the monthly selection. Upcoming titles are viewable on the temple website calendar.

*Links to virtual meetings may be found on the temple website, “Live Stream Options” page.*

If you have any questions, please email Jill White at [jillrobert1@gmail.com](mailto:jillrobert1@gmail.com).

## The Palm Oil Crisis

by Miles Borne.

For my Bar Mitzvah project I will try to educate people about the effects of palm oil and maybe make a company switch to an alternative oil. Companies use palm oil in many food and non-food products because it's cheap, odorless, colorless, resistant to oxidation/has a longer shelf life, is stable at high temperatures, and produces a great amount of oil for less land.

Unfortunately, the tradeoffs are that production of palm oil happens to be a big cause of child labor and the biggest cause of deforestation in Southeast Asia. This leads to habitat loss, endangering some species like the pygmy elephant, Sumatran elephant and the orangutan. Also, when palm tree growers burn the forest down with fire to plant more oil palm trees, they are releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere therefore contributing to climate change. Some organizations have been founded to help deal with the crisis like the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). RSPO is the top organization dealing with the palm oil crisis. RSPO is an organization that puts symbols on food packaging to show consumers that the palm oil used came from an eco-friendly farmer.

Once the COVID-19 crisis is over, I will have a table outside the temple educating people about the effects of palm oil and how you can help solve the crisis. There will be a big stuffed elephant for a raffle. You will automatically get one ticket in the raffle and you can get an extra ticket if you sign your name on a pre-written letter to companies that use palm oil, urging them to find other oils or source their palm oil in a responsible way. When my date is set, please come to be educated about the palm oil crisis and help solve it.



# In Our Community

## New! Book Discussion Group

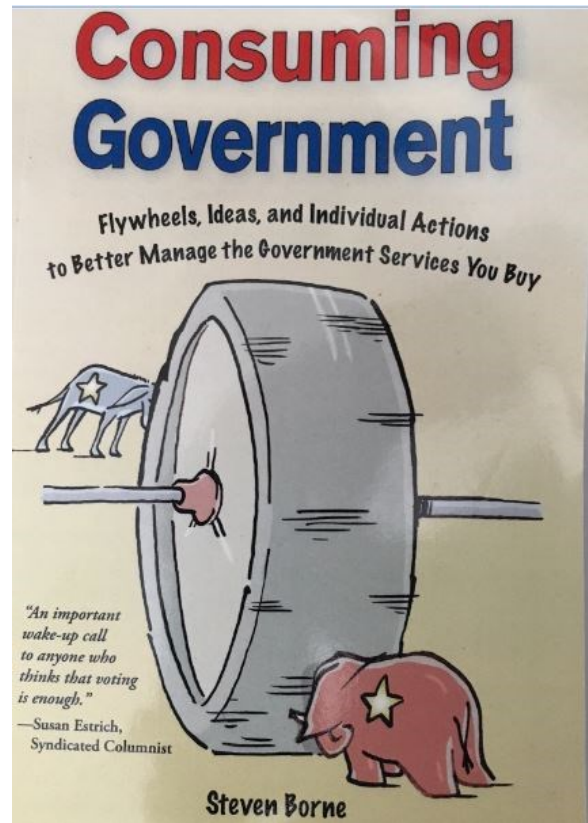
8:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2020

Steven Borne, congregant and author of *Consuming Government: Flywheels, Ideas, and Individual Actions to Better Manage the Government Services You Buy* will be moderating a 6-part series of Zoom video calls. Steven's book can be ordered from Amazon.com (paperback or Kindle editions) or a copy picked up outside the temple office.

Zoom links to the meetings are posted on the temple website, "Live Stream Options" page. The first section of his book is available as a free PDF, linked there as well. These video calls are supported by the Temple Israel Brotherhood.

## Real Estate Notes

- The Temple-owned commercial building at 170 State Street (red building next to the sanctuary) is available for rent. 2700 square feet of office space with several offices, a kitchenette and restroom, large storage area. No retail or food-related businesses. 3 dedicated parking spaces. Please contact the temple office for details.
- Three Leased Parking spots in the upper lot are also available on a temporary monthly basis. Please contact the temple office for details.
- Congregants Adam Kurish & Becca Scheinberg are offering a 2BD, 2BA condo for rent: 44 Dennett St, #1, Portsmouth, see Zillow.com. Phone: 914-275-2461.





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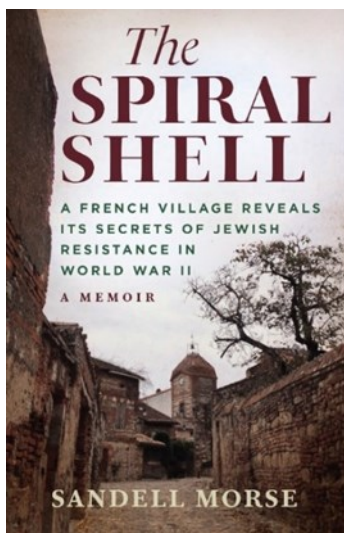
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## An Evening of Remembrance: Honoring “Unsung Heroes” of the Holocaust Era

~~6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020~~

Please join us in the Shmooze for light refreshments followed by presentations in the Social Hall by two published Seacoast writers starting at 7:00 p.m.



Event Postponed, date TBA. Find the authors' books at an online bookstore and enjoy reading until we can meet in person to discuss!

Sandell Morse, author of *The Spiral Shell: A French Village Reveals Its Secrets of Jewish Resistance in World War II*. In this haunting memoir, Sandell discovers stories of bravery and resistance in a small town in southern France, and in turn finds deeper meaning and understanding of her own Jewish heritage, denied to her in her childhood.

Catherine Ruth Jones, author of *Quiet Courage: The Story of a World War II WAC*. A true story, written from the heart, about the author's mother, a brave woman who put her life on hold to enlist in the first company of the Women's Army Corps to help defeat the Nazis in World War II.

The exhibit “Jewish Weddings” from the archives of the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv will also be on display, along with congregant art and photos affirming Jewish survival and joy.

An interfaith community event • FREE and OPEN to the public



# Virtual Seder

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## ZOOMING TO FREEDOM!

### Cantor Naomi Hirsch to Officiate at Temple Israel's (Virtual) Second Night Seder

6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020 (15 Nisan, 5780)

We are delighted to announce that Cantor Naomi Hirsch will lead our congregational seder this year. Cantor Hirsch lives in Philadelphia; she is the sister of our VP Ritual, Deborah Hirsch Mayer.

Cantor Naomi Hirsch was ordained and received her Master of Sacred Music degree and an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion-School of Sacred Music in New York City. A trailblazer for progressive Jewish women clergy, she was one of the first 14 women inducted into the Cantors Assembly in 1991, and subsequently, the first cantor to be employed full-time by Hillel. Cantor Hirsch has held pulpits in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. She treasures her recent experiences of serving congregations in an interim capacity,



...serving one as cantor and another as sole spiritual leader.

Currently, Cantor Hirsch serves as a chaplain for Jewish Family and Children's Services of Greater Philadelphia; conducts a Yiddish chorus; teaches Hebrew, Mussar, Judaism, and singing

to students of all ages; officiates at lifecycle ceremonies; and takes part in interfaith community



events. She performs in concerts, singing Jewish and secular music, around the country and abroad. Her most unusual skill is bottle-dancing!

Cantor Hirsch is passionate about opening the gates of Judaism to all those who seek access; empowering each individual to find her/his unique point of entry into community. She has a wealth of experience leading and facilitating participatory seders and holiday observances for groups.

She is excited about "Zooming to Freedom" with you on the second night of Passover, next Thursday night, April 9.

- The seder will begin at 6:15 pm and run under two hours.
- Rather than taking the traditional break for a festive meal, Cantor Hirsch will lead us all the way through the Haggadah. Then, each of the participating households can enjoy a leisurely meal.
- We will be forwarding more information, including a link to the Haggadah PDF, to registered participants. (Sign up via the link included in the Friday bulletin!)

**Don't miss the opportunity to join together for what promises to be a very engaging, memorable event!**

## Mechirat Chametz

It is customary before Passover to free ourselves of leaven in our homes via “*Mechirat Chametz*,” the selling of the leaven.

Rabbi Korinow will be pleased to assist in the process. Please email him (RabbiK@templeisraelnh.org) or fill in the written agreement below, clip it, and return it to Rabbi Korinow with a contribution to buy it back after Passover.

*Chametz* should be sold by the morning of Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

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**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Weds:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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### Authorization for the Selling of Chametz

I authorize Rabbi Ira Korinow to sell my *chametz* to someone who is not Jewish in the community. I also agree to buy back my *chametz* at the end of Passover.

Enclosed is my contribution to *tzedakah* (charity) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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*signature*

Please complete, clip, and return with a check made out to “Temple Israel” for any amount to:



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