

the bulletIn

A monthly newsletter of Temple Israel. Also available online at www.templetulsa.com.

Worship Schedule:

All are welcome at Shabbat services.
Childcare is available if needed.

Friday, April 1 | Pre-Oneg 5:30 p.m.

TGIS! Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
6:00 p.m. | Followed by a catered dinner by
Just Catering by Orr. See page 5 for more
details and dinner RSVP information.
Music with Sarah Beth Gordon,
the TI band and youth choir

Friday, April 8

Picnic Dinner | 5:45 p.m.
Bring your own dinner or RSVP to
reservations@templetulsa.com by **April 6**
for pasta, pizza and salad;
Shabbat In the Round Service
& ARZA Speaker
Rabbi Neal Gold | 6:30 p.m.
Music with Cantor Faith Steinsnyder

Saturday, April 9 | 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service
Worship and learn with Rabbi Neal Gold,
followed by potluck lunch.

Friday, April 15 | 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service
Followed by Oneg honoring Eliot Glaser.
Music with Jenny Labow

Friday, April 22

No Service (1st Night of Passover)

Friday, April 29 | 10:00 a.m.

Passover Yizkor Service & Kiddush lunch

Friday, April 29 | 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service
Music with Cantor Faith Steinsnyder

Saturday, April 30 | 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service
Luci Bode becomes a Bat Mitzvah



Temple Israel invites you to attend our annual
Congregational Second Night Seder
Saturday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to join your Temple Israel family at a festive congregational Seder led by Rabbis Karen and Micah Citrin on the second night of Passover. There will be engaging questions, joyful singing, and participation for all ages as we tell the Passover story. To reserve your spot and pay, please RSVP to reservations@templetulsa.com or the temple office (918-747-1309) or website. Just Catering by Orr will serve a delicious traditional Seder dinner. An alternative menu option can be provided with your reservation. Please look in the mail or your email for more information. **Reservations and payment are due by Friday, April 15.**

"Let all who are hungry come and eat." - Haggadah



A Different Night

Co-Rabbis Karen and Micah Citrin

During the holiday of Passover, we tell one of the greatest stories ever told. We re-live our people's journey from slavery to freedom, from degradation to redemption.

One of the ways we tell our story is by asking questions. Jewish tradition teaches that we must make a change in the seder routine so that the children will notice and say, "How different is this night from all other nights!" And the parent will answer and say to them, "such and such happened, such and such took place."

The Jewish philosopher Maimonides went to elaborate means to grab the attention of children including removing the plate from their hands before they eat (reminiscent of being a slave).

The leader (or leaders) of the seder is meant to take a little time and effort before the seder to think up some unusual and surprising actions which will rouse the curiosity of the children and lead them, and all participants, to ask the genuine question: *Ma Nishtana?* Why is the night different? What's going on here? What in the world are we doing? And why?

In true Jewish form, our story is a culinary experience! We invite all who are hungry to come and eat. The *seder* plate helps us to tell our story. The *karpas*, or green vegetable, reminds us of springtime. We dip the *karpas* in salt water to remind us of the tears of the enslaved Israelites. The color and consistency of *charoset* reminds us of the bricks and mortar used by the slaves. The egg represents the holiday sacrifice that was made during the time of the Temple in Jerusalem. *Maror* means bitter; we eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness of slavery. And we eat *matzah*, unleavened bread, for the week, to remind us how the Israelites left Egypt in haste, and had little time to prepare for the Exodus.

We drink four glasses of wine or grape juice to remind us of the four ways God's redemption of our people is described in the book of Exodus. The special cup of Elijah reminds us of our role in helping to bring the messianic age of peace.

Passover memories and customs run deep. The unique tastes of gefilte fish, matzah balls, macaroons, *afikoman* (meaning "dessert"), traditional and silly songs also liven our palate and seder nights.

The distinctiveness of Pesach is not only in these unique rituals, but in how we experience the story each year and answer the question of what it means to be a Jew today. The *Haggadah* (meaning "telling") is the script that sets forth the order of the seder.

Yet, Rabbis David and Donniel Hartman teach, "The Haggadah is not a prayer book or revelation of the word of God in which every word has to be uttered in its prescribed place. A service to zoom through. Rather, it is meant to be a play in which people [we] act very import roles.... The Haggadah speaks about four children. It could speak about eighty children. The seder focuses on how to speak to different children and to listen to their questions.... Parents are the feeders of history. Parents should not determine their children's future, but they most open for them their past. The Haggadah transforms parents [and all of us] into storytellers. It is a very serious task to tell stories."

How will you tell the Passover story this year? How will you make this night different and special?

For more information about the holiday of Passover please go to: <http://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach>

If you need any Haggadah recommendations please ask us. We look forward to seeing you at our community seder. "Next year in Jerusalem!" *We wish you Chag Pesach Sameach, a very happy Passover.*

Please note that there is no Shabbat Service on **Friday, April 22**, the First Night of Passover.

All are welcome to a beautiful Yizkor Service in memory of our loved ones on the last day of Passover, **Friday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m.** followed by a light lunch.

Young Kehillah



Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m.

It's tradition! Temple Israel's Young Kehillah will break Passover together with beer, bowling and pizza. Come join us for our annual Soul Bowl at The Dust Bowl downtown. We will start with pizza at Hideaway on Cherry Street at **6:00 p.m.** followed by bowling at **8:00 p.m.** Pizza and bowling are on Young Kehillah; shoe rentals and adult beverages are on you. Babysitting at temple is free; just let us know when you make your reservation. RSVP to RabbiMicah@templetulsa.com, 918-747-1309, or the YK Facebook page.

Sisterhood

On **Monday, April 4**, Rabbi Emeritus Charles and Nancy Sherman will speak about their travels: "Before and After the End of the World." A salad lunch will be served at **Noon**. There is no cost for Sisterhood members. \$5 for guests. RSVP to Sisterhood President Peg Kishner at jmni@cox.net or 918-743-8565.

On **Thursday, April 28**, Sisterhood members are invited to join the Women's Circle at Boston Avenue Methodist Church when Rabbi Karen Citrin will be their guest speaker. Coffee and light treats will be served at **9:30 a.m.** and the program will begin at **10:00**. Please RSVP to Peg Kishner if you plan to attend.

Women's Seder

On **Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m.**, all women and girls are invited to celebrate a Women's Seder. Why is a women's seder different from all other seders? This is an opportunity for women to come together and retell the Passover story through women's eyes with a special Haggadah, songs, discussion, friendship, and plenty of fun foods and drinks. We will celebrate Spring, the new month of Nisan, and spiritually prepare for Passover. If you've never been to one give it a try! Please contact Rabbi Karen or Peg with any questions. The cost is \$5/adult. **Please RSVP to Jeanne Jacobs by April 7** at 918-664-9934 or ema04@hotmail.com.



All in the Family

Mazel Tov to Stephanie Singer and Michael Abdoveis on their wedding at Temple Israel on April 2. Mazel Tov to parents Glenn and Nettie Singer.

Mazel Tov to Michael Schwartz, assistant coach of the University of Tulsa's men's basketball team, on reaching the NCAA Tournament.

Mazel Tov to Richard Borg on completing the chanting of all the Shabbat Haftarah portions.

With sorrow, the congregation notes the death of: Bobbye Wimp, mother of Cathey Kessler and mother-in-law of Stan Kessler

May her memory be a blessing.

Brotherhood

This month Brotherhood has two great events. Join us for the best breakfast in town, Sunday morning, **April 10 at 9:45 a.m.** Coming on the heels of ARZA Shabbat, Rabbi Micah will be the speaker for the morning. He will offer an engaging book review and discussion of *Doomed to Succeed: The U.S. - Israel Relationship From Truman to Obama* by Dennis Ross. Breakfast is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. RSVP today to reservations@templetulsa.com.

The next Brotherhood After Hours gathering will be on **Wednesday, April 13** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Wild Fork in Utica Square (1820 Utica). All are welcome to attend.

ARZA

ARZA Shabbat April 8 and 9 with Rabbi Neal D. Gold Delegate to the World Zionist Congress, October 2015



Israel has been experiencing history-making events recently, in step with rapid progress of our Reform movement. Rabbi Gold, Director of ARZA Programming and Content, will reflect on his experience at the WZC in Israel during our spirited Shabbat in the Round service on **Friday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.** He will impart an insider's view of how the wide spectrum of Zionist Jews in the Diaspora thinks about the practice of Judaism in Israel. Plan on joining us at **5:45 p.m.** for an opportunity to meet our guest before the service. Bring your own picnic dinner or RSVP for Andolini's pasta, pizza and salad; the cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child. Drinks and utensils are provided. Rabbi Gold will also continue the discussion during the Oneg following the service.

On Saturday morning, **April 9 at 10:30 a.m.** our worship and study will include an up-close conversation with Rabbi Gold about progressive, liberal Judaism in Israel. He will lead us in discussion about the Israeli cabinet's dramatic decision to develop an egalitarian area of the Western Wall, accessible to all for each individual's purpose or need. The opposition of the Orthodox leadership, long given the authority to manage the practice of Judaism in Israel, has been strong. These are times of change, and the strength of the Reform movement in Israel is critically important.

Mark Lobo, ARZA Chair

Youth & Family Education

Jennifer Selco

"V'shinantam l'vanecha — You shall teach them to your children..." (Deuteronomy 6:7).

The V'ahavtah (which includes the verse above) reminds us of an important obligation, to teach our children. Teacher Appreciation Shabbat is an opportunity for us to recognize and thank the many individuals who help to form young minds in our community.

Imagine a world without teachers who work with infants, supporting babies as they learn to smile, sit, feed themselves, and much more. Imagine a world without preschool teachers who guide children in learning how to share and help them develop confidence and autonomy. Imagine a world without elementary teachers who ensure that students build strong foundations in math, reading, and science, while also inspiring a love of learning. Imagine a world without middle and high school teachers who not only teach a yearly curriculum, but also guide teens through some of the most challenging moments of growing up. Imagine a world without college and graduate professors who help young adults find their purpose in life and become professionals in our society.

An inspirational quote reads, "A teacher is the gardener who sows the seeds of imagination today which will reap into the leaders and innovators of tomorrow." Without gardeners, there are no seeds planted and no harvests to reap. As the V'ahavtah reminds us, teaching our children is an important obligation, and we are thankful that so many have chosen this path to educate and inspire our youth. Our entire Temple Israel family is especially invited to celebrate Shabbat on **Friday, April 1** as we thank and honor the many teachers in our midst. If you are a teacher, please come be recognized. We especially look forward to welcoming our guest, **Deborah Gist, Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent**. She will offer words of greeting during the service and you will have the opportunity to meet her during dinner.

I especially want to thank our dedicated Shorashim Religious School teachers and madrichim. Our Shorashim team works diligently to teach our youth and help them find meaning and relevance in ancient texts and traditions. Thank you to our Shorashim teachers and staff: Sarah Downing, David Goldsmith, Sarah Beth Gordon, Melanie Haake, Jenny Labow, Aya Rikin, Pat Snitz, Julia Westbrook, Susan Woitte, Sharon Yantes, and Debbye Zanerhaft. Thank you to our Shorashim Madrichim: Luci Bode, Aaron Cook, Alex Cook, Erik Haake, Dakota Suter, Ben Weintraub, and Allison Woitte. Thank you to Mindy Galoob, Pat Snitz, and Susan Woitte, our dedicated library committee members, who encourage our families

to utilize the library and who make the TI library such a fun learning environment! And a special thank you to our Youth and Education Committee who works to help shape our program: Dr. Gregg and Susan Woitte, Edgar Benarrous, Sarah Downing, Stephen Galoob, Jackie Karpman, Mark Lehman, Carrie Pollak, Mary Rothman, and Rabbi Karen Citrin.

Please let me know if you need any additional invitations for teachers.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Series April 3 and 10 at 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to participate. Come enjoy a bagel and a good cup of coffee, and learn about interesting Jewish values and concepts at an adult level with Rabbi Karen, Rabbi Micah, and guest teachers. Open to parents, grandparents, and other adults. Learn while the kids are in classes. Each session focuses on a specific middah (Jewish value) or mitzvah (commandment). The session topics are:

Sunday, April 3: Middot in the Movies

Sunday, April 10: Zaycher L'tziat Mitzrayim
(Recalling the Exodus from Egypt)

PJ Havdallah for Families with Young Children

**Saturday, April 16,
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

We'll end Shabbat together with songs, crafts, activities, a light dinner, bedtime story, and Havdalah blessings. This new experience is geared toward families with babies through early elementary school age children and their parents/grandparents. Wear warm pajamas for a relaxing evening! For more information and to RSVP, contact Jenn Selco at jennifer@templetulsa.com.



Shul-In

All TI's 3rd through 6th graders are invited to spend the night at Temple Israel! **Saturday, April 16, 5:30 p.m. - Sunday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.** The overnight includes dinner, an ice cream sundae snack, and breakfast. The kids will enjoy games, a scavenger hunt around temple, and a movie. They'll wake up and stay for Shorashim in the morning. Middle and high school madrichim who are interested in helping should let Jenn know ASAP. If your 3rd - 6th grader would like to participate, please RSVP to Jenn by **Wednesday, April 13**.

TGIS (Thank God It's Shabbat!) and Teacher Appreciation on Friday, April 1

A savory Pre-Oneg starts at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by a joyful, musical service for all ages honoring our students and teachers at **6:00 p.m.** featuring the TI band, youth choir, and Visual Tefilah (prayers projected on the big screen). There will be a special Birthday Blessing for all April birthdays. Then we will enjoy Shabbat dinner together by Just Catering by Orr. Please RSVP by contacting Jory at reservations@templetulsa.com, 918-747-1309, or the temple website by **Wednesday, March 30**. \$13/adult; \$5/child; under age 5 free. Teachers are complimentary.

Additional donations are welcome. Thank you to *The Sharna and Irvin Frank Foundation* for supporting our Shabbat dinner and community.

The menu includes: *spring mixed greens, chicken picatta, orzo, broccoli, challah, dessert. Children: chicken tenders, Vegetarian: lasagna, Vegan: grilled vegetable stack.*



Temple Israel Madrichim



Educators from Riverfield Country Day School teach students and parents about "not placing a stumbling block" to learning during Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

RSVP Made Easy!

Have you ever wondered what RVSP stands for? It is derived from the French phrase, *Répondez s'il vous plait*, which translates to "reply if you please".

If you have ever hosted a party or dinner you understand how important it is for guests to RSVP on time. When the temple requests an RSVP for an event it is to determine how many guests to setup for and how much food to order. The RSVP deadline is usually based on the date by which the caterer needs to know how many meals to prepare.

Here at Temple Israel we've made it easier than ever to RSVP. You can go to our new, updated website's home page and click the large "RSVP FOR EVENTS" button. Or you can scroll further down on the page under "Upcoming Events" there is a link to reservations@templetulsa.com. Another option is to send an email directly to this reservations address. You can also pick up the phone to the temple office and speak to a friendly staff member or volunteer who will take your reservation.

You are strongly encouraged to pay at the time you make your reservation. This saves you from having to pay at the time of the event and confirms your RSVP.

Your timely RSVP saves you a seat at the table and insures that there is enough food for all. The caterer charges the temple based on the number of RSVPs, even if everyone who did respond does not attend. To make events a success for all and to keep a handle on costs we are asking that everyone do their best to RSVP by the deadline. And if you have to cancel, we ask that you please let us know by the deadline.

Thanks to everyone for helping out! Bon Appétit!



Temple Israel Teachers

Mitzvah of the Month

Testing time is coming soon! Marshall Elementary needs testing volunteers for most of the month of April. They will have testing sessions in the morning and afternoons most days during April. Contact Principal Amy Putman for more information at 918-746-8745 or putmaam@tulsaschools.org.

Bat Mitzvah

Lucianna Bode is the daughter of Brian Bode and Brenda Harvey and the step daughter of Erin Bode. She is the sister of Sera, Maddy, Kaylee, and Sofie. Luci will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel on **April 30**.



Luci is in the seventh grade at Carver Middle School. Luci likes to read, paint, talk with friends, and hang out with family. For her Mitzvah project, Luci will be collecting canned foods for the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. "If you would like to help out with my Mitzvah project, you are welcome to bring a canned good to my Bat Mitzvah service."

Luci is especially grateful to Rabbis Karen and Micah Citrin, Cantor Faith Steinsnyder, Jenn Selco, and her parents for helping her to prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah. Please join the Bode family for Shabbat services at **10:30 a.m.** and a Kiddush luncheon following. Mazel Tov to Luci!



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Mitzvah Day

Sunday, April 17 - 9:15 a.m. - Noon

The entire Temple Israel family is encouraged to participate in Mitzvah Day, a day of social action and community service. We'll start with a light breakfast and then head off to different projects appropriate for all ages and stages. This year's Mitzvah Day projects include:

- Play BINGO with and visit residents at the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Care Center
- Sort food in the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma warehouse
- Work in the Jewish Federation's Community Garden
- Prepare supplies for Marshall Elementary School teachers
- Knit blankets for infants in need
- Make sack lunches for the Day Center for the Homeless
- Plant tomato plants for the RGB Mobile Grocery Store

Sign ups will be located in the hallway at TI, and will be available on Shabbat evening and Sunday morning Shorashim sessions. You can also sign up following the link in our weekly email. Contact Jenn Selco at 918-392-8483 or jennifer@templetulsa.com if you have any questions. Come help make a difference!

Special Oneg

Please join with the Temple Family in attending Shabbat worship at **7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15** and a special Oneg following the service in honor of Temple Israel's accompanist, **Eliot Glaser**. For the past 16 years, Eliot has lovingly offered his musical talents on piano and organ. Eliot has worked with Temple Israel's cantors, cantorial soloists, rabbis, and the choir to provide the rich musical traditions that are so dear to Temple Israel. Eliot does not just read the notes on the page. He understands Jewish prayer, and prays along with us on Shabbat and holidays. Eliot is truly a mensch, appreciated and adored by colleagues and congregants alike. We look forward to your presence as we show our appreciation for Eliot.



Our Library

Susan Woitte

Check out the newest materials in the Temple Library...

If you missed hearing our Scholar in Residence, Dr. Steven Windmueller, catch up with his fascinating and inspiring messages by reading his book, **“The Quest for Power: A Study in Jewish Political Behavior and Practice.”** After centuries of being powerless, the American political system has been an opportunity for Jewish people to access political influence on their government. How this happened, what does it mean to us and so much more is in this very important book.



If you prefer fiction, check out one of these new award-winning novels...

“The Hired Girl” by Laura Amy Schlitz is the story of a teenaged girl who leaves her Catholic farm home to be taken in as domestic help by a prominent Jewish family in 1911 Baltimore. A combination historical fiction, coming of age story and romance, it is sure to entertain all kinds of readers.



Can a teenager with technology knowledge become a modern day matchmaker?

In **“Playing with Matches”** by Suri Rosen, the main character tries her best to do just that. Frustrated with failing to meet so many other expectations of her, she sets her sights on finding happiness for others. You will have to read this comical book to find out if she succeeds in finding happiness for any or all of them!



Board Message

President Stan Kessler

As my term as Temple President comes to an end in May, I have been reflecting on the past two years. Yes, we have experienced challenges, yet we also have a lot of positive things happening as well. We have welcomed young families as members, all generations are participating in Shabbat services and dinners, and programming has been exceptional. We are continuing to work together to make the Temple a place where we can all go and leave our obstacles outside. I will be addressing these issues and more at the Congregational Meeting in May.

The Board of Trustees in March approved an amendment that would gradually reduce the size of the Board. Thank you to Stephen Galoob, Terry Rosenthal, Jeanne Jacobs, and John Clayman for their work on this amendment. We will be holding a **special meeting of the congregation** to obtain your approval on **Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m.** We need a quorum of members so all are encouraged to attend.

The Reference Team is working with consultant Dr. David Brubaker to come to Tulsa for a final visit. I would like to thank Leah and John Clayman for their work on the Annual Fundraiser. Most importantly, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the financial health of the Temple.



Tulsa Midrashah Spring Break Trip to NYC.

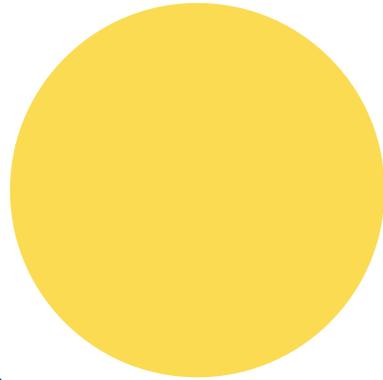
The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. On the left is a line drawing of a woman in a hat and coat. In the center, the text reads "Great Adventures In Learning" in a large, stylized font. Below this, there are two logos for "Happy Campers Academy" and "Happy Campers TEMPLE ISRAEL". The academy logo includes the address "1819 East 15th Street" and phone number "918-584-2779 (58-HAPPY)". The temple logo includes the address "2004 East 22nd Place" and phone number "918-747-3122". A small drawing of a Christmas tree is on the right side.

Purim 2016
"Shushan Wars: The Jews Awaken"



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- JOHN GUNTHER



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CATERING BY THE PALACE CAFE

Ad Mea

Into a New Millennium

By Rabbi Emeritus Charles Sherman & Nancy Sherman

The Jewish Federation of Tulsa estimated there are 2700 Jewish individuals in Tulsa. Temple had 485 member units at the beginning of 2000. The peak age categories in the Temple were 40 to 49 and 50 to 59.

Temple member's involvement in the Reform Movement was exemplary. Paula Milsten became President of the Southwest Council UAHC; Bob Dormont served as Vice President of the Southwest Council and on the UAHC Board, serving as Treasurer of ARZA/World Union, North America; Malcolm Milsten served on the Board of the UAHC; Nancy Sherman on the Board of Women of Reform Judaism; Don Newman on the Board of Overseers at HUC-JIR; and Jeanne Jacobs was a member of the founding Board of the Program Directors of Reform Judaism.

Our professional ties to the Movement were also strong. In January 2001 the congregation celebrated the 125th anniversary of HUC-JIR (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion). During this special service, Cantor Emeritus Harry Sebran received an Honorary Doctor of Music Degree. Our beloved Cantor Emeritus was a graduate of the very first class of HUC-JIR's School of Music; 14 of the 15 Rabbis who have served Temple Israel over the past 86 years are HUC graduates; 5 of the Temple's Cantors were invested by HUC; and 2 of our Educators received their training at HUC-JIR. This means a total of 21 of our Jewish professional staff have been HUC graduates; at least one from each of the seminary's last ten decades.

35 to 50 of our students attended the Regional Reform Camp, GFC, each summer. An increased percentage of our confirmands participated in the NFTY Israel Study Trip program each summer. Temple members from the Social Justice Committee participated in the Religious Action Center's Consultation on Conscience in Washington, D.C. regularly. A large delegation of Temple members participated in Regional and National Biennial Conventions. We had the largest ARZA Chapter in the entire Southwest Region.

Furthermore, in addition to providing a Torah Scroll to Congregation Simcha in Minsk, Belarus, generous members of our congregation helped the congregation build an ark to house the scroll, purchased 100 Hebrew/Russian siddurim, and provided scholarship money for two students to go to a Jewish summer camp. In subsequent years, our congregants made it possible to print 300 Hebrew/Russian High Holyday prayerbooks, and establish four kindergarten classes for the Reform Jews of Belarus.

Temple members and the Jewish Federation of Tulsa participated in a Unity Campaign to raise \$50,000 for Mevatserret Zion Congregation in suburban Jerusalem. This money helped build the Rabbi's Study and office suite of the Mevatserret Zion Synagogue Center.

Closer to home. Congratulations were extended to Congregation B'nai Emunah on completing their new building, and Temple received thanks, "for the tremendous assistance you provided during our two-years without a building. From services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah to Saturday Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations and countless committee meetings, our congregation has greatly appreciated being able to use your sanctuary and facilities. It was especially important to us to have a familiar place for Synagogue funerals. Everyone - including lay members and Temple staff - was very helpful, making us feel cared for, welcome, and at home. We feel this time has brought our congregations closer together and we hope those bonds continue to strengthen."

But the beginning of the new millennium also meant that the Board had to face the "unfortunate demise of the dishwasher." This was the dishwasher which had been installed in 1955. It was the oldest one of that brand still in use in the United States. A new dishwasher - unbudgeted for - cost \$16,500. The only reason our dishwasher had lasted so long was because of the painstaking maintenance provided by Walter Glore.

New millennium, new faces. Cantor Levson moved on to Monroe, New York, and our first female Chazzan - Cantor Amy Lefko - began in July 2000. That same summer, Dr. Cathy Kass became our Temple Educator, and Dr. David Moore our High Holyday Choir Director.

In September 2002 the Brotherhood Security/Greeter Program was inaugurated (in response to heightened tensions surrounding the 9/11/01 attack) with two Brotherhood members on each door for all services and a uniform police officer for services and major functions. Some 40+ Temple Brotherhood members voluntarily staffed our Temple's Security Program.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2001 was the celebration of Rabbi Sherman's 25th anniversary with the congregation. Both Rabbis Aaron & Daniel Sherman offered poignant tributes, the 80-voice Boston Ave. Methodist Choir rendered beautiful music; Sun. eve Cantor Lefko, Deborah Avery & 7 cantorial colleagues from around the country provided an evening of chazzanut which Rabbi Sherman hoped would become an annual feature of the Temple program - & it has.

N'davot - Offerings

*"Whoever is charitable and just fills the entire world with kindness."
- Talmud*

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In Loving Memory of Sherri Moore
Janice Sperber

**Thank you to all our Purim volunteers!
May the force be with you!**



April

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha		5:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg 6:00 p.m. TGIS! Teacher Appreciation Shabbat followed by catered Dinner	6:00 p.m. Wedding
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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 Shorashim RS 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Temple Fundraiser Celebration	12:00 p.m. S'hood Lunch & Learn	7:30 p.m. Exec Committee Mtg	4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha		5:45 p.m. Picnic Dinner 6:30 p.m. Shabbat in the Round & ARZA Shabbat	10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service & ARZA Speaker followed by lunch
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Shorashim RS 9:45 a.m. B'hood Breakfast & ARZA Program 11:30 a.m. Special Congregational Mtg. 5:00 p.m. S'hood Women's Seder		7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Mtg	4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha		7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Oneg honoring Eliot Glaser	5:30 p.m. PJ Havdallah 3 rd -6 th Grade Shul-In
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Shorashim RS 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 MITZVAH DAY		7:30 p.m. B'hood Board Mtg	4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha		No Shabbat Service - 1 st Night of Passover	1 st Day Passover 6:00 p.m. Congregational Seder 2 nd Night of Passover
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(No Shorashim RS) 2 nd Day Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah Luci Bode 6:00 p.m. Young Kehillah Soul Bowl
			4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha	9:30 a.m. S'hood Women's Circle @ Boston Avenue Methodist Church	10:00 a.m. Passover Yizkor Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	

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