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# From the Rabbi's Desk

by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

Dear Friends.

In this month of Kislev, as we approach the festival of Hanukkah, amid a war for the future of Israel, we are easily struck by the echoes of history resounding through the ages. Hanukkah celebrates the spiritual victory of light over darkness and a military victory over a regime that sought to destroy our future as Jews. These days, time seems to wash over itself in overlapping waves of meaning.

Our history and the wisdom of our Sages have much to teach us about reclaiming spiritual strength amid the ruins. We are a people that has survived, and not only survived but flourished, despite the worst and most evil of human inventions across time.



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

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## From the Rabbi's Desk

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There is a teaching in our Talmud (Makkot 24b) in which Rabbi Akiva and his colleagues are walking amid the ruins of Jerusalem. "When they arrived at the Temple Mount, they saw a fox running out of the area where the Holy of Holies had been. They began to cry, while R. Akiva laughed. They asked R. Akiva why he laughed. He replied, that there are two prophecies in the Bible in which one depends upon the other. First, Uriah's prophecy foretells the destruction of Zion. But Zechariah's later prophecy speaks of its restoration." R. Akiva continued saving, "Now that I have seen Uriah's prophecy fulfilled in full detail, I know that Zechariah's prophecy will also be fulfilled." Hearing that, R. Akiva's colleagues said to him, "Akiva, you have comforted us."

In view of the destruction of the holiest place, the abode of God, Rabbi Akiva adjusts his vision to see beyond the moment. He sees the past, acknowledges the destruction, hears the echo of the Prophets and then he sees a new future of restoration, healing, and peace.

In the tradition of Jewish mysticism, each month of the year conveys a particular essence, a unique energy and quality that is accessible to us at that time of year. This month of Kislev (Hanukkah time) is associated with the quality of "vision." As we light our hanukkiot, we are invited to orient ourselves toward the growing light amid the darkness. We are invited to move out of despair and, like Rabbi Akiva, to deepen our capacity to see an alternate future.

## **Prayer Services**

Weekday minyan, Tuesday, 5:30 pm, ZOOM ONLY

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, 6:00 pm winter start time.

Shabbat morning, Saturday, 10:00 am, with participation from Hebrew School students (during the school year) and Torah reading. Zoom links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin with exceptions as noted. Members can also log into their ShulCloud account and find the Zoom links on the "Member Resources" page.

Alternative Service led by Reb Jacob, Friday, 12/1, 6:00 pm

Lunch and Learn with Reb Jacob,
Saturday, 12/2 and 12/16 after services
Tot Shabbat & Hanukkah candle lighting
with Rabba Kaya, Friday, 12/8, 3:45 pm,
followed by traditional service at 6:00 pm
Torah-inspired yoga led by Allison
Miller, Saturday, 12/9, 9:00 am, Chapel
Shabbes Tisch potluck, Friday, 12/15,
6:00 pm, bring a vegetarian / dairy / pareve
dish to share! (Join us for a family-friendly
meal in the Social Hall; no Zoom
component.)

Reb Jacob leads Shabbat services, 12/29 & 12/30



## **Candle Lighting**

December 1, 3:52 pm December 8, 3:51 pm December 15, 3:52 pm December 22, 3:55 pm December 29, 3:59 pm



## Treasurer's Message

Dear TIP Community,

As we begin the second quarter of our new fiscal year, which began on July 1, I would like to offer an update to our congregation on the finances of Temple Israel Portsmouth.



Rich LeSavoy, Treasurer

The overall financial health of our temple is good. We are fortunate to own our historic synagogue at 200 State Street, the adjoining property at 170 State Street, and our cemetery on Banfield Road, all with no mortgages.

Temple Israel has historically been self-financed through dues, school tuition, rental income, and the generous donations of our temple community. We have no existing loans.

Each year, we are fortunate to receive many donations from our congregation. In addition to our annual appeal, we have more than twenty other "restricted" funds, which are segregated and only utilized for their intended purpose. Restricted funds include ones for our library, kiddush, tzedakah, tikkun olam, security, music, prayerbook, and the rabbi's discretionary fund, among others.

The temple also has a long-established series of endowment funds. With endowment contributions, the funds are preserved for perpetuity, and only the income generated from investing the principal is used. A large portion of our endowment funds is invested in Israeli Bonds. This investment is more important than ever as it directly supports the State of Israel.

Through a collaborative process, we create an operating budget that supports our Hebrew School, Early Learning Center, staff, building expenses, and many of our programs, events, and Jewish ritual observances and services. Each budget is presented to the membership at our annual meeting. Through the first four months of this fiscal year, we are ahead on income and within 3% of our budgeted spending. The financial results are reviewed by your board each month so that any needed adjustments to our finances can be addressed.

If any congregant would like more information about any of the Temple's finances, I am more than happy to be contacted directly.

Richard LeSavoy, Treasurer treasurer@templeisraeInh.org (978) 994-2793

#### Welcome New & Returning Members (fall)

Peter & Tonya Benstock, Rye NH & Tampa FL Jessica Bolker & Peter Bixby, Dover Jeffrey & Mary Blum, North Hampton Meryl & Doug Carmel, Exeter Emily Castaline, York Robyn & Braden Ferrari, Portsmouth Ethel Frederick & George Force, Dover Mia Jacobson, Rye Jeremy & Kim Kasten, and their children Ozma, Cassidy, & Dorian, Berwick Cheryl Lesser and Greg Lemos, Dover Ian & Sara Rosenthal, and their sons Hugh and Simon, Stratham Adam Schran & Emily Bridges, and their children Arya, Arthur, Arden, & Amelie, Rye Samantha & Andrew Seal, and their children Fredric & Judith. Durham Judy & Howard Spivak, New York

Eric Ziegler, Portsmouth

### Ritual Committee

by Fran Berman, VP Ritual

#### Winter Lights

The dark days are here in many ways right now. The sun sets earlier and earlier, pushing us indoors, and at the same time we are faced with awful news from the Middle East and elsewhere. But Shabbat and the winter holidays roll on, encouraging us to turn away from the darkness for a little while and find moments of gratitude and even joy in community with others. In Judaism and many other religions, light is a symbol of faith, hope, and the divine presence. We begin Shabbat by lighting our candles against the darkness, and at Hanukkah we add more light each night as we remember our strength and perseverance in the face of struggles of long ago.

This year Hanukkah starts at sundown on the night of Thursday, December 7, and continues until sunset on Friday, December 15.



We plan to light candles at the temple on seven of the eight nights of Hanukkah. Please join us to usher in the light together.

#### Here is our candle lighting schedule:

<u>Thursday, 12/7, 5:30 pm – 1st night</u> – led by Sisterhood & the House Committee – courtyard, followed by snacks and songs with Fran Berman in the Shmooze <u>Friday, 12/8, 3:45 pm – 2nd night</u> – for preschoolers and others with Rabba Kaya – courtyard

Saturday, 12/9 - no TI candle lighting

Sunday 12/10, 4-6pm – 4th

night – Community

Hanukkah party with

latkes & dreidels – Social

Hall (bring your hanukkiah
for the group lighting.



Fran Berman, VP Ritual

Monday, 12/11, 5:30pm – 5th night – led by the Tikkun Olam Committee – courtyard Tuesday, 12/12, 5:30pm – 6th night – led by the Israel Affairs Committee -- courtyard, followed by cookie decorating in the Shmooze, minyan in the chapel

<u>Wednesday</u>, 12/13, 6:00pm - 7th night - led by our Hebrew School students - courtyard, followed by snacks, games

<u>Thursday, 12/14, 5:30pm - 8th night</u> -

Interfaith candle lighting led by Rabba Kaya with songs by the new We Sing Interfaith
Chorus – courtyard, followed by donuts & cider/coffee in the Shmooze

In case of inclement weather, we will light candles in the Shmooze rather than in the courtyard.

You can pick up a set of candles at many local supermarkets (though why they have them on the holiday endcap with matzoh is a mystery to me) or at Temple Israel. Our gift shop also stocks a wide range of hanukkiot (Hanukkah menorahs), dreidels, chocolate gelt, and much more. Check with the Temple office to find out when the Hanukkah "shop" will be open and stop by to find some special gifts for the family.

Wishing you and your families some light in the darkness. Chag Hanukkah sameach!

# Hebrew School

by Erik Martin, Head of School

## It's a Wrap



Wednesday,12/6
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Join Temple Israel's
Sisterhood members
in the Shmooze for a
gift wrapping party.

We all need to wrap, roll, stuff, or bag every one of those presents so let's do it together. You can purchase small items and candles at the temple gift shop table or bring your gifts. Sisterhood is providing the paper, bags, bows, ribbon, and tape.

# Community Hanukkah Celebration



Sunday,12/10 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Let's all celebrate the Festival of Lights! Bring your family's favorite hanukkiah

and nosh the night away with us. This celebration is free and open to the community. Kindly pre-register on the Temple website calendar so we have enough latkes for all!

## Sleepover at TIP!



The sun is down and the fun is just beginning! Come for a night of games, movies, fun, and friends, and then sleep over in the Temple! It's gonna be... EPIC!

Open to children 9 years and older. Children under 11 years old must be picked up at 9:00 pm.

Registration required, with a suggested donation of \$20 per child. Donation covers dinner, program, and breakfast.

Please register via the Temple website calendar.

## **Candle Lighting**



Wednesday,12/13 6:00 pm

Stay after Hebrew
School to light the
seventh candle in the
courtyard! Juice,
coffee, and treats will
be served.

### **Winter Break**

Hebrew School will not be meeting on Saturday, 12/23,

Saturday, 12/23, Wednesday, 12/27, or Saturday, 12/30.



Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2024!



# Busy, busy!

by Tammy Roberge, Preschool Director

We have had so much fun in November!

We worked on learning our letters, creating them with Unifix cubes and writing them on magnetic boards.







We practiced self-help skills like scooping, pouring, and opening and reclosing different containers.

To get ready for playing dreidel next month, we began spinning tops—and spinning ourselves.

The children also learned how easy it is to make butter. They shook heavy whipping cream until it turned into butter. Then they enjoyed tasting their work and bringing the butter home for their families to try.

Tammy Roberge and the ELC Team (Elian, Amy, Steve, Laura, & Marge)



# QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ELC?

Call Preschool Director Tammy Roberge: 603-436-5301, ext. 23, or send an email to preschooldirector@templeisraeInh.org.

### **Donations**

Received October 26 - December 1, 2023

Chesed Squad: Roberta Issokson in memory of her beloved daughter, Michele Issokson Sbrega, in memory of her father, Maurice Dinerman, and in thanks to Chesed committee and its members and mission.

#### **Dinnerman-Rottenberg Educational**

Endowment Fund: Joyce Meenes in memory of her adored grandfather, Harry Abrams.

Marjorie Levy Beck in memory of her father and mother, Samuel and Helen Levy.

**Dues Abatement Fund:** Ellen Fineberg in memory of her father, Benjamin Fineberg. Brenda Johnston.

Hebrew School Fund: Karen Mott in memory of her grandmother, Marie Muller. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her brother, Melvin Partoll.

Institutional Operating Endowment: Bert and Deb Freedman in memory of Bert's father, Robert Freedman. Stuart and Paula Boxer in memory of Stuart's mother, Frieda Boxer.

**Kiddush Fund:** Judy and John Craig in loving memory of Aaron Lapkin, beloved grandfather of Judy Craig.

**Music Fund:** Jamey Rosenfield and Jane Armstrong with thanks to Elana Arian for a wonderful Shabbat.

**Preschool Fund:** Elissa Kaplan Senter in memory of Rabbi David Rafael Senter.

Rabbi's Fund: Marcia Blacker and Cynthia
Freedman in memory of their mother, Rebecca
Freedman. Janet Fox in memory of her
husband, Bruce Fox. Betty Effron in memory of
her mother, Jeanne Slass. Michael and Laurie
Steinberg in memory of Michael's mother,
Rosilyn Steinberg. Amy Feitelson in memory of
her mother, Dorothy Feitelson. Gail and John
Perkins. Mikhail Klarov.

Tikkun Olam Endowment - Sanford Roberts
Fund for Social Justice: Ira Schwartz.

remembering Sandy Roberts.

Tzedakah Fund: Allison Miller and Shaw
Tilton in loving memory of Ruth Miller, Allison's
grandmother. Agnes and Marc Cabot in
memory of nana, Emma Frankl. Lisa and Jack
Ohayon in memory of Lisa's mother, Renee
Goodman. Alissa Gold in memory of her friend,
Sandy Roberts. Jeffrey Goodman in memory of
his loving father, Robert Goodman. Claire
Siegel in memory of June Talisman.

## **Annual Appeal Donations**

#### Rabbi's Circle

Gold: Judy and John Craig.

Silver: Fran Berman.

Bronze: Michael and Glicka Kaplan. Roger

Epstein.

Friends: Nancy and Andrew Jaffe. Steven Sacks and Pam Battin Sacks. Rene Boudreau writes, "Sending our love and prayers for the community's safety, healing, peace and strength. We stand in solidarity with you all." David and Betty Effron. Marvin and Norma Lesser. Beth and David Salzman. The National Mah Jongg League. Emma and Walter Rous. Shelley Hartz and Rick Sugam. Karen and Norton Newborn. Helaine Roberts.

**Additional Contributors:** Burt Wolf in memory of Mollie Wolf.

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

### Holocaust Torah

By Dr. Melvin Prostkoff

On October 25, the Hebrew School and congregation held a siyyum ceremony to celebrate the successful repair and return of Holocaust Torah Scroll MST #486 (an orphan scroll). The event was very successful, poignant, and meaningful.

Since March 25, 2015, Temple Israel has housed one of the Memorial Scrolls Trust's Torah scrolls on permanent loan. This special Torah has been used for the celebration of all life-cycle events, events that affirm the continuity of the Jewish people. These events include the High Holidays, baby namings, b'nei mitzvah, and aufrufs (the calling of a bride and groom for an aliyah prior to their wedding). The Czech scrolls, including MST #486, are survivors and silent witnesses. They represent not only the lost communities of Bohemia and Moravia where they originated, but all the communities which perished in the Shoah. Recently, our scroll needed some restorative repairs, which were completed over the summer by Rabbi Kevin Hale, Sofer STaM, a traditionally trained Torah scribe.

Over forty Hebrew School students and their teachers attended the two educational sessions held by Rabbi Hale, after which about forty-five congregants participated in the siyyum ceremony. Rabbi Hale tailored his presentations, engaging the students by demonstrating the materials and methods used







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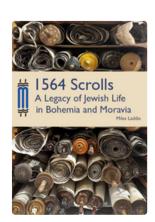
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by scribes to write a Torah and providing other detail to the adults. He was clearly effective, evoking much inquisitiveness among the Hebrew School students, and spirit and interest among all the adults. Greetings were read from Jeffey Ohrenstein, Trustee/Chairman of the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London. Everyone present contributed, either by coming up and reciting a kavanah (intention) to empower Rabbi Hale to fill in a letter on their behalf, or by participating in a group aliyah. Rabba Kaya was given the honor of filling in the final letter herself. After the ink on all the completed letters dried, the Torah was declared kosher by Rabba Kaya. After the group alivah, the Torah was carried from the Social Hall to the Aron (Ark) in the sanctuary, with a procession of joyful followers. The event was a moving experience for all who came. Thanks are due to the organizing committee and all those involved in arranging and funding the repairs that provided the cause for the celebration.

#### New book from the **Memorial Scrolls**

Trust. Learn more about the history of the Czech scrolls. \$36 per copy supports the Holocaust Torah Fund, Contact the office to order a copy.



### Israel Affairs Committee

by Emma Rous, IAC Chair
What makes a healthy argument? Is it a
debate in which each party tries to prove the
other party wrong? Is it a negotiation when
everyone gives up something in order to arrive
at consensus? Or is it a chance to learn a new
perspective and gain deeper understanding?

On November 5, forty people gathered in the Social Hall for a Zoom from Israel with Robbie Gingras, founder and author (with Abi Dauber Sterne) of Stories for the Sake of Argument. In breakout sessions, attendees shared their experiences related to the events of October 7 and their willingness to engage in difficult conversations. Finally, groups discussed the story, "I Was Born Here." Some questions and responses: Do people have different goals in the argument? Clarify first. Is there room for emotion? Yes, but emotion doesn't have a veto. There's no agreement on the facts? Go to the deeper issues.

Follow up discussions are scheduled for two Sunday mornings, 10:30-12, on 12/17 and 1/7. Thank you to Arlene Brewster and Rachel Kurshan for co-leading. It is not necessary to have attended the workshop to join. Books, helpful but not required, are sold online. Thank you to Rabba Kaya for locating this impressive program, to the Cultural Endowment Committee for sponsoring it, and to Rachel Kurshan for making it happen.

IAC will host a cookie decorating session following the Hanukkah candle lighting on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Shaliach Guy ben David will be our guest on Saturday evening, Jan. 27, for havdalah and an Israeli music presentation.

### Sisterhood

by Rachel Dennis, Sisterhood Chair
The Sisterhood enjoyed a wonderful visit to the
Maine Jewish Museum in Portland on
November 19. We will be wrapping gifts during
Hebrew School on Wednesday 11/29 and 12/6
from 4-5:30 in the Shmooze. You can purchase
gifts or bring them from home. Questions?
Email Rachel, Sisterhood@templeisraeInh.org.

## **Brotherhood**

by Ryan Kaplan, Brotherhood Chair On Sunday, December 3rd, the Brotherhood will host a social event at10:00 am. We will start with a brunch followed by a historical tour of the building, led by Robin Albert.

## **WE Sing Interfaith Choir**

Join us! Be part of our new interfaith community choral experience this winter season. We look forward to other opportunities to sing together throughout the year. This choir is open to all. There is no fee to participate. Jonny Peiffer, Director of Music Ministries at South Church UU Portsmouth, will lead the choir.

Rehearsal: Tues, 12/5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, South Church

Performances: Sun, 12/10, 9:00 - 11:00 am, at South Church and Thurs, 12/14, 5:30 pm, at Temple Israel



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### **Arts Review Team**

by Deborah Levine, Chair





#### Above and Below (I), Composting (r)

Please join us after services on December 22 for the opening reception of our new exhibit featuring artist Toby Gordon, on the theme of "Between the Real and the Imagined."

Toby's paintings allow the viewer to explore recognizable subjects, as well as more abstract works. This results in a unique personal



interpretation or imagining of what each piece could be depicting.

We may also take a pause between confronting the reality of war in Gaza and imagining possibilities for peace. With the approach of Hanukkah, and much-needed light, we celebrate victories of the past and hope for an end to Hamas' aggression and further attacks in Israel. All life is sacred; we pray for those who are suffering here at home, in Israel, and in Gaza.

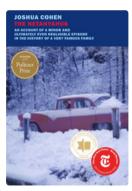
Let's reflect on what we can do to promote peace and healing. Community members and Hebrew School students have composed letters to IDF soldiers and US veterans to remind them that we care for them and appreciate their courage.

Hand drumming continues In December, led by John Felice. Beginners are welcome to participate, Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel.

### **TIP Book Club**

The book club will meet at 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 14, to discuss the novel *The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen.

"A mordant, linguistically deft historical novel about the ambiguities of the Jewish-American experience." — Pulitzer Prize Citation, Winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.



## Life Cycles



Congregants Kira Lew and Steven Greenberger are delighted to share the news of their daughter's birth on October 29. Welcome, Gwen Harper Greenberger!

## 2024 Mah Jongg Cards

Did you know that group orders placed with the National Mah Jongg League can earn a donation for TIP? Joanne Samuels is collecting orders, due by January 26, 2024.

Price is the same: Large card, \$15 Small card, \$14



Give when you play!



## **December Yahrzeits**

- 1. Jacob Heller, Mary McCrensky, Morris Levy, Julius Nasberg, Statia Nesin, Sidney Zeff
- 2. George Gelman, Joseph Partoll, Harold Berit, Arnold M. Baer
- 3. John Alexander, Morris Isacoff
- Harry Gross, Ethel Cutler, Aaron Finkelstein,
   Herman Spaien, Jacob Mason, Gerald Sher,
   Davida Gelfman, Selma J. Nasberg
- 5. Morris Zack, Samuel A. Levine, Allen Koiles, Frank Weiner, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Bruce K. Smith, Anne Simonoff
- 6. Pauline Lisagor, Jacob Goldstein, Barry Siegel
- Joseph Sack, Nedra Loeb, Charlotte Olken,
   Robert M Blumenberg, Rita Peters, Gert
   Sternberg
- 8. Samuel Lederman, Richard Grace, Bess Rammer, Rose Cohen, James Green, Ruth Alfond, Sylvia Allen
- Sarah Avergun, Bella Linden, Ada
   Blankenberg, Abraham Mittelman, Robert
   Goren, Arnold J. Ashline, Marjorie Simond
   Anna Glaser, Sam Goldstein, Rose Glick,
- 11. Eli Borwick, Lillian Lorde, Florence Slater, Bernard Levitz, Milton Brody, Jacob H. Cohen, Samuel N. Cook, Catherine Most
- 12. Bernice Slavin Gordon, Rabbi Morris Shoulson, Shirley Richman

Rabbi Aaron Ilson, Jean Lafarque

- Vernon Byus, Jr., Lee Fruman, Eva Gordon
   Baer, Minnie Cooper, Aaron Lapkin
- 14. Daniel Cline, Etta Winick, Edward Samson, Bernard Fine, Ralph Noveletsky
- 15. Henry Willar, Charles Trott, Hans George Hirsch, Samuel Mayo, Ivey St. John
- 16. Benjamin Singer, Zelig Applebaum, OttoMorgenstern, Katrina Bradbury, Floretta Osman17. Solomon Gerstein, Gertrude Kaplan, Sarah

Sherman, Bessie Cohn, George Brown,

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- A.B. Silverman, Jay Wein, Louis Rome, Myrna Siegel, Gloria Rosegarten Adler, Bernard Harris, John Thomas McCarty, Stanley Grossman 18. Janice Glaser, Rose Coles, Carl Schwartz, Herb Heller, Pauline Wilson, Irvin Gorski, Sayde Harris, Florence Thailer
- 19. Maurice Ruben, Hyman Sherman, H. Berzow, Esther Ruth London
- 20. Charlotte Brody, Aniela Adonajlo
- 21. Marcia Alexander, Leah Kolikof, Benjamin Slome, Edith Prostkoff, Adolph Jacob Baer, Beatrice Book, Abraham Issokson, Louis J. Magerer, Arthur Filler
- 22. Alan Schenk, Ethel Fleisher, MildredThrope, Bernard Luloff, Benjamin Radner23. Eve Cetlin, Yury Klarov, Lena Mines,Abraham Zeidman, Mary Saklad, Jacob Stone,
- Hanna Krimsky
  24. Lena Fishbein, Saul Sussman, Annie F. F
  Freaman, Herman Cherim, Sharon Roberts,
  Warren Bennett, Mentor Kraus
- 25. Ethel Halprin, Rebecca Lepoff, Phillip Singer, Daniel Fisher, Isadore Osman,Roman A. Rubinstein, Howard Levingston
- 26. Sarah Alpers, D.H. Silverman, Jerome Sorkin
- 27. Sarah Rottenberg
- 28. Edith Brown, Joseph Kitrosser, Arthur Poster, Beverly Schneider, Arthur Leblanc, Eleanor Goldstein, Mildred Cragin, Beverly Driscoll, Glenn Mackles
- 29. Melvin David Heflich, Jennie Levine, Kathy Ramras, Gloria Adelman, Eugene Kleinhandl, Antoine Walker, Arnold Saklad
- 30. Samuel Lepoff, Gerald G. Bernheimer,Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Henrietta BannerGershman, Robert Liston Sr, Samuel Chernin31. Jacob Landsman, Morris Rubin, Hyman
- Schwartz, Florence Levingston, Judith Glick

**Need to recite Mourner's Kaddish?** Please join our minyan online or in person on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays. See schedule on page 2. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish without a minyan is also available on our website or contact the office to receive it by mail or email.

# **Events**

**Brotherhood Gathering, p. 9** 

Sunday, 12/3, 10:00 am, Social Hall

Hanukkah begins evening of Thursday, 12/7!

See candle-lighting schedule, p. 4

Tot Shabbat & Hanukkah Candles, p. 2

Friday, 12/8, 3:45 pm (special time), Chapel

Torah Inspired Yoga, p. 2

Saturday, 12/9, 9:00 am, Chapel

**Greenberg - Lew Family Baby Naming** 

Saturday, 12/9, during services, followed by kiddush luncheon

**Community Hanukkah Celebration** 

Sunday, 12/10, 4:00 pm, Social Hall

TIP Book Club Meeting, p. 10

Thursday, 12/14, 12:00 pm, Shmooze

**Interfaith Candle Lighting** 

Thursday, 12/14, 5:30 pm, Courtyard

Shabbes Tisch Potluck, p. 2

Friday, 12/15, 6:00 pm, Social Hall

Shul In (Sleepover), p. 5

Saturday, 12/16 - 17, 5:00 pm, Social Hall

Stories for the Sake of Argument Follow-up

Sunday, 12/17, 10:30 am, Social Hall

Kulam Teen Program

Sunday, 12/17, 5:00 pm, Social Hall

Art Reception for Toby Gordon, p. 10

Friday, 12/22, 7:15 pm (after services)

The ELC & Hebrew School are closed

Friday, 12/22 - Tuesday, 1/2/2024

The Temple Office is closed

Monday, 12/25 - Tuesday, 12/26

# Meetings

Reminder: Please log into your ShulCloud account to confirm dates on the website calendar.

#### **CLASSES**

Lunch & Learn with Reb Jacob

Saturdays after services, 12/2 and 12/16

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar

4:00 pm Mondays, via Zoom

**Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar** 

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE TBA, via Zoom

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar

1:00 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays 12/6 & 12/13

**Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar** 

10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

**Hand Drumming for Beginners** 

3:30 - 5:00 pm Thursdays in the Chapel

**Kulam Teen Program** 

5:00 pm Sundays (see calendar), Social Hall

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Board of Directors,** 7:00 pm, Tues., 12/19 **Education,** 7:00 pm, Thursday, 1/25 (no

December meeting)

Executive Committee, 7:30 pm, Weds. 12/13

House (in person), 6:00 pm, Thursday, 12/7

Israel Affairs, 3:30 pm, Tuesday, 12/21

Ritual Committee, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 12/26

Sisterhood, December meeting is for board

members only; next general meeting is on 1/21

Tikkun Olam, 7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/21

Note: Committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time unless otherwise noted.



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